



Common Threads' Spring Break & Summer Camps Handbook for Families

Thanks for registering! We are delighted that your child(ren) will be joining us at [The Outback](#) for camp!

This document includes things you should know before the first day of camp:

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WHAT TO PACK (and what NOT to pack!)

Common Threads camps are entirely outdoors, so it is important to pack appropriately for the weather. We run camp **rain or shine!** Spring can still be chilly and often damp. In the rare instance that we need to cancel a camp due to extreme weather, all families will be contacted with that information.

Please send your child in comfortable clothing that can get dirty, with a backpack labeled with their name and the following supplies:

- Long-sleeved shirt/warm layers
- Raingear and sunhat
- Sturdy shoes
- Water bottle
- For all but pre-school: a healthy lunch

Please note: We do not supply bug spray or sunscreen. We recognize that families make really different choices about sunscreen and bug spray - please make sure that your child is prepared for the sun before dropping him/her off.

As a general rule, **please do not bring toys from home to camp.** We cannot be responsible for lost or damaged items.

Please do not send your child with a snack. Our experience has consistently shown that children are more open to trying new foods when these foods are not competing with a favorite snack from home. Common Threads provides one healthy snack in the morning and one healthy snack in the afternoon. Snacks feature vegetables and fruits from the garden along with a grain or vegetarian source of protein. For an idea of the types of snacks we serve, [browse our recipes](#).

Allergies: If you have not notified us already of your child's allergies, please do so ASAP by calling 360-927-1590.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Location: Camp is located at the Outback Farm at WWU, just south of the Fairhaven Residences between 25th St. and South College Way.

Directions: When going along Bill McDonald Parkway, turn north on 25th St. (up the hill) towards the Arboretum. [View google maps here.](#)



Staff will meet you and your child on 25th St. on the sidewalk across from parking lot 22G and the entrance to the Arboretum. ***This is the only pick up and drop off location.*** Please do not bring your children to other places, it makes it hard to keep them safe and accounted for!

Parking: Parking is limited near the Outback. The most reliable parking option is in the West Lot of Sehome High School, near the baseball diamond. Limited parking spots may be available along 25th St. at our drop-off stop or at the entrance of the Arboretum.

Wheelchair accessible parking is available at the north entrance to the Outback Farm ([this map shows campus accessibility features](#)) – If you need access because either you or your child has a disability, please let us know so that we can support an easy and comfortable pick up and drop off.

Visit the [WWU parking website](#) for further parking information.

Sign in/out: Please connect with a camp leader to sign your child in/out. If someone not on your approved pick-up list will be picking up your child, please leave a note with our camp staff.

Drop-off and pick-up times:

Please drop-off and pick-up your child on time. If you will be late, please call us at 360-927-1590 to let us know. We can let you know where at The Outback we are located.

- Drop-off for MORNING and FULL DAY camps: **8:45am-9:00am**. Please do not arrive before 8:45am - our team will be busy preparing for the day.
- Pick-up for MORNING camps: **12:00pm**
- Pick-up for FULL DAY camps: **3:00pm**

Please pick-up on time.

You are always very welcome to stay and observe program.

USING THE BATHROOM WHILE AT CAMP

All children in our Preschool in the Garden program must be potty trained. Children in all our camps will have access to a Port-a-Potty at the Outback as well as bathrooms located in the nearest WWU buildings. Food Educators take campers on regularly scheduled bathroom trips throughout the day.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL

Please do not bring your child to camp if any of the following symptoms are present:

- Fever of 99°F and one more of the following signs: diarrhea, ear ache, sore throat, rash, or showing signs of irritability and confusion.
- Vomiting in the last 24 hours.
- Diarrhea within last 24 hours.
- Eye discharge or pinkeye.
- Lice or scabies.
- Symptoms of a known contagious disease (examples include: chicken pox, strep throat, colds, and flus).

If your child becomes ill while at camp, you will be notified and asked to pick up your child as soon as possible. If we cannot reach you, we will call the emergency contact on your registration form.

FRIDAY FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

By the time Friday comes, your kids will have experienced some pretty fun activities throughout the week that they will be eager to share with you. Families are invited to join us for a brief visit on Friday morning, 9:00am-9:30am.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

We are happy to offer you a refund (minus a 10% processing fee) up to one week in advance of your program date. We are also able to move you to a different week of camp if space allows.

QUESTIONS? If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact our office at 360-927-1590 to reach one of the administrative team or jessica@commonthreadsfarm.org. The 360-927-1590 number is also the best way to get a message to our staff or your child during program days.

Please spread the word! *If you know others who might enjoy our camp program, we'd love your help in spreading the word!*

See you soon!

Common Threads Farm

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