Camp FAQs

Q: How much does camp cost?

A: Fees for camp sessions vary depending on the program for which a child has enrolled and the family's status as a member of Butterfly Pavilion. Fees are subject to change based on new program offerings. **Camp Dates and Fees can be found in this location: https://www.butterflies.org/camps/**

Q: What are the ages of children accepted in camp:

A: All camps onsite at Butterfly Pavilion are for children ages 5-10.

Q: Can a 4-year-old come to camp?

A: No. Children must be 5 years old on the start date of camp otherwise they will not be able to come to camp.

Q: When are Summer Camps and Out-of School Day Camps?

A: All camp dates can be found on our website on our camps page, https://butterflies.org/learn/children-and-family-programs/camps/.

Q: When is camp drop-off and pick-up?

A: Butterfly Pavilion Camp drop-off and pick-up times are:

- Drop-off 8:45am-9:00am
- Pick-up 4:00pm-4:15pm
    - If a parent doesn't pick up their child by 4:15pm, an accommodation fee of $1 for every minute late will be charged.

Q: Do you offer early and after care?

A: No. We don't offer early or after care, but our drop-off is from 8:45am-9:00am and our pick-up is from 4:00pm-4:15pm.

Q: What will my kiddo(s) get to do in camp?

A: During camp, the campers will get to:

- Explore the exhibits
- Explore the outdoor gardens (weather permitting)
- Activities along with the day's topic multiple times throughout the day
- Make a craft or some sort of tangible
- Play games
- Free exploration time (under the guidance of the camp counselors)

Q: Do you have full scholarships?

A: No. We can provide up to 25% scholarships for campers who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch at School.

Q: Do you offer sibling discounts?

A: We do not currently offer sibling discounts.

Q: I'm a member, do I get a discount on camp?

A: Butterfly Pavilion members get multiple camp perks! Members get a **discounted rate** for week-long camps, **AND** members receive **exclusive early registration access** to all of our camps, giving them the best opportunity to secure their preferred camp sessions before they open to the public. Members will pay the same camp rate as the general public for day camps only.

Q: I have a 6-year-old and an 8-year-old. Will they be together?

A: During Out-of-School Day Camps and Spring Break Camp, all ages are in the same room, with the capacity up to 25.

During Summer Camp, our capacity is up to 50-75 campers depending on the week, so we split age ranges into different rooms. During most of the summer 5-6-year-olds will be in Classroom D, 6-7-year-olds will be in Classroom A, and 7–10-year-olds will be in Classroom B. There are certain weeks that 5–6-year-olds will be in Classroom A and 7-10-year-olds will be in Classroom B.

Q: My child can only come for part of the week. Can I just sign them up and pay for those days?

Our full week camps are intended to be enjoyed for all five days of the week, Monday-Friday, so that content can build off each day, and campers can experience all the fun that Butterfly Pavilion has to offer.

Q: If I want to sign up my kid(s) for more than one week, do I have to fill out their information each time?

A: No – you should not have to! Under the registration process, you will purchase the camps and then fill out your camper's information one time.

Q: What is your child: staff ratio and what is your capacity?

A: Legally, there will be at least one program leader providing supervision with each group of 15 or fewer children cared for by the camp. However, here at Butterfly Pavilion, we have 3 educators per camp and the Camp Director, or someone with the same qualifications, is on site for all camps.

We limit our registration to 25 campers per room.

Q: My child will be 5 in the fall. Can I still sign them up for camp?

A: Children must be 5 years old on the start date of the camp that they are signed up for. If they are not 5 years old by the start date of camp, they will not be allowed to attend camp.

Q: What is the registration process?

A: Butterfly Pavilion Camp registration can be completed on the website. Registration will close one week before the start date of camp. Registration is a two-part registration process, and registration is not considered complete unless both parts are completed. If both parts aren't completed by three weeks before the start date of camp, your registration and spot will be cancelled without a refund.

1. First part: Purchase camp through the website.
2. Second part: Complete part two using the Parent Portal with the same username and password you used to purchase the camp https://camps.butterflies.org.

After you complete the first part of registration, you will receive a confirmation email with information on how to complete the second part of registration. You will receive reminder emails to complete this before the camp. If both parts aren't completed by three weeks before the start date of camp, your registration and spot will be cancelled without a refund. One week before the start date of the camp, you will receive a detailed email with information of what to expect for camp.

Registration is officially secured when Butterfly Pavilion receives the full payment and both parts of the registration are completed in full. Children will be admitted to camp at their designated session only after all required forms have been submitted, both parts of registration have been completed, and payment has been made in full.

Q: What if I need to cancel my child's registration?

A: Cancellations with at least 3 weeks notice will be charged a 10% processing fee, and the remainder of the cost will be refunded to the customer. All cancellations and transfers must be made via e-mail to the Camp Director at least 3 weeks before the date of the camp and will be charged a 10% processing fee, with the remainder of the cost refunded to the customer. Transfers may only

be made into camps that still have availability. No refund is given for cancellation with less than 3 weeks notice. This includes absence due to illness.

A full refund will be given to the customer if Butterfly Pavilion cancels a camp for any reason.

Q: Will parents be allowed to stay with their children while they are in camp?

A: No. As a rule, this is not allowed. Camp is designed to encourage interaction among participants of the same age, without parents. Due to space limitations, we are unable to accommodate parents. Some children will perhaps experience a moment of anxiety, overcome their fears, and participate more quickly without a parent present. If you are unsure that your child can handle this, it may be best to wait a year to attend.

Q: What are the expectations for children's behavior while they are at camp?

A: Butterfly Pavilion camp is all about respect. We expect that all campers will respect themselves, other people, the zoo, and nature. Respectful behavior will help to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone at camp. Campers are expected to be "good citizens" and display proper behavior while at camp. At the beginning of every day during camp week, each camp group will discuss the group's expectations for good camp behavior. Parents will be required to sign a Code of Conduct as a part of registration. Butterfly Pavilion reserves the right to suspend any camper that does not abide by our expectations for good camper behavior. If a camper threatens the immediate safety of themselves, other campers, staff, or guests, the parent will be notified and be expected to pick up their child immediately.

More information can be found in our Policies and Procedures.

Q: Do immunization or medication forms need to be provided to camp staff?

A: Yes. Butterfly Pavilion Camps follow childcare license rules and regulation regarding immunizations and medication.

Immunizations: In order for children to attend Butterfly Pavilion camp, their current immunization records must be sent to camp staff before the start date of camp. Immunization records must be on an official Colorado Certificate of Immunization form, which is provided by the Colorado Department of Health and Environment, and it must be signed by a health care provider. If your child has medical exemption from immunizations, an Immunization Certificate of Medical Exemption must be filled out and signed by a health care provider and sent to camp staff before the start date of camp. If your child has nonmedical

exemption from immunization, an Immunization Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption must be filled out and signed by a health care provider and sent to camp staff before the start date of camp.

Medication: If your kid(s) is bringing an epi-pen, inhaler, or medication to camp, the following will need to happen for camp staff to administer medication and have it on site:

- To ensure medications, inhalers, and EpiPens can be kept on-site and administered during Butterfly Pavilion camps, all required forms must be completed, signed by both the camper's physician and parent/ guardian, and submitted to camp staff before the camper's first day. The required forms include:
    - Colorado Asthma Care Plan and Medication Order for School and Child Care Settings
    - Medication Administration Permission for School and Child Care
    - Colorado Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan and Medication Orders
- Medication must be kept in the original container. Prescription medicine containers must bear the original pharmacy label that shows:
    - the prescription number
    - name of medication
    - date filled
    - physician's name
    - child's name
    - directions for dosage
- When no longer needed, medications will be returned to parents or guardians, or destroyed.

Q: Will my camper be leaving Butterfly Pavilion during camp?

A: All activities for camps held at Butterfly Pavilion will be conducted on site at Butterfly Pavilion and in the adjacent Big Dry Creek Open Space and have the option to walk to Westminster City Park. To get to Westminster City Park, campers and camp staff walk using sidewalks and an underpass to get to the park.

Q: Does Butterfly Pavilion provide lunch or snacks?

A: No. Children must provide their own lunch and 2 snacks and store it with their personal belongings in their assigned classroom. Parents will be responsible for providing a form of cooling (icepack) if needed in the lunch. Butterfly Pavilion

cannot grant access to a microwave and is not responsible for heating or preparing lunches.

Q: What should I do if I come to pick up my camper early and no one is in there?

A: If you arrive and no one is in the camp room, please go to the front desk and tell them that you are there to pick up your camper, and they will call camp.

Q: Is Butterfly Pavilion an allergy-free camp?

A: No. Butterfly Pavilion does its best to accommodate campers with allergies. If your child has an allergy, our staff is trained in Medication Administration and all our staff is trained on Standard Precautions. However, there may still be campers that do bring lunch or snacks that have allergens for your child, and we cannot guarantee total protection.

Still have questions? Feel free to reach out to:

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