



# Explorer Summer Camp

## Frequently Asked Questions

- *Where is Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill?*

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is located at 3501 Lexington Rd., Harrodsburg, Ky. 40330. Explorer Camp gathers and departs from the “Camp Corral” located near the Welcome Center.

- *How do I contact you/my child in case of emergency?*

Every parent/guardian will be given the cards with the direct office and cell phone numbers of the Camp Director and Youth Development Specialist. For general questions, you may call the Shaker Village general number at 859.734.5411.

- *Who can attend Explorer Camp?*

Explorer Camp is open to children ages 6-12. We cap camp enrollment at 32 campers to ensure a high-quality experience with low camper to staff ratios. While we do our best to accommodate campers with a variety of physical and mental abilities, we ask that you contact us prior to registration if your child has any special needs.

- *Who are the staff that will be working with my child?*

Explorer Camp staff are amazing role models who will guide your child through a week of discovery and adventure they will never forget.

Each day at camp is overseen by a full-time, professional camp director. Shaker Village has a staff with an extensive background in leading summer camps for youth.

Camp counselors are exemplary staff who have undergone a rigorous training and selection process to work with your child. Each have had a full criminal background check, been reviewed on the National Sex Offender Registry, undergone a face-to-face interview process with the director and are supported by distinguished character and professional references. The counselor to camper ratio is 1:8.

### *o What is a typical day like at Explorer Camp?*

Explorer Camp provides your child with a variety of exciting options throughout the day and opportunities to choose activities they love. Staff are trained to set an appropriate, enjoyable pace specific to each age group, but our typical daily schedule looks like this:

7:30am–8:30am	Drop-off at Camp Corral
8:30am–9am	Open the Day at the Amphitheatre ( <i>intro to the day, songs and thought of the day</i> )
9am–9:45am	Family Group Time <i>Like a “homeroom,” the family group will come together every day. This time allows the group to choose a different game or activity they want to do together each day.</i>
9:45am–10am	Snack with Family Group
10am–11am	Skill Activity 1 <i>One day each week the morning time will be hike/picnic.</i>
11am–12pm	Skill Activity 2
12pm–12:45pm	Lunch at Corral
12:45pm–1:45pm	Skill Activity 3 <i>One day each week we will hike to Shaker landing/KY River</i>
1:45pm–2:45pm	Skill Activity 4
2:45pm–3pm	Snack with Family Group
3pm–4pm	Open Recreation
4pm–4:30pm	Close the Day at the Amphitheatre ( <i>songs, closing thoughts</i> )
4:30pm–5:30pm	Pick-up at Camp Corral

- *What will happen in the case of bad weather?*

Please refer to the packing list to ensure your child is prepared for a variety of weather conditions. We are predominantly an outdoor program, and in the case of rain, many Explorer Camp programs will run as planned. If weather impedes our activities, camp staff will move to the “Rainy Day Schedule” utilizing a variety of indoor spaces around the Village. If the weather becomes hazardous, then campers and staff will be directed to the storm shelter located in the West Family Dwelling Cellar. In the case of hazardous weather, the camp director will initiate communication with parents via email, then phone if needed.

- *What if my child takes medication?*

When sending medication with your child, please use the following procedures:

1. Complete and submit the Medication Authorization form for any medications your child will be taking while at Camp.
2. Ensure your child’s medication is in the original container with the prescription label.
3. Place original containers inside one Zip Lock bag and write your child’s name on the outside of the bag with a permanent marker.

Medication will be dispensed at prescribed times and dosages by the camp director. A log is kept to record the dispensing of all medication to campers. If your child has medication that must stay with them throughout the day (epi-pen, inhaler, etc.), that medication will travel with the counselor working directly with your child. In all other cases, camper medication will be stored and locked in a central location. Shaker Village partners with a local pediatrician to review medical policies and provide consultation on an as-needed basis.

- *What should my child bring with them each day?*

Please refer to the Parent Checklist and Camper Packing List.

- *What do I pack for my child’s lunch?*

Your child will be very active at Camp each day. While Camp will provide a small snack both in the morning and the afternoon, a good lunch will be important for them to keep up their energy.

- Please pack non-perishable items, as refrigeration for lunches is not available.
- Explorer Camp is a “peanut free zone.” Please do not pack items that include peanuts or peanut butter.

- *What if my child has a food allergy?*

Please use the Health History form to communicate any allergies your camper may have. We will make every consideration to provide a healthy morning and afternoon snack option. Explorer Camp is a “peanut free zone.”

- *When can I drop off and pick up my child?*

Camper drop-off is between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Camper pick-up is between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. During these times, campers will all be located at the “Camp Corral” near the Welcome Center. Staff will run games and recreational activities in a less formal manner than found in the rest of the daily schedule.

If you need to drop off or pick up your camper outside of these scheduled times, please contact the camp director to discuss.

- *Who else can pick up my child from Camp?*

Only adults authorized on your child’s registration form will be allowed to pick them up from Camp.

- *What else can we do at Shaker Village?*

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill provides opportunities for children and adults throughout the year!

Visit [shakervillageky.org](http://shakervillageky.org) to take a look at the calendar of upcoming events and to learn more.