

A day in the life of a Crayfish

8:30-8:45

Arrival

Crayfish campers are greeted by their lead counselor, assistant counselor and counselor in training. After putting their belongings in their indoor space, campers are invited to explore the sheep's pen! The swings, rolling hills, stone house, sandbox, climbing structure, balance beam, and shady spaces give Crayfish the freedom to swing, run, dig, climb, balance and so much more. String games, and yarn projects, are also available at this time.

8:45-9:00

All Camp Morning Gathering

Morning Gathering occurs two to three times per week and provides an opportunity for the entire camp community to gather together. Together we will sing all camp songs, play group games, solve riddles, and listen to stories related to the session themes. We sometimes invite a professional to share their knowledge and expertise. This time also provides the perfect opportunity for campers to share their group happenings.

9:00-9:30

Group Circle/Activity

On days when Morning Gathering does not occur, Crayfish campers come together as one to greet each other, sing camp songs, play games, discuss the schedule for the day and partake in traditional camp projects of water color painting, bread baking, twisty twirlies, etc. Campers will also work on session theme-driven projects such as tree, leaf and plant prints, herb pillows, suncatchers, pressed flowers, vegetable painting, and snack packs.

9:15-10:15

Activity Specialist

This year we are very excited to invite local professionals to work with our campers two to three days a week. Campers will work on special projects which may include fabric art, found natural materials, clay projects, herb planting, vegetable harvesting, etc. These projects will relate to the session theme.

10:15- 11:00

Snack

After working with the specialists, Crayfish campers enjoy a camp provided snack. Snacks include but are not limited to homemade bread, carrots and hummus, chips and salsa, etc. All campers are asked to bring one piece of fruit to share for our community.

fruit salad served everyday alongside the provided snack. After snack, campers transition to the creek!

11:00-12:00

Creek Time

Once changed into bathing suits and water shoes, Crayfish campers and counselors head to Old Man's Tree with its babbling waters, stepping stones, and leafy backdrop. This sets the scene for building bridges, finding fairy stones and other treasures, sculpting with natural clay, creating currents and dams, and of course, keeping cool! At the end of creek time campers make their way back to their indoor space, rinse off and change into dry clothes.

12:00-12:30

Story

Once campers have changed into dry clothes they enjoy listening to a story. This time allows campers to re-charge for the rest of the day. Stories include classic chapter books or homemade tales relating to the camp session theme.

12:30-1:00

Lunch

After such a busy morning Crayfish campers are hungry! Campers and counselors sit together, sometimes outside, as one group and enjoy their lunch from home. This time is full of happy chatter as the campers eat their lunch. After lunch, campers who are attending the morning only session, are dismissed by their counselor.

1:00-2:00

Play/Activity

As full day campers finish their lunch they return to exploring and playing in the sheep's pen. Ongoing yarn and beading projects are often available at this time. Campers may return to the creek or play on our foot safe sprinklers at this time.

2:00-2:30.

Snack

Busy crayfish campers build an appetite! Afternoon snack, provided by the camp is sometimes enjoyed outdoors or even at the creek! Our afternoon snacks include, but are not limited to: apples and cheese, pizza bagels, and watermelon. Campers often prepare part of their own snack, which may include kale chips and dip, fruit smoothies, and crackers with homemade herb butter.

2:30-3:30

Activity/ Game

Crayfish campers love to play all kinds of games such as circle running games, ball games, and cooperative games, all designed to build friendships, social development, and coordination.

3:30-4:00

Dismissal

Campers end the day by gathering their belongings and wishing one another well until tomorrow.

Note: All campers return home in dry clothes.