INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Mailing address for Bug Camp:
UMD Bug Camp
4112 Plant Sciences
Department of Entomology
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742

For questions or any non-emergency communications: umdbugcamp@gmail.com

In case of emergencies, please call: 240-696-1271;
You will reach either Zeke Gonzalez (Assistant Director) or Kiley Gilbert (Assistant Director).

Drop Off: Park in the Visitor’s Parking area on the first floor. Each parking space has a number. Remember this # and walk to the parking kiosk near the elevators. Follow instructions on the screen. Choose “15 min. Free Parking.” Take your camper across the street to the sign-in table in front of the Plant Sciences Building. **Drop off will take place at 8:30am.**
Parents/guardians will be required to sign-in their campers every morning. Look for Bug Camp signs on the first day of camp. There will be counselors at the drop off location to meet parents.

Pick Up: Campers should be picked up at the sign-out table in front of the Plant Sciences Building at 4:00pm. Parents/guardians will be required to sign-out their camper every afternoon. There will be counselors at the pick up location to meet parents picking up campers. **Campers attending aftercare should be picked-up at the camp room, Plant Sciences Building room 1161.**

Aftercare: We will have aftercare until 5:30pm at the cost of $15/day. If you would like aftercare you must fill out the Request for Aftercare Form and send the form along with a check prior to the start of the camp session.

Food: Campers should bring a packed lunch labeled with their name every day. Some of the campers have food allergies, please refrain from packing anything with nuts or nut products (peanut butter, granola bars, trail mix). Lunches will be kept in a refrigerator. Allergen free snacks will be provided everyday. Campers should also bring water bottles labeled with their names.

University of Maryland Extension programs are open to all citizens and will not discriminate against anyone because of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, or national origin, marital status, genetic information, or political affiliation, or gender identity and expression.
Sunscreen: The Sunscreen Authorization Form allows camp staff to help campers apply sunscreen if necessary. Bug Camp will provide sunscreen, which campers will apply themselves unless they are unable to do so. **If a parent prefers their camper use a different sunscreen, they can send it with the camper on the first day of camp with the camper’s name clearly labeled on the bottle.**

Repellent: The Insect Repellent Authorization Form allows camp staff to help campers apply insect repellent if necessary. Bug Camp will provide insect repellent, which campers will apply themselves unless they are unable to do so. **If a parent prefers their camper use a different insect repellent, they can send it with the camper on the first day of camp with the camper’s name clearly labeled on the bottle.** Insect repellent will be used during field trips to prevent mosquito and/or tick bites.

**If someone other than a parent/guardian, will be picking up your child:** We **MUST** have written permission from the parent/guardian to release the camper into that person’s care. We will not release a camper to someone who is not listed as a parent/guardian unless we have written permission to do so. Any other changes in your child’s travel plans or schedule (late arrival, early pick up) must be indicated in writing prior to camp. Please email UMDBGBugCamp@gmail if you plan to carpool or have someone other than a parent/guardian pick-up your child.

Medications: All medications, including over the counter medications, require a Medical Administration Authorization Form with a doctor’s signature. Prescription medications must be sent in the original container with all applicable labels intact. The information on the Rx label must exactly match the information provided on the Medical Administration Authorization Form. Over-the-counter medications must be in the original, unopened container. Campers will self-administer medications under supervision. Emergency medications, such as Epi-pens, can be administered by trained staff members if necessary.

**Field Trips:** Our field trips include excursions to natural areas on and off UMD Campus.

- **Tuesday:** we will visit the apiary and campers should wear long sleeves and light colors and avoid wearing any flowery or fruity scented lotions/soaps.
- **Thursday:** we will visit the Paint Branch Stream to look at aquatic insects and campers should bring waterproof shoes or a change of shoes with them to camp.
- **Friday:** we will be going off campus to visit the Lake Artemesia Natural Area, campers do not need special clothing or equipment for this field trip.