

My World Mandarin Nature School

How to prepare

COVID 19: we ask families continue to be careful, especially with the new Delta variant in the region now: please no dining at indoor restaurants, unvaccinated members including children do not spend time with other unvaccinated people indoors. If unvaccinated household members spend prolonged time indoors with other unvaccinated people, such as travel by air/other public transportation, indoor visits, indoor classes etc., it's considered a potential exposure, and we follow CDC's guidance for unvaccinated people which means quarantine for 7 days with a negative test result, or 10 days without before returning to camp. All staff have been fully vaccinated, all children will wear masks during camp, and sit apart from others to drink and eat.

What: Mandarin immersion nature class, child led, play based programs that focus on emotional coaching and natural science. More information is available on our website www.myworldedu.com. We are known for kindly but firmly enforcing Mandarin only policy in our programs, so it is a true Mandarin immersion environment.

When: various, please see your registration form for different programs.

Where: parks in and near Bellevue. A precise meeting point of a park is notified the morning of based on weather, air quality and other forecasts via ProCare App, which you will get an invitation to install.

What to bring: water, snack, and a change of clothes in a backpack for your child to carry. Please also include hand sanitizer/baby wipes to wipe their hands, optional hat/sunblock, mosquito repellent if you'd like (ticks are uncommon in our area but check your child if you are concerned). Their backpacks will be set down on the ground sometimes when they play. Sharing food is not allowed. We will have an hour of reading and writing Chinese, so a pencil/crayon and notebook would be helpful.

Our favorite items are below:

<https://www.rei.com/product/168501/rei-co-op-tarn-12-pack-kids>

Obersee Kid's All-in-One Pre-School Backpacks with Integrated Cooler

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0050P2OSQ/ref=cm_sw_r_fm_apa_glt_fabc_5BWJA6YQ0S0BWDNKXE4E

<https://www.kleankanteen.com/collections/insulated-tkwide>

Outdoor Gear:

Waterproof (not water resistant) coat, pants and boots are required for rainy season, even on non-rainy days since the ground will be wet. On heavier rainy days, double up rain gear is a proven way for your child to stay dry, with light waterproof gear inside, and thick waterproof gear (such as fishing gear) outside.

Light waterproof rain gear:

<https://www.rei.com/product/165655/patagonia-torrentshell-jacket-boys>

<https://www.rei.com/product/154767/rei-co-op-rainwall-rain-pants-toddlers>

Heavy water proof rain gear:

<https://grundens.com/shop/collections/collections-kids-fishing-apparel/zenith-293-hooded-parkas/>

<https://grundens.com/shop/collections/collections-kids-fishing-apparel/zenith-294-bib-pant/>

Insulated rain boots:

<https://www.rei.com/product/156183/bogs-classic-big-nw-garden-insulated-boots-kids>

Secondhand stores are some of the best places to get gear and good for the environment! Our favorites are Small Thread for Kids, Value Village and Good Will.

Adult/Child ratio: lower than required by the Department of Education, various depending on the program.

Restrooms: Please have your child to use the bathroom before coming to class. Restrooms are available at parks, and if/when we are too far from the restrooms, staff carries a portable potty that can be used, in a method trained by the Washington State Trails Association.

Frist Aid: staff carries Frist Aid and provide simple aid when necessary. We have not had and do not expect anything more serious, but we will notify parent to pick up if needed. We are always in city parks so medical facilities are always close by, although we have never needed to use it.

Contact: If parents need to get a hold of staff, the easiest way is via ProCare App Message.