

My World Mandarin Nature School

All things summer camp

COVID 19: we ask families continue to be careful, especially with the new Delta variant in the region now: please unvaccinated members including children do not spend prolonged time with other unvaccinated people. If unvaccinated household members spend prolonged time indoors with other unvaccinated people, such as travel by air/other public transportation, 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 camp, 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: drop off is 9:45-10:00 AM, pick up is 3:15-3:30PM.

Where: parks in and near Bellevue. A precise meeting point of a park is notified the night before based on weather, air quality and other forecasts via Facebook messenger (different from Facebook).

What to bring: lunch, water, and snack, plus a change of clothes in a backpack for your child to carry. Please also include hand sanitizer/baby wipes to wipe their hands, 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 when they play. Sharing food is not allowed, so pack anything your child likes to eat. Put it in a thermo container if necessary. 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_apc_glt_fabc_5BWJA6YQ0S0BWDNKXE4E

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

What to wear: breathable and easy to dry long sleeve and long pants for protection against the elements, comfortable shoes to walk in, water shoes/walkable sandals for water play. Our favorite items are below:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07Q8T9KTZ/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o00_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B082YMN24/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o05_s01?ie=UTF8&psc=1

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0787HCJLC/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_awdb_imm_EN3G6GFQ185HT9PR5J3J?fbclid=IwAR0I4f2NgGW_uNigunl-frKqCv3U9oM6IDR2mI0RyUR5YsUyKrQs95qM1w

Adult/Child ratio: Due to the mixed age (3-10) nature of our programs, the ratio changes between 1:5 to 1:10 based on children's age and number of children that week.

Restrooms: camps will be at parks with restrooms. Help will be provided if/when necessary, by a same sex staff/volunteer. 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.

Napping: a dedicated napping area is not available at our camp; however, children have napped before typically on a small soft area such as an air mat/blanket under a tree, always in a staff's sight.

Parent's observation: experience at camp "Discover nature with each other! My kid always come home w a collection of rocks and shells. I saw lots of other liked sticks. They find snails and worms and frogs and plants. Come up with games. Tons of stuff" "The improvement in Chinese last year was so dramatic. Can't wait to start this year!"

Contact: If parents need to get a hold of staff, the easiest way is via Facebook messenger since there you are nicknamed as your child's parent and we are nicknamed as teacher/volunteer for ID purpose, and you can see whether we have seen your message or not. Our phone number is listed on our website "contact us" section, but it is the least effective way to get a hold of us since we usually cannot answer phones during camp, especially when we do not know who is calling.

