

Mud City Forest School FAQ

Q: Where will my child use the bathroom?

A: At Mud City Forest School options include independently peeing in the woods and/or using a composting privy at base camp. Both hand sanitizer and handwashing water are encouraged and available at base camp.

Q: Is there shelter?

A: We have a pavilion that provides shelter from the rain and is a safe place to work on projects and play games when there is thunder and lightning. Under the pavilion are picnic tables, and the sides are open to the elements.

Q: What do you do when there is lightning?

A: We take lightning very seriously. When lightning comes within 10 miles of our location, we make sure all youth are in the pavilion (A grounded structure) and must stay there for 30 minutes after the last lightning strike within 10 miles. We have lots of games, crafts, stories, and projects to keep Forest School on schedule.

Q: Do you cancel for rain or snow?

A: Forest School happens or rain or shine! Be sure to send your woodling with extra dry/warm layers and appropriate gear! However, if there were an extreme weather event (such as regional flooding, dangerous temperatures or severe winter storm events) we may need to cancel. Please see our Forest School Tuition Policies for more details.

Q: Can youth heat up their lunch?

A: Occasionally, but plan for a cold lunch. We often make fires at Forest School, but we could decide to take our lunches into the fields or forests. Or it may be raining. We also do not have electricity so there are no microwaves or stoves.

Q: My child is not yet 8, but really wants to attend, is that okay?

A: Mud City Forest School is entirely outdoors, and we use many tools such as knives, saws, and hatchets. If your child is almost 8, and you have reviewed the document "Is My Child Ready for Forest School?", you may email us to discuss.

Q: Can my child bring their electronic device (phone, tablet, etc.)?

A: We do not allow electronic devices at Forest School. We are often catching frogs at the pond, running through the woods, or frolicking in meadows. For the safety of your electronics, please keep them at home where they are safely out of the elements.

Q: What is the kid-to-staff ratio?

A: We aim for no more than 6:1.

