

# 2017 SMR Family Campout

## Program Description and Requirements

**Schedule:** Saturday and Sunday, October 7-8, 2017, with the rain dates October 21-22.

**Registration:** You need to register by midnight, Wednesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. The event will be closed once the maximum of 45 families or 140 participants is met. **Note: Once a family is accepted, there are no refunds.** Go to [www.somocon.org](http://www.somocon.org) for details.

This document includes guidelines and reminders, direction and a map of the program area, what you need to bring, and the tentative schedule. Should you have any questions prior to the event, please email program coordinators Lori LaBorde and Dennis Percher at [FamilyCampout@somocon.org](mailto:FamilyCampout@somocon.org), or leave a message at 844-SOM-OCOCN (844-766-6266), prompt 7.

### Reminder of Adult Supervision

Each family must have an adult present with their children throughout the event, including overnight hours. The adult should be the individual that completed the registration paperwork. If there is a change to the adult who will be on site, please contact Lori LaBorde and Dennis Percher at [FamilyCampout@somocon.org](mailto:FamilyCampout@somocon.org), or leave a message at 844-SOM-OCOCN, prompt 7.

### Safety and Photos

The area will be monitored by the Essex County Sheriff's Department throughout the day and night. All participants, children and adults, will be given wristbands to identify themselves. At registration, we will ask whether there is permission for a child to be included in pictures of the event. The color of the bracelet will reflect this. We plan to post pictures, without names, on the SMC website and Facebook page.

### Meals

All campers are responsible for bringing their own dinner and snacks. A limited number of charcoal grills are available on site (campers must bring their own charcoal) and it is permissible to bring portable camping grills. A light breakfast will be provided on Sunday.

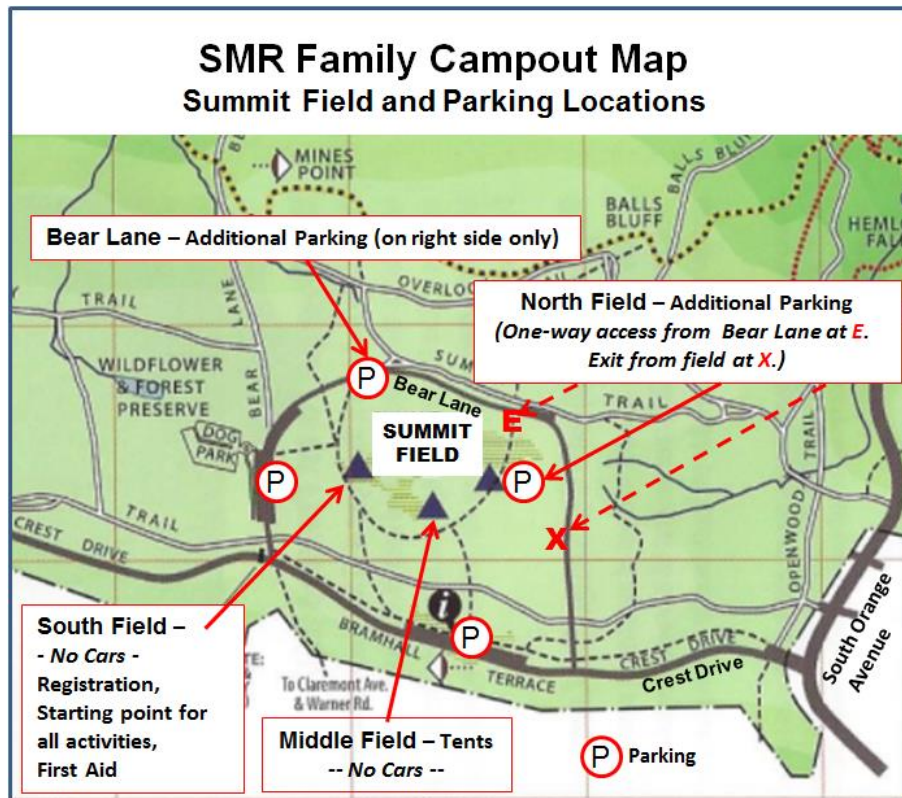
### What to bring:

- Tent with waterproof ground cloth
- Sleeping bags and pads
- Flashlights
- Dinner and snacks (Light Sunday breakfast is provided)
- Bug spray
- Shoes good for hiking (no flip-flops)
- Bikes/scooters (optional)

**Note: If anyone in your family is hyper-allergic to bee stings, etc., and susceptible to anaphylactic shock, please bring appropriate medicines (Benadryl, epinephrine auto-injector - EpiPen, etc.). The Conservancy cannot administer medicines.**

## Guidelines for 2017 SMR Family Campout

**Directions:** To get to Summit Field SMR, take South Orange Avenue approximately one mile west from the center of South Orange (or a mile east from the intersection of South Orange Avenue and Brookside Drive-Cherry Lane) and turn onto Crest Drive and drive ¾ mile to Bramhall Terrace, the first of four possible parking areas. (GPS directions: Put in Bramhall Terrace, Summit Field, the Dog Park, or 10 Bear Lane, South Orange.)



### Parking

Please park in one of four locations (refer to map):

1. Bramhall Terrace
2. Opposite the Dog Park (by continuing from Bramhall Terrace and turning right onto Bear Lane)
3. Along Bear Lane (also referred to as Summit Crescent, the paved perimeter road around Summit Field),
4. North picnic area of Summit Field (Only the northern half of the field will be for parking. There is a separate entrance and exit from Bear Lane to this field, see diagram.)

**NOTE: To ensure the safety of participants, cars will not be allowed onto the south or middle fields of Summit Field.**

All four areas have easy access to the middle picnic area where there is tenting, but does not allow cars. (Some families bring a small cart to bring supplies to the middle field.) **NOTE: There will be 6 spots held open for temporary, 15-minute, parking starting at noon Saturday directly across from the Dog Park. Families can park there and take the short walk to register before parking more permanently and carting supplies to the tenting area.** Registration will take place from 12:00 until 2:00

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p.m. on Saturday. If you can not register during those times please contact program coordinators ahead of time. You must have a wristband to enter the event.

### **Weather and Cancellation**

In the event of inclement weather, event organizers reserve the right to postpone the event until the pre-determined rain date of Saturday, October 21st. If the event is rescheduled, all guidelines still apply. Event postponement will be posted on the South Mountain Conservancy website – [www.somocon.org](http://www.somocon.org) – and available by calling **844-SOM-OCN (844-766-6266) prompt 7** after 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 7th. If the program is cancelled for both dates, the \$30 program fee will be refunded; the \$25 annual Conservancy membership, which is tax deductible, will not.

### **Tentative Schedule of Events**

A final Schedule of Events will be available at check-in area at the start of the program.

#### **Saturday, September 10**

**12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** – Welcome, sign in at registration at south picnic area of Summit Field

**12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** – Tent setup

**2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.** – **Activity 1**

**3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** - **Activity 2**

Multiple activities during the two activity periods will include nature hikes, hands-on exhibit of animals from the Turtle Back Zoo, a bug walk, tours of the Wildflower and Forest Preserve and Sculpture Park, kids' bike/ scooter fun ride on Crest Drive, nature and craft projects.

**5:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.** – Dinner (provided by families)

**7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.** – Evening activities with Essex County naturalist David Alexander

**8:15 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.** – Campfire activities including live music by the “Good Tymes String Band”

**10:00 p.m.** – Retire to tents

#### **Sunday, September 11**

**7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.** – Breakfast of coffee, bagels, juice (supplied by Conservancy)

**7:30 – 8:15 a.m.** – Morning Yoga

**8:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** – Activities (Scavenger hunt, hikes, etc.)

**10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**- Group cleanup of Summit Field areas

**11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.** - Tent break down and campsite cleanup, packing up and disbanding