



APRIL 2015

We are looking forward to celebrating our **88th** season with your daughter, old friends, new campers and parents. The following information will help as you prepare for the 2015 season at Camp Huckins.

CAMP DATES

1st Session: **June 27 to July 11**

2nd Session: **July 11 to July 25**

3rd Session: **July 26 to August 8**

4th Session: **August 8 to August 22**

Arrival
Time

ARRIVAL TIMES:

All campers **Arrive** between **2:30 and 4:30 PM**

All Campers **Check Out** between **9:00 and 11:00 AM**.

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To help accommodate the many families dropping campers at both Huckins and Belknap campers should arrive at Camp Huckins between 2:30 and 4:30.

PAYMENTS: PAYMENT OF TUITION IN FULL IS REQUIRED BY MAY 1.

Your invoice indicates the amount needed for Camp Tuition. Please notify the office if payment is an issue. Full and partial scholarships are awarded based on financial and emotional need. If we do not hear from you by the May 1st deadline, your daughter's place will be given to someone on the wait list.

FOREIGN CURRENCY: To avoid Bank Charges for exchange of foreign currency, we recommend that you purchase American Currency Money Orders or pay by check showing "U.S. Currency" preprinted by your bank.

CAMP BANK: ALL campers must have money deposited in their Camp Bank Account. All charges (such as Horseback Riding and Waterskiing) will be deducted from this account. The recommended amount for 2 weeks is \$100.00 (less for girls who do not ride or waterski). "W"s and "CIT"s will need about \$150. A check will be mailed to the first parent/guardian on file with any remaining balance. **Please be sure to cash these checks** promptly. All uncashed refund checks will be void after 90 days and monies will be donated to the Camp Huckins Scholarship Fund.

CHECK- IN PROCEDURE: You will be greeted at the front gate and directed to the health clearance area of your daughter's division where your daughter will have her temperature taken, will be checked for lice, and the health update form will be collected. Please remember you can also make changes directly to your daughter's CampDoc profile up until ten days before her session. You will then be directed to her cabin. As soon as you have unloaded her belongings, **return your car to the parking lot**. After moving your vehicle, we suggest you tour the camp, meet the Camp Director and visit the camp store. Our Camp Director, Jody Hutchinson Skelton, will be at the Program Lodge from 3:30-4:30 pm on Change Days. Please bring your daughter to the Lodge so you can introduce her to Jody. Cookies and juice will be provided. If you are unable to arrive during the 2:30-4:30 time frame please call the office to discuss your situation. If you are stuck in traffic and will not make it to camp by 4:30pm please call the office to arrange a drop off time. We start our routine immediately and late drop offs can be very disruptive to our schedule.

Parking will not be available on Camp property until 1:30pm. The town also will not allow cars to park on Huckins Road. **Please do not arrive prior to 1:30pm**. If you arrive earlier than planned please visit some of our local amenities. There are several ice cream shops, mini golf, and go karts located on Route 16 in West Ossipee and Tamworth.

BED/BUNK ASSIGNMENTS: Campers draw their bed assignment (top or bottom bunk) upon entering the cabin. **There is no need to arrive early, as the gates do not open until 2:30 pm**. If your daughter requires a bottom bunk please contact the office.

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS: All cabin assignments are made in the best interest of camp and your daughter. Girls are assigned to cabins **by grade**. Your daughter may request ONE cabin mate, of the same grade. We **cannot guarantee** the request, but will make every effort to accommodate your request when **both campers** request each other. Please email requests to angela@camphuckins.com. **Changes in cabin requests** must be made at least one month prior to your daughter's attending camp. Changes in cabin assignments will **NOT** be made on Incoming Day.

Please remember, **we try not to put more than two girls from the same town in one cabin.**

MEDICAL INFORMATION: Your daughter must have a **Physical** within one year of coming to camp. Parents please be sure your Campdocs profile is completed by June 1st. **No camper will be allowed to enter camp if their online health form is not complete.** Please remember all **Medications** must be ordered through Campdocs. Our nursing staff must administer all medicine; this includes all over the counter medications. Our health center is well stocked with aspirin, cough medicine etc... If your daughter takes an over the counter medication every day, for example allergy medicine, you need to order that through Campdocs. As there are 380 campers and 2 nurses on duty, we ask that you refrain from ordering multivitamins or supplements UNLESS they are recommended by your daughters Health Care Provider. Vitamins and supplements also need to be ordered through Campdocs. **Any health concerns** that require special attention should be discussed with the Director before your daughter comes to camp. If your daughter becomes ill and is confined to the Health Center for 24 hours, you will be called.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Our health and accident medical policy provides basic limited coverage for all campers for routine office visits, prescriptions and outpatient hospital care. This restricted policy does not cover more serious accidents, sicknesses or pre-existing conditions. Parents will be responsible, through their insurance carrier, for all charges incurred if the camper requires medical care beyond the limits of the Camp policy. **Insurance carriers and policy numbers are required on the CampDoc form**, so please make sure the form is completed.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: It is imperative that camp has a list of alternate contacts in the event you cannot be reached. This information is required on the Campdocs form. You should include a relative AND a friend or neighbor, all of whom you authorize to remove your daughter from camp. **If you plan to be away from home during your daughter's stay at camp**, please let the office know, in writing, where you will be, the dates you will be away, and how you may be reached.

TRUNKS: Please - no oversized trunks! Please call UPS or Fed Ex to determine their shipping procedures. Ship your daughter's trunk early enough to arrive in time for her session. Please make plans for shipping trunks home, prior to shipping the trunk to camp. UPS or Fed Ex will need the measurements and weight in order to issue a "call tag. Pick up should be the Monday after your daughter leaves camp.

CAMPERS ARRIVING BY PLANE: Camp will only provide transportation to and from Portland, Maine. There will be a \$25.00 fee, each way, for each person with luggage. Please call the office prior to buying airline tickets to verify that we will be available for that date and time. The office will need a copy of the flight schedule, along with a signed permission form, giving us authority to pick up your daughter.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURE: Check out is from 9 Am to 11 Am. Please drive directly to your daughter's cabin to meet her and pick up her belongings. **Check the rafters, clotheslines, under beds**, etc. Each camper will have a notice if her bank account is overdrawn -stop at the office to take care of this. Remaining monies will be mailed to the first parent/guardian the following week. **Please cash these checks promptly as they are void after 90 days.**

WHAT NOT TO BRING: **Electronic toys and games, TVs, cellular phones, IPODS, etc.** are not appropriate and will be collected and returned to the camper at the end of the session. A favorite stuffed animal is very comforting and acceptable!

SPORTS EQUIPMENT: Camp will provide all equipment needed for sports. Campers are allowed to bring their own equipment, such as lacrosse sticks, tennis racquets, etc... Before sending sports equipment with your daughter please realize camp is a busy place, items can get misplaced, borrowed or damaged. Camp is not responsible for any lost or broken personal sports equipment brought to camp.

MOUTH GUARDS: All middlers and seniors are required to wear a mouth guard during their lacrosse instructional period.

“LETTER TO MY COUNSELOR”: This form is for both you and your daughter to fill out. We suggest your daughter fill out her section first. The more we know about your daughter, the better we will be prepared for her, so it is imperative for us to receive this letter prior to her arrival. **This type of information is very helpful to us and we request your cooperation.** If you have any **private** family issues or other concerns that you wish only the Director to know about, please send a letter or call the office. We will do our very best to handle your daughter's particular needs, but we cannot do so without your confidence and help. The letter to my counselor is due in our office by June 1st.

LETTERS: Campers love to receive mail! Write to your daughter often, and keep it cheerful to prevent homesickness. If you receive an unhappy letter from your daughter, please do not get upset. Children's emotions change rapidly, and the letter you receive today may reflect a moment long forgotten. You may call us any time you are in doubt. Should your daughter become ill, or experience adjustment difficulties, her Division Leader will contact you. Please do not fax or e-mail letters to your daughter.

We get TONS of mail at camp! Please limit your packages to large envelopes only, **NO BOXES**. All boxes will be kept in the office until your daughter leaves camp. Please send reading materials, writing supplies, t-shirts, puzzles, games etc. **NO FOOD OR GUM**. Any food or gum sent to your daughter at camp will be discarded. "Camp Pacs" and "Sealed With A Kiss" Camp Care Packages have an agreement with camp to send fun items in envelopes rather than boxes.

CAMP UNIFORM: Camp Huckins does not have an official uniform. The camp colors are dark green and white. Our store carries sweatshirts, sweatpants, shorts and t-shirts. On check-in day, we urge parents to take their daughter to the store to oversee clothing purchases. Be sure to pack a light colored top and dark shorts for the cabin picture.

**Our store items will be available on-line during the month of April. **

STORE POLICY: **Campers in the Junior Division may only purchase clothing with a parent/guardian present.** This limits clothes shopping to check in and check out days. **Please do not send notes giving authorization to do otherwise.** Campers may go daily for supplies such as stamps, batteries, soap etc. All store items are charged to Camp Bank.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS: Please bring one dress-up outfit for Campers Banquet. All sorts of fun "dress-up" outfits, wigs, etc are fun to bring for our special lunches.

LAUNDRY SERVICE is available for 4 week campers with a minimum charge of \$10.00. The laundry will be sent out on the first and third Friday and will be returned the following Monday. Charges for laundry will be deducted from Camp Bank.

HORSEBACK RIDING REQUIREMENTS: **Long pants and shoes with a heel are required.** We will provide hard hats for all riders. Instruction is given on Western saddle. The Riding Director will check the girls' shoes before signing up to ride. Any leather shoe with a distinct heel is suitable, **no sneakers**.

PETS: For safety and sanitary reasons pets are **Not** allowed on camp property.

CAMP TELEPHONE: The camp telephone numbers are **603-539-4710** and **603-539-6357**. Parents wishing information about their daughter may call the office us at any time. Campers are not allowed to use a telephone. If there is an emergency or a serious problem, please call and we will make every effort to deal with the situation. Please make going home and visiting day plans well in advance, in order to prevent changes in these arrangements while your daughter is at camp.

WAITING LIST: We have many, many girls on the waiting list for this summer. If you have a change of plans, please notify us promptly, so another girl may have the opportunity to attend Camp Huckins.

FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE: We will again be hosting a food drive for our local food bank. We will also be asking any families with gently used, outgrown Huckins clothing to bring those items to camp. The items will be laundered and reused by another Camp Huckins camper.

We look forward to meeting you this summer on the Shores of Lake Ossipee and anticipate a most enjoyable summer full of fun, adventure, and new learning experiences for your daughter. Do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions.

REMINDER

3RD SESSION CAMPERS ARRIVE ON SUNDAY, JULY 26 FROM 2:30 - 4:30 PM and leave on Saturday August 8 between 9-11 AM!

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP HUCKINS

From Boston Area: Route 95 North to Exit 4 in Portsmouth NH onto the Spaulding Turnpike. Follow signs for NH Lakes, White Mountains, Conway, Ossipee. Follow **Spaulding Turnpike /Route 16**, North to West Ossipee. * (follow directions below)

From Manchester Area: **Route 93 North** to exit 23. Turn Right onto **Route 104** and continue to stop light in Meredith. (McDonald's will be directly in front of you.) Turn left onto **Route 3 North**. Follow down hill to Light at intersection of **Route 25**. Turn right onto Route 25 East. Follow to **Route 16** in West Ossipee, turn Left onto Route 16 North. * (follow directions below)

From West Ossipee: Turn onto Route 41, at the blinking yellow light. Go about 1 mile and take a right onto

Ossipee Lake Road. Go approximately 5 miles to **Pequawket Trail** on right, with Camp Huckins sign. Turn right and immediately BEAR LEFT. Camp Huckins entrance is 1 mile down on left.

From Portland Area: Route 25 West through Cornish, Porter to Effingham NH. Turn Right at the blinking yellow light, onto **Route 153 North**. Go approximately 1 1/2 miles to road on left marked by large pine tree loaded with signs. Turn left and proceed to stop sign. Bear left at stop sign and continue past Ossipee Lake Marina. Continue to next left (**Pequawket Trail**) with Camp Huckins sign. Turn left and immediately BEAR LEFT. Camp Huckins entrance is 1 mile down on left.