

# YMCA Camp Huckins Family Camps



Heather Kiley, Executive Director  
Mark Cadman, Associate Executive Director  
Maddy Clapp, Program and People Operations Director  
Sarah "Smackie" Weeman, Summer Camp Director

17 Camp Huckins Road Freedom, NH 03836-4403  
603-539-4710

## **YMCA CAMP HUCKINS FAMILY CAMP**

Welcome to the Huckins Family Camp Program. The purpose of Family camp is to provide an opportunity for family members to participate together in a YMCA camp environment to strengthen relationships and encourage growth of mind, body, and spirit.

The goal is to provide a fun, safe environment for families and friends so they can enjoy all the wonderful things Camp Huckins has to offer. Our philosophy encourages families to enjoy each other during family events while providing individual choice of activities. It is important that you share the contents of this booklet with your family. If all the camp rules and regulations are understood before coming to camp, it will make for a safe and happy time for everyone.

We hope you and your family have a fun and relaxing time. Please speak to our staff at any time if you have any questions or suggestions for camp.

Please bring this book with you to camp to use as a reference. The enclosed song sheet may be helpful during Friendship Circles and songfests!

### **DAILY SCHEDULE**

7:30am Reveille

8:00-8:45am Breakfast (Flag Raising directly after breakfast)

9:30-11:45am Morning Program

Areas

12:30pm Lunch is Served

1:15-2:00pm Rest Hour

2:00-5:00pm Afternoon Program

5:30-6:15pm Dinner (Flag Lowering - directly after dinner)

6:30pm Camp Store open after Flag Lowering

6:45pm Evening Program

8:00pm Divisional

campfires

9:00pm All quiet

## Additional Information

**WHAT TO BRING:** Families will furnish their own bedding (sheets, blankets, pillows, sleeping bags), towels and personal belongings - including rain gear. Bring your own sports equipment, tennis rackets, softball gloves, fishing poles (a NH Fishing License is required for those 16 and over) etc. Lawn chairs, coolers, (ice is available), cameras, musical instruments, bikes and wagons for kids (no electric bikes or scooters), back packs and dining hall booster seats for toddlers. Bike helmets are required! Bring funky clothes, hats, etc. See camp community section for items you should not bring. FLASHLIGHTS ARE A MUST

**Bugles:** Camp operates on a bugle system, with each bugle during the day signaling a transition and serving as a reminder. The first bugle of the day wakes camp up. Before each meal there will be 2 bugles – the first will be 20 minutes before the meal and is the signal to send at least one person from your cabin to “waitress”. The next bugle, Soupy Call, lets you know it’s time to head to the Dining Hall to eat.

**Meals:** Please wash your hands in the division before heading to the meal. Meals will be served buffet style. We ask everyone to wait until after Grace & Gratitude before getting any food from the buffet.

At the end of every meal, each cabin family is responsible for cleaning their table area. Families should utilize bus tubs to move dirty dishes into the Kitchen. Silverware should be placed into the designated buckets in the Dining Hall. Once tables are clear, families should clean and sanitize tables, and sweep the floor under the table.

The schedule of activities will be shared at check-in. We will also make periodic announcements in the Dining Hall to share special activities for the day. We ask that everyone be quiet and listen during announcements (when someone puts his/ her hand up in the air that is our signal to quiet down).

Flag: After breakfast and dinner, we go to the Program Lodge for flag raising and lowering, and all community announcements. Sign-ups for special camp activities will take place at flag, as well as awards, so we hope everyone will attend.

Each day we will have a camp **REST HOUR**. At this time all cabin areas need to be quiet. Those not needing rest are welcome to play quietly at the sports field. (Any children out of their cabin at this time must be accompanied by an adult).

Each day, activities will be set up for you to participate in. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities at Huckins, try something new, and utilize the time to rejuvenate and connect with family as well as new and old friends. **GUESTS:** Guests must have registered in advance. You can register guests through your Camp Dashboard.

Our **CAMP PHONE NUMBER is 603-539-4710**. We will deliver messages at mealtimes. We are unable to call people to the phone.

### **Health & Wellness at Huckins**

***Please arrive to camp healthy!*** It's the most important thing you can do to support a healthy and fun Family Camp experience. Huckins is a mask friendly space, meaning masks are not required but we support individuals that decide to wear a mask. Masks are available on-site.

### **FAMILY CAMP AND DIVISION AREA RULES - YOUR CAMP COMMUNITY**

- Each family group will be assigned a cabin during the check-in process. Check-in will take place in the main parking lot – when you arrive, please drive directly to the check-in tent/area. After check-in is complete, please feel free to drive your car to your cabin and unpack. Then, return your car to the parking lot where it will be left for the duration of your stay.
- Your cabin area is yours to set up as you choose. You may move the bunkbeds around as you like, but please return the cabin to its original set up when you leave.
- Please respect other families in your Division, being mindful of quiet hours during rest hour and after the evening taps bugle.
- **Campfire Locations:** Each Division group will have its own campfire each night.

**JUNIOR DIV.** - In Division

**MIDDLER DIV.** - Waterfront

**SENIOR DIV.** - Behind Cabin LA

**LEADERSHIP** - Pavillion

- **Quiet Hours: 1:15-2:00 (Rest Hour) and after 9:00 pm** are our all-quiet times at our cabin areas in camp. Any children out of their cabin at this time must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Capers:** Each cabin is assigned a daily Camp caper to share in the care of our Huckins community. Caper charts will be included in your check-in packet. You are responsible for keeping your cabin and cabin area clean.
- **Bathrooms & Showers:** There are all gender bathrooms located in the Dining Hall, Sports Complex, and Program office. Bathroom and shower facilities are located in each Division.
- **Pets:** Family Camp participants are not allowed to bring pets to camp.

- **Alcohol:** Alcohol may be consumed responsibly in divisions by those 21 and older. Please be sure all bottles, cans, tops, corks, etc. are recycled or disposed of appropriately. Alcohol may not be consumed in all camp areas and during all camp activities. Participants under the influence of alcohol may not participate in waterfront or small crafts.
- **Vehicles:** All vehicles should be parked in the main parking lot after unloading at your cabin. CCYMCA Camp Huckins is not responsible for theft or damage to vehicles.
- **Program Equipment:** Camp Huckins provides all necessary program equipment. Camp Huckins assumes no responsibility for damage, theft or loss of any personal items brought to camp. You are responsible for personal items that you bring onto Camp Huckins property.
- **No firearms, other weapons, controlled substances, tobacco, marijuana,** are to be brought to CCYMCA Camp Huckins. We are a **SMOKE FREE** environment.

Please review these rules and policies carefully with your children. Most of the rules pertain to safety precautions and our staff will be enforcing them.

## **FAMILY CAMP RULES FOR EACH DEPARTMENT AREA**

### **The WATERFRONT - SWIMMING AREA**

- There must be a staff member on duty to check swimmers in and out of the swimming area.

**Please do not go over or under any ropes. There are special "entrance and exit areas" that will be CONTROLLED by the staff.**

- **Children under nine years old must be accompanied by an adult.** Parents are responsible for any child they bring with them to the beach.
- Anyone wishing to swim in the Outside Area - deep water area - must pass the Camp Huckins Outside area test. This includes swimming the length of the outside area, treading water with one hand out of the water for 60 seconds, and swimming on your back to return to the start. **\*\*Passing the outside area test is required to participate in an island swim.**
- The Outside Area will be open when lifeguards are available. Swimmers must have a buddy to go into the Outside Area.
- Swimming is permitted at the Waterfront area only. No swimming at the Island or Senior Div. Beach area unless offered as a special by Huckins staff.
- Camp has a retaining wall that goes from the small crafts beach all the way across the swimming area. Please be careful with young

children around our granite steps and stay away from the wall area. It will be roped off. Please do not go under the ropes.

### **SMALL CRAFTS - BOATING BEACH AREA**

- **Everyone** wears a life jacket when out in any boat.
- Please check in with the staff member on the beach before going out in any boat, as specific rules apply. **If a staff member is not on the beach, you may not take out a boat.** In this situation, please go to the Waterfront area and talk with the Staff member on duty.
- Camp has specific boating boundaries that need to be respected. No boat should go out of vision of the Small Crafts beach.
- Our fleet includes canoes, sailboats, kayaks, and paddleboards. (Please do not bring your own boats).
- Special boating trips will be available throughout the week.
- Boating instruction on all boats will be available.
- Campers who have not completed third grade must be accompanied by an adult when going out in any boat.
- Waterskiing is also available for campers who have completed the third grade and who pass the Outside Area Swim Test. There is an additional fee for waterskiing. Waterskiing is not offered on weekends.
- There will be fishing trips each day and signup for the fishing trips will be outside the Program Lodge after flag raising each morning. We have fishing rods, but you are welcome to bring your own if you choose. An adult will go on each fishing boat. Children under the age of 9 must be joined by an adult family member. ***Children under the age of 16 do not need a fishing license. Adults wishing to fish will need a current NH Fishing License.***

### **SPORTSFIELD AREA**

- Tennis racquets and balls are in the sports shed. Please feel free to use them but remember to return the rackets and balls to the shed when finished. The Archery Range will be open at specific times for campers who have completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. These times will be announced. Children who have not completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may participate but must be accompanied by a parent.
- When a staff member is at the Sportfield, the sports shed will be open. All Sportfield equipment is available for your use. Please return it to the correct location in the shed before you leave the area.
- Camp bicycles are for camp-led activities only and can only be used with a Huckins staff member. Helmets are required at all times. You may bring your bikes and helmets for riding around camp. **ALL FAMILY CAMPERS MUST WEAR HELMETS** when riding bicycles and scooters around camp.

General sports and organized games will be available.

## **CRAFTSHOP AREA - IN THE MIDDLE DIVISION**

- The Craftshop will be open daily for camp craft activities. Families and individuals can also craft outside on the porch or under the craftshop tent.
- The craftshop will be available at special times for families to make craft projects together.

## **HORSEBACK RIDING (IF APPLICABLE)**

- If horseback riding is available during the program, participants who have completed at least 4<sup>th</sup> grade may sign up for a trail ride. There is an additional fee for horseback riding.
- All horseback riding participants must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes or boots. Helmets are required and are provided by camp.
- You may only enter the barn facility when a staff member is present.

