

APRIL 2024

We are looking forward to celebrating our **97th** summer with your camper. The following information will help as you prepare for the 2023 season at Camp Huckins.

CAMP DATES

1st Session: **June 23 to July 6** 2nd Session: **July 7 to July 20**
3rd Session: **July 21 to August 3** 4th Session: **August 4 to August 17**

CHECK-IN DAY

Over the past few seasons, we have updated policies and procedures for camp as needed. Families' attention to pre-camp behaviors, testing and vaccination has been essential for our success to come together safely. Your commitment to ensuring your camper arrives to camp healthy continues to be essential as we look toward summer 2024. We will ask for everyone's flexibility as our plans evolve in the months ahead. If changes arise in our pre-arrival or camp expectations, we will communicate with families as quickly as possible. Updates will be emailed and posted to our website.

Although the specifics of the day are still being finalized, we expect the final plan will include the following:

- For 2024, Huckins highly recommends campers are up to date in their COVID vaccination. However, at this time, COVID vaccination is not a requirement to attend camp for 2024.
- **Check-in will be between 9:30-12:00.** Check-in times have been assigned by grade below. Our camp day will start with Lunch and then a full afternoon of activities.
- Movement around camp by non-campers will continue to be limited. Access to cabins will be limited to campers and staff. Families of Junior, Middler, and Leadership Division campers will drop off luggage OUTSIDE their camper's cabin. Senior Division campers will park in the main parking lot, and families will move luggage to the division using pull carts. Families will meet counselors outside the cabins. Golf carts will be available to assist families with mobility issues. Only campers and staff can enter cabins. Staff will help all campers get settled.
- Individuals dropping off campers will need to remain with their vehicles.
- Health screening, including lice checks, will take place before campers move into cabins.
- Our 2024 Health guidelines will be updated soon. Please visit our website www.camphuckins.org for more information.

ARRIVAL TIMES

Current Grade means grade that will be completed at the time you arrive at camp(the grade your camper is attending today).

9:30-10:15: All Current 6th graders, All Current 8th graders

9:30-10:15: CIT's from MA

10:15 – 11:00: All Current 4th graders, all Current 9th graders

10:15 – 11:00: CIT's from all other states(except MA)

11:00 – 11:45: All Current 5th graders, All Current 7th graders and all current 3rd graders.
***Sisters- Please start with your earliest arrival time scheduled above and then you will be able to drop additional campers.

CLOSING DAY - CHECK OUT

Camper pick-up will be scheduled between 9-11 am. Check out will be staggered to support traffic volume/flow and families will be assigned a designated pick-up window.

PAYMENTS: FINAL TUITION PAYMENTS ARE REQUIRED BY MAY 1. Please notify the office if payment is an issue, as we do not want a change in financial circumstances to be a barrier to participation in camp. Financial aid is awarded based on need. **If we do not hear from you by the May 1st deadline, your camper's place will be given to someone on the wait list.**

CAMP BANK:

Juniors, Middlers, and Seniors: ALL charges (including waterskiing & horseback riding) will be charged to your account. Invoices will be emailed after your campers' session. On average, horseback riding and waterskiing will be available one time per week (dependent on weather and number of signups).

Leadership Division (W's and CIT's): The cost of trips and W/CIT specific clothing has been built into the cost of tuition. Waterskiing and horseback riding will be charged to your account, with invoices being emailed after your campers' session.

If the camp bank balance is not paid by the due date we will charge the balance to the most recently used card.

BED/BUNK ASSIGNMENTS: Campers draw their bed assignment (top or bottom bunk) upon entering the cabin. If your camper requires a bottom bunk, please contact the office.

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS: All cabin assignments are made in the best interest of camp and your camper. Campers are assigned to cabins by grade, with occasional mixed grade cabins (ex. 4th/5th grade). Changes in cabin assignments will **NOT** be made on Check-In Day. Please remember, we try not to put more than two girls from the same town in one cabin. Siblings will also not be placed in the same cabin.

MEDICAL INFORMATION: Your camper must have a **Physical** within one year of coming to camp. **No camper will be allowed to enter camp if their online health form is not complete.** Please remember **all medications must be ordered through our pharmacy partner VIP.** Per the State of NH licensing requirements, our nursing staff must administer all medicine, including over-the-counter medications. Our Health Center is well stocked with aspirin, cough medicine, etc. If your camper takes an over-the-counter medication every day - for example, allergy medicine - please order that through VIP. Because of the volume of medications administered daily, we ask that you refrain from ordering multi-vitamins or supplements UNLESS they are recommended by your camper's Health Care Provider. Vitamins and supplements also need to be ordered through VIP. **Any health concerns** that require special attention should be discussed with the Camp Nurse before your camper comes to camp. If your camper becomes ill and is confined to the Health Center for 24 hours, you will be called.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Camp Huckins health and accident medical policy provides basic limited coverage for all campers for injuries. 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.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: It is imperative that camp has a list of alternate contacts in the event you cannot be reached. If you need to change the emergency contacts you entered on the application, please contact the office. All campers need a contact that can pick them up from camp for health or behavior reasons if parents are unavailable. If you plan to be away from home during your camper's stay at camp, please let the office know by email where you will be, the dates you will be away, and how you may be reached.

TRUNKS: Trunks should be no larger than 32" X 18" X 13 ½ (height). **Please - no oversized trunks!**

If you would like to ship your trunk, please call UPS or Fed Ex to determine their shipping procedures. Ship your camper's trunk early enough to arrive before the session starts. 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 camper leaves camp. If you ship your camper's trunk and need to have the box saved, be sure and contact the office before Check-In Day. The UPS Store in North Conway can help with packing and shipping your camper's belongings. Please contact them at 603-356-4881.

We have a limited number of trunks and chests of drawers available to borrow. If you would like to borrow a camp trunk or drawers, please let the office know.

CAMPERS ARRIVING BY PLANE: Camp will provide transportation to and from Portland, Maine. There will be a \$100.00 fee, each way, for each camper. Please contact the office prior to buying airline tickets to verify the availability of our shuttle. You will also need to complete the transportation form on your dashboard by May 1st.

WHAT NOT TO BRING: To allow for easy cabin cleaning and make it easy for campers and staff to move luggage into the cabin, we are asking all campers to limit their packing to a trunk (or duffel of equivalent size), a 3-drawer plastic unit, and a bag for bedding. **Campers cannot bring rugs, crates, hanging lights or shelving units, electronic toys and games, TVs, digital cameras, cell phones, fitness trackers, iPods, or GoPros.** These items will be collected and returned to the camper at the end of the session. **Please review the packing list carefully for what TO bring and NOT to bring to camp!** Books, card games, and a favorite stuffed animal are very comforting and acceptable!

RETAINERS: If your camper is bringing a retainer to camp please be sure to discuss proper care with them. Especially around mealtimes and being sure they do not get thrown away.

ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY:

Unless Camp is notified by a parent/guardian with specific limitations it is understood that all campers are eligible to participate in all activities with the following exceptions:

- Waterskiing- Campers need to have passed our outside area swim test
- Horseback riding- available to all campers who have completed the 4th grade or higher.

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 camper, 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.

As with all belongings, please make sure ITEMS ARE MARKED WITH CAMPER'S NAME.

LETTER TO MY COUNSELOR: These forms are for both you and your camper to fill out. The more we know about your camper, the better we will be prepared to support them, so it is imperative for us to receive this form by the due date. **This type of information is extremely helpful to us, so we thank you in advance for completing it thoughtfully.** We do our best to help all campers have a safe and joyful summer, and your confidence and honesty will help us in that work.

CAMP UNIFORM: Camp Huckins does not have an official uniform. The camp colors are dark green and white. Be sure to pack a white top and dark shorts for the cabin picture.

STORE POLICY: Families are strongly encouraged to order clothing items during the spring online store. Due to check-in day logistics, we may not have store items available that day. Essential items such as toothbrushes or batteries will be available in the camper's division. Stamps can be requested for an additional charge. All store items are added to the camper's invoice.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS: Please bring one dress-up outfit for Campers' Banquet. All sorts of fun "dress-up" clothing is great to bring for our special lunches, but we also encourage

campers to get creative with the items they have!

LAUNDRY SERVICE is available for 4-week campers with a minimum charge of \$10.00. Charges for laundry will be charged to the Camp Bank.

LOST AND FOUND: Be sure to legibly mark all your child's belongings with their name. Don't forget their water bottles, shoes and bathing suits. Lost and found items not labeled will be donated.

PETS: For safety and sanitary reasons, pets (with the exception of service animals) are **not** allowed on camp property.

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CAMPER: One of the crucial elements of camp is the opportunity to take a break from technology, connect with friends in person and enjoy the beauty of nature. Because of this, we do not allow campers to bring cellphones or any other connected device to camp.

MAIL

LETTERS ONLY: Campers love to receive mail! Write to your camper often and keep it cheerful to prevent homesickness. If you receive an unhappy letter from your camper, 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 camper become ill, or experience adjustment difficulties, their Division Leader will contact you.

To encourage your camper to write home or to relatives please send them with preaddressed, pre-stamped postcards! A postcard is less daunting to younger campers (or campers that do not like to write) than having to write a letter.

Please be sure relatives address mail to your camper's full name. A letter addressed to "Jenny" with no last name or a letter addressed to "sweetums" is probably not going to be delivered to the correct person.

We get TONS of mail at camp! We will only be accepting **LETTERS** at camp. This means only mail that can be sent with one first class stamp. NO Packages or Boxes of any kind will be accepted. All packages and boxes will be kept in the office until your camper leaves camp.

Bunk1

Starting in 2024 you will be able to use Bunk1 to send one-way emails to your camper. [Click here for a sign-up link and additional information.](#)

Contacting Camp: The number at camp is 603-539-4710 and our camp office is open 8:30 am – 6:00 pm. Our office staff will do their best to answer your questions. Campers are not allowed to use the phone. Camp days are full, and our staff spend most of their time on the grounds working with campers, so we appreciate your patience in our returning your call.

Calling Camp in Case of an Emergency: If an emergency arises and you need to contact staff regarding your camper during business hours, dial (603) 539-4710. After hours or if our office staff are unavailable when you call, you can activate our emergency phone by dialing (603) 539-4710 and following the prompts to reach our emergency mailbox. Leave a brief message with your phone number and it will activate our emergency phone system. A Huckins staff member will call you back as soon as possible.

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

FOOD DRIVE: We host a food drive for our local food bank. If you would like to participate, please bring a non-perishable food item to Check-In Day. Last summer, families donated over 700 food items to support our local communities.

Clothing Drive: We are excited to announce that we will again 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 an amazing summer full of fun, adventure, and new learning experiences for your camper. Do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions.

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 the directions below)

From Manchester Area: Route **93 North** to exit 23. Turn Right onto **Route 104** and continue to the stop light in Meredith. (McDonald's will be directly in front of you.) Turn left onto **Route 3 North**. Continue down the hill to the light at the 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 the right, with Camp Huckins sign. Turn right and immediately BEAR LEFT. Camp Huckins entrance is 1 mile down on the 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 the road on the left marked by a large pine tree loaded with signs. Turn left and proceed to the stop sign. Bear left at the stop sign and continue past the Goodhue Boat Company on Ossipee Lake sign. Continue to the next left (Pequawket Trail) with a Camp Huckins sign. Turn left and immediately BEAR LEFT. Camp Huckins entrance is 1 mile down on the left.