

# APRIL 2026

We are looking forward to celebrating our **99th** summer with your camper. The following information will help as you prepare for the 2026 season at Camp Huckins.

## CAMP DATES

1st Session: **June 28 to July 11**

2nd Session: **July 12 to July 25**

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

4th Session: **August 9 to August 22**

As we count down the days to summer, we are busy preparing camper cabins, unpacking program supplies, and finalizing staff training. This April update includes important information to help you and your camper prepare for your arrival at Huckins. Thank you in advance for reviewing these details and deadlines to help us all have a fun summer of 2026.

## CHECK-IN DAY

- Check-in Arrival Times
  - **First, Second and Fourth Sessions**-Check-in will be between 9:30-11:30.
  - **Third Session** -*Check-In time will be between 2:00-4:00.*
  - **There are no assigned drop off times.** Please be sure to arrive during the check-in times for your session.
- Health screening, including lice checks, will take place before campers move into cabins. **Arriving at camp healthy is an essential first step to a fun summer for all.** Please contact camp before you leave for Huckins if your camper has a fever or is sick.
- Families of Junior, Middler, and Leadership Division campers will drive to the cabin to drop off your camper and their luggage. Senior Division campers will park in the main parking lot, and families will move luggage to the division using pull carts. Golf carts will be available to assist families with mobility issues. All families will meet counselors at their cabins. After dropping off your camper, we invite families to park in our spacious parking lot to visit camp. Staff will be at the waterfront and Program Lodge to share updates and answer questions. For safety and sanitary reasons, pets (with the exception of service animals) are **not** allowed on camp property.
- Our 2026 Health guidelines can be found on our website [www.camphuckins.org](http://www.camphuckins.org). Please review the steps we are taking to create a healthy summer community, what you can do to support those efforts, health form deadlines, instructions to order medications, and our communicable illness plans.

## CLOSING DAY - CHECK OUT

**Pick Up Times: There are no assigned pick-up times.** Camper pick-up will be between 9-11 am. Please be sure to arrive during that time.

**Camp Bank:** For 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). For Leadership Division (W's and CIT's), the cost of trips and W/CIT specific clothing will be added to your account along with waterskiing and horseback riding. Invoices will be 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.

## PRE-CAMP REMINDERS

**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 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, your camper's place will be given to someone on the wait list.**

**Store Policy:** We will **NOT** have store items available during drop off, so we encourage families to order clothing items during the spring on-line store. Essential items such as toothbrushes or batteries will be available in the camper's division. Stamps can be requested for an additional charge. We will have the online store open in August for purchases after camp.

**Pets:** For safety and sanitary reasons, pets (with the exception of service animals) are **not** allowed on camp property. For camp safety reasons, if you do bring a pet, they will need to remain in your vehicle which may not be safe for them.

**Cabin Assignments:** Campers are assigned to cabins by grade, with occasional mixed grade cabins (ex. 7th/8<sup>th</sup> 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:** Per state licensing requirements, your camper must have a **physical** exam within one year of coming to camp. **No camper will be allowed to enter camp if their online health form is not complete.** Any health concerns that require special attention should be discussed with the Camp Nurse before your camper comes to camp.

**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 (21 or older) 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 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 to contact the office before Check-In Day. Camp is happy to coordinate with The UPS Store in North Conway to ship your camper's belongings. Please contact the camp office to discuss arrangements.

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:** Please visit the [website for specific instructions](#) to request camp transportation to and from Portland, ME airport. You will need to request the transportation form to be opened on your dashboard.

**Packing Reminders:** To allow for easy cabin cleaning and make it easy for campers to move into the cabin, please limit packing to a trunk (or duffel of equivalent size), a 3-drawer plastic unit, and a bag for bedding. **Please review the [packing list](#) carefully for what TO bring and NOT to bring to camp!**

**Cell Phones and Technology:** 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.

**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.

#### **Mail - Letters Only**

Campers love to receive mail! Please visit the "[Communicating with Your Camper](#)" page of the website for instructions on sending mail and helping your camper to send you mail.

Please note, we only accept **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.** It may be helpful to remind family members that no packages are accepted as well.

#### **Bunk1**

You will again be able to use Bunk1 to send one-way emails to your camper. See the attached form for your activation code for 2026.

**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, call the office at (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 season, families donated over 2,200 food items to support our local communities.

**Diaper Depot:** Camp will also be collecting diapers and wipes for our local Diaper Depot. The Diaper Depot serves Carroll County, NH, providing free diapers and wipes to families in need.

**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](#)**