

REGULAR WEBSITE UPDATES

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To keep you as current as possible with all that's happening at camp, we regularly update our website. Updates include that day's *Walt Street Journal* (our daily newspaper), blog, announcements of special events, trips, and pictures.

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HEALTH INFORMATION

We are fortunate to have a capable medical staff including a full time resident doctor (usually a camper parent), six nurses, an athletic trainer, and a health care assistant. They all work hard to provide excellent camper and staff medical care and to be responsive to parent inquiries and concerns.

Communication About Health Issues:

Serving our very active campers and staff is hard work. We also understand the importance of keeping you informed about health issues affecting your child. Our medical staff follow the guidelines below and respond to you as quickly as time allows:

- We generally will not contact you if your child is seen in the Health Center for routine problems (i.e., minor skin abrasions, headache, cold, etc.).
- If your child is put on antibiotics or kept in the Health Center overnight, a member of our nursing staff will call you that day or evening. **The phone numbers you provide on your child's Health History Form will be used to contact you.**
- If your child has a medical emergency, we will contact you immediately by phone.

Head Lice:

To combat head lice, we contract the services of an outside company. Each child will have a lice check upon arrival at camp. If any positive cases are found, we will treat the camper on site and parents will be billed \$375. We will begin treatment immediately so campers can stay in their cabins on the first night of camp.



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September 1st - May 31st

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June 1st - August 31st

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WEBSITE & EMAIL

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Pioneer Camp

Parent Handbook

Summer 2020

Week 1:

SUNDAY, JULY 26 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Week 2:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 8



TRAVEL TO AND FROM CAMP

Campers attending Week 1 of Pioneer Camp have the option to be dropped off at camp on Sunday, July 26th between 10:30 and 11:00 AM or take our transportation to camp that departs Purchase, NY at 9:00 AM. Parents have the option of picking up their child at camp on Saturday, August 1st at 9:30 AM or choosing our return transportation to Purchase, NY which will arrive at approximately 3:00 PM.

Campers attending Week 2 of Pioneer Camp have the option to be dropped off at camp on Sunday, August 2nd at 2:00 PM or may take our transportation to camp that departs Purchase, NY at 9:00 AM. Parents have the option of picking up their child at camp on Saturday, August 8th at 9:30 AM or choosing our return transportation to Purchase, NY which will arrive at approximately 3:00 PM.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Campers misplace clothing and equipment. Please be sure that all of the following are labeled with camper's first & last name (either sewn, iron-on, indelible pen or stamp). DO NOT USE INITIALS, USE FULL NAME.

- ☐ 5 pair shorts
- ☐ 2 long-sleeved t-shirts
- ☐ 6 t-shirts
- ☐ 2 pair pajamas/comfortable sleepwear
- ☐ 2 bathing suits*
- ☐ 10 pair underwear
- ☐ 8 pair athletic socks
- ☐ 1 pair flip flops for beach or pool only (tevas optional)
- ☐ 2 pair of sneakers (1 that is sturdy for a light hike)
- ☐ 1 hooded sweat shirt
- ☐ 1 fleece
- ☐ 1 lightweight rain jacket
- ☐ 2 pair long pants
- ☐ 1 hat with brim
- ☐ 4 towels (for bathing and swimming)
- ☐ 1 flashlight
- ☐ 1 pre-addressed envelope (or more if desired)
- ☐ 1 pillow/1 pillowcase
- ☐ 1 fitted sheet/1 flat sheet (twin or cot size)
- ☐ 1 blanket
- ☐ 1 comforter
- ☐ 1 water bottle

Laundry bag will be provided. Substitutions can be made depending on the individual likes and needs of each child.

***For Girls:** 1 piece bathing suits only. Tankinis are acceptable, but they cannot have a bikini bottom and must cover the mid-section. **Bikinis are not allowed.**

Toilet Articles: (label with tape and indelible pen) Comb, brush, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, plastic cup, liquid soap, insect repellent, **SUNSCREEN.**

Optional Sports Equipment: (label clearly) Tennis racquet** Baseball glove (write camper name with indelible pen)** Our athletic department will provide equipment if necessary.

** MANY CAMPERS HAVE THE SAME BRAND RACQUETS AND GLOVES. PLEASE LABEL IN A VISABLE AREA WITH YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME **

COMMUNICATION

We highly recommend mailing a letter to your Pioneer Camper a few days prior to the start of their session.

Please send your camper with a pre-addressed stamped envelope so your son/daughter can mail you a letter (expect mail to take 3-4 days to reach you). Their counselors will help campers who need assistance. Mail to camp should be addressed as follows:

Camper Name
Camp Walt Whitman, Pioneer Camp
1000 Cape Moonshine Rd
Piermont, NH 03779

If you prefer, you can pre-write letters to your camper and label the envelopes with days of the week to be delivered. Please bring them to drop-off or send ahead in the mail.

***PLEASE DO NOT SEND PACKAGES TO PIONEER CAMPERS.**

Electronics: Any device that is equipped with a Wi-Fi connection, 3G/4G/5G data connection or has video playing capability is NOT allowed at camp. This includes tablets, smartphones, iPod Touch and e-readers. Handheld electronic games are also NOT permitted at camp.

Most campers at this age will not bring electronics to camp, however, we do understand that many campers like to listen to music so here is what is allowed:

For families who utilize downloaded music: If you have previously purchased an iPod Shuffle or Nano without a video screen (or if you can find one online), these are great for camp.

Alternatively, we suggest you consider buying a non-Apple MP3 player. This is a relatively inexpensive option and there are many available devices available online.

For families who utilize Spotify or Amazon Music:

We recommend Mighty Vibe. With Mighty, campers can download their online playlists and listen to the music without the need for an internet connection. The only caveat is that due to music licensing, Mighty will only store music for 30 days unless it is reconnected with your Spotify or Prime account.

Birthday Phone Calls: If your child has a birthday during Pioneer Week, please call our office in advance to set up a special birthday phone call. Please note, calls home are not scheduled unless for a birthday.

Email: We provide an email service that allows your camper to receive printed copies of emails that you send on a daily basis. This is the best way for you to communicate with your child while they are at Pioneer Camp. (Friday will be the last day that your camper will receive emails.) Before Pioneer Week begins, an email will be sent that includes instructions to enable this service.

REQUIRED FORMS

Camper Biography: Jed, Carolyn and your child's counselors will review the background information you provide. It enables us to know as much as possible about each camper before his/her arrival at camp and helps us provide each camper with the best possible experience right from the start.

Medical Forms: The following are needed for each Pioneer Camper: a physical examination form completed by your pediatrician after August 5, 2019, health history completed by the camper's parents, immunization record, medical insurance cards and an authorization for medical treatment form. These forms are all accessible through our online form system.

Transportation: Please complete this form so we know how your camper will travel to and from camp.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

If an emergency or special situation at home necessitates you speaking with your camper, please call and speak with our Office Manager, or if after hours, leave a message. After 9:00 PM our lines are answered by an answering machine that is checked regularly until midnight by the Senior OD. Please do not call after 9:00 PM unless it is a true emergency.