

CAMP
WALT WHITMAN
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2023
Pioneer Camp
Family Handbook

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PIONEER CAMP CALENDAR Summer 2023



Monday, May 1..... All forms must be submitted

Sunday, July 23.....Week 1 Campers Arrive

Saturday, July 29 Last Day Week 1

Sunday, July 30.....Week 2 Campers Arrive

Saturday, August 5..... Last Day Week 2

Monday, August 14 – Friday, August 18.....Family Camp

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.

TRANSPORTATION FORM

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

HEALTH FORMS

The following are needed for each Pioneer Camper: a physical examination form completed by your pediatrician after August 12, 2022, 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 CampInTouch.

CAMPER TRAVEL TO AND FROM CAMP

Please fill out the online transportation form for your camper's travel to and from camp by **May 1st**.

WEEK 1: Sunday, July 23 – Saturday, July 29

Campers attending Week 1 of Pioneer Camp have the option to either take our shuttle bus from CVS in Hanover, NH at 9:30 or take our transportation to camp that departs Purchase, NY at 9:00 AM. Parents also have the option of dropping their child at camp between 11:00 – 11:30am. Parents have the option of picking up their child at camp on Saturday, July 29 at 9:30 AM or choosing our return transportation to Purchase, NY which will arrive at approximately 3:00 PM.

Week 2: Sunday, July 30 – Saturday, August 5

Campers attending Week 2 of Pioneer Camp have the option to be dropped off at camp on Sunday, July 30 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 5 at 9:30 AM or choosing our return transportation to Purchase, NY which will arrive at approximately 3:00 PM.



COMMUNICATION

CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM CAMP

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

Please send your child with a pre-addressed stamped envelope so your camper can mail you a letter (expect mail to take 3-4 days to reach you). Their counselors will help those who need assistance.

Mail to camp should be addressed as follows:



Camper Name
Camp Walt Whitman, Pioneer Camp
1000 Cape Moonshine Road
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

EMAIL

We provide a service that allows your camper to receive printed copies of emails that you send on a daily basis. Friday will be the last day that your camper will receive emails. Before Pioneer Week begins, an email will be sent that includes instructions on how to enable this service.

CAMPER PHONE CALLS

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.

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.

DAILY UPDATES AND THE CAMPANION APP

To keep you as current as possible with all that's happening at camp, we regularly update our website (www.campwalt.com) and Companion.

Updates include each day's Walt Street Journal (our daily newspaper) and announcements of special events, trips, and pictures.



ELECTRONICS POLICY



Any device that is equipped with a Wi-Fi connection, 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: There are two products we recommend, both of which allow campers access to their Spotify and Amazon music playlist without an internet connection. The first is the Mighty Vibe, a small, screenless, music device that is water resistant and drop resistant. The second product is the Campfire Player, a slightly more expensive device that was designed just for summer camp. This device has a small screen to help campers find their song or playlist, but the device has no apps, games, videos, social media, etc.

HEALTH INFORMATION



We are fortunate to have a capable medical staff including a full-time resident doctor (usually a camp 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:

1. 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.
2. If your child is put on antibiotics or kept in the Health Center overnight, a member of our nursing staff will call you. **The phone numbers you provide on your child's Health Form will be used to contact you.**
3. 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.

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, PLEASE USE FULL NAME.**

PACKING LIST

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

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

*Bathing Suits:

For girls: We only allow one-piece or tankini style bathing suits and they must cover their mid section. Cut-outs or monokinis will not be allowed.

For boys: We do not allow speedo bathing suits.

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 racket** Baseball glove (write camper name with indelible pen)** Our athletic department will provide equipment if necessary.

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

LABELS

All clothing and possessions, including sports equipment and footwear must be labeled with the camper's first and last name.

We recommend the following option:

- **Label Daddy** - www.labeldaddy.com/CWW

Not only is their quality excellent, 25% of your purchase will be donated to Project Morry.

CAMPERS MISPLACE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT. PLEASE BE SURE THAT EVERYTHING IS LABELED (EITHER SEWN, IRON-ON, INDELIBLE PEN, STAMP, OR STICKER) WITH CAMPER'S FULL NAME.

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WINTER

September 1 - May 31

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SUMMER

June 1 - August 31

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