



# 2025 Pioneer Camp Family Handbook



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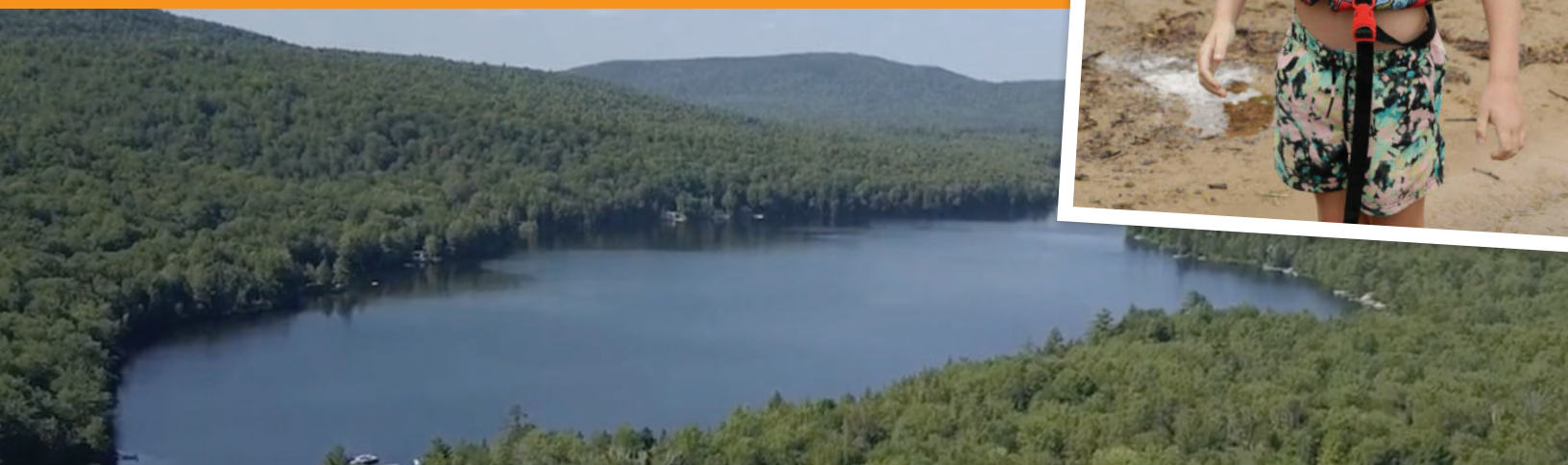
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## Summer 2025 Calendar

Date	Action/Event
<b>Thursday, May 1</b>	All Forms Must Be Submitted
<b>Sunday, July 20</b>	Session 1 Pioneer Campers Arrive
<b>Saturday, July 26</b>	Last Day Pioneer Camp: Session 1
<b>Sunday, July 27</b>	Session 2 Pioneer Campers Arrive
<b>Saturday, August 2</b>	Last Day Pioneer Camp: Session 2



# Required Forms



Forms will be available in CampInTouch in February. At that time, we will send you an email detailing how to complete the forms.

**Forms must be submitted by May 1.**

## 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 their 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 required health forms for Pioneer Campers include:

- ☐ A physical examination form completed by your pediatrician after August 9, 2024
- ☐ Camper Health History form
- ☐ Camper Medical form
- ☐ Immunization and Parent Authorization/ Medical Insurance Card forms

# Camper Travel To & From Camp

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

## Week 1:

### **Sunday, July 20 – Saturday, July 26**

Campers attending Week 1 of Pioneer Camp have the option to either take our shuttle bus from CVS in Hanover, NH at 9:30 a.m. or take our transportation to camp that departs Purchase, NY at 9 a.m. Parents also have the option of dropping their child off at camp between 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Parents have the option of picking up their child at camp on Saturday, July 26 at 9:30 a.m. or choosing our return transportation to Purchase, NY which will arrive around 3 p.m.

## Week 2:

### **Sunday, July 27 – Saturday, August 2**

Campers attending Week 2 of Pioneer Camp have the option to be dropped off at camp on Sunday, July 27 between 2 – 3 p.m. or may take our transportation to camp that departs Purchase, NY at 9 a.m.

Parents have the option of picking up their child at camp on Saturday, August 2 at 9:30 a.m. or choosing our return transportation to Purchase, NY which will arrive around 3 p.m.



# 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 understand the importance of keeping you informed about health issues affecting your child. Our medical staff follows the guidelines below and responds 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 staff will call you. The phone numbers you provide on your child's Health History 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 lice, members of our staff trained by Lice Mamas LLC, headquartered in New York City, will check all campers on the first night of camp. If any positive cases are found, we will treat the camper on site and parents will be billed \$250. We will begin treatment immediately so campers can stay in their cabins on the first night.



# 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, 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 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:

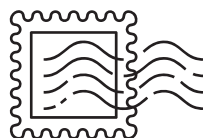
- **Mighty Vibe:** a small, screenless, music device that is water resistant and drop resistant.
- **Campfire Player:** a slightly more expensive device that was designed just for summer camp. This device has a small screen to help campers find their song or playlist, but has no apps, games, videos, social media, etc.

# Correspondence To & 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

Camper mail should be addressed to:



**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.

## Packages

Please **do not** send packages to Pioneer campers.



## Daily Updates and the Companion App

To keep you posted with all that's happening at camp, we regularly update our website (campwalt.com) and the Companion app. Updates include each day's Walt Street Journal (our daily newspaper) and announcements of special events, trips, and pictures.

## 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 speaking with your camper, please call and speak with our Office Manager, or if after hours, leave a message. After 9 p.m., our lines are answered by voicemail that is checked regularly until midnight by the Senior On Duty. **Please do not call after 9 p.m. unless it is a true emergency.**



*Birthdays at camp are extra special*

## E-Mail

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.

# Clothing & Gear Packing List



Below is a detailed list of the clothing and gear needed at Pioneer Camp. Do not send expensive or sentimental items to camp as we cannot be responsible for their loss. **Please do not overpack!** Campers do not need more than what's recommended and storage space is limited.

## Labels

*Campers misplace clothing, footwear, possessions and sports equipment. Please be sure that everything is labeled (either sewn, iron-on, indelible pen, stamp, or sticker) with camper's full name.*

We recommend Label Daddy:  
[labeldaddy.com/CWW](http://labeldaddy.com/CWW)

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



## Clothing

- ☐ 5 pair shorts
- ☐ 2 pair long pants
- ☐ 2 long-sleeved T-shirts
- ☐ 6 T-shirts
- ☐ 1 hooded sweatshirt
- ☐ 1 fleece
- ☐ 1 lightweight rain jacket
- ☐ 2 bathing suits\*
- ☐ 2 pair pajamas/comfortable sleepwear
- ☐ 10 pair underwear
- ☐ 8 pair athletic socks

## Toilet Articles

*(label clearly with full name)*

- ☐ Comb
- ☐ Brush
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Conditioner
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Liquid body soap
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Sunscreen

## Other

- ☐ 1 pair flip flops/crocs for beach or pool only (TEVAs optional)
- ☐ 2 pair of sneakers (1 that is sturdy for a light hike)
- ☐ 1 hat with brim
- ☐ 1 pre-addressed stamped envelope (or more if desired)

- ☐ 4 towels (for bathing and swimming)
- ☐ 1 comforter
- ☐ 1 blanket
- ☐ 1 pillow with 1 pillowcase
- ☐ Twin or cot size sheets (1 flat & 1 fitted)
- ☐ 1 flashlight
- ☐ 1 liter water bottle

## Optional Sports Equipment

*(label clearly with full name)*

- ☐ Tennis racket (add full name on handle and cover)
- ☐ Baseball glove (suggested)

Our athletic department will provide equipment if necessary

## \*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.







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## **Winter**

September 1 — May 31  
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