

Dear Family Campers & Friends:

We are very excited about our 2009 Family Camps. Family Camp's 24th season is in the making and we hope you will be able to join us. The enclosed materials have been designed to serve the family. Please look them over, and contact us if you have any questions.

The purpose of Family Camp is to provide an opportunity for family members to participate together in a YMCA Camp environment in order to strengthen the family values of group living and understanding. The program has been designed so you and your family may enjoy the benefits of a camp setting using the family as a focus.

The Camp daily schedule has been arranged so that you can just relax and take it easy - OR - do as many things as you can during a 24-hour day. The enclosed sample program is varied with many options for those who wish to do their own thing. The Family Camp day will be flexible and we always welcome new ideas and suggestions.

Camp space is limited and we wish to be fair. As we do with our regular Camp registration, we will give priority to former families up until April 15th. After April 15th, we will process new families. The postmark on the registration envelope being the basis for enrollment. It is possible that returning families may fill FAMILY WEEK before we open up enrollment to new people. Labor Day Weekend usually has spaces available.

Our cabins sleep up to 14 and we hope smaller families will join together so we have at least a minimum of 4 people per cabin.

Please use the enclosed card to register your family. A \$100.00 deposit will hold your cabin. The deposit is nonrefundable. The balance of the camp fee MUST be paid two weeks prior to your arrival. Credit and Debit cards are not accepted at camp.

Sincerely,

The Huckins Staff

INFORMATION -- TO HELP YOU PLAN

WHAT TO BRING: Families will furnish their own bedding (sheets, blankets, pillows, sleeping bags), towels and personal belongings - include rain gear. Bring your own sports equipment, tennis rackets, softball gloves, fishing poles (a NH license is required) etc. Lawn chairs, coolers, (ice is available), cameras, musical instruments, bikes and wagons for kids, back packs and dining hall booster seats for toddlers. Bring funky clothes, hats, etc.

FLASHLIGHTS ARE A MUST

The cabins have electricity with two overhead lights - you may wish to bring a small lamp or night light.

CAMP RULES FOR ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS are dictated by our liability insurance and good safety habits. Please read our Family Camp booklet carefully, as it will give you the specifics for each area.

1. All swimmers must check in and out of the swimming area and may enter only when a lifeguard is on duty. Buddies - bunk and cabin numbers will be used.
2. All boaters **MUST** wear life jackets and must stay within the designated Huckins boundaries.
3. All persons (9 and up) must pass the Huckins Outside Area test in order to jump off the tower or swim in outside area deep water.
4. Adults and children who pass the Huckins Outside Area Test may sign up to Water ski. (Offered during Family Camp week only)

GENERAL CAMP RULES:

Guests: Please notify the office, in advance, if you are having guests, so that your fee may be adjusted accordingly. Guests need to register and pay for at least one full day to be able to use Camp's facilities.

Smoking - Camp Huckins has a **No Smoking Policy**. There is no smoking allowed anywhere on camp property!!!

Running in Camp - only on the Ball field and jogging trails.

AUTOMOBILES - may be driven to your cabin to pack and unpack but must be kept in the parking lot at all times.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Pets (unless on a leash at all times) Please use pet walk areas. If your pet is a barker leave it home!! **No dogs are allowed on the beach at any time.** Not All People Are Dog Lovers... Please be considerate. Failure to obey these regulations may result in us asking you to remove your dog from camp property.

Alcoholic beverages and **firearms** are prohibited.

Personal Boats, or any watercraft, our insurance only covers boats owned by Camp Huckins.

QUIET TIME: 9:00 PM is our quiet time. Please no radios and no noise so that others, who may wish to, may retire. All children must be at their cabin and under parental supervision. No one under 18 in the lodge after 9:00 PM without a parent.

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 to West Ossipee. *(Follow directions below)

FROM MANCHESTER AREA: Route 93 North to exit 23. Turn right onto Route 104 and continue to stop light in Meredith. (McDonald's will be directly in front of you.) Turn left onto Route 3 North. Follow down hill to light at 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 OSS�PEE:** Turn onto Route 41, at White Lake House of Pizza. Go over railroad tracks to first right onto Ossipee Lake Road. Go approximately 6 miles to Pequawket Trail on right, with Camp Huckins sign. Turn right and immediately BEAR LEFT. Camp Huckins entrance is 1 mile down on left.

FROM PORTLAND AREA: Route 25 West through Cornish, Porter, to Effingham, NH. Turn right at blinking light onto Route 153 **North**. Go approximately 1½ miles to road on left marked by large pine tree loaded with signs.(Ossipee Lake Road) Turn left and proceed to stop sign. Bear left at stop sign and continue past Ossipee Lake Marina to the next left (Pequawket Trail) with Camp Huckins sign. Turn left and immediately BEAR LEFT. Camp Huckins entrance is 1 mile down on left.

YMCA CAMP HUCKINS FAMILY CAMPS

FACILITIES: Each family unit will be assigned to a Camper cabin. This cabin is 20 x 20, has 6 double bunks and 2 single bunks, screens, shutters and electricity. You may arrange the interior of the cabin any way to suit your family, but please return it to its original setup before leaving. Shower and rest room facilities are located throughout Camp.

WATERFRONT AND SMALL CRAFTS AREA: Swimming and boating are available. There are 15 sunfish, 15 canoes, 3 Row Boats, and Windsurfers for adults and children. The Swimming area has an inside area for non-swimmers and an outside area for those who PASS the Huckins Outside Area Test. There is a slide, 1 meter diving board and the tower. Two pontoon boats will provide rides in the evenings.

SPORTSFIELD: The ball field is available for soccer, volleyball, kickball and softball. There are two hard top tennis courts and two clay courts (sign up on the program office porch). We have many jogging and walking trails on the property as well as a LOW ROPES COURSE. The SPORTS COMPLEX is available for evening and rainy day events.

ARTS & CRAFTS: Arts & Crafts are offered daily with a variety of crafts available. There is a charge for supplies.

THE PROGRAM LODGE: Open daily - there is a large fireplace, small table games are available. We use the Lodge for evening programs.

FOOD SERVICE: All meals are served family style. Breakfast at 8:00 AM; Lunch at 12:30; and Dinner at 5:30 PM. All meals begin with grace. Please do not take or eat food before the bell rings. Meals are planned on the basis of the camp enrollment. Each family will have a daily chore to keep camp clean - and will be responsible for set-up, waitresses and clean up, etc. for their own eating group.

PHONE CALLS: Phones that use pre-paid calling cards are available for your use in the Program Lodge. Please discourage incoming calls to our office unless an emergency exists. Messages will be delivered at mealtime only, (unless it is an emergency).

FAX MACHINE AND E-MAIL: These are for office use only. Please do not ask to conduct your business on our machines or from our office.

FAMILY CAMP DAILY SCHEDULE (SAMPLE)

The following is an outline of a daily schedule. We encourage families to participate in our activities, as a group, or do your own thing!!

AM

- 7:30 Reveille
- 7:50 Breakfast Call
- 8:00 Breakfast (grace)
- 9:00 Flag Raising
- 9:15 Camp clean up and Capers

9:30 - 11:45 All Departments Open:

Specials:

9:30- 11:00 Archery

10:00 Sailing Instruction on the Small Crafts Beach

Arts & Crafts open for Puppet Making

11:45 All Department Areas Close

PM

12:30 - Lunch (grace)

1:15 - 2:00 Rest Hour

2:00 - 5:00 All Departments Open

2:00 Canoe Trip Down Black Brook

3:00 Soccer Game on Sports field

5:00 All Department Areas Close

5:30 Dinner (Grace)

Flag Lowering and Store Open

7:00 BINGO at the Dining Hall. Hike on Horse Trails.

8:00 Campfire at Division Areas. Smores YUM!!

9:00 Taps -ALL QUIET (All children under 18 in their cabins)
unless accompanied by a parent

ALL FAMILIES WILL BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE CAMP HUCKINS RULES IN REGARD TO DINING HALL BEHAVIOR, WATERFRONT, SMALL CRAFT AND SPORTSFIELD PROCEDURES ETC.