

ROARING BROOK SUMMER CAMP

Choose Your Adventure!

Roaring Brook Summer Camp
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www.roaringbrookcamp.com

Welcome!

Roaring Brook Summer Camp membership is for girls and boys ages 9-14 who are interested in an outdoor camping experience. Roaring Brook Summer Camp is a privately owned 550-acre wooded environment that includes a 15-acre lake, all for your camper's fun, adventure and discovery! In addition, we are unplugged and a fully off-the-grid camp facility (we create all of our own power). Our small camp size allows for greater personal attention and exploration of the beautiful natural setting in which Roaring Brook Summer Camp is located.

We are very excited that your camper is joining us for a summer full of camping fun! He/She will meet new friends, develop new outdoor skills and create memories that will last a lifetime!

Please read our Parent Handbook because it contains answers to frequently asked questions. If you have questions or concerns that are not addressed in the handbook, do not hesitate to contact us at: 802/449-7187 or shelly@roaringbrookcamp.com. Our job is to take care of your child during his/her time at camp and to nurture his/her individuality and strengths. We ask that you supply us with all the information we need to keep your child safe and healthy. Thank you!

We look forward to building a partnership to ensure that your child has a positive camping experience.

Putnam L (Boo) and Shelly Blodgett (co-Directors) and staff!

shelly@roaringbrookcamp.com

boo@roaringbrookcamp.com

EMERGENCIES:

In an emergency, please call (802) 449-7187. We try to answer all calls, but sometimes this isn't always possible. Please leave a detailed message (your name, camper name and your phone number). We will promptly call you back.

In the case of an extreme emergency and you cannot reach us, please call our local police department at 802-222-4727 ext 301, or the VT State Police at 802-222-4680. It is best to try the VT State Police first, as you will always reach a dispatcher. The local police are not always in the office.

If you have a non-emergency concern, please call between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. If your call isn't answered, please leave a message with your name, your child's name, and a phone number where you can be reached. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

FULLY UN-PLUGGED AND OFF-THE-GRID

We enjoy a simple summer life at Roaring Brook Summer Camp. We use composting outhouses and campers reside in screened in Adirondack cabins without electricity (kids love using flashlights and headlamps!). The background music is the soothing sound of the Roaring Brook that flows through camp. We believe in leaving a small carbon footprint by using solar power to sustain our camp lifestyle with some modern conveniences. Our kitchen is fully powered by solar panels fueled by the sun.

We encourage campers to experience their most genuine awesome self through simple living by being fully unplugged, without electronic devices. This allows us to focus on ourselves and each other as individuals in order to create a supportive and happy community.

HONORING DIVERSITY

Your camper will live closely with children and staff of different backgrounds, cultures, races, and religions. We teach acceptance of differences and expect staff and campers to interact in ways that are respectful and inclusive. A sense of community builds over the course of the session as campers work, learn and play together, and cope with conflicts.

HEALTH and WELLNESS

At Roaring Brook Summer Camp all staff are first aid and CPR certified. We have staff who are certified as Wilderness First Aid responders and we partner with our local pediatric office for medical care. If a higher level of care is required, a regional hospital is within 12 miles of camp and a major medical center is within 40 miles of camp.

We encourage campers to participate in their own health and wellness to the extent that they are able to, such as avoiding foods they are allergic to, and letting staff know if they have a health related problem or aren't feeling well. We also ask that all health related questions on the Health History form be filled out completely so we will be fully aware of any health issues concerning your child.

Please let us know if there are any changes in your child's health 3 days prior to arrival at camp (has a cold or fever or has been exposed to any infectious diseases etc).

You will be notified if your camper becomes ill and requires a visit to our local pediatrician or hospital, sustains an injury requiring medical attention, or experiences severe homesickness.

Please note: there may be some health and/or medical issues we may not be able to accommodate.

Physical Exam Form A completed Physical Exam form is due at the camp office by **June 1st**. Please get this form in as early as possible in order to bring to our attention any health issues that may affect your child's attendance.

The physical must be within a year of your child's 1st day of camp.

If your child is a returning camper, a new physical exam form is required every year even if nothing has changed.

Here are the most important items needed on the physical exam form:

- Immunization History** (or immunization waiver if applicable)
- Medication list** (including over-the-counter and prescription meds).
- Allergies** (food, medication, environmental, insect, bees, hay fever, other, etc)
- Asthma and Epipen Action Plan** (doctor's signed action plan for asthma and epipens)
- Date of the Physical Exam**
- Signature of physician**

Immunization Waiver

To protect the health of all campers and staff, Roaring Brook Summer Camp asks all campers to be fully immunized before they arrive at camp. Families choosing not to have their children immunized for religious or personal reasons must present a signed waiver of exemption (available upon request). ***These families need to be aware that if an illness appears in camp from which a camper is not vaccinated, the camper will be sent home immediately, with no tuition refund.***

Medications

It is Roaring Brook Summer Camp's policy to collect all prescription and over the counter medications of any kind from campers on the first day of camp. Medications cannot be administered without the written direction of your child's doctor and the original labeled bottle of medicine, and parent or legal guardian's signed authorization to administer medications.

If you are sending medications to camp please note the following:

- ALL medications (over-the-counter and prescription) must be in the ORIGINAL container. Medication in pill dispensers or in plastic bags cannot be accepted.
- Over the counter medications must be unopened.
- Label all medications including nasal sprays and inhalers (not just the boxes) with the camper's name.
- Send enough medication for the entire camp stay.
- Check expiration dates on medications especially inhalers.

POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

At Roaring Brook Summer Camp, alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, weapons of any kind, violence of any kind and bullying have no place. Campers who use or have in their possession any alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or weapons of any kind may be asked to leave camp (with no tuition refund). Campers participating in violence of any kind, bullying or leaving the camp property unaccompanied by a staff, may also be asked to leave camp (with no tuition refund).

Roaring Brook Summer Camp reserves the right to decide to send a camper home who isn't following program rules and/or is repeatedly disruptive to the program and other campers.

Swimming Policy

All campers will take swim tests during their first few days at camp and learn about water safety in and around our lake. Swimmers are supervised by staff certified as

lifeguards. All campers and staff are expected to follow Roaring Brook Summer Camp's posted waterfront rules throughout the summer.

2020 TUITION AND AND PAYMENT

Payment is in U.S. Funds, payable by check or credit card.

For applicants who register prior to June 1st, a non-refundable deposit must accompany the registration form and the tuition balance is due by June 1st. For applicants who enroll after June 1st, full tuition must accompany the camper registration form. If we have not received camp tuition by the deadline, and unless alternative payment arrangements have been made with us, we reserve the right to give your space to another camper.

Family Discount - please enjoy 10% off the tuition cost if more than one family member is registering! The discount will be applied to the lesser priced session if applicable (for example, if one family member is staying for 4 weeks and the second family member is staying for 2 weeks.) Please note: the Family Discount doesn't apply if other discounts are being used such as the Early Bird or Snow Bird Discounts.

Bring a friend - refer a friend who registers and receive a free Roaring Brook Camp T-shirt!

REFUNDS OF DEPOSITS

Deposits are not refundable under any circumstances.

REFUNDS OF TUITION (MINUS THE DEPOSIT WHICH IS NON-REFUNDABLE)

Yes - if you cancel a registration before March 1st.

Yes - **a pro-rated refund will be made**, if your child has to leave camp for serious health or medical reasons or accident/injury or family emergency,.

No - If you cancel a registration after March 1st.

No - If your child is dismissed from camp for behavioral reasons (we reserve the right to dismiss any camper if, in our opinion, this action is in the best interest of the camp.)

No - If a camper arrives late or leaves early or misses days for any reason.

No - if a camper voluntarily withdraws for any reason other than serious health or medical reasons or family emergency.

No - If a camper changes sessions (to a shorter, lesser priced session), if we cannot fill the empty spot.

CABIN DUTIES

Our counselors assign campers daily cabin duties in addition to taking care of their personal belongings. This helps the campers to learn to do things for themselves as well as for others.

CAMP STAFF

Our summer staff is a competent and diverse group of young adults with a passion for providing opportunities for kids to learn about themselves and the world around them. All camp counselors are committed to the mission of Roaring Brook Summer Camp and are skilled in particular program areas. Before each season begins, the counseling staff participate in a week of orientation, training and team building.

Roaring Brook Summer Camp is an equal opportunity employer. We do not discriminate based on: race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, age, marital status, veteran status, disability, or other protected category. Roaring Brook Summer Camp is committed to non-discrimination in its employment practices.

COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR CAMPER

The best way to communicate with your camper is to write letters. Please be aware that sometimes campers write letters home describing their homesickness. While this is difficult to read, please remember that in most cases, homesickness tends to last for a short period of time.

SAVE POSTAGE!

Plan Ahead Packages and letters:

If you would like to plan ahead, you can write letters and prepare packages prior to arriving at camp and deliver them to the staff at check-in. Your letters and/or packages will be delivered to your camper throughout the week with the regular mail. Send letters! Kids love to receive mail!

Packages

Please do not send any food, snacks or drinks as it attract animals and bugs to the cabins! Packages and other mail that arrive after a camper has left camp will be forwarded to the campers' home address, or returned to the sender.

All letters and packages (if being mailed) should be addressed to:

Roaring Brook Summer Camp

Camper Name

480 Roaring Brook Rd, Bradford VT 05033

Phone

We limit campers' telephone contact with parents/guardians to family emergencies and instances of severe homesickness. This helps us keep the camp phone free for camp business and emergencies.

If a camper is staying longer than 2 weeks, we are happy to schedule a phone call home.

Email (Families Traveling or Residing Outside the US)

If you live outside of the U.S. or are traveling abroad, Roaring Brook Summer Camp will gladly accept correspondence to campers from parents via email. These will be printed and delivered to your camper along with the regular mail. Your camper will be unable to respond to electronic transmissions except via "snail" mail. Please send email "letters" to: shelly@roaringbrookcamp.com

WHAT TO EXPECT ON ARRIVAL DAY

Campers may arrive between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm on check-in Sundays (lunch is not provided on check-in days). Please be aware that check-in can take an hour or more.

Meet the Directors and Staff

- Confirm that paperwork is complete and full payment has been received
- Drop off letters or packages (save on postage)
- Tell us who will be picking up your camper and sign a release if needed
- Ask questions you may have
- Sign any necessary waivers

Meet with our check-in nurse

- Questions or concerns
- Turn in medications, inhalers, etc

Move into your cabin

- Meet your counselors
- Meet fellow cabin mates
- Unpack and move in!

Saying Goodbye

- It is best to keep good-byes short
- Take a photo of him/her next to his/her bunk or with the counselors

-Use positive messages such as: Have a great time! I love you! See ya soon!

DEPARTURE DAY

Departure, at the end of each session, is on Saturday between 9 AM and 11 AM (lunch is not provided on departure day). Please be sure to look around carefully for your camper's belongings, we are not able to mail belongings that are left behind. Take a picture with your camper's new friends and counselors!

IMPORTANT

In the event that you aren't able to pick up your child, we must have **written permission** to release a child to someone other than a parent or legal guardian. Our release form can be filled out on check-in day and it is available on our website. Notice of this arrangement must include the name of the person who will be picking up your child and their contact information. A photo ID must be shown when the person arrives.

VISITING GUIDELINES

Please note: visit days can be scheduled for 3 and 4 week session campers. We don't recommend a visit for 1 and 2 week session campers, however, if you feel it is important to visit your child during these sessions, please contact us in advance to arrange this.

Parents wishing to take their children out of camp on visiting days may do so after informing the directors on the day of the visit. Parents may not take other campers out of camp unless we have written permission from that child's parent.

If you have arranged for someone else to visit your child and/or take your child out of camp during the visit, we will need **written permission** of this arrangement along with the person's name and contact information. A photo ID is required at the time of the visit.

Dogs or other pets

Please do not bring dogs or other domestic pets on to Roaring Brook Summer Camp property.

Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illegal drugs and weapons of any kind are strictly forbidden by any person on camp property.

Pickup and Drop off Service:

We are able to pick up and drop off your camper at:
Lebanon Airport in West Lebanon NH,

Dartmouth Coach Bus Station in Hanover NH or Lebanon NH
Vermont Transit Lines Bus Station in White River Junction VT.
Amtrak Train Station in White River Junction, VT

A fee of \$100.00 is charged for a round-trip from any of the above locations (\$50.00 for one-way). A minimum of 72 hours notice is required if you plan on using this service and credit card information must be received at the time of the request. This fee is non-refundable if you cancel for any reason. You may request this service by emailing or calling the office.

Parents of campers who will be using commercial transportation need to make all travel arrangements (including unaccompanied minor forms), purchase all tickets for their child's travel and provide Roaring Brook Summer Camp with a complete copy of the child's travel itinerary. Parents seeking updates or confirmation of their child's arrival may call the main office at (802)449-7187.

WHAT TO PACK FOR CAMP

You don't need to spend a lot of money, but your child needs to be adequately prepared for summer outdoor living. This is a rustic outdoor camp and second-hand items in decent condition are an excellent choice. The packing list is available on our website.

What to Pack It In

Duffle bags, suitcases, plastic bins or trunks with a height of 13" or less (to fit under a bunk bed).

What not to bring to camp

No tobacco, drugs or alcohol or weapons of any kind.

No electronic devices of any kind please! This includes laptops, cell phones, portable games, iPads, iPods or MP3 players. Any of these items brought to camp will be collected and kept in the camp office for the duration of the camper's stay. Roaring Brook Summer Camp is not responsible for any valuables that are lost or stolen. Please leave all valuables and electronics at home.

LAUNDRY

Laundry service is provided for campers if needed and is included in the cost of the tuition. Consider that campers often get wet or dirty while at camp and they will need lots of extra clothing. Please note: your child will most likely come home with dirty laundry! **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING.**

FOOD

The camp menu is varied and ample enough to serve our needs. We do not allow food to be stored in the camper's cabin because it can create a big problem with animals and insects!

Roaring Brook Summer Camp can accommodate campers with ***certain*** non-life threatening food allergies and those who are vegetarians. We are not able to accommodate any serious or life-threatening allergies (including peanuts) or dietary restrictions. Parents please inform us in advance of food allergies and dietary restrictions so we can discuss what we can and cannot accommodate. Vegetarians and gluten free campers are asked to bring their favorite food staples which will be kept in our camp kitchen (bread, cereal, veg-free burgers or soy dogs etc).

We cannot guarantee cross-contamination for any food allergies or dietary restrictions.

DIRECTIONS TO ROARING BROOK SUMMER CAMP

For GPS/phone, please be aware that cell service might be limited in some areas of VT. (480 Roaring Brook Rd, Bradford VT 05033)

From Boston

I-93 TO I-89 TO White River Jct, VT.

Then take I-91 North to Bradford, VT, Exit 16.

Go Right at the end of the exit ramp to a 4-way intersection. Go Left at the intersection (RT 5 North), travel through the town of Bradford staying on Rt 5 North for approximately 3.8 miles. The camp sign is on the Left in front of a large brick home.

Follow camp signs up the dirt road to the center of camp.

From NYC, NJ, New Haven, Hartford area

I-95 to I-91 in Hartford CT, then follow the directions above for I-91 North.

From Maine, NH or VT

Get to I-91 and follow the directions above. NH10 and VT5 are scenic routes along the Connecticut River.