

CCYMCA Camp Nellie Huckins

Mother/Child Weekend Info & Expectations

We are looking forward to a full weekend of camp fun! The information below will help you understand the opportunities, schedules and expectations. Thank you for taking the time to review it.

Meal Schedule: 8:00 am Breakfast, 12:30 Lunch, 5:30 Dinner

Bugles: Camp operates on a **bugle system**, with each bugle during the day signaling a transition and serving as a reminder. The first bugle of the day wakes camp up. Before each meal there will be 2 bugles – the first will be 20 minutes before the meal and is the signal to send at least one person from your cabin to “waitress”. The next bugle, “Soupy”, lets you know it’s time to head to the Dining Hall.

Meals: When you hear the “Soupy” bugle, you have ten minutes to get to the Dining Hall. Please wash your hands prior to heading to eat. Meals will be served buffet and we ask everyone to wait until after Grace & Gratitude before getting any food from the buffet. Chef Joel creates delicious meals, with gluten free, dairy free and vegetarian options.

At the end of each meal, we ask that you put any leftovers from your plate into the compost or trash, and put your dishes in the appropriate rack in the kitchen. Each family is responsible for cleaning up their table area.

Flag: After (breakfast and dinner) we go to the Program Lodge for flag raising and lowering, and all community announcements. Sign-ups for special camp activities will take place at flag, as well as awards so we hope everyone will attend.

Capers: Each cabin group is given a **Caper Chart** – capers are jobs we all do to care for our community and help keep camp clean. Each morning after flag there is time for each family to do their caper. It will change each day so please make sure to check your chart. There are also Dining Hall capers so it is good to look ahead on your chart so you can anticipate when it is your turn. All families should send down at least one waiter/waitress to set your table prior to each meal. You are responsible for keeping your cabin and cabin area clean.

- Please help us take care of the beautiful camp grounds and spaces by putting trash and recycling in the appropriate bins. Each division has centralized trash and recycling barrels, as does the waterfront, sportsfield, and craft shop.
- At the end of camp, please sweep your cabins and take cabin trash to the divisional trash cans. Be sure to check under beds, on clotheslines and the bathhouses for personal belongings!



Activities at Camp: The schedule for the weekend will be shared at check-in. We will also make periodic announcements in the Dining Hall. When the Dining Hall bell rings, we ask that everyone is quiet and listen during announcements.

Each day, departments and activities will be set up for you to participate in. We encourage families to travel together. It is important to remember that the best way to get the most out of your time at Huckins is to join in activities. Let staff know if you have any questions.

ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY:

Unless Camp is notified by a participant/parent/guardian with specific limitations it is understood that all campers are eligible to participate in all activities.

Check-in Time: Check-in is from 3:00 – 5:00pm on Friday at the Camp office. If you will be arriving after 5:00 pm, please let the office know. The office will be open until 8:00pm for late arrivals. We will send a last minute email that will confirm dinner time and list a few restaurants along the way for those of you will be arriving after our dinner time. Mother/Child weekend will end after lunch on Sunday.

Orientation: There will be a New Family Orientation at 4:30 on Friday. Please meet at the Program Office for an overview of the weekend and a tour. Families should bring all family members to the orientation time so we can set your family up for a fun and safe weekend!

Moving Into Your Cabin: Upon your arrival at camp, please feel free to drive your car to your cabin and unpack. Then,

return your car to the parking lot where it will be left for the duration of your stay. If you move beds around during your stay, please return the cabin to its original set up before you leave.

Quiet Times: We ask that all families are quiet during rest hour after lunch on Saturday and after 9:00 pm. Any children out of their cabin after 9:00 pm must be accompanied by an adult. Please respect the other families in your Division by respecting quiet hours during rest hour and after the evening taps bugle.

Campfire: There will be a campfire each night for each Division group at a scheduled area. Campfire Locations:
JUNIOR DIV. - In Division, MIDDLE DIV. – Waterfront, SENIOR DIV. - Behind Cabin LA, LEADERSHIP – Pavillion

Bathrooms: There are bathroom and shower facilities in each Division. The Dining Hall, Sports Complex and Program Lodge also have bathrooms available.

No pets are allowed during our Mother/Child Weekends.

We are a **SMOKE FREE /VAPE FREE** environment.

Alcohol may be consumed responsibly in divisions by those 21 and older. Please be sure all bottles, cans, tops, corks, etc. are recycled or disposed of appropriately. Alcohol may not be consumed in all camp areas and during all camp activities. Participants under the influence of alcohol may not participate in waterfront or small crafts.

Vehicles: All vehicles should be parked in the main parking lot after unloading at your cabin. CCYMCA Camp Huckins is not responsible for theft or damage to vehicles.

Program Equipment: Camp Huckins provides all necessary program equipment. Camp Huckins assumes no responsibility for damage, theft or loss of any personal items brought to camp. You are responsible for personal items that you bring onto Camp Huckins property.

No firearms, other weapons, controlled substances, tobacco, marijuana, are to be brought to CCYMCA Camp Huckins.

Please review these rules and policies carefully with your children. Most of the rules pertain to safety precautions and our staff will be enforcing them.

Packing List

- Sleeping bags/sheets and blankets/pillow
- Flashlight/good book/Toiletries/Sunscreen & Bug spray
- Warm coat/sweatshirt
- Bathing suit/ towel
- Casual clothing for two days
- Sneakers/comfortable walking shoes



Optional: Bicycle and helmets. Helmets must be worn at all times, and bikes must be walked down the hill to the waterfront, next to the Palace. Camp bikes can only be used for activities run by staff.

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Health and Wellness at Huckins

We thank you all for arriving healthy to Huckins. Huckins is a mask friendly space. Masks are available on-site.

The WATERFRONT - SWIMMING AREA

A. ***No one is allowed in the water at any time without a lifeguard on duty.***

There must be a staff member on duty to check swimmers in and out of the swimming area.

Please do not go over or under any ropes. There is a special entrance and exit area that will be CONTROLLED by the staff.

B. **Children under nine years old must be accompanied by an adult.** Parents are responsible for any child they bring with them to the beach.

- C. **Anyone wishing to swim in the Outside Area - deep water area - must pass the Camp Huckins Outside area test.** This includes swimming the length of the outside area, treading water with one hand out of the water for 60 seconds, and swimming on your back to return to the start.
- D. The **Outside Area** will be open when lifeguards are available. Swimmers must have a buddy to go into the Outside Area.
- E. **Swimming is permitted at the Waterfront area only.** No swimming at the Senior Div. Beach area, etc.
- F. **Camp has a retaining wall that goes from the small crafts beach all the way across the swimming area.** Please be careful with young children around our granite steps and stay away from the wall area. It will be roped off at all times. Please do not go under the ropes!!



SMALL CRAFTS - BOATING BEACH AREA

- A. **Everyone wears a lifejacket when out in any boat.**
- B. Please check in with the staff member on the beach before going out in any boat, as specific rules apply. **If a staff member is not on the beach, you may not take out a boat.** In this situation, please go to the Waterfront area and talk with the Staff member on duty.
- C. Camp has specific boating boundaries for safety. No boat should go out of vision of the Small Crafts beach.
- Our fleet includes: canoes, sailboats, kayaks, and paddle boards. (please do not bring your own boats).
- Boating instruction on all boats will be available.
- Campers who have not completed third grade must be accompanied by an adult when going out in any boat.
- There will be fishing trips each day and sign up for the fishing trips is outside the Program Lodge after flag raising each morning. We have fishing rods, but you are welcome to bring your own if you choose. An adult will go on each fishing boat. Children under the age of 9 must be joined by an adult family member. Children under the age of 16 do not need a fishing license. Adults wishing to fish will need a current NH Fishing License.

SPORTSFIELD AREA

- A. **Tennis Courts** can be used for tennis and pickleball. Please be respectful of court time. If other families are waiting to use courts, please limit your court time to one hour. Tennis and pickleball equipment are in the sports shed. Please feel free to use it and remember to return the equipment when finished.
- ***Bikes are not allowed on the tennis or basketball courts.***
- B. **The Archery Range** will be open at specific times for campers who have completed the 3rd grade. These times will be announced. Children who have not completed the 3rd grade may participate but must be accompanied by a parent.
- C. When a staff member is at the Sports field, the Sports shed will be open. All sports field equipment is available for your use. Please return it to the shed before you leave the area.
- D. Camp has Bicycles and Mountain Bike trails. The bicycles will be used only when on a guided bike ride with a Huckins staff member. Everyone must wear a bike helmet at all times.
- E. Our teambuilding Ropes Course elements are open only when a Huckins staff member is available to guide you. Please check the Daily schedule for the times it will be open.
- General sports and organized games will be available.



CRAFT SHOP AREA - IN THE MIDDLE DIVISION

- A. The Craft Shop will be open daily for camp craft activities, with craft shop specials offered daily.