

William Lawrence Camp

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**2010
PARENTS' GUIDE**

Our Philosophy:

“Through a fun, balanced program, in a camp family atmosphere with positive role models, William Lawrence Camp encourages the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of the whole boy in a caring, nurturing, spirited, challenging, yet safe environment.

While allowing a kid to be a kid, the camp seeks to enhance positive values and skill development leading to a productive and responsible adulthood. The camp experience builds character and fellowship, provides new and different experiences, improves group living skills, provides an opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds and countries, and fosters an appreciation of nature and the environment. Each camper is encouraged to increase self-esteem, realize his potential, share and develop his personality, develop lasting friendships, and become part of the camp family, which many consider a second home.”

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INTRODUCTION

This guide is published to help you, the parents of our campers, prepare for your son's upcoming experience at William Lawrence Camp. We thank you for choosing William Lawrence Camp and hope that the guidance provided in this book will reassure you that your son will be attending a well-run, caring and supportive camp community. Please read this guide book carefully and call us if you have any questions.

PROGRAM & CAMP DATES

William Lawrence has one of the most extensive program offerings you will find in camping. We feel it is important to provide a well-rounded experience where a child can develop skills in new areas. This includes not only developing hard skills in various activities but also achieving personal growth through group living. Enhanced self esteem, independence, self-confidence, an appreciation for the outdoors and much more are among the goals for each child who attends William Lawrence Camp.

To achieve these results, we offer two sessions during the summer: a four-week and a three-week session. Each session develops a personality and energy that is unique. As a result, many campers find attending the full seven weeks to be rewarding.

Dates for the 2010 season are as follows:

Full Season

Sunday, June 27 – Sunday, August 15

1st Session:

Sunday, June 27 – Saturday, July 24

2nd Session:

Sunday, July 25 — Sunday, August 15

TWO-WEEK OPTIONS

Two week options are available for first-time campers who are presently in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th , 6th or 7th grades. The purpose of the two-week option is to give first-time campers an introduction to camping. Quite frequently, a two-week camper will wish to extend their stay. This is encouraged by the camp when appropriate and when spaces are available.

Two-week options are as follows:

Option 1. Sunday, June 27 – Saturday, July 10

Option 2. Sunday, July 11 – Saturday, July 24

Option 3. Sunday, July 25 – Saturday, August 7

Option 1 is also available for returning junior-aged campers (those presently in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades). And may be available for older returning campers under extraordinary circumstances

The camp strongly encourages that all campers be enrolled for a full session. For many boys, it takes time to become settled into the camp environment. After this period of transition, campers are prepared to fully embrace all that camp has to offer. The longer the stay, the more value in terms of growth and development.

Additionally, it is best that boys participate from the beginning of a session to the end of a session. Of significance, we have found that boys who are with us for a full session return at a significantly higher rate than two-week campers.



TUITION

Tuition includes fees related to your son's basic campership as well as special event days, some overnight trips, laundry and the camp calendar. The camp's intent is to provide a complete camp experience with minimal additional charges.

Tuition is as follows:

Two Week Options	\$ 1,775.00
Three Week Session	\$ 2,525.00
One Month Session	\$ 2,975.00
Full Season Campers	\$ 4,700.00

Your deposit and any applicable discounts (see page 9) are credited towards the tuition.

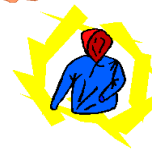
THE CAMPER ACCOUNT

Camper account charges are accumulated during your son's stay at camp for costs incurred over and above the basic tuition charge. Camper account charges generally reflect camp store purchases and some additional activity fees.

Camp Store

Store purchases include items such as:

- Camp T-shirts/Sportswear
- Flashlights & Batteries
- Postcards & Stamps
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Bug Repellent



Each camper's store account is tracked during his time at camp to avoid excessive or redundant purchases.

Additional Activity Fees

Additional activity fees are charged to a camper's store account based on participation in certain activities.

Examples include:

- Candy & Soda on Movie Night (Saturdays)
- Some camping trips where there is a campground fee
- Special field trips for campers, exclusive of Fisher Cats baseball and Beach day
- Pocket money for field trips, such as Fisher Cats (Minor League Baseball)
- Some arts & crafts and woodworking projects
- Rocketry
- Clay Sports (for Seniors)
- Visiting day field trip
- Airport transportation
- Extra Transportation Fees (see page 17)



A camper may also be charged for intentional destruction or loss of materials or equipment.

How much should I put in my son's camper account?

Generally, full-session campers will spend between \$100 and \$125 over the course of their session. For two-week campers, we recommend that they have \$75 in their account.

For senior campers, there may be the opportunity to participate in outcamping trips that include more extensive adventure activities such as whitewater rafting, mountain biking or rock climbing. *Additional fees for these will be in excess of \$50.* Should such trips be offered and your son expresses an interest in participating, we will contact you prior to the trip's departure to secure your permission.

Please submit camper account deposits prior to opening day as this will expedite check-in. **The tuition balance is due on or before April 1**, unless other arrangements have been made with the camp administration in advance.

DISCOUNTS

Early enrollment discounts and family discounts will be credited to your account when applicable. Early registrations must have been received by December 15 to qualify for the discount. This discount is only available to returning three-week, one-month or full-season campers. The family discount is \$100 per additional sibling.

The help of returning camper families in introducing new campers is invaluable. Returning campers receive a prize for recruiting friends as well as entries into our Home Run Derby.

PAYMENT POLICIES

The balance of your tuition is due by April 1st. It is helpful to also include the deposit to your son's camper account at this time. The camp will send you an invoice in March. The invoice will reflect any discounts earned so far. Should your child extend their stay, the incremental tuition will be due prior to the start of their next session.

For those who wish to spread their payment out, please contact the office to make arrangements. Full payment is always required prior to the start of your son's camp experience.

For families outside the United States, please be sure that payment is made in US dollars, international money orders or drafts channeled through a US 'corresponding bank' or Federal Reserve Bank. Unfortunately, the camp does not accept credit cards.

FINANCIAL AID

The camp has limited resources available for scholarships which are awarded to families demonstrating financial need. Our policy is to try and assist as many families as possible through partial scholarships. Unfortunately, we do not have the wherewithal to consider full scholarships. Please contact the office for an application if you wish to be considered.

SERVICE AIDES

The Service Aide program is designed to help offset tuition fees in exchange for your son accepting certain responsibilities at camp. This could take any number of different forms. Generally it will entail a regular chore such as light housekeeping or dishes or it could be a special, lasting contribution based on the skills of the camper.

Generally a form of scholarship, this program is earmarked for those in need of financial assistance. There are a limited number of service aide spots available. **Your son must be a senior camper and at least fourteen years of age to qualify.**

REFUNDS

Last-minute cancellations represent a financial loss to the camp. After a space has been reserved, it is often difficult to find a replacement. Should you decide to cancel your son's campership, the camp will make every effort to fill the vacancy.

However, if this is not possible, no refund of tuition will be made unless withdrawal occurs for bona fide medical reasons. Regrettably, a late change of plans is not grounds for a refund. Additionally, there are no refunds should your son be asked to leave.

If a refund is possible, the camp will refund applicable tuition payments less the \$300 enrollment deposit. No refund of financial aid will be made.



MEET THE SENIOR STAFF

YEAR-ROUND STAFF

Nat Crane is the Director of William Lawrence Camp. Originally from Dover, MA, Nat is a 1976 graduate of the University of New Hampshire and also holds a Masters in Business Administration from Boston University. This is his twenty-first year as a camp administrator and *eighteenth as the Director of William Lawrence Camp*. Nat has served as President of the New Hampshire Camp Directors Association, as chairman of the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission and is a licensed Justice of the Peace. An avid outdoorsman, Nat lives in Tuftonboro with his wife Lara, daughter Hannah and son Chilly.



Dian Darling is our new Office Manager. Originally from Rehoboth, MA, Dian currently lives in Ossipee, NH, with her husband Mark, and daughter Bryanna on a small farm. They have three grown sons who reside in Massachusetts. Dian attended Southeastern Massachusetts University in the Business Administration Program. She has an extensive background in office administration, banking and marketing. She loves the outdoors, along with horseback riding, camping, and hiking.



SEASONAL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Scott 'Goose' Giessler returns as our Assistant Director. He is a long-time camper and member of the staff, has a degree in Communications from Ithaca College, and is presently a school teacher at the local high school in Wolfeboro, NH. He teaches Media Studies and Child Development. This will be his nineteenth year associated with William Lawrence Camp.

Dave Hopkinson returns for his tenth season at camp as our Head Counselor. Dave has an extensive background in education and camping. A graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, over the course of his career he has taught in public schools, has directed alternative education programs as well as directed Silver Springs Camp, a summer camp for the developmentally disabled. Dave is also a certified behavioral specialist. He currently resides in Cornwall VT with his wife Karen.

Louis Doig will be back for his eighth season at camp and his second as Program Director. From Kent England, Louis has spent most of his summers at camp since 1999 where he has been a mainstay as Junior Unit Leader and has anchored our woodworking program. Currently a graduate student at Goldsmiths University, he is pursuing his masters in Visual Anthropology. Louis' unbridled enthusiasm for camp and extraordinary creativity make him an incredible asset.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS

William Lawrence Camp is blessed to have a number of highly educated, experienced professionals who play a role in making sure each season at camp is successful both in terms of child development and program.

Lara Crane, Nat's wife, has been in camping for thirty-four years, associated with William Lawrence Camp for eighteen years and served for many years as the camp's Assistant Director. She holds a Masters in Social Work from the University of New England and is a Guidance Counselor at the local High School. She is also an Accreditation Visitor for the American Camp Association.

Keith 'KV' King is a retired professor from Keene State College where he taught physical education for over thirty years. From Alton, NH, KV has an extensive background in camping. He has worked with the Dartmouth Outward Bound and is an active member of the Association for Experiential Education. KV helps out in many ways throughout the year and works extensively with our Leaders in Training during the summer.

Lexi Hoffman is by profession a parent/child development specialist. She holds a Masters in Education from Columbia University and received training at the Wheelock Graduate Center of Parenting Studies. She spent many years as a camper and on the staff of nearby Camp Huckins. Her sons have attended William Lawrence Camp over the years, starting in 1992. She is presently a member of the camp's Board of Trustees.





HEALTH CARE

Lynda Goldkamp returns for her fifteenth year as the Camp Nurse. Lynda is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with an extensive background as a primary care provider. She is presently employed as a school nurse and lives with her family in Glastonbury, CT. Her sons Rob and James were long-time campers. Lynda's professionalism, dedication and spirit continue to be a great asset to camp.

FOOD SERVICE

Gary Lowell returns for his seventh year as our Food Service Director. He lives in Hancock, NH, with his daughters Zady, Isis and Tancia. Gary has an extensive background in food service, and both campers and staff have enjoyed his cooking as well as his guitar riffs.



TRAVELING TO WLC

If you need assistance in transporting your child to camp, the camp is available for pick-ups in the immediate region. There is a small fee for this service. In order to help us do a better job coordinating arrivals and departures, you **must** notify us in writing.

BY CAR



PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT USE GPS

From Massachusetts, travel north on I-95 to Portsmouth, NH. Take the Spaulding Turnpike toward NH Lakes & Mountains. In Rochester, take the Rte 11 West exit for Lake Winnepesaukee toward Alton. At the Alton traffic circle, take Rte 28 north to Wolfeboro. In Wolfeboro, take a sharp right at the Gulf station/Three Sisters Store, staying on Rte 28. After one mile, bear left onto Rte 109A toward Ctr. Tuftonboro. Follow Rte 109A approximately 5 miles to the Tuftonboro General Store on your left. Across from the store, go right onto Federal Corner Road. Proceed straight for 2 miles (the paved road changes to a dirt road) to the camp driveway on your right.

An alternate route is via I-93. Proceed north to Concord, NH. In Concord, take I-393 east, which eventually becomes routes 4, 9 and 202. Take this to the Epsom traffic circle. At the circle, go north on Rte 28. Follow Rte 28 to Wolfeboro and proceed according to the directions above.

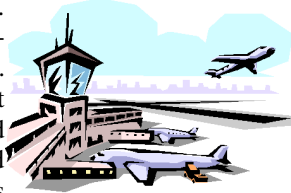
To avoid Wolfeboro (which is often gridlocked on weekends in the summertime), take Rt. I-95 via Portsmouth NH onto the Spaulding Turnpike. Instead of getting off at the Rt.-11 exit, continue north on Rt.-16 (the Spaulding Turnpike becomes Rt-16 in Rochester NH). From Rochester, travel approximately 20 miles to Route 109. At the stop light, go left onto Rt.-109. Go approximately 10 miles to the intersection of routes 109 and 28. Go straight across onto North Line Road. Go approximately two miles to stop sign at Beech Pond Road. Go right onto Beech Pond Road, travel approximately 1.5 miles to intersection with Brown Road (you are now on a gravel road). Go left onto Brown Road. Go approximately 1.5 miles to 3 way stop sign at Federal Corner Road. Go right onto Federal Corner Road. Camp is a mile up on the right.

Once again, do not use MapQuest or GPS.

By Air – to Camp

If your son will be traveling by air and you would like the camp to transport your son from the airport to camp, please book your flight to arrive in Manchester, NH between 9:00 AM and noon **on the morning**

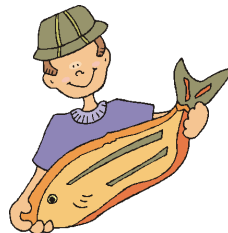
of your son's first day at camp. The camp will provide one pick-up from the Manchester Airport. We will be at the airport to meet the first campers to arrive and will depart for camp at or around noon when the last camper has arrived.



If it is not possible to fly in to Manchester, Boston's Logan International Airport is an alternative. In the event that this is your only option, please book your flight to arrive in Boston between 5:00 and 8:00 PM on the **evening before** your son's first day at camp, on either June 26 or July 24.. This will be our only opportunity for a Logan Airport pick-up.

The fee for transportation service from Manchester is \$50 per trip; the fee for transportation service from Boston is \$75 per trip. This fee will be charged to your son's camper account.

It is very important that campers arrive at camp in a timely fashion in order to be able to participate in opening day activities. Logistics should be such that your son will arrive *at camp* by mid-afternoon on opening day. We ask that travel plans be designed to take this into account.



By Air – going home

All campers depart on either Saturday July 10, Saturday, July 24, Saturday, August 7, or Sunday, August 15. For those wishing to have us transport your child to the airport in Manchester, please arrange for your son's flight to depart between 11 am and 2 pm, on July 24 or August 15. If your son is departing from Boston's Logan International Airport, please arrange for your son's flight to depart between 5 and 8 pm, on July 24 or August 15. We can only provide transportation for full session campers, contact Winnepesaukee Livery (603)-569-3189 for any other arrangements.

Extra Transportation Fees.

You must contact the airlines to determine whether the airline requires payment of baggage charges or unaccompanied minor fee at check-in time for your son's return flight, be sure to alert the camp's office manager before your son's arrival to have appropriate moneys set aside in his account earmarked for his return travel.



By Bus or Train

Amtrak has regular train service to Boston. Concord Coach Lines runs from Boston to Manchester and Moultonboro, NH. If traveling by train to Boston, connect with Concord Coach Lines at their terminal in downtown Boston at South Station. The camp will provide transportation from Manchester or Moultonboro on the morning of your son's first day at camp. The bus pick-up and drop off in Manchester takes place in conjunction with the Manchester Airport run. The fee for pick-up from or drop-off to Manchester is \$50. There is no charge for a Moultonboro pick-up.

Baggage

Trunks may be shipped ahead if desired. Please check with your local UPS office for time required and try to coordinate the arrival of your son's luggage with his arrival at camp. Suitcases and trunks should have two different sets of keys to be carried in different pockets to minimize the possibility of loss. Your trunk must weigh less than 150 lbs and measure less than 130 inches. A trunk that is 21"x24"x36" totals 126" (2x21 plus 2x24 plus 36). Please also check with your airline regarding further restrictions on the number of luggage pieces and the allowable sizes of each.



HEALTH SERVICES

At William Lawrence Camp, your son's health and safety remains our highest priority.

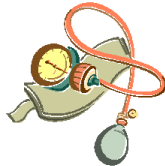
The camp employs a full time, licensed Registered Nurse. Our infirmary, a separate building centrally located, is staffed 24 hours a day. The camp doctor is always on call, and Huggins Hospital is located in Wolfeboro, a fifteen minute drive from camp. A camp vehicle is available for transportation to Wolfeboro in the event of an emergency and, if necessary, the town of Tuftonboro has an EMT squad. In addition, many of our staff, particularly trip leaders and waterfront staff, are trained in CPR and First Aid.



Health Forms

In order to assist us in providing the best medical care, all campers must furnish a health history and physician's statement of health status written within 2 years of camp entrance. The physician's statement shall include certification that a complete physical examination has been completed within 2 years prior to camp entrance. Please be sure that the medical form (available on our website) is filled out in its entirety and updated within 6 months prior to camp attendance, then return the completed form to camp **by June 1.** Of special significance are questions regarding allergies, medications, past or present health problems or concerns, immunization history and insurance.

In the event of missing or incomplete medical forms, please be advised that your son will not be permitted to engage in camp activities until the form is completed and on file in the camp infirmary.



Prescription Medications

If your camper is prescribed certain medications during the school year, it is our expectation that you will maintain the prescription(s) while at camp. We have found that 'drug holidays' or medication modifications immediately prior to camp (or while at camp) are often counter-productive. If you are considering changes in medications, please contact the camp as soon as possible.

By rule, Campers are not allowed to have any medication, including over-the-counter medications, in their cabin.

An exception to this is for the use of INHALERS and EPI PENS. Legislation in the State of New Hampshire permits campers to possess and use a metered dose inhaler or dry powder inhaler as needed to alleviate asthmatic symptoms, or before exercise to prevent the onset of asthmatic symptoms. Also, campers with severe, potentially life-threatening allergies may possess and self-administer an epinephrine auto-injector. (Permission form now available on our website.)

In order for your son to qualify under this law, a specific form must be completed and submitted prior to camp. Please contact the office if you would like us to send you the form.

Health Check

All campers will be checked by the camp nurse within 24 hours of their arrival at camp. Please advise us upon your arrival of any recent developments regarding your son's health, such as exposure to infectious diseases. If your son requires medication, please give the medicine and directions to the camp nurse.

Health Insurance

All campers **must** be covered by health insurance. Current information must be provided on the Camper Health Insurance Information Form, which must be returned ahead of or with the camper's medical form. In addition, a copy of the front and back of your son's health insurance card must be submitted. Expenses incurred for medical reasons are the responsibility of the camper and his family. At times, medical bills are sent to the camp, they will be forwarded to you as they are received. It is important that these bills be paid promptly as our good relationship with our camp doctor and the local hospital are critical.

General Procedures



Daily medications are dispensed by the camp nurse, usually at mealtimes. It is very important that families whose children require medications visit with the camp nurse on opening day to discuss this procedure.

If a camper is detained overnight in our infirmary for any serious illness, parents will be notified. If your son must visit a doctor or the hospital for a non-emergency, such as strep throat, conjunctivitis, a minor sprain etc, we will notify you.

Emergency medical situations are extremely rare. However, in emergency situations, we will contact you as soon as we have information regarding your son's condition. The camp always errs on the side of caution and will not hesitate to call an emergency response team when there seems to be even the slightest possibility of serious injury.

As with all medical situations, there will be timely contact.



QUESTIONNAIRES...AND OTHER FORMS

Along with this parents guide, on our web-site are a variety of forms. As mentioned, the health history form must be submitted to camp by **June 1**. We also ask that you submit other important forms at this time. *All of these forms are designed to help us provide a quality experience for your camper.*

Confidential Camper Information

On this form, we ask you to share personal information about your son. This information is very important in assisting us to help your child make a smooth and happy adjustment to camp. Having prior knowledge about a learning difficulty, ADHD, bed wetting or recent loss or major change in the family or child's life makes a tremendous difference in helping us be sensitive to your child's need for patience, understanding and reassurance, especially in the first few days of camp! This form also has important information that we turn to in the event of an emergency. **Please be sure to include a recent picture of your son.**

Please note that our commitment is to use this information only to help your child adjust to camp. It will never be used at camp unless necessary, and then only with the greatest of discretion.



Responsibilities of the Camper

Please review this sheet with your camper. It contains common-sense expectations for our overall behavior while at camp. We ask that a child not leave all of their good manners at home and that, while at camp, we follow certain guidelines for our behavior in the camp community.

The camp has a number of systems in place to recognize and respond to behaviors that are detrimental to the health of the community and its members. For many such behaviors, we will work with the camper to highlight that which is inappropriate and attempt to implement strategies for improvement. We will often enter into personal behavior contracts with the camper, outlining specific expectations and consequences.

Certain behaviors (or repeated infractions) rise to the level of the need to contact parents. Often we seek guidance as to strategies that may have worked at home or school that we may employ with your son at camp. We will also outline for you the consequences if the behavior persists, which may include dismissal. Some behaviors, such as the use of alcohol or tobacco or severe injury to another camper, will require immediate dismissal. We will call to arrange for your son's departure from camp.

We also expect that you will share with your camper other expectations outlined throughout this guide, including what to bring and what not to bring to camp, our policy regarding drugs, alcohol and tobacco, use of telephones, etc.

Letter to My Cabin Leader

Please have your son fill out this form. It is his opportunity to communicate his feelings, hopes, concerns and expectations for camp. His counselor will review this document prior to your camper's arrival to gain insights from and about your son. Please make sure that your son answers the question asking him to list the three activities in which he would most like to receive instruction. This will assist us with our program planning and help us to make sure that he has the opportunity to participate in his desired activities.

Reminder: All forms must be submitted to the office by June 1, 2010.

OPENING DAY

Campers arrive on Sundays as follows:
June 27
July 11
July 25



June 27 and July 25 Arrivals by Car

Campers may arrive between noon and 2:00 PM. Please do not arrive earlier than noon as staff will be unavailable to receive campers until this time.

We ask that all campers be checked in by 3 PM, at which time our scheduled program will commence.

For the parents of new campers, we will be hosting a gathering from 2 to 3pm to discuss what lies ahead for your son, answer any questions you may have and introduce some of the staff who will be caring for you son. At check-in, we will announce the specific location for this activity.

July 11 Arrivals by Car

Two week campers arriving on July 11 will be arriving during our monthly visiting day. In order to assure a smooth transition to camp life for your son, we ask that you arrive between 2:00 and 3:00 PM. Following check-in, your son will be involved in an orientation with his cabin leaders and fellow two-week campers.

Check-In

Upon your arrival, you will be greeted by members of the staff and presented detailed instructions regarding check-in procedures.

The first order of business will be to check in with the camp office in the farmhouse for a review of your account and to be given your son's cabin assignment.



CABIN ASSIGNMENT CHANGES WILL NOT BE MADE ON OPENING DAY.

Upon receiving your son's cabin assignment, you may choose to either go to the cabin and get your son settled or go to the infirmary. If you choose to go straight to your son's cabin, you will be joined by one of your son's cabin leaders who will show you to his cabin. Staff will be available to assist with luggage. Before leaving the cabin, we ask that parents participate in a review of your camper's possessions with the cabin leader to ensure that all necessary gear has been brought and that unnecessary items are taken back home with you.

Vehicles are not to be driven around the camp grounds.

We encourage all parents to visit the infirmary in order to meet the camp nurse. All campers must be screened within 24 hours of their arrival at camp. If you wish to be present at this screening, you may visit the infirmary with your son prior to your departure. You **must** visit the infirmary if you have not yet submitted your son's health history and physical examination form, if your son requires any medications/vitamins, has had recent health or medication updates, or if you wish to share any particular concerns with the nurse.

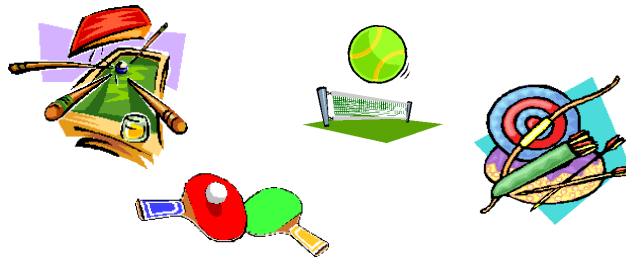
During the entire check-in process, you will be able to speak with the Director, other parents and staff and you will have a chance to chat with your son's cabin leaders about any special concerns you may have or wish to communicate. Please plan to leave by the end of the check-in period so that campers and staff may transition to their next program activity.

We thank you for your cooperation in following the above schedules.



Gratuities

Parents are asked not to tip staff members. Words of appreciation are gratefully received. If you wish to show your appreciation further, we encourage you to make a donation to the camp. William Lawrence Camp is a not-for-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductible. You may choose to specify that your donation is for a particular project or item or is made on behalf of the efforts of a particular staff member. We also encourage you to consider donations of items such as furniture, appliances, tools or sporting goods.



LIVING ASSIGNMENT

Unit Assignments

Unit living assignments are based on a boy's grade in school as follows:

If your son is going into the...

3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade, he will be in the junior unit

7th and 8th grade, he will be in the middler unit

9th and 10th grade, he will be in the senior unit

Generally, there will be four to six cabins per unit.

Cabin Assignments

Cabin assignments are made in the best interest of the camp, your son and other campers. Only first-time campers may make a request for one special friend. Both families must make the request. We regret that returning campers aren't able to make requests as this has become too cumbersome for the camp. **ANY** parent may request that certain children not be placed together.

Please keep in mind that William Lawrence Camp is a relatively small camp with proximate living quarters: the boys are never far apart and spend much of their day in activities together.

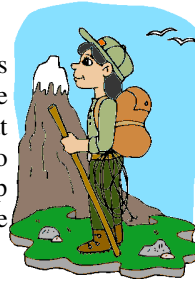
Also, please note that, as a rule of thumb, no more than two campers from the same community will be placed in the same cabin. It would be unfair of us to overwhelm the few boys in the cabin who are not from the community that is disproportionately represented.



Our aim is to balance cabin assignments and to maintain diversity so that the boys will grow and learn to live harmoniously in the cabin environment with both old and new friends. High-quality cabin life is a key ingredient to the success of the camp experience at William Lawrence Camp.

CLOTHING

A copy of our suggested packing list follows and is also included on our web-site. Please mark up the list as needed to reflect what your son is actually bringing, then tape it to the inside of your son's trunk lid. It will help your son and his counselors to make sure that belongings return home.



Note: Your son's trunk should be a large footlocker.

The following guideline is a minimum list necessary for safe and comfortable living while at camp. Please be sure that name tags are in all personal belongings. Any un-labeled items left at camp after the season are donated to local charities.

We require that each camper have two camp t-shirts and one pair of navy (any variety) shorts upon their arrival at camp. These are may be purchased from **Amerasport** (link on our website), along with many other camp necessities. It is important that you order early. If you don't have a chance to order, it is possible that some of these items might be available at our camp store.

If your son expects to go on overnight outcamping trips (available for middlers and seniors), proper clothing/gear is a must. Review the trip gear list carefully and be sure that your son has all of the mentioned items. Your son must have a packable sleeping bag: one that comes in a stuff sack. He must have proper **hiking boots that are broken in**; sneakers are entirely inadequate. He must also have at least one pair of wool socks and a water bottle. Equipment such as backpacks, water purifiers, lifejackets etc are provided by the camp.

Proper, lightweight rain gear is a must.

Gear

NECESSARY ITEMS

IN

OUT

medical records
medications; for the nurse with directions
pillow and 2 pillow cases
flashlight with extra batteries*
blankets and 2 sheets **or**
sleeping bag with one sheet
mesh laundry bag
3 bath towels
stamped postcards*
toiletries*
insect repellent*
suntan lotion and chapstick*
pencil and/or pen
water bottle*
flip flops
2 pairs of sneakers
belt
2 pairs of pajamas
2 bathing suits
7 pair of cotton socks
1 pair heavy wool socks
7 pair underwear
7 cotton t-shirts*
7 pairs of shorts*
3 pairs of long pants (one not denim)
Sweatpants and sweatshirt
Wool or polar fleece outerwear
waterproof raingear or poncho*
lined jacket
hat*
day pack

***items sold in camp store**

Gear (cont..)

TRIP GEAR

IN

OUT

wool or polar fleece sweater
waterproof raingear including pants
string
cap with visor
hiking boots (broken in)
2 pair heavy socks (one wool)
lightweight long sleeved shirt*
non-denim long pants
plastic bowl, cup and spoon
sleeping bag with stuff sack
backpack (optional)
plastic, screw top water bottle*



OPTIONAL ITEMS

IN

OUT

musical instrument
camera & film*
baseball glove and bat
tennis racquet
lacrosse stick
street hockey stick
running shoes
walkman recorder/radio
snorkeling gear
books/ notebook/Journal

PLEASE PLACE NAME ON ALL ITEMS



***items sold in camp store**

Bedding

The gear list outlines some basic bedding that should be brought. Most boys seem to find a sleeping bag to be the preferred form of bedding. If your son wishes to sleep in a sleeping bag, it is less necessary to pack blankets and sheets. However, packing one sheet to cover the mattress and one blanket as an extra layer is highly recommended. Be sure the sleeping bag is multi-purpose for both in-camp bedding and outcamping trips: it should be packable.

Laundry

Laundry is sent out once a week to be cleaned, generally on Thursdays. Laundry service is included in the tuition fee.

DO NOT BRING

It is very important that this section be shared with your camper. Following the review of your son's possessions at check-in, should inappropriate items be found we will ask that you take them home with you.



Please do not bring televisions, cell phones, portable stereo systems, handheld electronic games, or other electronic devices. An inexpensive music device with earphones is acceptable as there are occasional opportunities for their use. Recharging of such devices is not available. Do not bring external speakers.

Please let your son know that the camp does not tolerate music with explicit language or indecent themes nor do we tolerate pornography. We try to maintain a wholesome environment for all campers. Our counselors are instructed to take away indecent music, inappropriate T-shirts and pornographic magazines.

Valuables are best left at home.

We strongly discourage your son from bringing anything of value to camp. Such items seem to get “Lost” creating ill will amongst campers. The camp cannot be held responsible for lost property. Also, please do not bring items such as:

food	combustible lanterns	roller blades
skateboards	sling shots	candles
money	jewelry	bicycles
water guns	balloons	pornography
soda or juice mix	candy or gum	

If you bring any of the above items, or other items deemed by the camp to be inappropriate, they will be safely stored during your son’s stay at camp and returned upon departure. However, food and other perishables will be discarded.

Expensive items or items of sentimental value should be left at home.

Earrings and Other Body Piercing

To be consistent with our goal of creating a wholesome camp environment, it is our expectation that staff will not wear earrings or other body piercing effects. We therefore ask that campers refrain as well. Camp is an active place where such items are unnecessary and could present a potential hazard.

Knives, Firearms and Archery Equipment

To avoid injury through careless use, we ask that campers not bring knives to camp with them. If your son brings a knife, it will be safely stored in the farmhouse during his stay at camp and returned upon his departure. Under no circumstances will knives be allowed in the cabins. Knives needed for camp-related activities will be supplied by the camp.

The camp supplies excellent equipment for riflery and archery and therefore there is no need to bring your own equipment for these activities.



Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco and Fireworks

Use of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco or fireworks of any kind is forbidden and constitutes **grounds for immediate expulsion**. We are serious about our commitment to keeping William Lawrence Camp a safe and healthy environment.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mail

We ask that campers write home at least once per week. For this purpose, we suggest that you supply your son with pre-addressed post cards. Envelopes and stamps often become prematurely adhered, particularly in the summertime.



Usually a brief note from your son is indicative of a busy, happy camper. Please do not be overly alarmed if the note suggests otherwise. Campers are up and down emotionally, especially during the first few days of camp. Also, keep in mind that when you receive the note, several days have passed since the note was written and it is likely that your son is now happily involved in camp life. Please feel free to contact the camp Director, Assistant Director, or Head Counselor if you are concerned.

We encourage parents to write short, cheery letters to their son during his stay at camp. Please do not detail every aspect of your life at home and suggest that you wish your son could be with you. Thoughtless letters are a major cause of focusing a campers' attention away from camp, causing them to miss their home (homesickness). If you receive a letter suggesting this, we encourage you to answer with a short, supportive letter. Address your correspondence as follows:

**Your Son's Name, His Cabin Name
William Lawrence Camp
PO Box 52
Ctr. Tuftonboro, NH 03816**



Office Hours

The camp office is open year round. During the summer, office hours are from 8:30 am to 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM to 6 PM every day. At other times, the phone may be answered by non-office staff or an answering machine which will be checked periodically. Unless a call is of an urgent nature, it will be returned during office hours. Camp numbers are as follows:

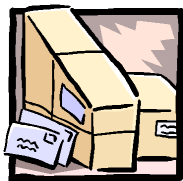
Main Telephone Number: (603) 569-3698
Fax Line: (603) 569-5468
Email: Knoll@wlcamp.org

Please use the fax and email only for communicating important information to the office. Do not use it as a substitute for mailing a letter to your child.

Telephone Policy

Campers are not permitted to use the telephone while at camp. We strongly discourage telephone calls between camper and parent. Feelings of missing home are exacerbated and can have a very negative impact on the boy's stay at camp. Telephone calls to even the most well-adjusted camper are unhealthy and more often than not are upsetting. If there is a special occasion, such as a birthday, please send your best wishes in writing. If you have an urgent matter to discuss with your son, please call for the Director.

Packages



Campers welcome packages from home. Appropriate items to send include books, comics, additional clothes and cards. Please resist pleas for food packages.

William Lawrence provides top quality meals and desserts in ample quantity. Candy and soda are available on a limited basis from the camp store and occasionally on trips out of camp. In order to preserve healthy appetites and to prevent rodent and insect infestation, we ask for your cooperation with our policy: **do not send or bring any food, drinks, drink mix, candy or gum.**

Packages addressed to campers are opened by the camper in the farmhouse in the presence of camp staff. If they contain food, including gum or juice mix, or other items deemed inappropriate, they will be taken away and discarded. This creates a very difficult situation for both camper and staff that can be avoided. Please notify relatives of this policy.



Campers with birthdays during camp receive a birthday cake during a meal on the day of their birthday and Happy Birthday is sung to them by all.

VISITATION

There will be one visiting day during the 2010 season. Parents are welcome to visit the camp on Sunday, July 11.

Parents are welcome to arrive after 10:45 AM and join their sons for a picnic on the knoll. Following the picnic lunch, afternoon program will include scheduled activities in which one and all may participate. A more detailed schedule will be provided upon your arrival.



The bugle will blow for lunch at 11 AM, at which time campers and staff will be available. **You should bring a picnic-suitable lunch and a blanket.** Salad, dessert and juice will be available to supplement your meal.

Visiting day activities will end promptly at 3:15 at which time we ask that parents plan to leave. Campers are expected to be in their next scheduled activity at 3:30 PM.

Should you visit?

Parents are welcome to attend Visiting Day but should not feel obligated. More importantly, you should consider whether a visit is at all helpful. Even though your son may be having the time of his life leading up to your visit, your presence can result in an intense desire to go home with you. It can be a traumatic time for both camper and parent. Also, the mere prospect of your arrival can distract a camper for several days prior to your visit, negatively impacting his experience and often the experience of his fellow campers.



For example, the one-month camper who ‘decides’ on day seven, when he perhaps misses home the most, that when his parents come on visiting day he will be going home with them often will become more withdrawn from the program and focused on this goal. This can then cause his fellow campers to become similarly focussed.

If you come for visiting day and are confronted with camper pleas to go home, please consult with the Director. In rare instances, perhaps it is time to go home. However, most likely what you are facing is a visiting day phenomena where, once you have left, your child quickly goes about having a fantastic camp experience. And there is nothing like those last two weeks!

Additionally, we ask that you not take your son off camp grounds during visiting day. We have found this to be disruptive for campers and staff.

For Those Whose Parents Do Not Visit

Once again this year, we will be taking all campers whose parents do not attend visiting day on a field trip away from camp. This provides an alternative that the campers are often more excited about and mitigates the impact of your not visiting. Costs associated with the field trip are generally around \$25 and will be charged to your son's camper account.

CLOSING DAY

If someone other than the camper's parent(s) will be taking your son home from camp, please notify the office of the person's name as soon as possible, preferably in writing. Unless it is another camper's parent, this person should bring identification to the office.

First and Second Session Campers

The **First Session ends on Saturday, July 24** and the **Second Session ends on Sunday August 15**. Please plan to check your son out between 9 and 11 AM on these days.

The evening before each of these closing days is a special time for campers and staff as we bring closure to each session with our Candlelight Ceremony and unit fires. This is a meaningful evening for all members of the camp community.

Parents may join us for the Candlelight Ceremony, which begins with the lowering of the flag at 7:15 PM and usually runs as long as two hours. If you wish to join us, please plan to arrive between 7 and 7:15 PM. Following the ceremony, campers will return to their respective units for an evening of fun and reflection. **PLEASE DO NOT PLAN TO TAKE YOUR SON OUT OF CAMP AFTER CANDLELIGHT.**

Prior to your son's departure, you **must** check out at the office. Your account will be reconciled, and any personal items stored for your son will be returned.



Two-week Campers Departing Mid-Session

Campers who are enrolled for the first two weeks of either session depart on the second Saturday of their session: either **July 10 and August 7**. Parents should check their son out between 2 and 3 PM on these days.

Often, two-weekers will wish to stay for the remainder of the session. You will be notified and, if it is possible for your child to stay, we will ask that you not come on Saturday. In that case, you may plan instead to come to the camp a day later on Sunday July 11, to enjoy visiting day with your son.

Also, if your son is a two-week camper who has a brother that is a first session camper, you may elect to pick up your two-week camper a day later on Sunday, when you would be visiting your older son.

FULL-SEASON CAMPERS

Parents who have a son that is enrolled for both the 1st and 2nd sessions have the option to take their son out of camp during the intersession (July 24-July 25). If you wish to do this, we ask that you follow the guidelines as previously outlined for one-month campers: please plan to pick your son up prior to 11 am on Saturday and return him between noon and 2:00 PM on Sunday. Please stop by the office before he leaves the grounds with you and again when you drop him back at camp.

If your son will remain at camp during the intersession, limited activities will be scheduled and appropriate supervision provided. Activities may entail incremental costs which will be charged to your son's camper account. Please notify the camp in writing if you intend to have your son stay over.

We thank you for your cooperation in following the above schedules.



RELIGION

Campers of all faiths attend William Lawrence Camp. Boys enjoy a simple non-denominational outdoor service on Sundays. Campers wishing formal Sunday services at area churches are provided transportation to Wolfeboro.

AREA INNS

The following inns, motels and B&Bs in the Wolfeboro/ Tuftonboro area should be called well in advance for reservations. Other choices are available on our web-site. Please also contact the Wolfeboro Chamber of Commerce at (603) 569-2200 or www.google.com for other options.

Wolfeboro Inn
(603) 569-3016

Allen A. Resort
(603) 569-1700

Lake Motel
(603) 569-1100

Kingswood Acres
(603) 569-1650

Windrifter Resort
(603) 569-1323

Piping Rock Resort
(603) 569-1915

Pow Wow Motel
(603) 569-2198

Mirror Lake Lodge
(603) 569-3836

Little Farm B&B
(603) 569-8641

Afton Inn B&B
(603) 569-4262

Mt Whittier Motel
603-539-4951



Our Mission Statement:

“William Lawrence Camp provides a spirited, challenging and safe environment that promotes self-esteem and the physical, social and intellectual development of boys and young men.”

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