

# ICE CUTTING WEEKEND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## When should I arrive and depart?

Arrival after 5 p.m. on Friday of the event. Depart after 10am on Monday of the event. We urge participants to stay for the entire weekend if possible.

## How much does the weekend cost?

All prices reflect attendance for the **whole weekend**. If you are only attending for half of the weekend, whether it is day attendance or overnight attendance, (Saturday only or Sunday only for example) the cost is half the whole weekend fee.

### **Overnight attendance**

*Meals, Lodging and Program/activities*

Participants 13 and older = \$100.00

Participants 6-12 years old = \$65.00

Participants 5 years and younger= NO fee

### **Day attendance (No onsite lodging)**

*(Meals, Program/activities) NO lodging at F&W*

Participants 13 and older = \$85.00

Participants 6-12 years old = \$55.00

Participants 5 years and younger= NO fee

## Does my child need a chaperone to attend?

***YES, all children/youth under the age of 18 must be chaperoned.***

***Each adult may chaperone one non-family member child under the age of 18.***

***Chaperones must be over 21 years of age and will stay in the same cabin/sleeping***

***space as the camper they agree to chaperone.*** Parents who are not attending the event with their children are responsible for finding a chaperone to supervise their children during the event, as well as arranging for transportation to & from the event. Please do not come without a chaperone & assume someone will take on that role once you arrive. [Download a chaperone form.](#)

**A note for Flying Cloud campers from 2018 or enrolled for 2019.** Flying Cloud campers from last summer ('18) and this next summer ('19) are invited to come with or without a parent/guardian. Flying Cloud counselors will supervise FC campers and lead activities. All FC campers attending without a parent/guardian need to have a completed Chaperone form. Please list "Farm & Wilderness staff" as primary chaperone. [Download a chaperone form.](#)

## **What kind of food will be served?**

Three delicious meals will be served each day. Our cooks will do their best to accommodate standard dietary requests. Please be aware that it is not always possible to accommodate all special diets. Please be sure to give us notice of special requests. Friday evening dinner will be served at 6:45PM. Dinner will be rolling, so you can eat when you arrive. All meals will be served at Tamarack Farm except Saturday lunch which will be served at Flying Cloud.

## **Where will we be staying?**

We cook, eat and gather at the Tamarack Farm Lodge where there is running water, heat and electricity. Participants can expect to share bunk rooms and any other available floor space with other excited ice cutting folks! Mattresses are provided. Hot showers are available in the farmhouse. *If you would like a private sleeping space*, please see our website for a list of local hotels and bed & breakfasts. <http://farmandwilderness.org/parents/area-information-accommodations/>.

There is a maximum capacity for accommodation at Tamarack Farmhouse, so please register early if you would like to stay onsite.

## **How can participants be contacted at the event?**

Participants can be reached at Tamarack Farm Lodge by calling **(802) 422-7583** or **(802) 422-3447**. In the event of an emergency, the Farm & Wilderness answering service can be used to page Melanie Gander at **1-888-622-3276**.

## **Is there cell phone reception or Wi-Fi?**

There is extremely limited and unreliable Cell phone reception at Tamarack Farm. There will be no Wi-Fi access at the farmhouse over the weekend. In the spirit of Farm & Wilderness being "unplugged", we ask that participants leave their laptops, I-phones and any other internet connected handheld devices at home or store them in your car for the weekend. The only "pods" invited are the kind that hold peas...and a blackberry might get baked into a pie!

## What should I bring to the event?

YOU WILL BE OUTSIDE ALL DAY ON SATURDAY. BE PREPARED FOR VERY COLD POSSIBLY WET WEATHER. *It is important to remember ALL these things:*

- Warm clothing; jacket, sweaters, turtlenecks, etc. Several layers are better than one bulky jacket. Wool, polyester and fleece are excellent for cold or wet weather. **Avoid cotton;**
- Long underwear, wool or fleece pants.
- Several pairs of wool socks.
- Waterproof jacket and snow pants.
- **Extra pants and wool socks** (to bring to FC on Saturday).
- Warm hat that covers your ears and a scarf, neck warmer, or face mask.
- Gloves or mittens.
- Insulated boots that are adequate for **deep snow and wet conditions**.
- Slippers or other warm footwear to wear inside.
- A change of clothes for inside.
- A backpack to hold extra warm clothing.
- Bedding: sleeping bag, or linens and blanket, and pillow.
- Water bottle.
- Flashlight.
- Towel and toiletry articles.
- ***Optional Equipment:*** skis, snowshoes, camera, sleds, musical instruments, games...

## Responsibilities:

Ice Cutting Weekend is a do-it-yourself affair. You are completely responsible for yourselves, your children and your guests. This includes clean up, transportation, child care, personal safety, etc. Please inform your family members and guests of the expectations set forth in this document. If there are conflicts, safety hazards or accidents, please be sure to report them to the F&W weekend coordinator.

## What is the Cancellation / Refund Policy?

If you cancel *on or before the Friday before the event start date* you will receive a full refund minus a \$25.00 administrative fee. If you cancel *after that date*, you will be issued a full credit minus a \$25 administrative fee. This credit can be used towards payment for future Farm & Wilderness events within that calendar year, summer camp tuition or a contribution to the foundation. It is not possible to make any reduction in the **paid** registration fee if you change arrival or departure dates. The only exceptions are withdrawal because of serious illness or injury incurred while at F&W. There will be no refund if you are asked to leave camp during the event due to an infraction of Farm & Wilderness rules or if you withdraw voluntarily.

## Event Ground Rules:

At Farm & Wilderness we try to create a community where everyone can come to work and play together as safely as possible. As part of that community, we ask that you agree to abide by the following guidelines:

- ✓ No tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or firearms allowed.
- ✓ No open flame inside any of the buildings.
- ✓ Participate in the community tasks including projects, meal preparation and cleanup.
- ✓ Respect quiet hours that begin at 10 p. m. and end at 6:30 a. m.
- ✓ All sleeping spaces must have a minimum ratio of 1 adult for every 5 youths.
- ✓ Youths under 18 must always be accompanied and supervised by an adult (21 years or older), including out on the trail and on the ice over Ice cutting weekend)
- ✓ Chaperones are expected to stay in the same cabin/sleeping space as the camper they are chaperoning.
- ✓ **NO pets.** It puts the safety of our animals, the comfort of others and your pet at risk.
- ✓ Please **leave all electronic devices** either at home or locked in your car.
- ✓ Read and agree to the refund policy for this event.
- ✓ Understand and abide by the waterfront rules as follows:
  - No swimming in winter
  - The reservoir may be unstable; therefore, no F&W access is permitted on the reservoir over the weekend.
  - No child should be at the waterfront area at any time without a parent or parent-designated adult.
  - All F&W waterfronts and saunas are suits only. Bring your bathing suit if you plan to sauna.

## **What time do we leave for Flying Cloud on Saturday?**

Saturday morning Flying Cloud campers will depart for the ice at approximately 8:30 am. All other participants will leave for Flying Cloud from Tamarack Farm at 9:00am and begin cutting the ice about 10:45 am. Activities will include shoveling snow off the pond, scoring the ice with the ice plow, sawing up the blocks, hauling and storing ice blocks in the icehouse.

[Download a general weekend schedule.](#)

## **Miscellaneous:**

- If you would like to receive a community service credit hours' letter for your work at Ice Cutting weekend, you should notify Melanie Gander **before** the event.

## **Online registration tips**

- You will need to create a user name and password to use the online registration system.
- If you already have a username and password, you can log back in and register.
- To add an additional participant to your registration, click the “add a camper-participant” button.
- If you have registered for any work weekend event in the past, you will be asked to update information on your profile form.
- If you need help with the online registration system, **please email Erik Biornstad** [erik@farmandwilderness.org](mailto:erik@farmandwilderness.org) or call (802) 422-3761 XT221

We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones, and to having a wonderful and productive Ice Cutting Weekend.

**If you have any questions, please call or email Melanie Gander**  
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