



## **FAMILY CAMP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **WHEN IS FAMILY CAMP?**

Family Camp takes place **Saturday August 22 through Friday August 28, 2020.**  
(Note that for 2020, Family Camp will start on a Saturday and end on a Friday)

### **HOW MUCH DOES FAMILY CAMP COST?**

Family Camp fees are on a sliding scale. Be mindful that the goal of this sliding scale is to keep tuition low for those who need it. Therefore, we suggest you pay the highest amount your family can afford.

#### **Each scale fee listed below is per child between 5 and 15 years of age:**

Ages 5 -15 per person: Sliding scale 1 = \$300.00

Ages 5 -15 per person: Sliding scale 2 = \$245.00

Ages 5 -15 per person: Sliding scale 3 = \$195.00

*For example, the fee for a child between the ages of 5-15 years old could be \$300.00, \$245.00 or \$195.00 depending on what your income will allow.*

#### **Each scale fee listed below is per participant aged 16 years and older:**

Ages 16 and older per person: Sliding scale 1 = \$510.00

Ages 16 and older per person: Sliding scale 2 = \$485.00

Ages 16 and older per person: Sliding scale 3 = \$455.00

Ages 16 and older per person: Sliding scale 4 = \$425.00

Ages 16 and older per person: Sliding scale 5 = \$395.00

**Children 4 years and younger:** The fee is \$25.00

### **WHAT DOES THE FEE INCLUDE?**

The fee for Family Camp covers all meals, lodging and program.

### **WHERE WILL WE BE STAYING?**

Family Campers stay in simple, rustic, open cabins equipped with bunks, foam mattresses, and composting outhouses nearby. Campers stay on the Indian Brook campus and should expect to share a cabin with 1 other family. In the spirit of being unplugged, there is no electricity in the cabins so be sure to bring a flashlight! Water spigots for washing hands and brushing teeth are in the cabin areas. Two enclosed hot water shower houses are located near the lodges. The two main lodges are fully equipped with utilities.



## **WHAT IS THE TUITION DEADLINE and CANCELLATION POLICY?**

A \$100.00 **nonrefundable deposit** per participant 5 years and older is due at the time of enrollment. For children 4 years and younger the nonrefundable deposit is \$25.00.

**Tuition must be paid in full by May 1st.** Failure to meet the payment deadline can result in cancellation of enrollment. Full tuition payment (by check or by credit card or e-check on the F&W website) must accompany all registrations after May 1st.

If the registration for a prospective participant is withdrawn prior to May 1st, all tuition payments will be refunded less the \$100.00 or \$25.00 registration fee.

After May 1st, Farm & Wilderness expects families to be responsible for the full tuition.

It is not possible to make any tuition reduction for arriving late or leaving early, except for withdrawal because illness incurred at Farm & Wilderness. In that case, a partial credit may be applied for the following year. There will be no refund if you are asked to leave camp during the week due to an infraction of camp rules or if you withdraw voluntarily.

## **HOW DO I REGISTER?**

You can register using our online system. Please read below for detailed instructions. **Completion of the online profile and registration form and deposit for each family member is required for that person to be enrolled.** We will accept registrations until the maximum enrollment has been reached and the program is filled. Once maximum enrollment has been reached, there will be an option to be placed on a wait list. Please be aware that additional family members may only be added later if space permits.

### **Method of registration:**

**Online Registration- We have a new online registration system for 2020 programs.**

Our online registration is the fastest way to register you and your family members for Family Camp and saves a lot of paper! The process is a bit different depending on whether your family members are returning or if you are new and have never used the online system before. Visit the [Family Camp page](#) of our website to register online.

Allow about 10 -15 minutes on your computer to complete this process. You may stop midway and come back once you have created your account.

**For Families who have never used the *new online system* before.**

If you are new to Farm & Wilderness you will need to create a new account login with us and set up a profile for you and each member of your family who will be attending. One login can be used to create profiles for each member for your family. Please be sure to complete all the information for each person's profile as well as the registration form.

You will have the option on the registration form to list specific requests such as another family you would like to share a cabin with, a specific cabin you would like to put as your first preference or other comments/requests you might have.

You can log back into the online system at any time to make updates or changes, so please be sure to remember your username and password.

**For Families who have used the *new online system* before.**

If you have registered yourself or a member of your family using the NEW ONLINE SYSTEM for any Farm & Wilderness event or program you already have an existing account with us. Remember that even if you are adding a new camper/family member you will still use that same account, you will just need to add this new person/camper to your existing account by creating their profile once you log in. If you have forgotten your username or password, please call us at (802) 422-3761 to retrieve it.

When you log in to register for a new program, please make sure your contact information is up to date, correct any errors or add any missing information before you add any new programs or people.

You will have the option on the registration form to list specific requests like another family you would like to share a cabin with, a specific cabin you would like to put as your first preference or other comments/requests you might have.

**For ALL Families/participants:**

For any family creating an account or using an existing account, please be aware that your registration is only complete when the following items are complete.

- All basic information is complete (date of birth, address, phone email) for each person attending.
- An emergency contact is listed for each participant/family member attending.
- Camper/Participant profile (must see that it is checked green)
- Registration form (insurance information, allergies, cabin requests, cabin sharing requests if any)
- We have received the minimum payment (either the deposit amount or full tuition)
- If you wish to pay by a method other than credit card or e-check, please be aware that your registration will not be finalized until such payment is received.

**You may send us payment in any of the following ways:**

- Online: Login to your account and enter your credit card information or e-check information.
- Mail: Please send a check for the deposit or full payment to 401 Farm & Wilderness Road, Plymouth VT 05056.
- Phone: Please call our finance department with your credit card information. (802) 422-2021

**A NOTE ABOUT CHILDREN AND CHAPERONES:**

Children under 18 must come with their own parents/guardians or with an adult (21 or older) who agrees to assume responsibility for them. Parents/guardians of chaperoned children must complete a chaperone form.



## **WHAT TYPE OF FOOD IS SERVED?**

We raise much of our own food from our certified organic gardens. We try to serve as little processed food as possible. A vegetarian choice will be served at every meal. Snacks are available for between-meal times. Meals and general gatherings will take place at the main Indian Brook lodge. We will do our best to prepare for special dietary requirements but may not be able to accommodate every need. Please be sure to note these on the registration form.

## **WHAT IS THE DAILY SCHEDULE?**

We try to stay close to these times, but the schedule acts more as a guide than anything else.

8:00am Breakfast	2:30pm Afternoon Activity
9:15 Silent Meeting	5:45 Dinner
9:45 Morning Activity	7:15 All Camp Evening Activity
12:15pm Lunch	8:30 Good Night for Young People
1:30 Cabin/Quiet Hour	9:00 Organized activities and/or hang out for older kids & adults

## **WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO FAMILY CAMP?**

Hopefully the weather will be warm and sunny during your visit. However, it is possible to have rain and cold temperatures. Please be prepared for all types of weather. Please review the [What to Bring List](#) for details.

## **WHAT KIND OF PROGRAMMING TAKES PLACE?**

The real magic of camp comes as we creatively unfold the community together.

### **Daily Activities**

Family Camp is intentionally set up so that participants and staff plan the days' activities and adventures together. To make this work well, we count on campers to create and/or lead a new or favorite activity. Trying out things you've never done before is encouraged. Just to get your mind churning, here's a sampling of just a few activity possibilities that may take place:

- Crafts: Puppet-making, beading, tie-dye, bookmaking, silk-screening, kite making, weaving....
- Relaxation: Sunning, rocking on the porch, napping, reading...
- Farm and Garden: Harvest fresh organic veggies, pick berries, milk cows, brush the bunnies...
- Gastronomy: Make pesto, cider, pies, homemade fresh berry ice cream, bring a favorite recipe.
- Health and Wellness: Yoga, Tai Chi, meditation, resting, hiking, long swims.
- Performing Arts: Singing, dancing, storytelling, skits, making music, reading aloud
  - (Bring your instruments and favorite books!)
- Games: Ultimate Frisbee, soccer, New Games, magic, board games.
- And more: feeding and caring for the farm animals, exploring on foot, adventure course, canoeing, discussion topics, resource-sharing, evening slide shows.

## Evening Activities

Each night there will be an all-camp activity for campers of all ages. After that activity, there will be about a ½ hour to allow parents to put their kids to bed or organize the evening's child-care arrangements. This short break will often be followed by additional organized or spontaneous activities for adults and older kids. With no laundry or homework to do, this also can be a wonderfully sweet time to simply hang out and unwind.

## Chores

A special spirit is brought to this camp by the sharing of the daily chores and tasks of living as a community. These could include cook help, kitchen clean-up, running the dishwasher, cleaning pots, sweeping the lodge, building fires, setting tables or leading activities. Campers sign up to do a "balance" of different sorts of chores. Each camper age 15+ is expected to assume responsibility for approximately one chore per day. (Most of the younger children love to help too!). Campers under age 15 are encouraged to sign up for chores labeled "youth." It is important to take the chore commitment into consideration when deciding if Family Camp is right for you and your family.

The last morning of camp will start with breakfast at the regular time, followed by an all-camp "Clean-O-Rama". Willing hands and hearts will make this light work, leave us feeling good, and leave a clean welcome for the next lucky group to use IB.

## Silent Meeting

In keeping with the Quaker tradition, one of the beloved traditions at Farm & Wilderness is the gathering of the community each morning to share in Silent Meeting for a period of contemplative quiet. If someone is moved to share a thought, they are free to speak. For many people Meeting is both calming and rewarding. Children are a welcomed part of the meeting, but each morning an adult offers an "alternative meeting" for those little ones for whom 20 minutes of sitting quietly may be too much.

## Farm Visits and Barn Chores:

Everyone is encouraged to visit the IB Barn for Barn Chores. The animals will love it, and so will you. The Barns staff needs lots of help with barn chores every day at 6:15 am and 4:15 pm.

## WILL THERE BE FARM & WILDERNESS STAFF TO RUN ACTIVITIES?

Yes, there will be staff hired to manage the cooking, climbing, waterfront and lifeguarding, farming, work projects, hiking and many other specialty activities. Part of the beauty of Family Camp, is that we intentionally involve the many multi-talented and good-hearted families and individuals that are attracted to Farm and Wilderness. This blend of staff and families offering appropriate activities and working and playing side by side works beautifully.



## WHAT ARE THE RULES/GUIDELINES AT FAMILY CAMP?

The well-being of each participant at Family Camp is of paramount importance to the staff of Farm & Wilderness Foundation. All reasonable care and precautions are taken to ensure a fun and creative community-building experience takes place. In this spirit, all participants agree to abide by the following guidelines during their stay at Farm & Wilderness.

1. Be responsible for yourselves; Parents and guardians carry full responsibility for supervising and caring for their children and their guests, even when they have temporarily delegated this responsibility to another person at camp.
2. Children under 18 must come with their own parents/guardian or a chaperone over the age of 21. Chaperones may be responsible for no more than 2 children.
3. No tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or firearms allowed.
4. No open flame inside any of the buildings (unless it is in the fireplace hearth).
5. Participate in the community tasks associated with this event including meal preparation and cleanup.
6. For the safety of our animals and your pets, NO pets are permitted at Family Camp.
7. We ask all participants to be respectful of other participants personal boundaries.
8. In the spirit of being unplugged, we ask that participants leave electronic devices (i-pods, i-phone, electronic games, etc.) at home, or locked in their car for the week.
9. Be respectful of other rental groups who may be onsite at another facility.
10. Waterfront rules.
  - A certified lifeguard must be on duty to swim or canoe.
  - There is no skinny dipping at Family Camp at any time. The Family Camp waterfront and sauna is suits-only. Please pack your bathing suit.
  - No child should be at the waterfront ever without a parent or parent-designated adult.
  - Safety vests (PFDs, life jackets) must be WORN by each person in a canoe or boat.
  - Children under age 18 who can swim may only go boating with their parent or parent-designated adult.
  - No diving off docks.
11. Farm/barn rules:
  - Children must be accompanied by an adult (One adult for every two kids.)
  - There is a 6-child limit at a time.
  - Wear covered shoes (no sandals.)
  - Close all gates and doors behind you.
  - Please do not enter an animal pen/enclosure without a Farm staff present.

For your safety and the safety of others, participants who are unable to follow these guidelines may be asked to leave Family Camp.



## **OTHER HELPFUL THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT FAMILY CAMP**

### **How to reach participants at Family Camp**

There is NO cell reception at Indian Brook. Participants can be reached at the main lodge (802) 422-7584 or for urgent matters, the Farm & Wilderness answering service can be used to page "Family Camp". 1888-622-3276.

### **Cell reception, Laptops, cell phones and other internet connected devices:**

There is NO cell reception at Indian Brook. In the spirit of Farm & Wilderness being "unplugged" we strongly recommend that participants leave their laptops and other internet connected devices at home, store them in your car for the week.

### **Outhouses**

Though the subject may make campers who are new to F&W want to flush, the outhouses (Kybos) near each cabin, (complete with cold water spigot and soap,) have become one of the adventures the camps bring to the lives of people in modern, indoor-plumbing society. These kybos have helped to preserve the fragile eco and septic systems at the camps.

**Showers:** There are rustic outdoor shower houses with hot water and great views. The shower system (where/when to shower to accommodate varying needs for privacy) will be explained and posted at camp.

### **Napkins**

There are generally no napkins available at camp. The best way of insuring that you have one if you want one is to pack a reusable cloth napkin or two for each camper in your group and store it in your cubby in the lodge between meals

Questions? Contact the main office (802) 422-3761

