ROARING BROOK CAMP FOR BOYS

Winter: 300 Grove Street Unit 4, Rutland, VT 05701 800-832-4295 (HAWK)
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Web Page: http://www.roaringbrookcamp.com
Summer: 480 Roaring Brook Road, Bradford, Vermont 05033 802-222-5702

PARENT'S INFORMATION GUIDE

2016 CAMP PROGRAM DATES AND TUITION

Session	Opening Date	Closing Date	Tuition	Deposit
First- 2 Weeks	Sun. June 26 (12:00PM)	Sat. July 9 (10:00AM)	$2400	$1000
Second- 2 Weeks	Sun. July 10 (12:00PM)	Sat. July 23 (10:00AM)	$2400	$1000
Third- 2 Weeks	Sun. July 24 (12:00PM)	Sat. Aug 6 (10:00AM)	$2400	$1000
Fourth- 2 Weeks	Sun. Aug 7 (12:00PM)	Sat. Aug 20 (10:00AM)	$2400	$1000

CAMPERS MAY ATTEND FOR 2/ 4/ 6 or 8 WEEKS

4 WEEKS $4200.00 6 WEEKS $5700.00 8 WEEKS $7800.00

TRANSPORTATION

The majority of campers come by family automobile. We can provide you with the names of families coming from your area to arrange for car pools. As a free service, we will meet bus and train arrivals via Greyhound/Vermont Transit or Amtrak in White River Junction, Vermont, and airline arrivals at the Lebanon Regional Airport, Lebanon, New Hampshire. We ask that arrivals be made before 3:00PM at the airport or bus depot and departures be made between 10:00AM and 2:00PM when possible. These times are preferred since there is a full afternoon of camp activities for campers on opening days (starting at 2:00PM) and a full morning of activities until 10:00AM on closing days. Generally, air flights to Lebanon, NH involve smaller planes (17-60 passenger). We have discovered that heavy luggage (i.e.; trunks and overloaded backpacks) is often left behind for a later flight due to weight restrictions. We suggest each camper carry an overnight bag that contains a bathing suit, towel, pants, shirt, sweater, jacket, socks, underwear and sneakers in the event we must wait overnight for luggage. You can also ship trunks via UPS in advance of your son's camp session.

HOW TO GET TO ROARING BROOK CAMP

From Boston- I93 to I89 to White River Jct., VT. I91 North to Bradford Exit. Right at exit to light. Left at light through Bradford, then 1 mile to camp entrance on left at Roaring Brook Rd. Follow camp signs up dirt road to center of camp.
From New York City/Suburbs- I684 to I84 OR I87 to I84 to I91 in Hartford, CT. Follow directions above at I91.
From Connecticut/ Western Massachusetts- I91 North to Bradford Exit. Right at exit to light. Left at light through Bradford, then 1 mile to camp road on left at Roaring Brook Rd. Follow signs up dirt road to center of camp.
Western New York State/Ohio- I90 to I87 to Glens Falls, NY. NY149 to Fort Anne, NY and NY22 to Whitehall, NY. Rte. 4 across Vermont to I89 South, one exit to I91. Follow directions above from I91.
Philadelphia and Suburbs- PA Turnpike to NY Turnpike to Garden State Parkway to Tappan Zee Bridge. I287 OR Saw Mill River Parkway to I684 to I84 to I91. Follow directions above from I91.
Delaware/Baltimore/Washington, D.C.- I95 to NJ Turnpike to Garden State Parkway. Follow directions above from Tappen Zee Bridge.
From the East- Good Luck!! If you live in Maine or New Hampshire you know what it is like attempting to travel East to West. Your goal is to reach I91 to Bradford. Scenic routes include NH10 and VT5 along the Connecticut River.

NOTE: ON OPENING DAYS THE CAMP GATE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL 12:00NOON
CAMPERS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE LUNCH BEFORE ARRIVING AT CAMP
ON CLOSING DAYS THE CAMP GATE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL 10:00AM.

PLACES TO STAY

Near Bradford
Silver Maple Lodge, S. Main St., Fairlee, VT 05045, 333-4326
Lake Morey Resort, Lake Morey, Fairlee, VT 05045, 333-4311
Blackberry Hill Inn, Orford, NH 603-353-4300
White Goose Inn, Orford, NH 603-353-4812

Within 40 minutes of camp-
Hanover Inn, 2 S. Main, Hanover, NH 603-643-4300
NH Six South Hotel, 6 South St., Hanover, NH 603-643-0600
Western, Jct. 89 & 91, White River Jct., VT 802-295-3015

Within 40 minutes of camp-
Comfort Inn, Rte 5, White River Jct., VT 802-295-3051
Hampton Inn, Rte 5, White River Jct., VT 802-296-2800
Courtyard by Marriot, Lebanon, NH 603-676-5993
Holiday Inn Express, White River Jct., VT 802-299-2700
Fairfield Inn, White River Jct., VT 802-291-9911

There are many other hotels in White River, VT and Hanover, For those desiring a classic New England experience try : Best Woodstock Inn and Resort, Woodstock, VT 802-457-1100

NOTE TO CAMP VISITORS

Due to the length and nature of the program, Roaring Brook does not have a formal visitor's day schedule. However, parents are permitted to visit campers at any time, in accordance with ACA guidelines, but to avoid disappointment, it would be wise to check beforehand to make sure the camper is not out on a trip. While we permit parents to visit, we also believe that one of the most important tenants of the Roaring Brook philosophy is the provision of a two-week/month/six or eight week, independent experience for campers. The opportunities for personal growth can be limited when parents or extended family members enter the camp environment. Roaring Brook discourages parents from taking their child out of camp during visits. Campers generally want to stay in camp since they feel that they will miss out on camp activities while they are gone. The removal of a child from camp for special treatment, dinners, and/or treats causes other children to feel left out. Many of the children come from afar and their parents are unable to visit them. Roaring Brook cannot permit parents to take other campers from camp to be with their child. If there is a need to take your child from camp, please notify the camp directors in advance. Parents have the **right** to visit camp at anytime, but it is not part of our philosophy to have visits by parents and relatives, and, is very rarely done.

On opening day your son's counselor will provide a tour of camp facilities. Upon arriving at camp, please check-in with Corc in the Main Shelter building before proceeding to your son's shelter and camp tour. A counselor will assist you in taking your son's luggage to his shelter.

Roaring Brook Camp offers a rustic environment set deep in a Vermont pine forest. Footpaths are designed to inhibit environmental impact. Visitors are most comfortable dressed in casual sport clothes and sturdy sport shoes. The temperature in camp is usually 10-15 degrees cooler than town. Restricting the use of scented personal products will make your visit more pleasant. Camp schedule will proceed rain or shine.

The road into camp is rugged and crosses a dam spillway. If you car is unsuited to a dirt/gravel road, you may park on the dam and the camp van will transport you the last 300 meters into center camp. Please proceed slowly on this road to save shock absorbers and assure the safety of campers.

Cigarette smoking is prohibited on the property due to potential fire hazard. Bathroom facilities are outhouses. Spring water is available at the cooking areas by Roaring Brook. Parents of small children are asked to keep them close at hand near Roaring Brook and the lake for their safety. Dogs must be on leashes at all times and we would prefer they be kept home.

COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR CHILD AND CAMP DIRECTORS

The best way to communicate with a camper is by letter. Roaring Brook Camp is, by choice, a wilderness program that uses modern conveniences only out of necessity. The single camp phone is used for the conduct of camp business and for emergencies. **Campers are not permitted to make or receive phone calls, except for family emergencies, due to the intrusive nature of phone use on the camp's wilderness philosophy.** Parents can call, if they wish to obtain an update on their child's progress from the directors. The best time to call the directors is 8:00-9:00 PM. **Except for emergencies, calls are not accepted after 9:00PM.**

PACKAGES FROM HOME

Presents from home are welcome as long as they do not include food items. If food is received, the contents will be held until the end of the session, then returned. This policy exists with good reason. After much experience we have found that:

a. food in the shelters presents a health hazard; it attracts rodents and animals that could carry germs or harm the campers;
b. the "distribution" of snacks creates ill feelings among campers who are left out.

For the same reasons, candy, gum, or food should not be brought to camp on opening and closing day. It should be noted that treats are given to campers as a trip snack and that the camp diet includes sweets as approved by a licensed dietician. **Relatives also need to be informed of our policy regarding food from home.** Daily newspaper and sports journal subscriptions should be discontinued while a camper is at camp. It is difficult to retain a sense of wilderness in the face of daily publications.

CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT, AND BEDDING

Roaring Brook Camp requires only rugged work and play clothes. Apparel no longer suitable for school or home is very appropriate. Name tags should be solidly attached to all items. **A detailed clothing and equipment list will be forwarded to you when we receive your application.**

Campers are encouraged to bring such things as sports, outdoor, shooting or aquatic equipment, and inexpensive cameras. Please be advised that they do bring them at their own risk. Valuables and money should not be brought to camp. **Music players, electronic games, cell phones, computer pads and all other electronic devices are prohibited because they detract from the wilderness experience.**

Only small pocket knives (ie: Swiss Army type) and knives made by campers at camp are suitable at camp. **Mutiplier knives, serrated blade knives and sheath blade knives over 6" long are not permitted at camp**. Any unsuitable knives brought by campers will be held by the directors and returned at the end of the session.

EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS

The equipment list, which is sent upon registration, provides details on the items your child should bring to camp. One way to reduce costs is to shop at your local outdoor store to find the item you are looking for; check it for size and fit and then order from a catalog. While waiting for the equipment list to arrive you may wish to obtain catalogs from the following equipment companies that have given us very good service:

Campmor
P.O. Box 700-E
Saddle River, NJ 07458
1-800-226-7667
www.campmor.com

Patagonia
8550 White Fir St.
Reno, NV 89533
1-800-638-6464
www.patagonia.com

L.L. Bean
Freeport, ME 04033
1-800-221-4221
www.llbean.com

Cabela's
812-13th Ave.
Sidney, NE 69160
1-800-237-4444
www.cabelas.com

RecreationalEquipment
1700 45th St. East
Sumner, WA 98390
1-800-426-4840
www.rei.com

TUITION INSURANCE

It is highly recommended that parents acquire tuition insurance (similar to travel insurance) to protect their investment towards any camp experience. The majority of expenditures to operate Roaring Brook are remitted to suppliers, insurance companies, staff agencies and for wilderness trip reservations before camp begins. The camp cannot recover these expenses. In the event that an injury or illness; change in family schedule; family emergency or; change in desire to attend, precludes a camper from attending a camp session, tuition insurance will permit parents to recover tuition payment from their insurance company. **Please read the terms and conditions for tuition refunds included in the parents information guide carefully**.

GRATUITIES

As an American Camping Association accredited camp, tips, gifts, and gratuities from parents to staff are prohibited. A parent may contribute to the Roaring Brook Campership Fund in the name of the staff member as a sign of their appreciation.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE AND CHURCH SERVICES

Roaring Brook Camp is a non-denominational private organization open to all boys without regard to race, religion, or national origin. The camp does not conduct religious services as part of its program.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Camper health, safety and well-being are Roaring Brook Camp's utmost concern. The camp closely adheres to the safety standards established for members of the American Camping Association as an accredited camp. The services of a pediatric physician are available to campers 24 hours a day, the directors are emergency medical technicians, and all staff members are trained in wilderness first aid. A licensed ambulance service is 8 miles from camp and a rescue squad is stationed in Bradford. Two hospitals are within 20 and 40 minute drives. The camp's water and sanitation facilities are state tested and inspected each season. All vehicles are safety inspected and serviced prior to and during camp by licensed mechanics. Staff is certified by the Red Cross in water safety. Safety rules and practices are used in each area of the camp program.

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REGISTRATION TERMS OF AGREEMENT

MEMBERSHIP. We welcome all boys 9-146 that are sincerely interested in our program of outdoor experiences who will adhere to camp policies.

DEPOSIT. A registration deposit of one half of the tuition payable to Roaring Brook Camp should accompany the application. We accept Mastercard or Visa. List the name, number, and expiration date in the space provided on the application form.

HEALTH REPORT AND INSURANCE COVERAGE. Tuition includes all expenses, trips, and some craft materials, but not accident and health insurance. Parents should keep their son(s) on their family medical plan. Upon receipt of the application, a health form is to be filled out by the family doctor. Physical examinations are required of all campers. The health form also asks for the name of your insurance carrier and policy number. The health form must be completed and returned before the participant is permitted to attend Roaring Brook Camp. Charges for medical services including physician fees, prescriptions, hospital fees, special medical supplies and ambulance service, but excluding first aid service at camp shall be charged to the parent/guardian and paid by the parent/guardian. In the event of an illness or emergency requiring the services of a physician, every effort will be made to notify parents to discuss the nature of the problem and the course of treatment pursued. Applications are not considered complete until the medical form is received and approved.

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION. The application form requests the name of a teacher who will provide a recommendation. Roaring Brook sends the form to the teacher. Unless notified, participants from previous summers may omit this information. Applications are not considered complete until the teacher recommendation is received and approved.

TUITION DISCOUNTS. A 10% discount is given for two or more campers from the same family and to those who wish to bring a friend to camp for 4/6/8 week campers. The discount is applied to your registration fee. The Bring-A-Friend discount is only for friends who are first year campers attending the four/six/eight-week session. Brother and Bring-A-Friend discounts may not be combined with other promotional discount programs. Provide the names of friends in the space at the bottom of the application form. Early enrollment discounts are also provided for sessions.. Early enrollment discounts may not be combined with other promotional discount programs.

FINAL PAYMENT. The balance of the tuition is due May 1 for campers enrolled before May 1. Any camper applications made after May 1 must be accompanied by full payment. Roaring Brook Camp may reject any applicant for which payments have not been received on time and in such case shall have no obligation to refund payments previously made. A 2.0% penalty interest per month on all accounts not completed by May 1 or if total payment is not received with applications made after May 1 will be enforced.

REFUND POLICY. Applications withdrawn before May 1, will be refunded. A $200.00 processing fee for 2 weeks; $400.00 for 4 weeks; $600.00 fee for 6 weeks will be charged against withdrawn accounts to recover the cost of this service. Withdrawal notification must be made in writing and be postmarked prior to May 1. Applications withdrawn after May 1 will not be refunded. If a camper must withdraw while attending camp because of a medically proven illness or accident, then a prorated refund will be made. If a camper voluntarily leaves or is asked to leave because of his behavior, there will be no refund. NOTE: Since most of our operating costs are based on pre-paid fees, which stem from the group size rather than a per-person per day basis, pro-rated refunds for medical withdrawal while attending camp are minimal. It is suggested that parents obtain tuition refund insurance to protect their investment.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES. Eighty ($80) is to be left on deposit with the camp directors for such items as stamps, toothpaste, film, etc. or a doctor's visit. If a camper arrives without critical gear, the parents/ guardians will be contacted to request permission for purchase locally. If a participant should make a knife, ax, or moccasins while at camp; knife blades, axeheads, and leather are charged at cost (approx. $50.00 per item). All other craft supplies are included in the tuition. In addition, a $15.00 laundry charge and a $12.00 photograph charge are made. No additional spending money is necessary. Campers should not keep money or valuables in their possession while at camp.

RULES AND POLICIES. For the health, safety and welfare of themselves and their companions, campers are expected to obey the rules and policies of Roaring Brook Camp. Smoking, alcohol, and drug abuse are prohibited. Dishonesty, theft, or the borrowing of other people's belongings without permission is a serious offense. The continued use of obscene , discriminatory or sexual language is considered grounds for dismissal. Campers are not permitted to use the waterfront, tyrolean traverse, rope's course, rock climbing area, riflery or archery equipment, tools, axes, knives, or the forge at the blacksmith shop without the direct supervision of a staff member. Other activities requiring supervision will be specified during the camp session. Initiations or the hazing of campers is not permitted. Campers are expected to obey their counselors and trip leaders in accordance with camp rules and policies. Campers are expected to exhibit behavior which does not physically or mentally threaten the welfare of others. Campers are expected to exhibit behavior which is an acceptable model for group living situations. The failure of a camper to adhere to the camp rules, policies and behavior expectations may result in immediate expulsion without refund.

EQUIPMENT LOSS OR DAMAGE. Roaring Brook Camp insurance does not cover the personal property and equipment of participants or staff. Parents should check their insurance policies to be sure their son's gear is covered against loss, theft or damage. Parents/guardians will be held responsible for the willful destruction or loss by the participant of any equipment belonging to Roaring Brook Camp and thereby agree to reimburse Roaring Brook Camp for such loss or destruction of equipment.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY. Roaring Brook Camp intends to follow the program schedule and itinerary as presented in its brochure and other publications, however weather conditions, water level, or safety considerations may require a change of itinerary. If an activity or trip is deleted, it will be replaced by another activity or trip.

CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM BY THE CAMP. If for any reason prior to the start of a camp session the session must be canceled, Roaring Brook Camp shall refund all monies paid by parents/guardians. If during a camp session it is necessary to terminate a camp session, a proportion of the unused monies will be refunded.

MODEL RELEASE. The parents/guardians of the participant give permission that any camp films or photographs showing their child may be used for camp publicity purposes in a reasonable and proper fashion.

LIABILITY RELEASE. Submission of the registration application indicates that the parents/guardians believe their son(s)/ward(s) to be capable of handling both the emotional and physical aspects of the Roaring Brook Camp program and he is enthusiastic about participation. With the signing of the application the parents/guardians serve notice that they have read and agree to all the Registration Terms of Agreement and agree to release Roaring Brook Camp, its agents and the services it contracts with, of any and all liability of responsibility of any nature whatsoever, for any loss/damage to property or personal injury incurred while their son(s)/ward(s) are attending the program under the direction of Roaring Brook Camp.

COMPLETION OF REGISTRATION/NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE. Receipt of the application form, registration fee, teacher recommendation, and health form completes the application process. Completed applications are subject to camp director approval prior to enrollment. Parents will be informed of the applicant's status within 14 days of the receipt of all materials only if there is a problem. Unless otherwise notified, returning campers and alumni are enrolled upon receipt of the application form and necessary fees.

CHANGE OF TERMS. Roaring Brook Camp retains the right to change or retract the terms of agreement, rules, policies and other conditions stated within the camp catalog or other camp literature printed by Roaring Brook Camp and to make any other reasonable terms, rules, policies, and conditions that Roaring Brook Camp determines to be necessary for the well-being and safety of the participant, his parent/guardian and Roaring Brook Camp.