

Overnight Camps

Family Handbook





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CONTACT US

In order to contact us, please call the CW office for assistance at (802) 490-5550. You may leave a message or **text** this same number.

The CW office is open Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. as well as more extended portions of camper travel days. At other times, please leave a message with your name, your child's name, the name of the camp your child attends, and a phone number where you can be reached. We will get back to you.

Emergencies

If your child is seriously injured or becomes seriously ill at camp, our staff will call 911. Immediately thereafter, you (or your emergency contact) will be notified. For less serious injuries/illnesses, our Wilderness First Aid certified staff will treat the injury/illness up to the level of their training. If a doctor's visit is the next step, we will transport them to urgent care or the ER.



Dear Camp W Family,

Welcome to a beautiful summer at Camp W! We're glad you'll be joining us, whether for the first time or for the latest of many seasons at the CW camps. This handbook will provide you with important information about how the camp operates, how your child will travel, the necessary paperwork we need before your child arrives at camp, items to pack, and much more. Even if you are a returning family, please look over this handbook because some aspects of the summer have changed.

Our job is to take care of your camper during their time at camp, to nurture their individuality and strengths, and work with you to that purpose. We ask you, in turn, to support our programs by reading this handbook, supplying us with the information we need to keep your child healthy and safe, and following our guidelines for communications.

The next items we need from you are:

- Scholarship applications DUE: **As Soon As Possible** -no later than **April 1**
(Please see our scholarship page on the website. Income verification required.
Essay application scholarships are also available and open to anyone.)
- Tuition payment DUE: **June 1**
- Physical Exam Form DUE: **June 1**

If you have any questions about this handbook, the CW programs, tuition, or anything associated with your campers summer, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to working with you and seeing your camper at camp this coming summer.

Best,

Sean Ashcraft

802-490-5550



Aspects of CW Life

Health and Wellness at Camp

Camp W takes many steps to ensure that all campers have a happy and healthy summer. We also have staff who are certified as Wilderness First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians. Our camp has an infirmary and a part-time nurse who is on-call 24/7. If a higher level of medical care is needed, local clinics and a regional hospital are within twenty miles of camp.

It is also Camp W's policy to collect all prescriptions/vitamins/medications of any kind from campers on the first day of camp and for the nurse to dispense them as prescribed.

We expect campers to participate in their own wellness to the extent that they are able. These responsibilities include:

- following medical advice
- diligently avoiding foods they are allergic to
- informing staff if they have a health-related problem.

We also ask that all health-related questions on the application be filled out carefully and completely. If there are any changes in your child's health before camp begins, please let us know.

Diverse Community

Your child will live closely with children and staff of different backgrounds, cultures, races, and religions. We teach respect for differences and expect campers to interact at all times in ways that are respectful and inclusive. Prejudice, discrimination, and oppression on the basis of class, race, gender, and sexual orientation are discussed in a variety of forums during a camper's time at CW.

Although the daily schedule at the camps remains similar from year to year, the character of each summer is created by individual campers. Community builds steadily over the course of the summer as campers work together, cope with interpersonal



conflicts, play together, and sit in silence together each day.

“Unplugged”

We live a very simple summer life here at CW. Campers reside in simple wooden or canvas structures without electricity, and use composting outhouses. Shower houses are located nearby. We do not allow personal electronic devices, televisions, or recorded music. Campers are requested not to bring food of any kind to camp with them. Illegal drugs, tobacco and alcohol are not allowed on campus. These prohibitions help us to focus on each other, what we can do with our own hands, and give us a creative and happy community.

Please leave at home

- Food
- Electronic devices
- Mind-altering substances

“Camp Freedom”

We encourage campers to find their truest and most genuine potential through simple living and activities filled with physical and mental challenges. We invoke “camp freedom” to help us focus on healthy personal choices and on expressing our individuality. Campers particularly love the freedom to dress as they wish, without fear of being reprimanded by their peers.

Work

We create and maintain the buildings we use, grow as much of our own food as possible, develop physical strength and skills, and learn to live in harmony with each other and the land. All campers will join us in community chores; washing dishes, sweeping floors, and so on!

Healthy Food

We are very proud of the delicious, nutritious VEGETARIAN meals we serve at Camp W. Our organic gardens produce an amazing supply of varied, just-picked vegetables. We minimize the use of processed foods and purchase what we cannot grow ourselves from local vendors. Campers participate in all aspects of meal production including working in the gardens, collecting eggs, helping cook, and cleaning up.



Meals are a highlight of the day when we gather as a camp, reconnect with friends, and sample the day's delicious offerings.

Food Allergies, Intolerances, Sensitivities

Camp W can accommodate campers with certain allergies and those who are unable to eat meat, dairy, or most gluten intolerances. Care is taken to provide allergen-free versions of the same foods other campers are served to minimize possible stigma and improve the community-building aspects of meals. Our kitchen is considered open air so we cannot 100% guarantee all allergen removal so do keep this in mind. If significant accommodations must be made, there will be an additional charge to help us provide these special foods.

A director MUST be made aware of any accommodations required no later than 1 month prior to attendance. A FARE allergy form must also be completed. We will put you in touch with our lead Chef and Dietician, Heather, to formalize a meal plan.

Special Events

Independence Day - On an evening close to July 4, all of the campers and staff come together to celebrate their shared experience at CW. We have an evening of skits and songs presented by each cabin with live music and dance. The event ends with the lighting of a bonfire by campers.

Wilderness Trips

A large part of our program revolves around overnight wilderness trips. These trips may be based on hiking, canoeing, rock climbing, service, or basic wilderness skills. We focus on "Leave No Trace" ethics, where campers learn to leave as little footprint as possible on the wilderness. We utilize the miles of trails throughout our mountain for the development of wilderness skills, self awareness, and LNT skills, and overnight trips.

We also offer an additional backpacking program that campers can sign up for, where they will hone in on these skills through a multi-day backpacking trip off campus. The trip destinations range from hikes along the nearby Appalachian or Long Trail in the Green Mountains, to trips to nearby state forest lands (e.g., Adirondack High Peaks Region, or the Presidential Range of the White Mountain National Forest).

Trips are planned and organized around all ages and skill levels of the camper groups.



We do our best to match your camper's skills and experience with our trips. No child is ever required to go on a trip without the requisite skills and prior experience.

At all the camps, campers are given options for various trip opportunities (with options specified by age group and skills level). Campers participate in trip planning to help them understand the nature of the activities that will take place during the trip.

If a camper or trip leader has concerns about the camper's physical abilities for the trip, the trip leader and staff will help the camper decide how to proceed. Options could include strength-building exercises prior to the trip or reassignment to another trip more compatible with the camper's abilities.

Our staff directing these trips are skilled, experienced, and certified in wilderness first aid. In addition, trip coordinators keep itineraries for each day that include detailed evacuation plans and the availability of emergency assistance.

Firm Rules

Swimming Policy

All campers are required to take a swim test during their first few days at camp and learn about water safety in and around our bodies of water. Personal flotation devices (PFDs) or other swim aids are not provided, unless the camper participates in a Camp Expedition like canoeing or joins our watersports program. We provide swim lessons throughout the summer and campers are grouped according to their swimming skills. Swimmers at the pool are supervised by lifeguards and swim instructors trained and certified by a nationally recognized water safety provider. All campers and staff must follow CW's waterfront rules throughout the summer.

Mind-altering Substances

At Camp W, alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and violence have no place. Our policy is very clear:

Campers who use or have in their possession any alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs will be asked to leave camp immediately with no tuition refund.

Bullying, Violence, Consent

Community is a foundation of Camp W. We work with campers to mediate and diffuse situations.



Campers who cannot successfully resolve their offending behavior will be asked to leave camp immediately with no tuition refund.

AWOL

No camper is authorized to leave Camp W property unaccompanied by a staff member. **Campers who leave Camp W property unaccompanied by a staff member will be asked to leave camp immediately with no tuition refund.**

Physical Exam Form Guidelines

Due Date

The completed Physical Exam Form is due at the CW office by *June 1*. This form can be completed at your child's yearly physical appointment. If they have already completed their physical for the year, please contact your pediatrician to coordinate sending them our Camp form to fill out and return before the June 1 deadline.

Plan Ahead

Your camper's Physical Exam form is an integral part of their application to camp. Any preliminary acceptance and enrollment of your child is conditional upon receipt and review of this form. Therefore, it is in your best interest to get this form in as early as possible, as well as to raise with us any health issues that may affect your child or your child's attendance.

New Exam Form Every Year

Please do not write "see last year's form" on any part of the forms. We must have the completed Physical Exam form before your child arrives at camp.

No Form, No Camp

Campers who arrive at camp without this form on file will not be able to participate in camp activities.

Send it Ahead

We must have the completed Physical Exam Form before your child arrives at camp!



Where to find it

The Physical Exam Form is accessed through your Active account and is also available on our website under “Camper Forms”. You may also use a digital insert from the physician’s office in its place. Please be sure that whichever form you use is filled out completely, and is signed and dated by your physician.

The **top three missed items** on the physical exam form.

- Immunization History
- Date of Physical Exam (needs to be within a year of child’s 1st day of camp)
- Signature of physician

Please ensure that these have been filled out.

Immunization Waiver

To protect the health of all campers and staff, CW asks all campers to be fully immunized before they arrive at camp. Families choosing not to have their children immunized for religious or personal reasons must present a signed waiver attesting to their exemptions. A waiver form is available on our website. These families need to be aware that if an illness appears in camp from which a camper is not vaccinated, the camper will be sent home immediately, with no tuition refund.

Tuition and Campership Policies

Tuition Payment Schedule

\$100 Deposit due with registration.

Total Tuition Due June 1st unless other arrangements have been made in writing with Director.

Payment is in U.S. Funds, payable by check, e-check, credit card, or wire transfer.

For applicants who enroll after April 1st, full tuition must accompany the camper registration form. If we have not received camp tuition by the deadline, and unless alternative payment arrangements have been made with us prior to deadline, we reserve the right to give your space to another family.



Refunds of Deposits

Deposits are not refundable unless you are a campership applicant and you cancel before March 1st or if you applied for the **LIT** program and were not accepted and cancel registration.

Refunds of Tuition -Less the deposit

Yes - If you cancel a registration before March 1st.

Yes - If your camper has to leave camp for serious health reasons and/or family emergency.

No - If you cancel a registration after March 1st.

No - If your child is dismissed from camp for behavioral reasons or breaking firm rules.

No - If a camper arrives late or leaves early or voluntarily withdraws for any reason other than health or family emergency.

No - If a camper changes from a full to a half season and we cannot fill the empty spot.

Camperships (Scholarship Funding)

Camperships are our financial aid program. We are committed to removing financial barriers to attending CW. Campership funding is supported by other camp families and individual funders. Essay Scholarships available through our website as well.

Who Qualifies

Campership awards are based on family income. Applicants should be advised that we always have more requests for funding than we have available funds. Therefore, applying for a campership does not automatically result in an award. Registered campers of CW staff may not be eligible to apply for camperships.

Register First

The campership application is not an application to camp. You must complete the Camp W registration and submit a deposit in addition to the campership application. For those applying for campership, the \$100 deposit is fully refundable before March 1st.

Meet the Deadlines

It is important to get your applications in on time. Campership applications should be submitted no later than March 1st by mail, email or through your online profile. A



camper must be registered (not on a waiting list) at the time of the awards committee meeting in April in order to be considered for aid.

Acceptance

Campership applicants can expect to hear by mid-April about the awards committee's decision. If you decide you need to cancel, any tuition paid to that point is refundable, but no refunds are made after March 1st. If you decide to accept the award, you must notify us via phone or email.

Your Commitment

It is our expectation that once an award is accepted, there is a commitment to attend camp. Because every year we are faced with more campership need than we can fund, a late cancellation by an award recipient has the effect of denying that funding to another camper.

Cabin Placements

Campers are placed in cabins on "Pondside" or "Hillside" which each focus on masculine or feminine energies. Both sides are gender inclusive, and a camper's placement is determined by what the camper and their family feel is the best fit for them. Upon registration, parents/guardians will provide information that will be used to make living unit placements. Campers are placed in cabins with other campers of a similar age. We honor and respect all human beings, and strive to create a culture of inclusivity where that is felt here at camp.

Cabinmate requests are at staff discretion. Camp staff make cabin placements based on their knowledge of the camper. Although you can request that your camper be in a cabin with another camper, and this request will be taken into consideration, final placement is at staff discretion. Cabinmate requests are never guaranteed.

Often, we will get requests from parents for contact information of other camp families. We cannot give out contact information except for those families who have volunteered to be contacted and listed in our literature and on our website.

Summer Camp Staff

Our summer staff is a competent and diverse group of adults with a passion for providing opportunities for kids to learn about themselves and the world around them. All summer camp counselors are committed to the CW mission and are skilled in



particular program areas. Many of them were former campers - and some of them are second or third generation CW campers!

Before each season begins, the counseling staff completes online training, as well as a full week of in person practical training. Leadership staff is immersed in training throughout the year.

We adhere to the American Camp Association (ACA) standards for skills certification and hours of training required in the various program areas. For example: all waterfront counselors have Red Cross Lifeguard Certification and every rock climbing instructor is trained and evaluated by our experienced climbing coordinator before they work with campers. CW has a working association with local clinics for physician follow-up for any camper who needs it.

Camp W is an equal opportunity employer. We do not discriminate based on: race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, age, marital status, veteran status, disability, or other protected category. CW is committed to non-discrimination in its employment practices.

Travel to and from Camp

Please make note of the following drop-off and pickup times. If an emergency arises and your child will not be on time, please notify the CW office as soon as possible.

Drop-off for Camp Sundays during assigned time.

Pick up from Camp Saturdays during assigned time.

This is very important:

Prior permission is needed if we are to release a camper to someone other than their parent or legal guardian. If you have arranged for someone else to pick up your child, you will need to give the camp director/camp senior staff advance notice of this arrangement along with the person's name and contact information before the camper will be allowed to leave with this person.



Getting to the Camp by Private Vehicle

For GPS/phone you can use the main office address :
83 Waubanong Rd Brattleboro, VT 05301

FROM I-91 NORTH

Head north on I-91 N toward Exit 2 0.3 mi
Take exit 2 for VT-9 W toward Brattleboro/Bennington 0.2 mi
Continue straight 0.2 mi
Turn right at Western Ave (signs for Vermont 9 W) 1.3 mi
Turn left at Greenleaf St 0.7 mi
Slight left at Hinesburg Rd 0.7 mi
Take the 2nd left to stay on Hinesburg Rd 1.8 mi
Turn right at Melchen Rd 0.8 mi
Take the 1st left onto Waubanong Rd/Waubanong Rd 0.3 mi

FROM I-91 SOUTH

Head south on I-91 S toward Exit 2
Take exit 2 for VT-9 W toward Brattleboro/Bennington
Continue straight 0.2 mi
Turn right at Western Ave (signs for Vermont 9 W) 1.3 mi
Turn left at Greenleaf St 0.7 mi
Slight left at Hinesburg Rd 0.7 mi
Take the 2nd left to stay on Hinesburg Rd 1.8 mi
Turn right at Melchen Rd 0.8 mi
Take the 1st left onto Waubanong Rd/Waubanong Rd 0.3 mi

FROM TROY NEW YORK

Head east on NY-7 E toward John Snyder Rd 16.1 mi
Turn right at NY-7 E/Mapletown Rd 0.9 mi
Continue onto VT-9 E/W Rd 3.4 mi
Slight left at W Main St 2.5 mi
Continue onto VT-9 E/Molly Stark Trail/Woodford Rd 36.0 mi
Turn right at Greenleaf St 0.7 mi
Slight left at Hinesburg Rd 0.7 mi
Take the 2nd left to stay on Hinesburg Rd 1.8 mi
Turn right at Melchen Rd 0.8 mi



Take the 1st left onto Waubanong Rd

Getting to the Traveling to/from CW via Charter or Commercial Transportation

If a camper is traveling a great distance and/or has complicated transfer arrangements, it would be good to supply them with a cell phone or a calling card to use to communicate with home and/or camp in case of travel disruptions.

Duffel Bags and Trunks

We require campers using public transportation to use duffel bags instead of trunks. Duffels are more flexible for travel, and trunks are extremely expensive to ship. Trunks, on the other hand, allow campers to keep their belongings more organized. Duffels do fit better in our cabins and under bed, but some smaller trunks will fit.

Commercial Carriers

Air, Train, or Bus Transportation - CW can offer van shuttle service for campers who will be arriving or departing from camp via commercial transportation. Reservations for CW's van shuttle service may be made via phone from the time of registration up until 88 hours prior to the campers' scheduled arrival/departure time. Last minute changes or emergencies that would affect a campers' pick-up or drop-off time or location must be called into the main office as soon as possible.

CW staff can be dispatched for a fee to greet arriving campers and/or accompany departing campers to/from the following bus stations, train stations and airports:

Bus/Train Stations (Free)

- Brattleboro, Vermont

Airports (\$100)

- Manchester, New Hampshire
- Lebanon, New Hampshire
- Rutland, Vermont
- Hartford, Connecticut

Please contact the office before buying plane/train tickets.

Arrivals should be between 1pm and 4pm for the first day of the session.

Departures should be between 12pm and 4pm for the last day of the session.

If you reserve tickets outside of this window, we cannot guarantee a pick-up.



Parents of campers who will be using commercial transportation need to make all travel arrangements (including unaccompanied minor forms), purchase all tickets for their child's travel to camp, and provide CW with a complete copy of the child's travel itinerary.

Parents seeking updates or confirmation of their child's arrival may call the main office at (802) 490-5550.

Photo ID

If your camper is traveling by any form of commercial transportation, it is essential that they carry a photo ID (increasingly a requirement of commercial carriers). Please also remember that if you take your campers ID home with you after checking them in at the airport, the camper will have no ID for the return trip home.

Cell phones

Cell phones are a helpful way to keep in touch with campers while traveling. These will not be allowed in camp, however, and will be stored in a secure place until it's time for your camper to return home.

Unaccompanied Minors

Train Problems

Commercial transportation options for unaccompanied minors are becoming increasingly restrictive, requiring things like photo IDs and special prior-release forms. This has become especially true of travel on Amtrak. One of the train stations in this area is in downtown Brattleboro, VT. Although there is a ticket agent on duty there, Amtrak has designated it as an "unmanned station", and Amtrak will not allow unaccompanied minors under the age of 15 to travel to unmanned stations. Also, as of this writing, Amtrak requires that unaccompanied minors travel direct, so it will not allow unaccompanied minors to transfer trains. For this reason, we strongly encourage parents to avoid train travel for their minor campers.

Parent Responsibility

Whatever the form of transportation, parents are responsible to do the research to ensure that their children can actually use the tickets that are booked for them and that they will not encounter obstacles on the return trip home. We can arrange for a shuttle pickup for your child at commercial terminals listed above, but we cannot arrange flights or commercial bus trips.



If your child is traveling to CW by charter bus or other transportation, it is critical that you have sent in all of the camp forms in advance of their arrival. This is vital because you will not be on site to supply any required information or signatures that are needed in order for your child to remain at camp.

Places to Stay in the Area

You may find it convenient to stay at one of the overnight accommodations in our area if you are traveling from a considerable distance or desire a family vacation to coincide with camp. Be sure to identify yourself as a Camp W camp family!

You may be able to find off-season ski home rentals on the internet.

Please note that there is no camping on CW grounds for unregistered campers.

Communications to/from Camp

Letters

The best way to contact a camper is to write. We encourage you to write at least once a week. Our mountain mail system can be slow, please keep this in mind.

Please use the following CW address:

Camper's First and Last Name

Camp W

83 Waubanong Rd

Brattleboro, VT 05301

Sometimes campers write letters home describing their homesickness. While this may be difficult to read, it is important to note that in most cases campers homesickness tends to only last for a brief amount of time. If you would like more information about something your camper has written, please call or email the camp director, using the contact information on page 2 of this handbook. The director or a support staff member will check with their counselors and call you back.

Packages from Home

Receiving packages from family and friends can be a highlight of a camper's day. However, a constant barrage of packages can also be a distraction to a camper's experience and can set campers apart into groups of "Haves" and "Have-nots."



Please limit your packages to a few over the course of the session - and please do not send any food, even “healthy” food. This includes candy. We don’t permit food because it attracts animals and bugs to the cabins.

It is important to send packages so that they arrive before the scheduled end of your child’s camp stay.

Phone

We limit campers’ telephone contact with parents to family emergencies. This helps us keep the camp phone free for camp business, emergencies, and is in line with our no electronics policy.

Email (for Families Traveling or Residing Outside the US Only)

If you live outside of the U.S. or are traveling abroad, CW will accept correspondence to campers from parents via electronic mail. These will be copied and delivered to your camper along with the regular mail. Because campers don’t have access to computers or fax machines, they will be unable to respond to electronic transmissions except via “snail” mail.

Please contact your child’s camp director prior to the start of camp to make arrangements.

Communication with Staff

If a need arises for you to talk with someone about your child, please use the camp phone number on page 2 of this handbook first; you can leave a message if you do not reach someone directly. Immediate phone contact with staff or a camp director is not always possible since these folks are giving their attention to campers. If it is an urgent matter and you have not received a reply, you may text our camp number.

In an emergency or if you have not had a return call within 24 hours of a non-emergency concern, please call the CW office for assistance at (802) 490-5550. The CW office is open Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please leave your name, your child’s name, your child’s camp, and a phone number where you can be reached. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Dogs

Do not bring dogs or other domestic pets onto CW property.



Prohibited

Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and/or illegal drugs on camp property are strictly forbidden.

Packing

Please follow our recommendations for packing your campers clothing and gear. You don't need to spend a lot of money, but your child needs to be adequately prepared for a summer of outdoor living. The overnight packing list is available on our website.

Laundry

Laundry is done onsite once a week. Your child needs enough clothing to last between laundry periods. Please be sure to send a laundry bag.

Labeling Camper's Possessions

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING! We amass an exorbitant amount of lost and found throughout the season, and the only way to guarantee its return is if the item is labeled.

Helpful tips for labeling:

- Use a permanent marker on clothing that has a tag and for any non-clothing items
- Iron-on and sticker name labels work well with tag less clothing and items that you prefer to not use permanent marker on
- Sew-in labels work well on clothing, however this is a very time-consuming process
- LABEL EVERYTHING! We have a lot of lost and found at the end of the year that has no name
- Please remember to mark everything that your camper brings to camp with their full name

Any items left will be donated to charity

Your camper's name and address should be sewn/pasted/painted outside and inside of trunks, footlockers, and duffel bags. A list of items inside of your camper's luggage will help them remember what they brought when it comes time to pack and go home.



Unmarked items are nearly impossible to reunite with their owners if lost or left behind. Jackets, sweaters and footwear are among the most frequently lost items.

Borrow and/or Buy Used

You do not need to invest a lot of money in outfitting your child for camp. This is a rustic camp, and second-hand items in decent condition are an excellent choice. In planning the amount of clothing to bring to camp, please aim for striking a balance between the amount needed and the ability for all clothes to fit in your child's trunk, footlocker, or duffel bag.

Mail Order and Retail Stores

A few suggestions:

Sam's Outdoor Outfitters

Campmor <https://www.campmor.com>

Sierra Trading Post <https://www.sierratradingpost.com>

Cabela's <http://www.cabelas.com>

Climb High <http://climbhigh.com>

Mountain Gear <http://www.mountaingear.com>

Liberty Mountain <http://www.libertymountain.com>

eBay <https://www.ebay.com>

Backcountry <https://www.backcountry.com>

EMS <https://www.ems.com>

REI www.rei.com

REI Garage <https://www.rei.com/rei-garage>

Amazon usually carries most items as well.

After Camp

Camper Letters

After your camper has returned home, you will receive a letter from your child's counselor that reflects highlights of your child's adventures and accomplishments over the summer. The letter describes some of your child's activities (trips, work projects, etc.) and shares aspects of their living and growing experiences in the community.

Any mail that arrives for your child after they have left camp will be forwarded to you or



returned to sender.

Surveys

In the fall, Camp W emails surveys to all parents and campers. The information we collect from these is an important part of our assessment of the summer. Please pass the camper survey to your children and take the time to complete the parent survey. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

Shipping Items Home

Returning Duffels/Trunks

At any parent's request, CW will return trunks/duffels by UPS (insured for \$100). Count on five to ten days shipping time, depending on where you live in the U.S. We will bill you for any shipping costs. If you're shipping luggage to CW, please mark everything clearly. Also, please remove any old labels to prevent "boomerang" returns by shippers who are confused by conflicting labels.

Vacations

If you are planning a family vacation right after camp, please don't plan on shipping everything home. Shipped items can go astray and there is a possibility that your child might not have their trunk before you leave for vacation.

Camp W claims no financial responsibility for personal items lost, stolen, or damaged during your child's stay at camp. For this reason, we discourage camper families from sending any items to camp they wouldn't be willing to risk losing. Footwear & water bottles are among the items most frequently lost.

Keeping in Touch

"The Wamp" is CW's newsletter for camper parents and friends of CW. You'll automatically be on our email list for the electronic version of The Wamp. You can also follow us on instagram @the_wamp_vt and Facebook- Camp W.

Medical Bills

Medical bills incurred over the summer will be sent from off-site facilities to your



insurance provider. If necessary, CW will pay for prescriptions up front, and then bill families.

Photos from Camp

Camp W is an unplugged, technology-free environment for campers. When it comes to photos, we prioritize our camper's experience over taking pictures. We understand many families want to see photos of their children at camp, but because of the sizes and locations of our camps and the scope of our programming we are unable to photograph every camper. Each camp's gallery will be updated biweekly. Camp publishes a biweekly blog post about what is happening in camp. To read the full CW photography philosophy, please visit our website.

Promotion and Publicity Photos

With your child's enrollment, you are granting Camp W permission to use images, pictures, slides, film, and video of your child taken by CW for press, promotion, marketing, social media, and advertising of Camp W and affiliated organizations such as the American Camp Association (which is the accrediting body for camps throughout the country, including CW) and Friends Council on Education.