



Camp Nonesuch Gazette

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Welcome to Camp Nonesuch!

Now that your child is enrolled, take a few moments to read the *Camp Nonesuch Gazette*. It contains important information that will help make your child's Nonesuch experience an excellent one! Keep it and the camp brochure handy as a reference to help answer questions that might arise during the camp season!

Information about camp policies can also be found on our web site at www.rivers.org/summer/nonesuch.

Nonesuch campers want to know, "What do I need to bring to camp?"

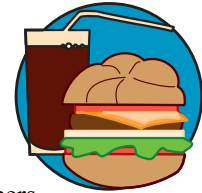


Attire for camp means good play wear! This includes clothes appropriate for the weather. We suggest that all campers bring a sweatshirt or light jacket in the event the weather changes during the camp day. We also encourage campers to bring a towel and swimsuit in case they select the free swim activity at the end of the day (Block 7). Please note that all campers who are involved in a boating activity will be required to take a swimming proficiency test at the start of the session. Campers are required to wear footwear while they are at camp except during waterfront activities. Those campers participating in boating activities may wish to bring a pair of sandals, flip-flops, reef shoes or an old pair of sneakers to wear while boating.

Campers can store their gear in their cabin or transport it in a backpack or camp bag on a daily basis. Parents, you know your child best! If s/he requires a change of clothes, please be sure to include those items as well. Make sure that all clothing is marked with your child's name!

We request that campers leave food, sodas, money, and expensive or sentimental items (music players, trading cards, etc.) at home.

No need to pack a lunch or snacks, they're provided at Camp Nonesuch!



There's no reason for campers to bring food to camp unless they are on a restricted diet. Campers are not allowed to keep food in their cabins or bags unless approved by the director. Lunch, as well as morning and afternoon snacks are included in the camp tuition!

Lunches include a hot entrée, vegetable, salad, juice, milk or water, and dessert. Bread, jelly, peanut butter and marshmallow fluff are always available. Meals are served cafeteria style.

All food that is provided (with the exception of peanut butter) is prepared free of peanut and other nut products. Occasionally parents wish to send in special snacks to celebrate a birthday. Please contact the director or assistant director in advance if you wish to do. We will check to make sure there are no dietary restrictions on any campers who might share these goodies!



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"Nonesuch is a lot like neighborhoods used to be. Boys and girls of all ages playing together! Add a counselor who is making sure the activity is safe and that campers are learning new skills while they're playing and you've described Camp Nonesuch"
Paul Karasch, Camp Director

Camp Location

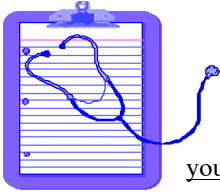
(Physical location)

19 Indian Rock Drive, Natick, MA (off of Rt. 30)

GPS: 19 Indian Rock Road, Wayland

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What health information is needed for enrollment at Camp Nonesuch?



Required Health Forms

Please make sure that your child's health forms are complete, up to date and into the camp office two weeks PRIOR to your child's enrollment at camp. We require that all campers have a physical examination within 12 months of attending camp. If your child has already had a physical for school or sports, you may photocopy the physician's statement with dates of immunization and attach it to the Camp Nonesuch form. Be sure that ALL immunizations are up to date! We suggest that you make multiple copies of your child's physical form so you can use them for camps, sports, and other youth activities that require health information!

Camp Nonesuch must comply with the regulations of The Massachusetts Department of Public Health and be licensed by the local board of health (The Natick Board of Health)

Note that the camp utilizes **two** color coded health forms. The first, a green form, is an *emergency information/permission to treat form*. The second, a goldenrod form, is a *physician's statement*. Both forms must be complete and on file in order for a child to attend camp. The camp reserves the right to deny a camper access to the camp's programs if the forms are not complete.

Be sure to include all telephone numbers requested on the forms. We require that there be an emergency number of an adult **other** than a parent or guardian on the emergency information form should we be unable to reach you in an emergency. Be assured that our first priority in any emergency is the care and welfare of your child. We will make every effort to contact you first then move through the emergency numbers in the order that you have listed them.

We also require a Camper Release form. This form provides us with the names of those adults we may release your son or daughter to. This includes anyone who picks up your son or daughter either during the camp day or after camp.

All three of the above forms described above can be found in the health and safety section of our website, www.camponesuch.org



Required Immunizations (Dates of immunizations are required)

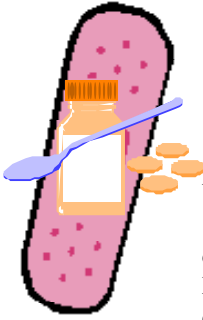
Polio Vaccine: At least three doses of either trivalent oral polio vaccine (OPV) or enhanced potency inactivated polio vaccine (e-IPV) are required. If a mixed schedule of polio vaccine is given, a total of four doses are required.

Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine: At least four doses of DTA/DTP/DT/Td are required (the pertussis component is not given to anyone seven years of age or older). A booster dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria, adult type toxiod (Td) is required if more than 10 years have elapsed since the last dose.

Mumps/Measles and Rubella: At least one dose, administered at or after 12 years of age or proof (laboratory evidence) of immunity. A second dose of MMR vaccine is required. Both doses of measles vaccine must be given at least one month apart and be given at or after 12 months of age.

Hepatitis B: Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.

Pond Water Testing: Nonesuch Pond is tested weekly to ensure that the water is safe for swimming and boating. The results of these tests are kept on file in the camp office and are monitored by the local and state boards of health.



What happens when a camper is injured or becomes ill at camp?

The following policy applies to all campers who are injured or become mildly ill while at camp.

Should a camper become ill during the camp day, the camp health provider will treat the camper as prescribed in the camp's written *Standing Orders*. The camper will be allowed to rest in the nurse's cabin before returning to his/her activity. The camper will be allowed to rejoin his/her activity as long as the injury or illness does not require additional treatment. The decision to return a camper to his/her activity will be made by the camp health care provider.

Parents will be notified to pick up a camper or take him/her to their doctor in the following situations or when the camp health care provider deems it appropriate:

- Upset stomach
- Stomachache
- Sore throat
- Convulsions
- Eye injury
- Severe headache
- Fever
- Sprains or Strains (depending on severity)
- Toothache
- Vomiting
- Animal bite
- Earache
- Fractures
- Persistent headache
- Lacerations

We strongly discourage parents / guardians from sending children who are ill to camp in the morning. If your child will not be attending camp in the morning or will be arriving late, please call and let us know.

In the event emergency services are needed, campers will be transported to the hospital via ambulance. Please note that by law ambulance crews are required to transport the injured to the nearest hospital. Whenever possible, the camp will attempt to have injured campers transported to The Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

Nonesuch Staff Background Check

As mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, all Nonesuch staff undergo three reference checks, and C.O.R.I. and S.O.R.I. checks prior to employment in addition to employment history check/verification.

Camp Nonesuch Discipline Policy

Staff members at Camp Nonesuch adhere to the following camp discipline policy:

It is the purpose of the camp to serve all campers enrolled at Camp Nonesuch. As a result, Camp Nonesuch reserves the right to remove campers from activities when those campers' behaviors become disruptive to the activity or group.

- If a camper becomes unruly, the activity leader will attempt to counsel the child in an effort to moderate the camper's behavior.
- If the misbehavior continues, the camper will be taken to the camp office. Administrative staff will talk with the camper and determine appropriate action. This may include a "time out" or "cooling off" period at the camp office before the camper is allowed to return to his /her activity.
- Administrative staff will determine if a call home to parents/guardians is warranted.
- Chronic misbehavior or egregious acts may result in dismissal of the camper from camp. This decision will be made by the camp director or in his absence his designee.
- Under no circumstances will corporal punishment, including spanking, be administered at Camp Nonesuch, nor shall lunch, snacks, or shelter be withheld from campers as punishment. No camper shall be subject to cruel or severe punishment, humiliation, or verbal abuse. Campers cannot be punished for soiling, wetting, or not using the toilet.

The well being of your child is of paramount importance to us at Camp Nonesuch. We strive to provide children with a safe, healthy, and happy camping environment!

Questions or Concerns?

Please call the office 508-655-8118, or email the director (p.karasch@rivers.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

What if your summer plans change?

Any requests for changes in enrollment, early drop off or late pick up must be made in writing (or by email) and submitted to the attention of the Camp Director. Please refer to the brochure regarding fees for changing enrollment. Be aware that if sessions are full, extensions or changes into those sessions may not be possible.

Billing and Tax ID Number for Child Care Expense Credit

Many companies will reimburse employees for childcare expenses such as camp tuition. Some families may be able to take advantage of tax deductions for childcare expenses. The tax ID number for Camp Nonesuch/The Rivers School is: **04 2104 457**

Questions about billing including requests for copies of receipt of payment should be directed to The Rivers School Business Office, 781-235-9300 extension 223.

Activity Sign-up Dates and Times

Sign up for activities occurs on the dates and at the times listed below. ***We must have all activity sign-up forms for each session returned by the close of the sign up period for that session.*** Please do not feel compelled to be the first family to sign up for activities! Placement into chosen activities is **not** determined on a first come first served basis. However, campers whose forms are not in or who do not submit forms may be shut out of some activities.

Sign up for Session 1

Wed, June 20th (5:30 PM – 8:00 PM)

Sign up for Session 2

Mon, July 2nd (12:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

Tue, July 3rd (9:30 AM – 3:00 PM)

Thu, July 5th (9:30 AM – 3:00 PM)

Sign up for Session 3

Tue, July 17th (12:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

Wed, July 18th (9:30 AM – 3:00 PM)

Thu, July 19st (9:30 AM – 3:00 PM)

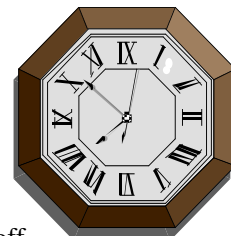
Sign up for Session 4

Tue, July 31st (12:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

Wed, Aug. 1st (9:30 AM – 3:00 PM)

Thu, Aug. 2nd (9:30 AM – 3:00 PM)

Morning Drop off and Afternoon Pick Up Times



For the safety of your children, we ask that parents/guardians respect and abide by the following morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. Campers enrolled in the early morning drop off or the late afternoon pick up have different drop off and pick up times.

• **Morning Drop Off:** Morning drop off begins at 8:45 AM. Please do not drop your children off prior to 8:45 AM unless you have elected to participate in the *Early Morning Drop Off program (7:45-8:45)*.

• **Afternoon Pick Up:** Pick up time in the afternoon is between 3:45 and 4:00 PM unless campers are enrolled in the *Afternoon Late Pick Up program (4:00 PM -6::00 PM)*. Please note that this time may be adjusted when the season begins to best accommodate the needs of our camping families.

When parents and the camp cooperate, we are able to get campers into camp and on their way home safely, quickly and efficiently. We request your patience on the first few days of each session as we adjust to the transportation needs unique to that session. Please follow the direction of the Camp Nonesuch staff members who direct traffic into and out of the camp in the mornings and afternoons.

Any camper who arrives late to camp or is picked up early must be signed in or out at the office by their parent or guardian.

Parents/Guardians of campers who do not arrive at the camp in the morning will be called to verify the camper's absence unless the camp has been notified about the absence by phone or by note. We request that you call in the morning if your child will be absent on a particular day.

If campers miss their ride or are not picked up, the parent/guardian will be called. The camper will remain at camp until a parent or guardian arrives at camp.

Carpool Lists: Carpool lists will be mailed out in early June to those families who indicated an interest on the camp application.

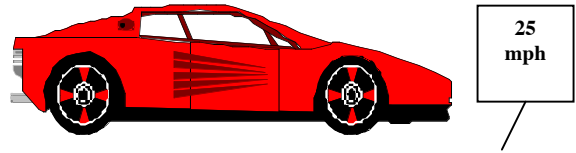
Camp Nonesuch Traffic Control Policy

We strive to provide the safest environment for your children. We must also respect the property, safety and access of our neighbors who live along Indian Rock Road. The following policy has been put into effect to relieve traffic congestion on Indian Rock Road during morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. Your cooperation is essential in order to maintain the *safety of all campers and drivers* and to eliminate any inconvenience to our neighbors. **Please read the policy carefully and be sure that you share it with whoever drops off or picks up your child from camp!**

1. During a.m. drop off and p.m. pick-up, do not park and walk into camp to drop off or pick up your children. There is little extra room for two cars to pass along our drive without the added congestion of pedestrian traffic.

2. During a.m. drop off and p.m. pick-up, if the drive is backed up to the camp entrance proceed to the circle at the end of Indian Rock Road to reverse direction. Return down Indian Rock Road to enter the camp (see map below). This will mean executing a right turn into the camp entrance instead of the usual left turn. As you line up along Indian Rock Road to enter the camp please be courteous and do not block our neighbors driveways! Also remember that the speed limit along Indiana Rock Road is 25 mph! Nonesuch staff will be stationed along the road to assist with traffic control. Please follow their directions. To avoid waiting in line, please drop off as close to 9:00 a.m. and pick up as close to 4:00 p.m. as possible!

3. Do not use our neighbors' driveways to turn around in! This will save you less than a minute and it may cost you a citation of trespass in the event our neighbors become justifiably impatient with cars using their driveways as a turn around. Put yourself in their shoes. Would you want 25 -30 cars using your driveway to turn around in?



Summary:

- Do not walk your child into or out of camp during drop off and pick up times.
- Follow the directions of camp staff assigned to traffic control
- Proceed down Indian Rock Road to the circle at the end of the road to reverse direction, then enter the camp by turning right into the camp entrance.
- Do not block or use our neighbors' driveways to reverse direction.

Drivers who fail to follow the guidelines outlined in this policy place their child's camp enrollment in jeopardy.

The Camp Director reserves the right to suspend a camper's enrollment if the described policy is not followed.

Only your cooperation will make this policy work! Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding!

Anti-Idling Regulation

Be aware that there is a **No Idling** regulation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. "No Idling, Penalties of \$100.00 for First Offense and \$500.00 for Second and Subsequent Offenses" M.G.L. 90 § 16B and 540 CMR 27.00

Camp Nonesuch T-shirts, hats, bags and other camp gear are on sale during the orientation/open house, on Family Nights (the last Friday of each session) and at the camp office!

