

# Camp Nonesuch

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Thank you for your interest in Camp Nonesuch! While this brochure doesn't tell the whole Nonesuch story, it will provide you with a sense of what the camp and its programs are about!

Camp Nonesuch is a day camp for boys and girls ages 7 (and/or have completed first grade) to 15. Owned and operated by The Rivers School, the camp was founded in 1980 by a group of faculty members from The Rivers School with the goal of providing a unique camping experience where children learn and play! Our staff, program and facilities provide children with a camping experience of superior quality.

Nonesuch is unique in that our program is entirely elective. Children, with parental guidance and consent, choose activities that they would like to do during the time they are enrolled in camp. Our two-week sessions provide campers with the opportunity to learn a variety of fun activities from beginning to end!

## *Guiding Principles & Philosophy*

Our program is founded on the following principles:

- to provide a variety of stimulating and educationally sound experiences that support social and physical growth.
- to develop individual skills through each child's personal motivation.
- to provide a supportive atmosphere of happy learning and recreation.
- to stimulate exploration and adventure through individual and group challenges while developing insight into cooperation and decision making.
- to promote a sense of personal pride through the recognition of individual strengths and the accomplishment of newly gained skills.

## *Activities and Program*

Camp Nonesuch provides opportunities in the arts, outdoor education and challenging physical and athletic activities. The camp also offers American Red Cross-certified swimming instruction.

Prior to each session, campers, with parental guidance, select their own two-week program (please refer to the Camp Schedule for specific sign-up dates and times). Selections must be completed by 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the start of each session.

A wide variety of fun and challenging options are offered during our eight-week season. Over the years activities have included:

Aerobic Dance	Archery	Barrettes	Basketry	Batik	Board Games
Bracelets	Camping Skills	Candle Making	Canoeing	Cartooning	Ceramics
CIT program	Clay Animation	Collage	Computers	Creative Writing	Design Art
Drama	Dungeons & Dragons	Embroidery	Fishing	Football	Gimp
Jewelry	Kayaking	Lacrosse	Macramé	Masks	Mobiles
Model Making	Mosaics	Music	Nature Crafts	Nature Study	Nonesuch News
Nonesuch Video	Painting	Papier-mâché	Photography	Pillow Making	Poetry
Pond Life	Puppets	Quilling	Quilting	Rag Dolls	Ropes Course
Sailing	Sculpture	Showtunes	Singing	Soccer	Swimming
Team Sports	Tie Dye	Ultimate Disc	Volleyball	Watercolors	Woodworking

Please be aware that new activities are added and old ones deleted from the program as the seasons pass. Offerings depend on the unique strengths and talents of our outstanding staff. With a few exceptions, activities are open to all campers subject only to interest and/or skill level. Each activity meets daily for two weeks. There are seven activity blocks per day. Five are reserved for elected activities, one for lunch and a day-ending seventh block with a choice of free swim, board games, arts and crafts or a large group game. Campers choose their 7<sup>th</sup> block activity each day.

Safety is important to us so be assured that campers are supervised at all times!

Campers are assigned to a cabin based on their age and gender group. Supervised by a team of counselors, the camper's cabin serves as a home base for stowing personal belongings. To help nurture responsibility, campers are expected to take turns at simple camp duties, such as cleaning up at the end of an activity and helping to keep their cabin clean.

Special events during the camp season include Orientation Day, weekly theme days, two overnights, one during each half of the season and Family Nights at the end of each session when campers share their accomplishments with family and friends!

Lunch and snacks are provided during the camp day. Menus are posted weekly during the summer.

### ***Counselor-In-Training Program (C.I.T.)***

C.I.T.'s are important members of our community. Young people who are 14 and 15 years old by the date they attend camp are eligible to participate in our C.I.T. program. We seek talented, responsible young men and women with leadership potential who are motivated to learn and be helpful. C.I.T.'s learn that the most effective leaders are those who lead by example. All C.I.T.'s participate in leadership training and do work-study as counselor aids.

C.I.T.'s must attend either the 1<sup>st</sup> four or the 2<sup>nd</sup> four weeks of camp (no split sessions). Successful completion of the program *may* result in an offer to join our Nonesuch staff as a counselor when they reach the age of 18 depending on our staffing needs. *C.I.T. tuition is half of the normal camper tuition.*

### ***Facilities***

The camp is nestled in 13 wooded acres on the shores of Nonesuch Pond, a 57-acre stream- and spring-fed great pond that provides opportunities for fishing, swimming, canoeing, kayaking and sailing. Our property boasts a sandy beach; a variety of rustic buildings, including a main lodge, dining hall, nature lodge, boys' and girls' cabins, and arts and crafts cabins; as well as areas set aside for the instruction of field games, archery and other outdoor activities.

### ***Counseling Staff***

The camp staff is comprised of a select group of talented individuals who promote and maintain a caring and supportive learning environment for children. They are chosen for the diversified individual strengths that they bring to our program. As a result, we are able to offer a wide range of unique and engaging activities. We maintain a camper to counselor ratio of 5:1.

The Director of the camp is Paul Karasch. Appointed director in 1993, Paul is the Assistant Technology Director and a coach at The Rivers School. To leave a message during the school year, email Paul at [p.karasch@rivers.org](mailto:p.karasch@rivers.org) or call (339) 686-2449

### ***Health and Safety***

The health and safety of *every* camper are of paramount importance at Camp Nonesuch. All staff members undergo background checks as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; these include reference, C.O.R.I. and S.O.R.I. checks. In addition, all staff members attend specialized child safety training.

We require that our *two* camp health forms be completed and be on file in the camp health care provider's office *before* a camper is allowed to attend camp. This requirement includes a signed physician's statement with up-to-date, dated immunization records *and* a signed, complete emergency information form completed by the camper's parent/guardian. A camp health care provider is in attendance whenever camp is in session.

### ***Enrollment***

Two, four, six or eight-week enrollment options are available. Due to our bi-weekly scheduling, campers may begin only at the start of a two-week session.

Enrollment is limited to 130 campers per two-week session. We strongly recommend that families not delay registration decisions. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once a particular session is full, a waiting list is established in the order applications are received.

- Camp Nonesuch does not discriminate against campers or families on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or ethnic or national origin in the administration of its admissions policies or in any camp administered programs and activities.
- Camp Nonesuch complies with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health governing the administration of summer camp programs and is licensed by the local board of health (The Town of Natick Board of Health).

### ***Carpool Lists***

Upon request, the camp will provide a carpool list for families who prefer to coordinate their own transportation arrangements. Only those individuals who indicate an interest in carpooling on their camper's application will be listed. If you are interested in carpooling, please check the appropriate area on the camp application. Carpool lists will be mailed in the late spring to ensure that the list is as complete as possible.

We encourage families to carpool. It is better for our environment, both for the natural woods, pond and wetland setting in which Camp Nonesuch resides and for the greater area we all call home! It is also better for our campers, your children, the staff, and for our gracious neighbors with whom we share this wonderful neighborhood!

### ***Early Drop-Off and Late Pick-Up***

An Early Drop-Off/Late Pick-up option offering supervised care is available for an additional fee. The morning hours are from 7:45 - 8:45 a.m. The afternoon hours are from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. We are able to offer this service for an entire session or on an individual, daily basis providing we have 24 hours written notice. You may choose the morning, afternoon or both programs. Payment must be included with your regular camp tuition payment.

### ***Child Care Expense and Tax Credits***

Camp tuition may qualify as a child-care expense and therefore may be tax deductible. Some companies may also reimburse child-care expenses as a benefit.

Receipts are available at the end of the camping season. To obtain a receipt and our tax identification number, please contact The Rivers School Business Office at 781-235-9300 ext. 223 or ext. 224.

### ***Hours of Operation***

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Morning drop-off: 8:45 - 9:00 a.m.

Afternoon pick-up: 3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

Early drop-off: 7:45 - 8:45 a.m.

Late pick up: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### ***2012 Camp Schedule***

#### **Sessions One and Two**

June 20 (Wed): Camp Orientation/Open House and Sign-up for Session 1: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

June 25 (Mon): Session One begins: 9:00 a.m.

July 4 (Wed): Independence Day, No Camp!

July 2 - July 5 (Mon, Tue, Thu): Sign-up for Session 2\*

July 6 (Fri): Family Night: 5:30 -8:00 p.m.

July 9 (Mon): Session Two begins: 9:00 a.m.

July 13 (Fri): All-camp overnight (optional)

July 17-19 (Tue-Thu): Sign-up for Session Three\*

July 20 (Fri): Family Night: 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

#### **Sessions Three and Four**

July 17 - 19 (Tue-Thu): Sign-up for Session 3

July 23 (Mon): Session Three begins: 9:00 a.m.

July 31 -August 2: (Tue-Thu): Sign-up for Session 4\*

August 3: (Fri) Family Night: 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

August 6 (Mon): Session Four begins: 9:00 a.m.

August 10 (Fri): All-camp overnight (optional)

August 17 (Fri): Family Night: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

August 17 (Fri): Last day of Camp!

*\*Activity Sign-up Times for Sessions 2, 3, & 4:*

Tuesdays (and Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>) 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Wednesday/Thursday (9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.).

Sign up takes place at Camp Nonesuch the week prior to each session start.

### ***Tuition and Fees***

Tuition includes two snacks, a hot lunch and all supplies. Early drop-off, late pick-up and overnight fees are additional.

A non-refundable deposit of \$200.00 per camper is required at the time of registration and will be credited towards the camper's tuition.

Invoices are mailed during the first week in April. Tuition and fees are due in full by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Payments made after that date are subject to a \$50.00 per camper late fee. Unless this obligation has been fulfilled, a camper will not be allowed to participate in camp activities. Enrollments after May 15<sup>th</sup> require full payment at time of registration.

*All requests for changes must be submitted in writing to the camp director.* Any reduction in enrollment will be subject to a \$50.00 processing fee. With the exception of adding sessions, changes to enrollment after May 15<sup>th</sup> will be subject to a \$50.00 change fee. *Refunds cannot be given for absence, withdrawal or dismissal once camp begins.* We do not provide a tuition refund plan or accident insurance.

### ***Tuition***

Per Two-Week Session: \$1,250.00  
(Session 1: \$1125.00 due to July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Holiday)

- *Any camper enrolling and completing eight weeks of camp will be issued a \$150.00 discount.*
- *If more than one child from the same family attends for eight weeks, a \$140.00 discount will be applied to the tuition of each additional child.*

### ***Early Drop-Off and Late Pick-Up***

Morning: 7:45 - 8:45 a.m. \$125.00/session  
Afternoon: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. \$210.00/session

Daily fee: (24 hour advanced notice required and payment in advance)

Morning: \$20.00/day    Afternoon: \$30.00/day

### ***Slide Show Information***

To ensure that Camp Nonesuch is appropriate for your child, new campers and their parents/ guardians should make an appointment to attend one of our Saturday afternoon slide shows. Presented by the director and lasting approximately one hour, the slide show will help you gain a clearer sense of the camp's atmosphere and provide an opportunity to ask questions that might arise after reading this brochure. Slide shows are presented at The Rivers School, 333 Winter Street in Weston. Directions to The Rivers School may be found at [www.rivers.org](http://www.rivers.org). To attend a slide show or to leave a message with the director, please e-mail [p.karasch@rivers.org](mailto:p.karasch@rivers.org) or call (339) 686-2449. To order additional brochures and applications call (781) 235-9300 x224 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Mon, Tue, Thur, or Fri. or email [t.reddish@rivers.org](mailto:t.reddish@rivers.org).

### ***Directions to Camp Nonesuch***

*(Please note that the physical location of the camp is different from our mailing address!)*

**GPS:** 19 Indian Rock Road, Wayland, MA

**From the East:** Take Route 30 West to the Weston/Natick town line. Turn left onto Indian Rock Road (the first left turn after the Weston/Natick town line). Entrance to the camp is the first left turn after passing under the Massachusetts Turnpike.

**From the West:** Take Route 30 East, past Oak Street in Natick. Turn right onto Indian Rock Road (2nd right turn after Oak Street). Entrance to the camp is the first left turn after passing under the Massachusetts Turnpike.

### ***Other Rivers School Programs***

#### ***The Rivers School***

The Rivers School is a private, coeducational, college preparatory day school located in Weston, Massachusetts serving students in grades 6 to 12. We invite families to explore this exciting community that provides a challenging academic program in a nurturing environment. For admissions information, call (781) 235-9300, ext. 253, or on the web go to: [www.rivers.org](http://www.rivers.org).

#### ***The Rivers School Conservatory***

The Rivers School Conservatory offers year-round private music lessons, ensemble instruction and a number of summer music programs. For information about the conservatory's programs, call (781) 235-6840, or on the web go to: [www.riversschoolconservatory.org](http://www.riversschoolconservatory.org).

#### ***The Rivers Day Camp***

Established in 1963, The Rivers Day Camp provides a more traditional day camp experience for children ages 4 through 14. The Rivers Day Camp also runs two specialty sports camps (Soccer and Basketball). For information about The Rivers Day Camp, call (781) 235-9300, ext. 293, or on the web go to: [www.riversdaycamp.org](http://www.riversdaycamp.org)

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