

CAMP BILLINGS

2023 PARENT HANDBOOK



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REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

COMPLETE FORMS IN CAMP BRAIN

<https://campbillings.campbrainregistration.com>

___ Complete and Submit Camper Information Form *required prior to submitting Registration

___ Complete and Submit Waivers & Agreements *required prior to submitting Registration

___ Complete and Submit Medical Form *not required at time of Registration. Parents are asked to return to CampBrain to complete Medical Form so that it reflects up-do-date information. Medical Forms are due by June 1, 2023.

___ Pay \$500 deposit per camper per session. Deposit is due within two weeks of confirmation of registration.

___ Pay remaining balance of tuition. Full tuition is due by April 30, 2023

For Summer 2023, we have online credit card payment options or mail a check payable to “Camp Billings” to 664 Great Plain Ave, Needham MA 02492.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CAMP BILLINGS REGISTRAR AND WINTER OFFICE

664 Great Plain Ave
Needham, MA 02492
registrar@campbillings.org

CAMP BILLINGS SUMMER ADDRESS

(early June-3rd week of August)
1452 VT-244
Fairlee, VT 05045
802-333-4317
office@campbillings.org (office email is actively checked June, July and August each summer while camp is in session)

ACCREDITATION

After more than 115 years, Camp Billings remains dedicated to enriching the lives of children, by combining the beauty of our setting with the experience of our staff to give kids a haven to meet new friends, discover new activities and create memories that will last a lifetime. Camp Billings is fully accredited by the American Camp Association.

2023 DATES and TUITION RATE

Session 1: June 25 – July 8
Session 2: July 9 – July 22
Session 3: July 23 – Aug 5
Session 4: Aug 6 – Aug 19

2023 Tuition is \$1800 per session

PAYMENTS AND REFUND POLICY

Deposit. There is \$500 non-refundable deposit per camper/per session. We have two methods for paying the deposit: online with a credit card at the time of registration or mailing a physical check to the Registrar to be received within 2 weeks of confirmation. Families that pay the deposit online are given a 2-week grace period for canceling a camper's registration via email to the Registrar. In these situations, the registration can be canceled, and the \$500 deposit refunded to the credit card. Families that choose to pay with a physical check must send the check to the Registrar with enough time to arrive within 2 weeks of confirmation of registration. At the conclusion of the 2-week grace period after a camper is confirmed, all paid deposits are non-refundable.

Full Tuition. Full tuition is due by April 30, 2023. Campers who register after April 30 are expected to pay for the full tuition within 2 weeks of registration either by online credit card or a mailed physical check.

It may be necessary for a parent to cancel a camper's registration after full tuition has been paid. If cancellation is due to serious illness or injury that prevents participation in camp activities, Camp Billings will refund the paid tuition minus the \$500 deposit provided that a Doctor's note certifying the illness or injury is submitted in writing. Any cancellations for other reasons are not subject to refunds.



Looking back at Summer 2022

The most noticeable physical upgrade in 2022 was our brand new courts. We use the courts for many camp programs, not just basketball, pickleball and tennis. The whole camp gathers on the courts for relay races in team competitions, for talent shows, square dances and “drive in movie nights” under the stars.



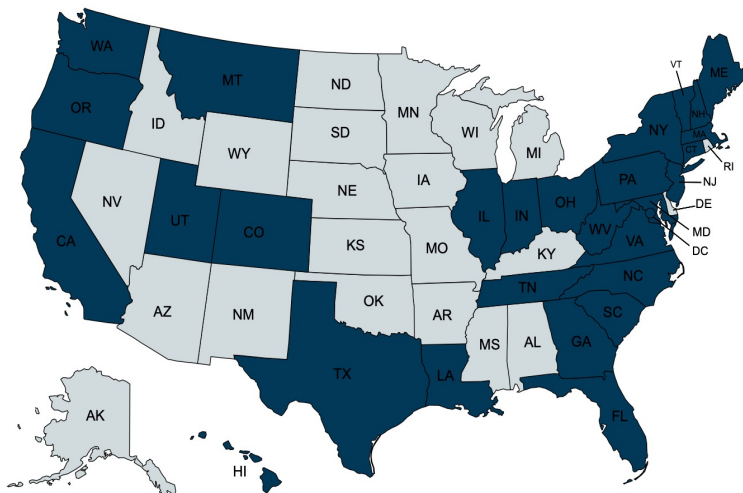
After an absence in 2021, Billings was once again able to hold our Annual Around the Lake Race in 3rd Session. Running the race is always optional for campers, but it's a fun way to challenge yourself with your new camp friends! In 2021 we had over 100 campers and staff run around Lake Fairlee. We were also pleased that Lake neighbors joined in again on this decades-old tradition.

The 3rd Session Musical was Mamma Mia. Each summer the title of the musical is the most closely guarded secret at camp. Congratulations to our Musical Directors and the entire cast and crew who put together such a fantastic performance in just 12 days! It was so fun to watch a new generation learn some of those fun songs.

In 2022 the Country Fair theme was “Camp Cleanup Chores” and our winner was the Boat Bailing team! Each summer in 4th Session, the full camp divides into 10 teams to compete for title. Tug of War, Water Balloon Toss, Full Camp Relay Races, Square Dance and Cheering Competitions are always highlights of this 2-day camp-wide event.



Country Roads, Take Me Home, To the Place I Belong!



In 2022 we had campers registered from 29 States and 13 International Countries!
Where will our campers come from in 2023?

2022 SUMMER STAFF

Our 37 Senior Cabin Counselors at Camp Billings are college students and young professionals, including many teachers, almost all of whom grew up at camp and came through our Counselor in Training Program. In 2022 our summer our Cabin Counselor staff had a combined 224 summers of experience on the Shores of Lake Fairlee!

Our Senior Staff including Directors, Nurses, Cook, Office Staff, CIT Director, Waterfront Director and Maintenance Directors added an additional 100 years of Billings experience.

We had 54 Counselors in Training who spent half of the summer at camp. All of our CITs were former campers or CITs who have shown strong leadership potential and desire to work with children.

We are part of the American Camping Association so our counselors have the appropriate certifications in their particular program:

- CPR certified counselors
- Red Cross certified lifeguards
- USA Archery certification for our Archery counselors
- High Five Ropes qualifications for our ropes counselors

In addition, we host our own week of training the week before camp begins where we focus on **safety** and **responsibility**. Our staff receive ongoing training that helps them manage camper interactions to prevent homesickness or bullying, and foster cabin bonding.

When you send your child to our camp, you can rest assured that he or she will be well cared for by a staff that knows how precious your child truly is.

Summer At a Glance

- Including Pre-Camp Training weeks, our Kitchen Staff will prepare and serve **210 delicious home-cooked meals** to our staff and campers. What will be your camper's favorite?
- Our camp Buglers will alert all campers and staff to the daily schedule with **660 Bugles Calls!** Campers often come home and request hearing Taps before bed for the first few nights home.
- Billings campers will receive **over 6000 letters from family and friends**. Campers love getting mail and in return are asked to bring a letter that they have written as their required entry ticket to dinner each Wednesday of the session.
- Our canoeing and camping program areas will lead 2 junior and 2 senior trips per session.
- In our craft shop each summer we will **tie dye over 350 tee-shirts, weave over 1000 yards of gimp** to make bracelets and keychains and shape over **300 pounds of clay** on our ceramics wheels.
- On the fishing dock and boat, campers will **catch and release over 500 fish**. Common species are largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, yellow perch, rainbow trout and rockbass.



CAMP PROCEDURES

ARRIVAL DAYS (SUNDAYS)

Check in times are 9:30-11:30 and 1:00-3:00 on the Sunday to start each session. In recent years we have had families sign up for drop off times to reduce the lines. Emails to sign up for a time will be sent out the week before your session starts. Please follow staff instructions on where to park. Our parking is limited and can be crowded. Your patience is appreciated. After parking, please go directly to large tent set up on the middle tennis court.

Pets that are leashed are allowed at drop-off day, though not inside any buildings. Please clean up after your pet.

Our check in process starts with a lice check with one of our nurses. Our nurses will check each camper for lice. If a camper is found to have lice at check-in, s/he will not be able to stay on campus. It will be the parents' responsibility to take the camper home for treatment. The camper may return to camp with a signed letter from a professional organization stating that the camper is free of lice and/or nits. While meeting with the nurses you will be able to hand off any medication and instructions that pertain to your camper. You can review important medical information with the nurse.

After the lice check you will quickly speak with our waterfront staff to answer a few questions about your camper's swimming level and skills.

Finally, after progressing through all of these stations you will learn your cabin assignment and are able to unpack your car, meet your cabin staff and cabin mates! **Please do not go to your cabin until you have completed all steps in the check in process.**

Cabin Assignments

All cabin assignments are made by age and grade level. We encourage campers to attend without concern for hometown friends. We find that being in a cabin with friends from home can sometimes strain relationships, prevent other cabin friendships from forming easily and undermine a camper's ability to learn to live and get along well with new people. One of the greatest benefits of overnight camp is making new friends from different places. Encourage this openness and flexibility to ensure your camper's healthy adjustment and great camp experience.

Cabin requests are not routinely accepted at Camp Billings. Only first-time campers may request a bunkmate, and the request must be mutual.

Bunkmate requests for returning campers are not considered. Requests are not guaranteed, but we will do everything we can to honor your requests. Cabin placements are carefully and thoughtfully made to create cabins that consider the welfare of both the individual as well as the entire cabin group. Parents' support of their child's cabin placement is directly related to their camper's positive adjustment to camp. Cabin assignments will not be changed on registration day.



Settling Into Your Cabin

Camp Billings staff will be available to help you unload your car and move your trunk and other items into your cabin. Beds are not assigned; campers can choose from the open top or bottom bunk when they arrive. Cabin space is limited; campers keep clothing in their trunk or suitcase during the session. Parents can help their campers make their beds and ensure that they know where various belongings are within the cabin.

New and returning families are invited to walk around our campus or ask a staff member for a quick tour. Parents are asked to depart by 3:30 so that cabin staff and campers can get to know each other with a cabin meeting.

After cabin meetings, cabin groups will tour around the full camp, meeting program area counselors and learning about all of our program areas and basic rules at each activity. This walk-about gives both new and returning campers a chance to see the whole campus and get familiar with staff and each other.

The camp session gets going in earnest with our First Sunday Night Dinner and the first chance to sing some of our most favorite camp songs in the dining hall. There is always great energy and excitement for the first singing of “Country Roads, Take Me Home to the Place I Belong!” Weather permitting we start each session with a full camp game of Capture the Flag as our opening Evening Program.

Don’t blink, the next 13 days will fly by!



PICK-UP DAYS (SATURDAYS)

Each session concludes on Saturday with a final lunch and the chance to do a B-I-L-L-I-N-G-S cheer one more time. Pickup time begins at 1:00. Please remain outside the dining hall until campers come out. After greeting your camper and meeting his/her new friends you may go to the cabin to remove all belongings. Campers will have spent time Saturday morning collecting and packing their belongings, but parents are encouraged to help by reviewing the packing list and items. If everything is labeled it is much easier to be sure that you go home with the correct items. Don’t forget to check the drying line on the outside of each cabin for any towels or bathing suits that are still hanging outside.

Tips for cabin staff are not required but are always appreciated for our hardworking CITs and Counselors.

All families must visit the camp office to check out, pick up your cabin report, copy of The Clocktower Times and pay for your camper’s account.

If you left any medication with the nurses at drop off, please stop by the infirmary to pick up. All families are asked to be checked out and depart by 3:00. Our staff have a busy night of cleaning, prepping and planning so they can welcome a new group of campers the next morning.

CHANGEOVER CAMPERS

If your camper is staying for consecutive sessions, you have the option of visiting on camp, taking your camper off camp for a few hours or overnight, or your camper may stay on Saturday night with other campers who are remaining on camp. There will be a more laid-back set of program options for campers that stay on camp during changeover. Full meals will be served. Campers will consolidate into fewer cabins that night so may need to pack up sleeping bags and move a few cabins over just for one night. **If you are taking your camper off campus for a few hours or over night, please check in at the office when you leave and provide your expected arrival time back on camp so that staff can be prepared.**

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Nurses email is actively checked in June, July and August each summer. nurses@campbillings.org

Medications:

Please list **ALL** medications (over-the-counter and prescription) that the camper will be bringing to camp (including vitamins). Per American Camper Association regulations, **ALL** medications **MUST** be stored in the infirmary. Our nurses have standing orders to administer certain medications. Please note that it is **NOT** permitted to send any medication to camp to leave in the cabins, including acetaminophen (Tylenol), ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), Benadryl, cold medications, Neosporin, Bacitracin, Solarcaine or Orajel. Do **NOT** leave these medications with your camper.

If you are sending medications to camp to leave with the nurses, please note the following:

- **ALL** medications (over-the-counter and prescription) must be in the **ORIGINAL** container. Do not send medications in weekly pill dispensers or in plastic bags;
- Label all medications including nasal sprays and inhalers (not just the boxes) with the camper's name;
- Send enough medication for the entire camp stay. Arrange to send refills, if necessary, in advance of running out of medication;
- Check expiration dates on medications especially inhalers.

Dietary:

Vegetarian meals are available to campers who for philosophical or health reasons do not eat meat. A camper must opt for either regular or vegetarian meals for his/her entire stay.

Immunizations:

- Please ensure that your camper has had a tetanus booster shot within the past ten years.

Bed-Wetting:

If your camper wets the bed, please make a note of so we can handle any accidents discreetly.

Other Considerations:

If your camper is ill e.g. has a cold or fever or has been exposed to any infectious diseases, please contact the camp before arriving on opening day. You will be notified if your camper becomes ill at camp and requires an overnight stay in the infirmary and/or a visit to the camp pediatrician, sustains an injury requiring medical attention or experiences severe homesickness.

Our experience with campers with ADD/ADHD coming off their medications during camp indicates that frequently it is not a wise decision and can negatively impact their camp experience. If your camper takes medication during the school year for conditions like ADD/ADHD and you feel the medication is unnecessary during the camp stay, please contact our camp nurse to discuss how to ensure a positive camp experience for your child.



SPECIAL NEEDS/CIRCUMSTANCES

Camp Billings and its staff are neither trained nor equipped to handle children with extensive physical, emotional, or educational needs. In order to provide the best possible experience for your child and for all the other members of our camp family, we require that all special considerations be brought to the attention of, and discussed with, our Camp Director prior to a child registering for a camp session.

CAMPER LIFE

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30 AM	Reveille
7:55 AM	Colors. Cabin roll call, raising the flag and Pledge of Allegiance
8:00 AM	Breakfast, singing in the dining hall, and announcements
9:00 AM	Camp duties
9:30 AM	First period of morning program
10:10 AM	Second period of morning program
10:50 AM	Third period of morning program
11:30 AM	Cabin time-all campers and staff meet in the cabin
12:00 PM	Lunch and announcements
1:00 PM	Junior camper rest hour
2:00 PM	First period of afternoon program
3:00 PM	Second period of afternoon program, plus snack offered in the dining hall
4:00 PM	Free swim
5:00 PM	Cabin clean-up
5:50 PM	Colors. Cabin roll call, lowering the flag
6:00 PM	Dinner, singing in the dining hall, and announcements
7:30 PM	Evening program
9:15 PM	Taps and lights out



7:30 AM - Wake up to the sound of our real live bugle

A typical day at Billings begins with the rousing sound of our camp bugler playing reveille. Then, you will make your way to the clock tower lawn to stand together with the whole camp and watch the raising of the flag.

8:00 AM - Time for breakfast

Meals are served family-style with your cabin group. Three times a day, you will catch up with your cabin group over a balanced and delicious meal. After breakfast (and dinner), we sing songs from our Official Song Book. This is when we often lose our voices from signing, cheering and banging on tables! Then, it's time for announcements: Counselors from each program area will tell us what's going on. (We will also post the activities on a board outside the dining hall).

9:00 AM - Camp Duties

Camp duties are an integral part of Camp Billings. The sign in our dining hall bears our camp motto, **"Whatever Is Worth Doing At All Is Worth Doing Well."** We learn about personal responsibility and respecting our surrounding and beloved environment by being the very ones to take care of it. After breakfast, with our cabin mates and counselors, we all perform a camp duty together. This varies from watering the flowers, cleaning the showers, putting away the dry dishes, or setting the table. This responsibility and self-reliance feels good.

9:30 AM - Morning Programs

One of the best things about Billings is that campers can choose the programs we want to participate in everyday. And there is so much choice! The counselors encourage campers to try them all. We have a balance of both instructional and recreational, competitive or non-competitive options. The only mandatory program is swim lessons for forty minutes every morning. Programs are run until 11:30 AM.

11:30 AM - Cabin Time / Lunch / Rest Hour

The middle of the day is a great time to change, read and write back to mail that is received, read

and listen to music. Lunch is at noon, and is served family style. We get an amazing salad bar on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. After lunch, junior campers go back to their cabins for rest, and senior campers have a chance to hang out with friends. This is the time we open the Camp Store. Each day, it is open for a specific group. Campers get to go to the camp store twice per session.

1:00 PM - Afternoon Programs and Free Swim

Another opportunity to try new things. Then, at 4 PM, the waterfront is open for Free Swim. If we are not already at the waterfront, we grab a buddy and head to the waterfront to go down the slide, jump off the high dive, practice our strokes or just float on some foam noodles in our perfect lake.



5:00 - Cabin Clean up and Dinner

At 5 PM everyone goes back to the cabin to clean up their own area, and the cabin as a whole. Everyone pitches in to ensure the shared living space is clean and safe. Each camper will get a different cabin duty every day. Those include, taking out the trash, sweeping the floor, or checking the clothes lines for dry clothes. **Dinner is at 6 PM** for another delicious meal family style. (Some campers love to dress up for dinner sometimes.)

7:00 - Evening Program and Taps

Following dinner, all campers take part in our evening program, such as a camp-wide game of capture the flag, water games, dances or campfires. On the way back to their cabins, campers are covered with the blanket of the wondrous Vermont star-filled sky. Campers then prepare for bed and lights to go out as the bugler blows Taps around 9:15 PM. There are always staff members outside on duty for anything campers need, and everyone gets a little flashlight time to enjoy card games, play Mad-Libs or just chat about the day.

MEALS

Campers love the food at Camp Billings!

We offer a wide range of foods throughout the session, so there is always something for everyone.

Campers eat with their cabin-mates and counselors, and all meals are served family-style in our historic dining hall.

Breakfast always includes a hot item like pancakes or eggs, as well as cereal, fruit, and juice.

Lunch is a great time to connect with friends over grilled cheese sandwiches, broccoli chicken Alfredo or tacos. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday we also offer a massive all-you-can-eat salad bar!

Dinners are the best at Billings. Everything is home-made from chicken parm and meatloaf, to stuffed peppers and a full Thanksgiving turkey dinner!

We partner with our good friends Tim, Janet and Phil at Crossroad Farm just down the street. As soon as they have produce available we put it on our menu: lettuce, peas, carrots, potatoes, tomatoes, and sweet corn, to name a few! We also buy all our beef from Robie Family Farms in Piermont, NH.

And camp wouldn't be camp without a few **special treats**: corn dogs, cinnamon buns, bug juice and pizza cookies are some of the things we sprinkle in throughout the session.



A **vegetarian option** is the **ONLY** special dietary request we can accommodate; our kitchen is small and our resources are limited, so, unfortunately we cannot accommodate campers with significant

dietary concerns. Please contact us before registering your child if you are unsure about whether this concerns your family.

The Camp Billings kitchen follows the **highest standard of safety and sanitation** and meets all nationally recognized safety standards indicated by the [American Camp Association](#) (ACA). Our facilities are also inspected annually by the State of Vermont.



Fun in the Dining Hall

Campers and their counselors spend time together in the dining hall and get to know each other as they share highlights from the day. After breakfast and Dinner, a few of our staff lead the campers to sing songs from our Official Songbook.

Of course, each session of each year is unique and our group of campers as a whole is especially skilled at coming up with spontaneous cheers and “unofficial” songs. Like the Form The Banana song and cheer, for example, or like the time the whole camp used their forks, cups and plates to make an awesome beat. The boys started a catchy rhythm by banging on the tables, and then other campers joined in with their spoons and cups for the accompaniments. It was a spontaneous moment that took hold of the entire dining hall. Even the director's table joined in. And it could only have happened because of our philosophy that campers' spirits need to be celebrated.

CONTACT WITH CAMPERS

Packages and mail:

Food in packages for campers is not allowed. Food from packages will be confiscated and thrown away. Please do not send food or candy in packages.

We request that packages be limited to one per week. Our office space is very limited.

Furthermore, we have found that one package per week is just right to make campers feel loved. Send lots and lots of letters! Kids love mail!

All mail can be addressed to:

Camp Billings

c/o Camper Name (Cabin #)

1452 VT-244

Fairlee VT 05045-9620

Please note that this address is for the summer only

Phone calls:

While at camp, your camper will be reachable by mail only. Phone calls are reserved for campers who are at camp on their birthday. If a camper stays longer than 2 weeks, and parents or guardians are unable to visit during changeover, the office can schedule a phone call. To do so, please contact the office.

LAUNDRY

Laundry service is available for campers who stay 4 weeks or more. A laundry service comes between sessions. There is a charge that will be applied to the campers account. Consider that campers often get wet or dirty while playing at camp and they will need lots of extras. PLEASE LABEL

EVERYTHING. We are not responsible for any lost clothing.

DRESS CODE/CLOTHING

Camp Billings does not have a dress code. We rely on parents to help younger campers and teenage campers pack appropriately so that they have enough clothing to last for the full two-week session. Campers change in and out of swimsuits and dry clothes a couple of times a day. We advise talking to your camper about not throwing

clothing into the laundry bag that has only been worn for a couple of hours. Please help your camper make choices to bring clothing that is free from inappropriate images or words and that is appropriate to be worn at a co-ed camp with campers ranging from 8-15 years old.

CELL PHONES

No portable electronic devices of any kind are allowed at camp. This includes computers, cell phones, portable gaming devices, iPads, iPods or similar MP3 players. Any of these items brought to camp will be collected and kept in the camp office for the duration of the camper's stay. Camp Billings will not be responsible for any valuables that are lost or stolen. Please leave all valuables and electronics at home.

CAMERAS

We encourage campers to bring film or digital cameras to camp. Digital cameras should be cameras only, not a smart device with access to wi-fi, cellular service, internet or video games of any type. Just old-school cameras to take photos!

SWIMMING LESSONS and TESTS

Swimming lessons are a required part of our daily program. All campers will be placed in a swimming lesson based on Camp's previous records of swimming ability and/or conversations with parents at drop off. Campers with advanced swimming and water safety knowledge may be asked to be an aid during swimming lessons.

Early in each session our waterfront staff will hold two swimming tests. Our Float Test is a lifeguard-accompanied swim from our deep dock, around both of our deep floats and returning back to our dock. Passing the Float Test will allow campers to participate in swimming lessons, snorkeling and free swim in our deep end and to swim to the floats. The Boat Test is a life-guard accompanied swim from the middle of the lake to our docks while wearing clothing. Campers who pass the Boat Tests are permitted to go to all program areas on our waterfront. Life jackets are always required during any boating activity.

PACKING LIST

We suggest that you tape one copy to the lid of your camper's trunk or suitcase and keep one copy at home. We maintain a lost and found on camp that we strongly encourage you to check on pick up day. During a couple of meals in the session the lost and found items will be held up in an effort to return them to their owners. **PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS SENT TO CAMP WITH FIRST AND LAST NAMES.**

Laundry is not available for campers staying for one session. Campers staying two or more sessions will have the option to send laundry out. Families who visit during changeover sometimes opt to take their own camper's laundry to a laundromat to do it themselves.

Clothing for 14 days/13 nights

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| ___ 14 t-shirts | ___ 14-16 pairs of underwear |
| ___ 14 shorts | ___ 14-16 pairs of socks |
| ___ 2-4 long sleeve shirts/sweatshirts/sweaters | ___ Rain coat or poncho |
| ___ 2-4 Jeans or sweatpants or leggings | ___ Crocs or flip flops or other water shoes |
| ___ 2-3 sets of pajamas (for warm and cool nights) | ___ Running shoes |
| ___ 2-4 bathing suits | ___ Rain boots (optional) |
| ___ 2-4 towels | ___ Hiking boots (optional for trips) |

Essential items

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| ___ Bedding - a warm sleeping, base sheet for a cot, extra blankets, pillow. **If bedwetting is potential for your child, please pack an extra set of bedding. Our nursing staff will wash all soiled lined on the same day. And please indicate this on your health forms. | ___ Pads/tampons |
| ___ Shampoo, conditioner, soap | ___ Sun screen SPF 30 or above |
| ___ Toothbrush/tooth paste | ___ Refillable water bottle labeled with name |
| ___ Hairbrush/comb/hair ties or barrettes | ___ Flashlight |
| ___ Toiletries caddy/pail for carrying | ___ Bug spray |
| ___ Laundry bag | ___ Chap stick |
| | ___ Tissues |
| | ___ Stationary, stamps, pens, envelopes. (Stamps can also be purchased in the camp office and will be charged on the camper's account.) |

Optional items:

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| ___ Fishing pole | ___ Baseball glove | ___ Guitar | ___ Swimming Goggles * |
| ___ Tennis racket | ___ Lacrosse stick | ___ Day pack | (STRONGLY encouraged to help campers feel safe and confident in the lake) |

Packing for Special Events

Certain events are always the same at camp, but one can never really know what silly antics might ensue! Campers have been known to bring these types of items to camp. Nothing in this section is required!

- Dressy clothes like dresses and suit jackets and ties
- Silly costumes, wigs, tutus, funky leggings
- Plaid shirts or overalls for the Square Dance
- A t-shirt in each color of the rainbow plus black and white (for team games)

Session 1 is when we celebrate the 4th of July with a ton of Red White and Blue! We have epic fireworks at night. Some campers like to have ear plugs for that.

Session 2 is when we have International Night - A Gala style evening and campers love to dress up for this fun night! We also have a talent-show style competition for the campers to show off their mad skills, e.g. "Billings Idol" or "Billings Got Talent!"

Session 3 is when we put on the Musical! What will it be this summer?! And who will be the Lead?

We also have an optional 10k Race Around the Lake so pack your running sneakers!

Session 4 is when we have Country Fair. You will want to bring a t-shirt of every color (if you can), good sneakers, multiple athletic shorts and socks, and be prepared to play in the rain (as long as there is no thunder and lighting).



What do we put it in?

Most campers pack everything in a trunk/footlocker. Standard trunk size is 30×15.75×12.25 and can be purchased on Amazon or at Target/Walmart/Kmart or other one-stop shops. Many campers bring additional storage in the form of a stack of 2-3 plastic drawers. Please keep in mind our extremely limited space. Trunks are not required, but they are the best option.

Make sure to label EVERYTHING! Our resources and space are limited, and we simply cannot store lost and found items for more than 24 hours. If items remain unclaimed after this time period, we donate everything to local charities. A new group of campers arrives the next day and the cycle begins again.

Items are brought to camp at your own risk. We cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged

goods. Parents/guardian should be selective in what they allow their kids to bring to camp.

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP!

Knives, firearms, bicycles and skateboards are not allowed at camp. If a camper has or uses any tobacco, drugs or alcohol, he or she will be sent home immediately.

Food

The camp menu is varied and ample enough to serve all our needs, so we do not allow food to be stored in the camper's cabins. We must strictly enforce this rule. Food stored in the cabin can create a big problem with animals - chipmunks, skunks, raccoons - which carry rabies. **Please do not send food packages. All food packages will sadly be thrown away.**

Camp Billings is technology-free!

No portable electronic devices of any kind are allowed at camp. This includes computers, cell phones, portable games, iPads, iPods or similar MP3 players. Any of these items brought to camp will be collected and kept in the camp office for the duration of the camper's stay. Camp Billings will not be responsible for any valuables that are lost or stolen. Please leave all valuables and electronics at home.

Shipping Trunk and Luggage by Mail:

United Parcel Service handles the delivery of trunks and luggage. Please bring return shipping labels with you at drop off and arrange to have UPS pick up the trunk on the Saturday of departure. Our UPS address is:

Camp Billings

1452 VT-244

Fairlee, VT 05045



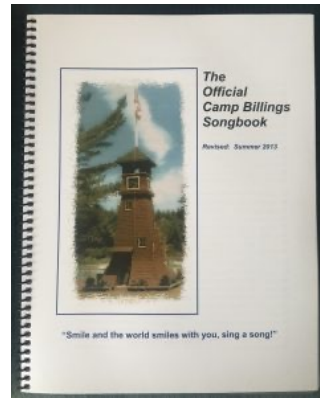
CAMP STORE and CAMPER ACCOUNTS

Our Camp Store is open for 30 minutes after lunch several days a week. Announcements will be made at lunch about which cabins have access to the camp store that day. Each cabin will get to go to Camp Store once in the first week and once in the second week of each session.

Cash is NOT needed at Camp Store and should not be brought to camp. Campers will charge their purchases to their camper account. Items for purchase include soft drinks, lemonade and candy. At each visit to Camp Store a camper is allowed to purchase a maximum of one candy and two drinks, or two candies and one drink.

The camp store does not carry pharmaceuticals or toiletries. If a camper has needs for things like shampoo or a new toothbrush, they can visit the nurse and procure it there at no charge.

In addition, Camp Store has souvenirs like t-shirts, sweatshirts, blankets, pennants, sweatpants, hats, pajama pants, water bottles, bumper stickers, lanyards and our songbook.



Camp Photos

We take a full camp photo and individual cabin photos each session. Your camper will have the opportunity to order a copy of any photo they wish to have. Photo day is the only opportunity to order photos. All orders are placed at once. Campers will receive their orders upon departure at the end of their stay and the cost for photos will be charged to your camper's account.

Camper Accounts

Items from camp store, camp photos and some other activities at camp are charged to camper accounts. Campers who sign up for waterskiing or tubing will have small charges, as well as those who choose to go on off-campus camping or canoeing trips. Parents will pay for their camper's account with credit card, cash or check when checking out in the office on pick up day. For planning purposes, camper accounts range from \$20-40 per camper for a two-week session.