

Down East Family YMCA Summer Day Camp On Webb Pond



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June 18 - August 31, 2012



Celebrating 41 years of Summer Camp.

Camp Mission Statement.:

The Down East Family YMCA Summer Camp is committed to fostering and facilitating awareness and appreciation of our environment by teaching and modeling the wise use of our natural resources, in harmony with our core values.

General Information

A Letter from the Camp Director

Dear Parents,

As Camp Director, I have the opportunity to see first hand what impact we have on the children of Down East Maine. During my 24 years of working at summer camps, I have witnessed children develop and thrive in the out of doors, learning respect for the environment and how to get along with others. I have seen them develop new skills like swimming and archery and develop new hobbies and interest in the arts.

At the Down East Family YMCA Summer Camp on Webb Pond girls and boys are exposed to dedicated adult and teenage staff members who act as role models and mentors. We have adult staff certified in Aquatics and Boating, Shooting Sports Safety, Art and Environmental Education.

Going to summer camp can be a life changing experience for a young person. It is a safe place that is governed by the core values of the YMCA which are Respect, Caring, Honesty and Responsibility.

Thank you! *Michael Cuskelly*, Camp Director



Facilities

Our camp is set in a beautiful, quiet spot on Webb Pond in Eastbrook. It offers all the necessary modern amenities, as well as maintained play fields and untouched wilderness.

The camp also features:

- * More than 50 acres of woods interlaced with miles of nature trails and streams.
- * 1,000 feet of waterfront for swimming, canoeing, and kayaking.
- * Dining hall and state-of-the-art kitchen and enough space to serve 80 hungry campers and counselors at a time.
- * Large playing field.
- * Archery area and a BB Gun Safe Shooting Range.
- * Nature and Science Center, Arts & Crafts Center and Infirmary.



Camp Dates, Hours & Transportation

Camp is offered **June 18th through August 31st**. Sign up for one week, partial weeks or all summer long.

Our schedule is designed to meet the needs of the working family. Camp is offered Monday through Friday from 7:00 am - 5:30 pm, rain or shine. Although Camp is located in a secluded location, we offer convenient drop off and pick up locations. Drop off is at the YMCA and Pick up is at the Moore Community Center Playground (rainy days at the Moore Community Center Gym). Buses leave for camp at 7:30 am, 8:00 am and 8:30 am. Buses arrive back at the Moore Community Center in Ellsworth around 4:30 pm. Parents have until 5:30 pm to pick up their children.

Registration

Many of our weeks fill up fast. Registration begins March 1st. **A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required for each week of camp.** Registration forms are available at the YMCA and online at www.defymca.org.

Early Bird Registration

Save \$10 per week for full week registration if you register by April 15th.

Save \$5 per week for part-time (M/W/F or T/TH) registration if you register by April 15th.

Food Program

No need to pack a lunch. For only \$25 per week, or \$6 per day, your camper will enjoy a delicious, nutritious meal prepared in our professional kitchen. Campers who choose to bring their lunch must bring items that do not require refrigeration.

Prices - New Part Time Choices

Full Week: \$140 per week for members, \$150 for supporting communities, \$160 for non-members

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: \$105 per week for members, \$115 for supporting communities, \$125 for non-members

Tuesday/Thursday: \$90 per week for members, \$100 for supporting communities, \$110 for non-members

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Activities

Campers have the opportunity to enhance skills and learn new skills through a variety of activities. We have invested in a dedicated staff, many of whom are trained in specific skills, including an Arts and Craft Specialist, an Environmental Education Coordinator, a Waterfront Director, an Archery Director, and a BB Gun Safety Instructor. We offer boating, swimming, archery, arts & crafts, drama, fishing, hiking, team sports, science experiments and much more. The activities are designed to challenge the camper, encourage teamwork skills as well as allow the camper to express his/her individuality.

Arts & Crafts

Thanks to a generous gift to our Campaign for Camp, we will be having a comprehensive, progressive and fun Art program this summer with age appropriate activities and led by a certified Art Teacher.

Boating Program,

sponsored by Cadillac Mountain Sports

Campers of all ages have opportunities to gain boating skills. We have a wonderful waterfront and plenty of canoes and kayaks. Young campers will learn basic boating safety and skills while older campers may earn opportunities to take boating expeditions around Webb Pond.

Environmental Education

Many of our activities have a strong emphasis on environmental education. Environmental Education Coordinator Matt Montgomery brings the nationally recognized environmental education program, Project WILD to camp. All campers will be exposed to ecological projects at camp such as composting, recycling, species identification and habitat protection. The camp has established an Environmental Cabin complete with aquariums, terrariums, microscopes, resource materials and much more. Campers may choose to participate in specialty environmental programs each week.

Shooting Sports

Chris Kravitz brings decades of experience to our camp as our lead Archery Instructor. Clyde Cushing teaches campers about BB gun safety, care and maintenance.

Swimming

Our certified Lifeguards run a safe waterfront using the buddy system. There are always plenty of eyes on the children in the water.



Scampers Kindergarten (must be age 5 by June 30th)

Designed specifically for children who will be entering Kindergarten in September, the Scampers program is taught by full time Child Care professionals who provide a nurturing environment while exposing campers to traditional camp activities and experiences. Our Scampers will be based out of the Moore Community Center. Weather permitting, the Scampers will head out to Webb Pond weekly to interact with the other campers and enjoy many of the traditional camp activities, like swimming, arts & crafts, games and sports as well as Kindergarten readiness activities.

Rangers 1st & 2nd Grade

The Rangers program is designed to provide campers with a variety of activities to help nurture an awareness of their physical surroundings as well as self discovery. Rangers spend their days learning new skills while exploring the natural surroundings. While each day has a consistent structure and routine, no day is typical. Activities are structured to promote self-esteem and cooperation. The group activities include: arts & crafts, boating, swim lessons and free swim, camp games, hiking, sports, exploring, and environmental education.

Explorers 3rd - 6th Grade

Designed to foster independence by allowing campers to choose their activities each day. Explorers will engage in activities designed to be challenging mentally and physically. Explorers will have opportunities to share in activities as a large group and in smaller groups of 13. The group activities include: outdoor skills, boating, swimming, shooting sports, camp games, hiking, sports, fishing, exploring, archery and environmental education.

Pioneers 7th - 9th Grade

The Pioneer program is designed to foster independence and teamwork in campers as they plan each week's activities. Pioneers have ample opportunity to learn new skills and focus on activities that best suit their interests. Pioneers have the options of participating in activities with their peers and assisting in delivering programs for the younger camps. The group activities include: swimming, boating, outdoor skills, fishing, environmental studies, hiking, shooting sports, exploring, group skills, teamwork skills, leadership skills, BB Gun Safety & Archery, and sports. We have scheduled four overnight activities for Pioneers throughout the summer.

