

Hello Parents and Campers!!

Welcome to the Wallingford Recreation Department summer program 2023. Lisa Cotrupi will be back as a co-director for a eighth year and Lawrie Roundy remains as our other co-director in her fifth year with the camp. We also have two new faces joining us this summer. Sam Groom, a Mill River Graduate, is joining us this year as the lead counselor and brings many assets to the program! His resume is packed with lots of great life skills through his experience with the military as well as in hospitality and the ski industry to name a few. He is working on his lifeguard recertification and is CPR certified. We look forward to all the energy and enthusiasm we think he will bring with him also!! Welcome Sam!! Our other counselor is a high-school student at Mill River, Olive Skiathitis, and she is very excited to be joining us. Olive also brings some good experience working in the childcare field with CPR and First Aid training as well. Lawrie and I are happy to have these two young adults join our team!

We will continue to meet at the lake every day and the campers will be picked up there as well (unless something unusual happens). Please remember that there will be strict limitations for using and being near the water before a lifeguard is on duty. We will try to keep the gate open for a bit in the morning until all campers arrive but it will be closed by 9:00 am. You will need to contact us to let you in after that time.

The Program

As previously stated drop off and pick up will be at the lake. We would like all campers to be on site by 9:00 am when possible so we can start the program and they do not miss out on activities. We understand that there are things that will come up and just ask that you keep us informed when you need to adjust your arrival time.

As always field trips are the highlight of the week and we will keep you apprised of the schedule of events and any special drop-off/pick-up instructions. We will keep a board near check-in space with a current list/schedule of events. We are still in the process of scheduling at this time but we will provide more details when we get confirmation on our plans. We do have several events happening right at the lake this summer with some folks coming in to do fishing, yoga and music, etc.

CIT Program

We are in our second year of offering the Counselor-Training Program for youth who have aged out of the day camp but still want to enjoy the camp experience and gain skills that will enhance their future

prospects as a camp counselor. Please let your children know that these counselors need to be treated with the same respect given to our adult counselors (and they will be instructed to also treat campers according to our expectations). Obviously, if there are any issues or questions with interactions bring it to our attention immediately. CIT campers will get a set of guidelines and expectations when they arrive at camp.

What to Bring Everyday:

- **WATER- campers need lots on hot days**

- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Clothing options
- Footwear options
- Lunch

- Money for lake snacks (optional but **2.00 limit please**)

We also want discourage sharing money with others or buying for others- this has led to some difficulties in the past

*We can be reached during the day (or in the evening if necessary).

If you have to leave a message we will return your calls as promptly as possible.

You may also text Lisa or Lawrie if that is more convenient.

Contact Information

Lisa Cotrupi-Co-Director- 446-2238/558-8556

Lawrie Roundy-Co-Director- 376-6472

Sandi Switzer@ Town Hall- 446-2872

(Contact Sandi for emergencies or if not able to reach a co-director)

***More detailed guidelines and expectations will be provided**