

# Sandy Island Family Camp Information Sheet

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Welcome to the YMCA of Greater Boston's Sandy Island Family Camp. The enclosed information is for your reference and is useful for both first-time and returning camper families. We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your upcoming vacation. Our goal is to provide you and your entire family with a most pleasant experience and an unforgettable vacation.

## Getting To Camp

### Travel Directions

**From the South:** Travel Route 93 to Concord, NH, to Exit 15E at 393/4/202. Travel approximately 8 miles from the exit to the first circle (Epsom). Travel 3/4 way around the circle onto Rte. 28N towards Alton. Travel approximately 21 miles to the next circle (Alton Circle), pass by McDonald's and head straight to Wolfeboro staying on 28N. Travel approximately 9 miles to Wolfeboro. See "**From Wolfeboro**"

**Or:** Travel Route 95 North to the Spaulding Turnpike at Portsmouth, which becomes Route 16 West. Take Exit 15 (Farmington/Alton) and travel on Route 11 towards Alton. Travel to Route 28 North into Wolfeboro and follow directions below.

**From the West:** Travel Route 89 to 93 North. Exit to Route 4 East and follow Route 28 North to Wolfeboro.

**From Wolfeboro:** In Wolfeboro, 28N veers off to the right. DO NOT FOLLOW 28N, but at the Junction of Rte. 109, continue straight on the main road through the center of Wolfeboro. You should now be traveling on 109N, not 109A. From Wolfeboro, travel approximately 5 and a half miles to camp. Four miles outside of Wolfeboro, you should pass the Libby Museum on your right, and shortly thereafter Tuftonboro Neck Road on your left. Keep a lookout for our sign and Northwoods Road on the left. Turn onto Northwoods Road and proceed past the farmhouse and bear left at the fork to Sandy Island Dock Road. Park head-in to unload your **tagged luggage** onto the Sandy Dock. Please park in the upper parking lot as close as possible to other vehicles. **Please remember our 10 mph speed limit.**

### Arrival and Departure

Camp begins with lunch on Saturday and concludes after breakfast on the following Saturday. **Please arrive at the Sandy Dock 45 minutes before the listed shuttle times.** Be aware that the Sandy Island Dock Road becomes one-way 15 min. after the hour and until 15 min. before the hour during the morning shuttle times.

#### Shuttle Departure Times:

**9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m.**

NOTE: No special water taxis are available, to or from the island, on Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m, except for medical emergencies.

## Contact Information

### Sandy Island Family Camp:

(May 1 –September 30)

PO Box 10, Mirror Lake, NH, 03853-0010  
603-253-4217 (Phone), 603-253-5339 (Fax)

### Camping Services Branch Offices:

(October 1—April 30)

PO Box 10, Mirror Lake, NH, 03853-0010  
603-569-2725 (Phone), 603-569-5869 (Fax)

**Executive Director:** George Pacheco; **Business Manager:** Amy Goodman; **Sandy Island Registrar:** Linda Pacheco

## What To Bring

We transport luggage, but it must be strong and self-contained. Please limit weight of individual bags to **35 lbs. or less.** Small personal items and open bags should be carried on the boat. Consider packing your clothing in plastic bags within your luggage.

**Don't burden yourself with non-essentials when packing.** Life at Sandy Island is simple and casual. Bring a warm jacket for cool evenings, raingear, swimsuits and plenty of informal clothing. Bedding is provided, including sheets, blankets, pillow cases and pillows. You may want to consider bringing a sleeping bag for extra comfort. Please bring your own toiletries and towels for both swimming and bathing. **Electrical items are discouraged.** A flashlight is necessary for walking safely at night and sunscreen & bug repellent are also a must. **Please reserve cribs and strollers one week prior to your arrival at camp.**

### Sports Equipment

All types of equipment are available at camp. You may wish to bring personal equipment such as tennis racquets, fishing tackle or softball gloves. For tennis players, smooth-soled shoes are required on our clay courts.

### Baby Food

Please bring food for your baby. Kitchen staff will happily assist you in heating and refrigerating your food.

## Financial Information

### Payment /Refund Policy

The balance of your bill is listed on the confirmation statement as calculated from the current fee schedule. *Payment of half balance is due April 1st and the remainder is due no later than June 1st.* The option to have funds electronically transferred from your credit card monthly is available. **Reminder:** A non-transferable deposit of \$350 per family, \$250 per couple, or \$150 per individual is anticipated in order to register. All deposits of waiting-list campers will be refunded if we are unable to accommodate your request. If a payment is returned due to insufficient funds or invalid credit card, a processing fee of **\$15.00** per transaction will be added to your balance due.

**Refund Policy:** Any changes to your registration, LOA requests and cancellations must be submitted to our office in writing. Upon cancellation/LOA deposits are refunded accordingly:

**By March 1** full refund of deposit plus all fees paid up to that time upon filling of cabin.

**March 2-April 1** 75% refund of deposit plus all fees paid up to that time upon filling of cabin

**April 2 – May 1** 50% of deposit plus all fees paid up to that time upon filling of cabin

**May 2 – June 1** 25% of deposit plus all fees paid up to that time upon filling of cabin

**After June 1** no refund of deposit, but refund of all fees paid up to that time upon filling of cabin

**Note:** If we are unable to fill vacancy, payment of 50% of the anticipated fees will be required. This policy applies to individual camper cancellations as well as entire family cancellations.

### Camp Store/Craft Shop

For your convenience, our camp store has some common toiletry goods for sale. In addition, the store also sells a variety of clothing items and knick knacks. An account may be set up before your arrival and payment must be made before you depart from camp. Our Craft Shop is designed for the novice or expert with painting, jewelry designing, tie-dying, leather crafting, photography and woodworking. Project kits and individual pieces are available — alone or with instruction — for a modest fee.

### Guest Rates

Guests and visitors are always welcome, if your accommodation permits and they are **pre-registered 10 days in advance.** Guests are the responsibility of the camper host.

The following rates apply to an overnight stay and include 3 meals:

Children (2 years and under): No Charge; Pre-School (3-5 years): \$70; CAVE (6-8 years): \$80

Junior (9-12 years): \$85; Teen/Adult (13+ years): \$100; Senior (62+): \$85

**A daily rate of \$45 (all ages 3+ years old) including 2 meals will apply to those guests who do not stay overnight.**

### Taxi Fees

A taxi is available upon request for trips that do not correspond with regular boat shuttles. Reservations must be made at the camp office.

*All taxis are one-way at a fee of \$50 per trip.*

**Medical emergencies are free of charge.**

### Financial Assistance

Sandy Island Family Camp is open to all families regardless of income ability, race and religion. Through the YMCA's ACCESS program, families who cannot afford the full price of camp's tuition may qualify for reduced rates (up to 40% based on income and family size). For more information and an application, please call our business office at 603-569-2725 x 222.

## Additional Information

### Alcohol & Tobacco

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the public camp areas. Please limit the use of alcoholic beverages to your individual cabin areas. Smoking is not allowed in any building or at public gatherings. Please smoke outdoors and dispose of butts appropriately. Fire Danger may prohibit smoking in any area of camp.

### Insurance

The YMCA of Greater Boston does not provide health or accident insurance for its participants. Campers are responsible for personal health/accident coverage. A completed health form is required for each family member including insurance coverage information

### Dining Hall Seating

Seating arrangements are made prior to your arrival. Special seating requests must be made at least one week in advance. We will make every effort to accommodate your wishes.

### Laundry

Coin-operated laundry facilities are available for camper use. Biodegradable soap is available and sold at the camp store. Use of regular detergent is not permitted in order to protect the Sandy Island septic system.

### Luggage Tags

Please find your luggage tags enclosed with this information. **Print your cabin name on these and attach them to your luggage before you arrive at the Sandy Dock.** Luggage will be delivered to your cabin upon your arrival.



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