

Sandy Island Family Camp Policies & Information

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: GPS ADDRESS-1 Northwoods Camp Rd, Mirror Lake NH 03853

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 you will pass Tuftonboro Neck Road on your left. Keep straight and lookout for our sign and Northwoods Road on the left. Turn onto Northwoods Road and stop at the farmhouse to check in. Once checked in staff will direct you down 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 Boats:

Camp begins with lunch on Saturday and concludes after breakfast on the following Saturday. **Please arrive at the Todaro Leadership Center & check in 1 Hour 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. **Saturday Shuttle Departure Times: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.** Additional Daily Shuttles are posted at the office, please sign up a min. of 1 hr. prior to departure time.

Contact Information

Sandy Island Family Camp:
(May 15 -September 30)

PO Box 10, Mirror Lake, NH, 03853-00
603-253-4217 (Phone), 603-253-5339 (Fax)

WEBSITE:
bostonycamps.org

Camping Services Branch Offices:
(October 1- May 15)

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What To Bring

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, pillowcases 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, strollers or mobility scooters a minimum of one week prior to your arrival at camp.**

Sports Equipment: All types of equipment are available at camp however, you may bring your own personal equipment such as tennis racquets, fishing rods and tackle or softball gloves. Tennis players, smooth-soled shoes are required on our clay courts. We have a nice fleet of kayaks, paddle boards, canoes and sailboats. We ask that you do not bring your own. If you do, you must transport to and from Sandy Island as we do not deliver these items in our luggage delivery service.

Baby Food & Special Diets: Please bring food for your baby or yourself if you have special needs. Kitchen staff will happily assist you in heating and refrigerating your food. If you have questions about the menu, please contact the Camp 1 week prior to your arrival. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options are available. Please notify the office staff of your needs when you arrive.

Financial Information

Payment and Cancellation Policies: **Prepaid cards including VISA, MasterCard, and American Express cannot be used for the purchase of services at camp, e.g., Deposit, Tuition, Leave of absence, Guest Fees or Camp Store/Craft Shop Fees.**

November 1: Application and deposit deadline for returning campers with first refusal. (Deposit \$100/adult 17+ & \$50/child 16-)

November: Cabins assignments begin, change requests made when possible. (New applicant registration begins Jan. 10th)

JANUARY 1: ALL Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable, can be used for an LOA within same year.

APRIL 1: Half fee due. If you cancel and we are unable to fill your cabin you will be required to pay this total amount.

JUNE 1: Fee balance due. If you cancel and we are unable to fill your cabin you will be required to pay the cabin minimum

*** Cabin fees must meet or exceed cabin minimum occupancy.** If payment is not received by dates above, you forfeit cabin assignment and all funds paid. If you cancel after a deadline date above, you lose all fees paid up to the date of cancellation (includes all extended payment plans)

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 snacks, drinks, clothing items and knick knacks. An account must be set up with a credit card upon your arrival and payment must be made before you depart from camp. We have an online store on our website: www.bostonycamps.org if you are looking for specific clothing items. Our Craft Shop is designed for the novice or expert with painting, jewelry designing, tie-dyeing, leather crafting, photography and woodworking. Project kits and individual pieces are available — alone or with instruction — for a modest fee.

Guest Policy and Rates: Visitors are always welcome, if your accommodation permits. Guests must be registered two weeks prior to your arrival to count towards cabin minimum fee. Guests registered after this time are subject to full guest rate and their fees do not count towards cabin minimum fee.

Guests and fees are the responsibility of the host camper. The following rates apply to an overnight stay and includes 3 meals: Toddler (1-2) \$20, Pre-school (3-5 years) \$81, Cave (6-8) \$102, Junior (9-16) \$124, Adult (17-61) \$146, Senior (62+) \$131

Day guests must be hosted by a camper family on the island. Day Guest Rate is \$65 per adult for 6+ hours at camp. Kids 16 & Under \$30. Day campers there for meals only are \$15 per meal, guests may register with our Camp registrar prior to arrival or when they arrive. Guests must check-in at the Sandy Island Office upon arrival.

Taxi: *All taxis are one-way at a fee of \$50 per trip between hrs of 6AM to 10PM. (\$100 between the hrs. of 10PM and 6AM.)* A taxi is available upon request for trips that do not correspond with regular boat shuttles. Reservations must be made at the camp office a minimum of 1 hour prior. Standard "free" daily shuttles are listed on the office porch, we ask that you sign up 1 hr. prior and arrive 15 min. before the shuttle departs.

Mooring Fees: We have some boat slips and moorings available, they are first come first serve. The fee is \$50 per week. You can arrange a spot through the Island Office at least 1 week prior to your arrival to make sure there is room.

Financial Assistance: 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.

Healthy Community Living Policies & Additional Information

Alcohol & Tobacco: YMCA staff are not permitted to transport alcoholic beverages. Guests are responsible for transportation in a respectfully concealed manner. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the common camp areas (i.e. the dining hall, the beach, Juliette's Point, etc.) Please limit the use of alcoholic beverages to your individual private areas (i.e. cabin, cabin porch, small campfire areas, etc.). All staff and campers are expected to comply with all local, state and federal laws. **Underage consumption of alcohol is illegal for both campers and staff**, please do not supply alcohol to anyone you don't know or staff regardless of if they are on or off duty. We expect everyone to show good judgment and behave appropriately. Smoking is not allowed in any building or at public gatherings. Please smoke only in identified smoking areas (behind the dining hall, and Val Hall during non-program hours) 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.

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: We transport luggage, but it must be strong and self-contained. Please limit weight of individual bags to **50 lbs. or less**. Small personal items, fishing rods, beverages and open bags should be carried on the boat. Consider packing your clothing in plastic bags within your luggage in case of rain. Luggage tags will be available on check in day at the Sandy dock area. **Print your total number of bags and bag number, cabin name, and your last name and attach them to your luggage.** Luggage will be delivered to your cabin upon your arrival.

Cabin Life: Please leave beds as you found them, **please do not remove any beds.** 10 pm **Quiet Hours** begin for all campers and staff. Music and voices should be maintained low enough so that they are not audible outside the building. 12 am lights must be out, voices very low and music off. Quiet hours remain in effect until 7 am. Campers are not allowed in staff living quarters and vice versa unless authorized and organized through the office. Graffiti of any kind is prohibited. To encourage a "minimal technology" environment for us all to unplug, we ask that noise from cell phones & electronics are limited to the "internet Café" and your cabin.

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