

Summer Camps on the Bearcamp 2023 Season at The Bearcamp Center for Sustainable Community

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Welcome to The Bearcamp Center's summer camp offerings for July and August 2023. We are so excited to be welcoming campers going into grades K-8 to our lively, interactive sessions. Please be in touch if you have any questions: director@bearcampcenter.org (Lianne) or (603) 323- 8856/(603) 651-9344

A team of experienced educators and friendly teen assistants will develop and run lively, creative, and safe camp experiences for your child, designed to keep young minds and bodies joyfully busy. **Each of the sessions will run Monday-Thursday from 7:45-3:00, for six weeks, beginning the week of July 10 and running through August 17.** Campers may sign up for as many of the six sessions as they'd like: pick one perfect week or join us for the summer!

Please **spend time with your child reviewing the options for our sessions, and complete the pre-registration form.** Your child may repeat options they love for more than one session, knowing that there may be some overlap in activities, even though we will try to consistently offer new material, projects, and experiences. Take the time to preregister now as some activities have limited space; first come, first served.

We offer **financial support** to Tamworth families on a sliding scale, and can invoice the Sandwich Children and Youth Fund (Sandwich campers), the Ossipee Children's Fund (Ossipee, Madison, Freedom, and Effingham campers), and Rekindling Curiosity (children with disabilities or families living with poverty). It is up to each family to apply for financial support needed and to communicate with The Bearcamp Center when they've received awards that need to be billed to other agencies.

Tamworth: complete sliding scale form included and return with preregistration paperwork and fee

Sandwich: <http://cms6.revize.com/revize/sandwich/SCYF-Application%20Form%20v2.0%206-15-22.pdf>

Ossipee/Freedom/Madison/Effingham: <https://www.ocfnh.org/apply.html>

Rekindling Curiosity: <https://rekindlingcuriosityeducation.nh.gov>

When we have received your pre-registration form, financial support paperwork (if needed, Tamworth families), and \$10 **per child** registration fee, we'll build the schedule for the camp sessions. Once this has been completed, we'll send you a copy of your child's schedule, a list of items each camper should bring from home each day, complete registration packet with emergency and health information, and any further final financial aid paperwork, likely in early June.

COMPLETED FORMS may be dropped off in the Brett School office, returned to Lianne at The Bearcamp Center (1164 Bunker Hill S Tamworth 03883), or sent to director@bearcampcenter.org.

If you email your registration forms, please be sure to snail mail or drop off your deposit check!

Your child will choose four activities per each week's session. Here's the schedule so you can see what the flow of our days looks like:

7:45-8:15	Arrive at camp, check in, breakfast,
8:15-8:30	Welcome activity
8:30-9:45	Activity #1
9:45-10:00	Snack
10:00-11:15	Activity #2
11:15-11:45	Lunch and Play
11:45-1:00	Activity #3
1:00-1:15	Snack
1:15-2:30	Activity #4
2:30-3:00	Closing activity, check out



Check out the descriptions for activities we'll be offering throughout the summer. Please read through each with your child and use this information to complete the session pre-registration form, where you'll include your top 5 choices for each week.

Bearcamp Boogie--Karaoke and Dance: Get your sparkle on as you sing and dance your time away with counselor Zach leading the show. Like to perform? Sing? Dance? You can do it all, either working up an act by yourself, with a friend, or a small group. Costumes provided! Put on a show Thursday afternoon for the rest of camp.

Green Thumb Gardeners--Planters, Veggies, and Flower Beds: Have you ever raised a vegetable to eat from a seed? Can you take care of plants by feeding and watering? Design and decorate a planter to which you'll add seeds and seedlings of flowers, herbs, and decorative plants. You'll keep the finished pot to beautify your home. Learn how to transplant and divide houseplants. Bring houseplants home to keep inside your house all year round.

Soccer Skills: Soccer is the game played by more people in the world than any other. This is a great session for running fast, staying focused, and paying attention to details. This activity will combine individual skill work with scrimmage, in equal parts.

Scrapbooks and Collages: Stitch a one-of-a-kind book. Draw, cut and paste, add glitter and sparkles, design in 3-D and 2-D to decorate it. Make a scrapbook of your life, including stories and pictures, or create a collage of images that are important to you and design a frame so you can hang it on your wall when done.

Fairies and Fairy Houses: Calling all friends of the 'fey folk' (fairies, brownies, broonies, sprites, and pixies)! Join us in the field and forest where we will construct welcoming fairy dwellings from the forest's store of building supplies. This year we will also make fairy costume elements so that when we're in the woods, fairies will recognize us as their kin.

Sparkles! Jewelry Making: Use shells, gems, beads, baubles, feathers, and more to design and shape bracelets, earrings, necklaces, crowns, pins, and even a belt. Make friendship bracelets for your bestie, glitter for yourself, or fancies for your family.

Creative Writing: Do you enjoy reading, listening to, or telling stories? This session offers short stories to listen to and talk about every morning, followed up by the chance to write your own under the guidance of an appreciative and helpful teacher who will give you as much freedom as possible to follow your own creative ideas! All the finished stories will be published in a specially-created small collection at the end of the week. Authors may illustrate their words, if they wish. **July 31-August 3 ONLY.**

LEGO Building Challenges: Using your math and building brain, work with LEGOs to tackle challenges, solve problems, and get super creative. Opportunities to dive deep into a project on your own or to share your vision with a partner.

Campfire Cooking: Can you cook a whole meal in tinfoil over a wood fire? Have you ever baked a cake in a cast iron frying pan? Can you safely use a knife to peel and chop? Did you know that vegetables taste better when cooked on a campfire? Learn to build and safely care for wood fires which you'll use to prepare meals to share and eat.

Trail Running and Hiking: Hike the many trails around The Bearcamp Center and ZeroMile Farm. Make a circuit around Jackman Pond. Build endurance and speed by running along the Bearcamp River Trail. This session is for those campers who love to scramble through the woods, leaping over rocks and roots, and using their limbs and lungs for speedy exploration. Learn good stretching habits, before and after your workouts, to care for your body. Sneakers or light hiking boots needed. No running experience necessary!

Make-A-Tent: Using fabric and wood, hone your woodworking and sewing skills to make yourself a single-per-

son folding tent, perfect for keeping the sun off as you play outside.

Upcycle, Recycle, and Crafty Crafts: Welcome to the craft barn! This year we'll have opportunities for individual choice in crafts, as well as other fun projects. Take something old and repurpose it with a little creative TLC into an entirely new use; create art from odds and ends; reshape clothing into clever new items; plus work on a slew of colorful and fun arts and crafts.

Swamp Rats Habitat Exploration: Use your senses to explore the environment around us, from swamp muck to boulders, forest floor to fields. If you take away one of your senses, what do you notice filling the gaps? Can you identify any scents or sounds? Trust your fellow campers on a trust walk!

Leave No Trace Forts: Use all sorts of materials--from branches and huge old pine trees, saplings and wild flowers, rocks and logs, to fabric and found objects--to make individual nooks for play and exploration. Campers will each build and decorate their own woodland fort along the trail system here at The Bearcamp Center and ZeroMile Farm. Learn about Leave No Trace camping and hiking principles as you create your space in the woods and then leave everything as you found it when done.

Mural Design and Painting: Work with your group to design, draw, and paint a mural which shows *Why We Love Summer Camp On the Bearcamp*. Use your best drawing, cartooning, or painting skills and most creative ideas to bring summer camp to life in the mural. We will add to this mural all summer. This large work of art will become a permanent part of The Bearcamp Center!

Sword Play and Word Play: Design, make, and embellish a sword using wood, leather, fabric, and jewels. Learn sword play and fancy foot work which you will use as you trade 400-year old (Shakespearean) insults during your sword fight.

Weaving: Using a big loom, work with your group to weave a blanket which we will raffle off at the end of the summer. Create lap-sized hand looms to weave your own wall-hangings using wool, fabric, and bits from nature which you'll find in our fields and forests. Learn finger weaving for jewelry. If you like to keep your hands busy, this is the activity for you!

Snapdragon Theater: will present a Snapdragon play in just a week! Costumes and props and a real stage will give the full flavor of a theatre performance, which will be tailor-made for our group. Music and sound effects will be partly created by our actors themselves, and cameras should be at the ready for a Thursday afternoon performance. An exciting taste of real drama! **July 24-27 or August 7-10 ONLY.**

Poetry and Art: Write and dictate poems to be spoken or written, with the added bonus of creating artwork to illustrate your work! A chance to list to and create your own poems, working with an adult poet who will write alongside you. A fun workshop with an end product. **July 17-20 ONLY.**

Music Jam: Ever listen to music and wish you could play along? Now's your chance to learn how. Play a ukulele, keep time on the drums, learn lyrics and sing, maybe even write some of your own lyrics! Learn a pop song in a week! Perform on Thursday. **July ONLY**

AdventureQuest: Have you ever daydreamed about being a hero? Well, in AdventureQuest, we play a role-playing game where you create a character of your own in a world full of dangerous monsters, magic spells, and amazing treasures. Your character, along with your friends at the table, can become a hero. Which would you choose to play, a tough warrior, a sneaky spy, a brainy wizard, or an animal-loving druid? Come join AdventureQuest, a storytelling game where your character is the hero of an amazing adventure. **AdventureQuest takes up the last TWO periods of each day of the week. July 17-20 and July 24-27 ONLY**

complete one form per family

Camper Name: _____ Age when camp begins : _____

Returning Camper: _____ New Camper: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Town of permanent residence: _____

Siblings Who Will Also Be Attending Camp:

Name: _____ New ___ Returning ___ Age ___

Name: _____ New ___ Returning ___ Age ___

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Scholarship arrangements must be made by individual families when you pre-register for camp.

Please check the ONE line that is relevant to your family:

____ sliding payment scale based on income (complete form included), TAMWORTH

____ Sandwich Children and Youth Fund (form online), SANDWICH

____ Ossipee Childrens' Fund (form online), OSSIPEE, EFFINGHAM, FREEDOM, MADISON

____ We will need financial aid but are not from Tamworth, Sandwich, Ossipee, Effingham, Freedom, or Madison

____ We will not be applying for aid but would like a multi-child discount for our ___ children.

____ **We will not be applying for aid or fee discounts.**

If your kiddo is coming to camp for multiple weeks, please remember when choosing activities that it's best, whenever possible, to mix up the choices week-to-week. If you know your camper LOVES to sing, then absolutely sign up for Bearcamp Boogie more than once. Not all activities can change dramatically week-to-week, though, and we don't want anyone to be bored!