

Summer Camps on the Bearcamp

2025 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 2025. 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) 707-6119

A team of experienced educators and counselors, with 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 7 and running through August 14.** 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! **The total cost per week is \$300. Financial aid is available, based on need.**

Please **spend time with your child reviewing the options for our sessions, and complete the pre-registration form. If your child is coming for more than one week, please (!) choose different activities for each week to avoid boredom for your kiddo.** Take the time to preregister now as some activities have limited space; first come, first served. **Please make note of * showing special circumstances for a few of our offerings.**

This year, we will be grouping children more often by age and/or ability in order to give each camper the most appropriate and personalized experience possible. We do believe that multi-age experiences can benefit older and younger children alike and will continue to provide some full-group experiences, though not for all sessions, all the time.

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, IEPs, 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.

Full financial aid information and application is enclosed in this packet. Please review and complete.

When we have received this pre-registration form and **\$10 per child registration fee**, we'll build your schedule for camp sessions.

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

If you email your registration forms, please be sure to snail mail or drop off your deposit check! Deposit \$/check can be left in an envelope in the Comfort Food Meals Room donation box accessed on our front porch. Please label the envelope clearly. **If you Venmo or PayPal your \$, add 3% transaction fee!**

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, keeping in mind your child's interests, attention, and abilities.

For sign up, include your **top 5** choices for **each week**.

We do everything possible to guarantee first choices but please understand that it doesn't always work with so many campers to please.

PLEASE avoid having your kiddo sign up for the same activity more than **TWICE**.

AdventureQuest: Have you ever daydreamed about being a hero? In AdventureQuest, 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. **This is for campers age 7-10. AdventureQuest takes two periods each day for one week. Only offered August 4-7 and August 11-14. It requires sitting and focusing on story creation and listening to team mates for long periods of time.**

Christmas In July: craft items--alcohol ink cards, paper flowers, paper bead jewelry, wire bead ornaments, friendship bracelets, cross stitch & needlepoint ornaments, and painted stones. Give to friends and family now or save to sell at the Christmas Market at The Bearcamp Center in December! **July 14-17 only.**

Bucket Drumming: learn to play songs and march using a 5 gallon bucket drum and sticks. Perform on Thursday! **July 14-17 only.**

Bearcamp Boogie--Karaoke and Dance: Get your sparkle on as you sing and dance your time away with sparkling counselors 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.

Swim Lessons: These are offered through the Tamworth Rec department and slots go first to Tamworth or Sandwich campers with a waiting list for all other campers. Sign up for multiple weeks is acceptable. **There is an additional fee for these lessons that will be invoiced separately: Tamworth \$25 for summer/Out of Town \$25 per week**

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? Help build our new raised beds. Help with composting our food scraps. Learn to compost with worms! Take home plants for your own home!

All Things Fairies: 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. Make your own fairy creature to live in your fairy house! Create an entire fairy family or village; read fairy stories; make your own wings.

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. Build something new each day or over the whole week. Relax into the fun.

Campfire: 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? Learn to build and safely care for wood fires which you'll use to prepare meals to share and eat. Play campfire games! Learn campfire sing-a-long songs!

Crafty Crafts: Welcome to the craft room! This year we'll have opportunities for individual choice in crafts, as well as other fun projects. Clever use of materials makes glorious crafts to display and keep! Tiles! Goop! Painting! Much more!

Nature Club: Which mammals, birds, amphibians, and other critters live around our property and Jackman Pond? Design a habitat map. Build a Fisher box. Find a fish nest. Where are the woodpecker trees? Build a guided nature walk around Jackman Pond and bring your family for a walk there on the weekend!

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. 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.

Wood Shop: Design, make, and embellish a sword using wood, leather, fabric, and jewels. Make a shield to protect yourself from other scoundrels with a sword! Create a puppet, a ship, a simple stool. Use your imagination! Learn the basics of woodworking and tool safety. **7/14-17, 7/28-31, and 8/11-14 only.**

Leather Craft: Fashion a Viking armband out of leather. Make a leatherbound journal for keeping your drawings or writing. Create a leather pouch for your treasures. Use leather to decorate something you've crafted in woodshop during an earlier session. **July 7-10, July 21-24, and August 4-7 only.**

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. An exciting taste of real drama! **July 21-24 only.**

Mask Making: make two masks--one to keep and one that will be used in the Snapdragon Theater play! Use craft supplies, your creative expression, and attention to detail to make wearable art. **July 21-24 only.**

Junkyard Challenge: Repurpose items to create clever tools or toys to use for challenges. How tall can you make a tower of marshmallows and spaghetti? Can you design and build a container that will protect an egg dropped from a second storey window? Build a catapult or a slingshot and compete for distance and more! Work in teams.

Reading Club: Bring your best-loved book or choose one from our library. Read aloud a thrilling passage. Draw illustrations from your favorite scenes. Listen to read alouds. Create a reading journal. Have a teaparty with your favorite characters! Curl up inside or out and simply read. Sometimes there's nothing better, even at camp, than sitting quietly with a book. Help the librarian and the storyteller who come in the summer set up their exhibits.

Soccer: Learn basic skills. Practice drills. Scrimmage. Defend! Score! Sneakers required.

Dungeons and Dragons: This role-playing game builds excellent communication skills, enhances creativity, boosts collaboration, supports problem solving, and is super fun! "The core of D&D is about storytelling. The group of players essentially tell a collective story, guiding heroes through dangerous quests to search for treasure, battle deadly foes, and even carry out daring rescues. The adventure itself is only limited by the imagination of the players around the table."

This is for campers age 10+ and will take two periods per day for one camp session. Only available August 4-7 and August 11-14.

Bearcamp Experiments: Come to the Bearcamp Lab for a fun series of hands-on investigations. Each day we'll tackle an interesting question and then conduct experiments to find an answer. Can you find a way to keep a toy sailboat dry under water? Can you get a pin to float in the air? Question, experiment, observe, and think like a scientist at camp this summer! **July 7-10 only.**

Treasure Hunt: Learn to read a map and a compass and to follow the clues to find hidden treasure. Make your own map to treasure for another group to follow. Can you follow the sun to a pot of gold? Or is that a rainbow?

Session One: Monday, July 7-Thursday, July 10

Session Two: Monday, July 14-Thursday, July 17

Session Three: Monday, July 21-Thursday, July 24

Session Four: Monday, July 28-Thursday, July 31

Session Five: Monday, August 4-Thursday, August 7

Session Six: Monday, August 11-Thursday, August 14

Drop off for camp is between 7:45-8:15 each day.

Pick up from camp is at 3pm.

Please join us at 2:45pm on THURSDAYS for end of week performances, presentations, and sharing!

Camper Activity Choices by Week: **return this!**

Please complete one form for EACH camper in your household.

Camper Name: _____

Camper Age: _____ Town of Residence (full-time): _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Email/phone _____

To select activities, please ✓ top 5 choices EACH WEEK camper will be attending camp.

Activity	7/7-10	7/14-17	7/ 21-24	7/28-31	8/4-7	8/11-14
Adventure Quest*	x	x	x	x		
Snapdragon Theater	x	x		x	x	x
Soccer						
Mask Making		x		x		x
Leather Craft		x		x		x
Nature Club						
Bucket Drumming	x		x	x	x	x
Bearcamp Boogie						
Swim Lessons***						
Green Thumb Gardener						
All Things Fairies						
Lego Challenge						
Campfire						
Crafty Crafts						
Treasure Hunt						
Wood Shop	x		x		x	
Forts						
Christmas In July Crafts	x		x	x	x	x
Bearcamp Experiments		x	x	x	x	x
Junkyard Challenge						
Dungeons and Dragons**	x	x	x	x		
Reading Club						

X means not available during that week.

* = age 7 and up; uses two periods/day per week, requires sitting and focus

**= age 10 and up

*** = requires extra fee to Tamworth Rec. Tamworth and Sandwich residents have first option.

To-Do List: **save this!**

Pre-registration (using enclosed information and forms)

- ___ **Read all choices with camper(s), making note of * items**
- ___ *√ 5 per camper, per week; you'll get 4 but this gives us flexibility in scheduling*
- ___ **Complete, if needed, financial aid paperwork.**
 - ___ from Tamworth? Sliding scale form included with registration packet
 - ___ from Sandwich? Apply to Sandwich Children and Youth Fund
http://www.sandwichnh.org/boards_and_committees/trustees_of_trust_funds.php#SCYFinfo
 - ___ from Ossipee, Effingham, Madison, Freedom? Apply to Ossipee Childrens Fund
<https://www.ocfnh.org/apply.html>
 - ___ Camper have an IEP or 504 plan? Family living with low income? Apply to Rekindling Curiosity. {eligible families must seek support here before receiving aid from TBC}
<https://rekindlingcuriosityeducation.nh.gov>
 - ___ from another town or have another circumstance in need of aid? Send an email to Lianne at director@bearcampcenter.org
 - ___ not seeking financial aid but would like a sibling discount?
- ___ **Return completed Activity Choices form(s), aid application, and \$10 preregistration fee (PER camper) to The Bearcamp Center ASAP. REGISTRATION BEGINS immediately; sign up now for access to limited camp slots!**

Once we return your camper(s) schedule(s) to you with your registration packet and invoice:

- ___ *Review the schedule for completeness. We do the best we can to give each camper their top choices, if not in the week requested then definitely over the course of the summer.*
- ___ *Complete all registration forms; check both sides of each page. Campers cannot participate without these forms. At least one requires camper signature.*
- ___ **Send confirmation of any financial aid awards from SCYF, OCF, RK, or other to Lianne so that The Bearcamp Center can invoice those organizations**
- ___ **Return paperwork with first session's payment by June 13, 2025.**

Payments

- Camp payments may be made in a lump sum for the entire period of attendance or weekly.
- To determine your weekly amount due, please divide the total amount on the invoice by the number of weeks your camper will attend.
- If payments are made each week, they're due on Monday. See schedule on financials form.
- It is the responsibility of the camp family to provide notification of any awards from outside agencies so that The Bearcamp Center can invoice for payment.
- Checks should be made to The Bearcamp Center. Cash is accepted.
- **You may use a credit card, PayPal, or Venmo but we must add 3% to cover the fees charged by our service provider.**

The total invoiced amount is due whether your child attends all sessions or not.

We hire staff, purchase food and materials, and plan safety and insurance for the registered attendance. Those numbers don't change for us if you cannot follow through--for any reason--on your commitment.