

## Sliding Scale: who pays what?

We at The Bearcamp Center believe that if we all honestly pay what we're able, experiences like our summer camp can be made available to all families. Please take a look at the sliding scale, with descriptions, and think about where your family falls on this income spectrum.

Some of us are able to pay these fees. Others can contribute at least close to full fees, but it will mean cutting back for a time on luxuries or extras in order to enjoy this camp experience. Some make choices that limit income and should do the hard work of finding ways to make a fair contribution. Some do not have any wiggle room at all to pay anything close to full price so, without a sliding scale, would not have the option of sending their kids to this camp.

\$25-50	\$50-75	\$75-150	\$150-225	\$300
This end of the scale is for those who are unable to or struggle to meet their basic needs, and have no expendable income.	If you have a steady income though are juggling debt, high living costs, and have limited room for additional monthly payments, you fit in this range.	The highest dollar range is the true cost of running these camps. If you are able to pay for your needs, have extra for vacation or savings or "fun", this range is for you.		
<p><b>Pay less on the scale if you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• frequently stress about meeting basic needs, and are not always able to achieve meeting them</li> <li>• receive public assistance (SNAP, free and reduced lunch, heating oil, medicaid, etc)</li> <li>• support additional dependents (parents, extended family, anyone else relying on your money)</li> <li>• don't have savings</li> <li>• do not have reliable transportation</li> <li>• have debt that interferes with being able to meet basic needs</li> <li>• have medical expenses not covered by insurance</li> <li>• have a chronic illness or disability that impacts your ability to earn money</li> <li>• have unpredictable living arrangements</li> <li>• are under or unemployed</li> <li>• rarely buy new items because they're unaffordable</li> <li>• cannot afford to take time off without it being a financial burden</li> <li>• live paycheck to paycheck</li> <li>• have experienced not having enough food</li> </ul>		<p><b>Pay more on the scale if you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have few or no additional dependents</li> <li>• have savings, investments, inherited money, and/or retirement accounts</li> <li>• can ask people in your life for money</li> <li>• own the home you live in</li> <li>• own commercial or rental properties</li> <li>• travel recreationally</li> <li>• have access to family money or resources in a time of need</li> <li>• work part time or not at all, by choice</li> <li>• are able to access health care</li> <li>• are managing any debt you have</li> <li>• are fully employed</li> <li>• are able to spend money recreationally, monthly, on eating out, playing, or traveling, etc.</li> <li>• know that paying the real cost of camp is feasible for you</li> </ul>		

### SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR SUMMER CAMP ON THE BEARCAMP

Because our financial aid pool is not very big, we ask that those from the following towns apply for support to these funds ASAP.

**For Sandwich Residents** *The Sandwich Children and Youth Fund serves children from Sandwich, providing scholarships for children up to age 26 to participate in day and overnight summer programs.*

For application form: <http://cms6.revize.com/revize/sandwich/Sandwich%20Children%20and%20Youth%20Fund.pdf>

For more info: [sandwichchildrenandyouthfund@gmail.com](mailto:sandwichchildrenandyouthfund@gmail.com)

**For Ossipee, Madison, Freedom, and Effingham Residents** *The organization was established on the premise that children of working parents or parents seeking employment should be assured a secure environment in which to learn, socialize and play.*

For application form: [https://www.ocfnh.org/uploads/2/1/7/1/21713918/ocf\\_application\\_december\\_2020.pdf](https://www.ocfnh.org/uploads/2/1/7/1/21713918/ocf_application_december_2020.pdf)

For more info: [ossipeechildrensfund@gmail.com](mailto:ossipeechildrensfund@gmail.com)

**For Low-Income Families or Children with Disabilities/IEPs** *Rekindling Curiosity provides camp fee support up to \$750 per child.*

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1J9cYK7wrDFe1S0ifLXrylNC41UqPpxPX/view>

<https://rekindlingcuriosityeducation.nh.gov>