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Fall 2010

Resident Camp 2011 Dates

Two Week Sessions:

Session I:

July 3-16

Session II:

July 17-30

Session III:

July 31-August 13

One Week Session:

Session A:

June 26-July 2

Minicamps:

Mini Camp I (age 6-9):

June 26-29

Summer 2010 By the Numbers

Summer 2010 was highlighted by an outstanding group of staff and campers. Whether swimming in the lake, hitting the bulls-eye at archery, or eating a delicious meal in the dining hall, new friends were made and memories formed which will help Summer 2010 live forever

This summer, 676 campers attending the resident camp program, representing a total of 1,110 camper weeks (camper weeks account for campers who attend for more than one week or who attend multiple sessions. For instance, a camper who attends one 2-week session counts for 2 camper weeks). This is an increase of 52 camper weeks from 2009, representing an increase of 4.8%. Note that this increase is despite having one fewer week of camp in 2010 (we had 9 weeks in 2009).

Day camp also saw substantial growth in its second year. 95 boys attended day camp in 2010 for 128 total camper weeks. This is 63 more camper weeks than 2009, an increase of 97%.

Overall, 767 campers attended Abnaki in 2010, for a total of 1238 camper weeks. Between resident and day camp, 2010 enrollment increased 10.2% over summer 2009.

Some other 2010 statistics:

-64% of resident campers attended for 2 or more weeks.

-104 camperships were awarded, totaling \$49,628.

-27% of day campers attended for 2 or more weeks.

-56% of campers were returning to camp from 2009.

-Staff in 2010 represented 8 countries, including Morocco, Canada, Hungary, England, Wales, Scotland, Australia, and the United States.

Camp Abnaki Motto: "Help the Other Fellow"

Kuypers Family Off to China

Winter 2010/2011 will see some changes in the Camp Abnaki office. Camp Abnaki Director Jon Kuypers and his family are off to Beijing, China from September 23, 2010 to May 1, 2011.

Jon will be working to strengthen ties between the Beijing Y and the

Greater Burlington Y. Jon hopes to help build a relationship that will eventually include boys from Beijing attending Camp. Jon will also be teaching English classes.

During his leave, Jeremy Plane, the Assistant Camp Director, will be overseeing camp operations.



Y Changes: How they Effect Camp

While 2010 was an exciting year for Camp Abnaki, it was also a significant year for the Greater Burlington YMCA, our parent organization.

There are two significant changes which will have an impact on Camp Abnaki. The most visible is the relaunch of the YMCA brand nationally. This initiative is being undertaken to help reintroduce the Y as a national, cause-driven movement focused on youth development, social responsibility, and healthy living.

Visually, there are two significant changes. You may have already noticed the new Y logo (pictured below) on our website and in other publications.

Along with the new logo, the Y has adopted two official fonts for print communications, including Verdana (which this article is written in) and Cachet. You will notice these fonts on all camp documents going forward, including confirmation packets, brochures, and email.



The other significant change is the introduction of DAXKO operations systems, which is now being used for all Greater Burlington Y program registration.

The most noticeable change for parents will be to our online registration system. The online form and submission system used previously is being replaced with a new system which is more secure and efficient.

The process of signing up online for camp will look quite a bit different, and may ask different questions, than it has in years past.

To register campers online, parents must first set up an online account with the Y for themselves and each of their family members. The first time a camper is registered will seem like a longer process, but the payoff will be in future years, as the online system will remember program participants year-to-year. Future registration will be much faster. This will also allow camp to have better records of annual camp attendance.

The paper registration form will remain relatively the same. If, at any time, you have questions during the online registration process, feel free to contact the Y business office or the camp office for assistance. They can be reached by calling 802-862-9622.

Important Dates

November 1, 2010:
Resident Camp Early Bird registration begins.

December 31, 2010:
Early Bird registration period ends.

January 3, 2011:
Day Camp and Family Programs Registration begins.

January 8, 2011:
Alumni Association planning meeting and 2010 Staff Reunion.

February 12, 2011:
Camper reunion and Winter Carnival.

June 19, 2011:
Staff Training Begins

June 26, 2011:
First day of camp!
Sessions A and Mini Camp begin.

The Older Camper's Experience

At camp, while many things stay the same from year to year—nuke 'em, boating, Cecile's great meals, campfire skits, dining hall chants—the opportunities an individual camper sees change every session they return. As campers get older, their feeling of ownership over the camp expands and along with it, their level of responsibility at camp grows. Rather than simply being coached in classes, they are given the opportunity (and are expected) to help younger campers learn skills. In the dining hall, during evening activities, and any other time the whole camp is together, the older campers are seen as role models, passing on to other campers the traditions and values for which camp stands.

Although these additional responsibilities don't seem like things young men would be overly interested in, the personal development involved in helping younger campers learn the ways of the community becomes one of the most rewarding opportunities that camp can offer. It is this same opportunity that causes campers to eventually return as C.I.T.s and Staff. - Greg Baker, Chippe Village Director, '10

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 Wish List:

1. Kids to Camp Donations
2. Fishing poles
3. Plywood
4. Horseshoes
5. Guitars/musical instruments
6. Razor scooters
7. 2x4's
8. Baseballs
9. Hammocks
10. Trees
11. New laptop computer
12. Skateboard helmets
13. TV/DVD player
14. New tractor
15. New skateboards

The (Acting) Director's Corner

As the leaves turn, then fall, and the chance of snowfall increases daily, I can't help but feel rising excitement and anticipation of summer 2011. Each fall and winter day brings me a day closer to going home for the summer.

Throughout the long Vermont winter, I find myself looking forward to all the things I get out of camp: the chance to reconnect with old friends and make new ones, to work directly with young people again, to open my front door to a lakefront view of Mt. Mansfield.

But really, all these things are just part of why I love summer at Camp Abnaki. Each one, individually, is pretty good. Combined, they create a place which is, to me, truly home. I've lived in Vermont for over a decade, and I've lived in a variety of apartments, dorm rooms, and houses. But each of those places has felt like merely a way station, a temporary stop, to me. Truly, Camp Abnaki is now my home.

I hope that, if you're reading this, you too have felt the magical pull of Camp Abnaki. Whether you are a camper, parent, alumni, or friend of camp, I know that Camp Abnaki can hold a special place in your life. It certainly does in mine.

-Jeremy Plane

New Daily Schedule

- 7:45 a.m. Wake Up
- 8:15 a.m. Flag Raising
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Cabin Clean-up
- 9:30 a.m. Cabin Activity
- 10:45 a.m. Free Time
- 11:45 a.m. Slings
- 11:55 a.m. Hand-washing
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:35 p.m. Siesta
- 1:35 p.m. 1st Skill Class
- 2:40 p.m. Snack
- 2:45 p.m. Free Time
- 3:45 p.m. 2nd Skill Class
- 4:40 p.m. 3rd Skill Class
- 5:45 p.m. Hand-washing
- 5:50 p.m. Flag Lowering
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. Camper's Choice
- 7:20 p.m. Evening Program
- 8:30 p.m. Back to cabins
- 9:30 p.m. Cabin Chat/
Lights Out*

*varies by age

A New Day at Camp

Camp Abnaki is dedicated to running a quality program, and to seek continuous improvement. Under David Dustin, our Program Director for the last two summers, the quality of skill class instruction has increased, new evening programs have been introduced, and weekend program revitalized.

Summer 2011 will see some significant changes to the daily schedule, which we believe will improve the camper's day to day experience at camp. These changes are being made after soliciting feedback from campers, counselors, and other camp staff.

You can see the daily schedule in the column to the left, but here are the highlights of the schedule changes:

Wake up has been moved from 7:30 to 7:45 a.m. We know the importance of a good night's rest, especially after an action-packed day at camp, and 15 minutes can make a difference.

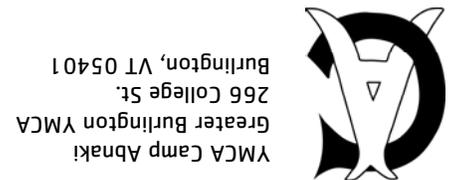
Handwashing bells will ring before

lunch and evening flag pole. We began doing this late this summer, and are continuing this going forward to help ensure camper's health and safety.

Afternoon Freetime is moving from the end of skill classes to between first and second periods. The camp store will be open for snacks and drinks in addition to camp merchandise. Campers will still get a free snack at the beginning of this period, but will now have the option to get additional snacks and drinks. This will also break up the day for campers and staff alike.

Evening Program will start 10 minutes earlier and end consistently at 8:30. This should help ensure campers are getting plenty of time to shower and have cabin chat, yet still be in bed and lights out between 9:30 and 10.

If you have any questions or concerns about these schedule changes, don't hesitate to contact us!



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2010 Skippers Acquire Skills, Earn Privileges

Each summer, campers strive to achieve various goals at camp. One which is treasured is to acquire a Skipper's Tag, which allows campers to sail during freetimes. To earn this privilege, campers must demonstrate core competencies in sailing to the Sailing Program Coordinator. The campers who achieved this goal in 2010 were:

Joe Porter, Ben Carnahan, Sam Houlihan, Jarrett Legg, Liam Holly,
Jordan Ripka, Stefan Brecher, Wyatt Hoechner, Chace Anderson, Colman Lamb,
Chris Moetell, George Henkel, Tom Weaver, Cameron Thomas, Bernardo Romero,
Zach Baker, Harrison Griffith, John Willard, Will Stockton, William Barrette, Luke
Strohbehn, Gabriel Cropsey, Alex Kreissle, Thomas Portier, Francis Vigoreaux,
Caleb Miller, Dylan Brown, Levi Silverstein, Alejandro Del Valle, Pablo Sandoval,
Will Gault, Alec Rutherford, Nate Littlefield, Blake Ruescher, Jake Ellinger, Calvin
Morse, Andrew Peyrelongue, Jake Allard, Jack Kleinert, Simon LaPlante, Keagan
Landry, Sam Clark, Eli Tucker, Isaac Gingras, Jack Weaver, Guillaume Fortin, Rain
Yesman, Jacob Hewitt, Wesley Mead, Andrew Breason, Ian Miller, Manuel Ur-
rutia, Alex Mahaney, Ian Campbell, Adnane Adossama, Henry Lawrence, Dan
Thiefels, Julianna Brown, Ryan Roberts, Alex Chaulot, Peter Feehan, Eric Zobel, Jacob Segundo, Ben Purtell, Devon
Cantor, Travis Reed, Charlie Huemmler, Ian Lacombe, Andrew Biggie, Tyler Cousino, Nate Keeney, Maxime Bon-
sang-Biron, Jerome Lajoie, Quinton Banus, Aiden Rodriguez, Michael Granai, Sam Boardman, Ted Christiansen,
Jacob Lawson, Joe Purtell, Eamon Friend, Xander Briggs, Philippe Tousignant, Eli Dunphy, Ben Purtell, Jake Lynn,
Hubert Barrette, Cameron Griffith, Andrew Levite, Andrew Lynch, Eric Weiss, Alden Fletcher, Jacob Roberts, and
Alexander Ulanov.



Campers sailing on Lake Champlain