

March 12, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Although it may seem a bit early to start thinking about summer camps, it is important to make plans as the camps do fill up quickly. If you want your child to be registered in summer camp this year, I would encourage you to start thinking about it now too (especially if you want to apply for financial aid). Camp information has just started arriving in my mailbox. However some information is hard to gather this early on. Here is what we know this far so you can get a head start.

If you are considering summer camp activities for your child, here are some of the camp names, contacts and phone numbers (I've provided appropriate ages, dates and prices for some of them):

Opportunities within Vermont

- ❖ **Bolton Valley** – The Adventure Center offers activities for students, including the Summer Mountain Adventure Training Camp, a day camp for 6-14 year olds based at Petra Cliffs Climbing Center in Burlington. Also offered are on-on-one guided excursions. (802)434-6831 or www.boltonadventurecenter.com
- ❖ **CAMP! CAMP ALOHA HIVE, LAKE FAIRLEE, VT:** Call 434-3244 and Judy Bush is the contact person. Ages: 8-12.
- ❖ **Craftsbury Outdoor Center** – offers sculling and running camps, (802)586-7767 or www.craftsbury.com
- ❖ **DANCE WITH KAREN AMIRAULT:** 802-363-8393 or amirault@sover.net. She offers various camps for a variety of ages from age 6-18. Camp runs from 9:00-2:30. Call or email for more information.
- ❖ **DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE:** The mission of our camps is to educate youth about Vermont's natural resources. They learn about fish and wildlife, safe use of firearms, receive an introduction to fishing, and other related outdoor activities. For Students ages 12-14, with advanced sessions for students up to a maximum age of 16. Call Jennifer Wade at (802) 241-3768 or email jennifer.wade@state.vt.us or visit the website www.vtfishandwildlife.com.
- ❖ **DOWNER 4-H CAMP/DOWNER STATE FOREST, SHARON:** Ages: 8-14, various sessions available. I have plenty of Camp Downer applications in my office; please call if you would like one sent home with your child or stop in to say hello and pick one up! **Act fast!! They fill up early!!**
- ❖ **FARM AND WILDERNESS SUMMER CAMP/PLYMOUTH, VT:**
Call 422-3763 – I have a few packages in my office to disperse; please see me if you are interested. They are expensive, but do have scholarship programs – **Act Early!!**
- ❖ **THE FLYNN ARTS:** Held at the Flynn Center. Call 802-652-4500 for a registration form or go online at www.flynncenter.org. They offer performing arts camps and classes.

- ❖ **FINDANDGOSEEK.NET:** Makes it easy for parents to discover and choose the best programs and activities. Sort by interest, age or location. Read other parents reviews and experiences. *Family Activities & Events, Kids Programs, Local Reviews & insider tips along with Photos, maps & More!!!*
- ❖ **GIRLS' LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP:** A 9 day leadership program to empower girls entering 10th or 11th grade in the Fall of '08. Check out their website www.evrk.org or call 845-229-5302.
- ❖ **GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF VERMONT:** Call 1-800-639-3055 for a brochure. You do not need to be a girl scout in order to attend these camps! They have several camps throughout Vermont. They offer overnight and day camp programs that highlight many activities. The adventure based program for girls looks like it would be a good fit for those that loved the 5th grade ropes course at Hulbert!
- ❖ **Governor's Institutes of Vermont** – For students with a strong interest in arts, sciences, technology, IT, engineering, mathematics, current issues, or Asian cultures. Study on the campuses of Vermont colleges. Speak to your high school guidance counselor. (802) 229-4757 or www.giv.org.
- ❖ **Green Mountain Club** – Volunteer opportunities for all ages throughout the state. Contact Shawn Flanigan: (802) 244-7037 ext. 24 or www.greenmountainclub.org/page.php?id=9.
- ❖ **Green Mountain Center for Gifted Education:** Talent Development Institutes-A week long camp for participants entering grades 4 through 9 to experience challenging learning opportunities and daily exploratory activities with evening entertainment and exercise. For more information please contact TDI Co-Director, Lucy Gage Bogue at lucybogue@yahoo.com, 1-802-658-9941; www.tdivermont.com or www.vermontgifted.org.
- ❖ **Green Mountain Conservation Camps** – Buck Lake, Woodbury, VT and Ed Kehoe, Bomoseen, VT. An unforgettable week of outdoor fun, Vermonts Fish & Wildlife, Forests, Wetland ecology, building bluebird boxes, first aid, out door safety, archery and more. For more information contact Green Mountain Conservation Camps at 1-802-241-3768, FWMCC@STATE.VT.US.
- ❖ **Hazen's Notch Association** – Summer day camps, night camps, and Native American skills camp where middle and high school students develop awareness and respect for the environment, outdoor skills, self confidence, cooperation, and leadership. Montgomery, VT. (802) 326-4799 or www.hazennotch.org/Summer_Camp_2.htm.
- ❖ **Hulbert Outdoor Center** – Aloha Foundation, Fairlee, VT. Youth wilderness trips for personal development and environmental education. (802) 333-3400 or www.alohafoundation.org.
- ❖ **INNERHARMONY-COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTER, INC.:** Contact Cindy Sutherland at 767-6092. Offering valley residents of all ages a variety of yoga, alternative healing and stress reduction classes and lectures.
- ❖ **Kroka Expeditions of Vermont** – Summer adventure programs in Vermont, Canada, and other countries where students work with and live in nature to build strong character, responsibility, community, and a sense of place in harmony with nature. (802) 387-5397 or www.kroka.org.
- ❖ **Lake Champlain Maritime Museum** – Summer youth opportunities, learning adventures, courses in blacksmithing, a 5-week Discovery Program, Lake Adventurer, and sailing expeditions. Vergennes, Burlington, and Ferrisburg VT (802) 475-2022 or www.lcmm.org.
- ❖ **Landmark College** – The most comprehensive program in the nation designed exclusively for high-potential students with dyslexia, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and other specific learning disabilities. Putney, VT (802) 387-61718 or www.landmarkcollege.org/admissions/high_school_summer.html
- ❖ **Linking Learning to Life** – The Ready, Set, Work program, the TIPS program, and the College connection program help high school students explore the world of work and college. Burlington, VT. (802) 865-5320 or www.linkinglearningtolife.org.

- ❖ Math Science Upward Bound at VTC – Six week program for students from Upward Bound and Talent Search programs around the state. Toll Free 1-866-882-6782 or www.vtc.vsc.edu/section_academic_programs/academic_programs_hsprog-msupbound.asap.
- ❖ **Media inside Out** – a two-week session for middle school students that teaches how to script film and edit video, how the mass media creates powerful images, and how messages are communicated to and influence viewers. Montpelier, VT. (802) 223-4949.
- ❖ **MedQuest Health Careers Exploration Program** is a week full of career development and asset-building activities on a college campus and in the surrounding healthcare community. Qualified 9th, 10th and 11th grade students live in the residence halls, eat on campus, have access to University resources, and go to work with health professionals. Check Website for Champlain Valley: www.cvahec.org/medquest.htm or call (802) 527-1474. Check Website for Bennington and Rutland: www.southernvermontahec.org/medquest_camp.html or call (802) 886-2115.
- ❖ **MedStars North Eastern Vermont Area Health Education Center Program** is a 5-day summer residential program for girls entering 11th and 12th grades who want to pursue health careers in college. Students stay on the Lyndon State College campus, live in the dorms, and have access to campus resources. Lyndonville, VT. (802) 748-2506 or www.nevahec.org/health/107.html.
- ❖ **Norwich University Future Leaders Program** – An adventure and challenge-based summer camp that gives students the opportunity to gain leadership and team-building skills. Northfield, VT (802) 485-6679 or <http://www.norwich.edu/admissions/summerprograms.html>.
- ❖ **Partners in Adventure** celebrates diverse abilities by bringing together young people who have disabilities with their non-disabled peers for a summer camp experience. Shelburne, VT. (802) 425-2638 or www.partnersinadventure.org.
- ❖ **Putney School Summer Programs** – Opportunities for high school students to pursue their interests in visual and performing arts, writing, or ESL in an independent and creative environment. Putney, VT. (802) 387-6297 or www.putneyschool.org/summer.
- ❖ **RANDOLPH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB:** Contact 728-3010. They offer several programs including day camp sessions (which provide access to the Randolph Pool for swim lessons and a variety of special two week clinics. Programs run in two week increments, beginning June 26 and running through the third week in August. The day camp program runs from 8AM-5PM. Some of the clinics offered include: basketball, soccer, gymnastics, and lacrosse and most likely more.
- ❖ **RANDOLPH SOCCER PROGRAM:** Contact Rose & Jim Lucenti at 728-6326 or roselucenti@comcast.net. The season begins after the first week of July and runs for 6-8 weeks through mid August. 1st through 12th graders are welcome to participate. It is low cost fun...you just have to go over the mountain for it!
- ❖ **ROCHESTER SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM:** Contact Terry Paquette at 767-3296. Camp runs from 9AM-12PM daily at the Rochester High School at the cost of \$1.00 per day. Kids need to bring a snack. Camp is open to all students presently in grades 1-5 who live in Rochester, Hancock or Granville. More information will follow by June.
- ❖ **ROCHESTER TENNIS CAMP:** Contact Sine Allen at 767-4729 or Cynthia Fowles at 767-9864.
- ❖ **Rosie's Girls** is a three-week summer day camp for girls entering 5th-7th grade, held at The Center for Technology, Essex, and the Barre Technical Center. Rosie's girls is a trades exploration camp for girls designed to build self-esteem, physical confidence, interpersonal cooperation and leadership skills through learning and applying basic skills in carpentry and other skilled trades. (802) 655-8900 x105 or www.vtworksforwomen.org
- ❖ **SAINT MICHAEL'S SOCCER CAMP:** Contact Marcel Choquette at 802-654-2600 or mchoquette@smvt.edu. There are both day and overnight programs for girls ages 7-17. Other camp choices are available through St. Michael's at www.smcvt.edu/athleticcamps.

- ❖ **FOR SKATEBOARDERS:** If you head into the Hartford area (WRJ) there are a variety of sport camps offered through the Parks and Rec. Department. Call 802-295-5036 or www.hartford-vt.org
- ❖ **THE LOCAL CHURCHES:** The local churches offer some summer camp programs, as well as some camp scholarship money. Contact the Missions Committee at the Federated Church of Rochester at 767-3012 or St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church at 234-9916 for information.
- ❖ **VT YMCA CAMP HOCHELAGA/BURLINGTON, VT:** Call 862-7520 for more information or go online www.ywcacmphochelaga.org.
- ❖ **Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council Cadet Training Program** – Vermont Police Academy, Pittsford, VT. Exposes high school students who are at least 16 years old to all facets of the criminal justice system. American Legion (802) 223-7131 or www.vcjtc.state.vt.us/AmericanLegionCadetProg.htm.
- ❖ **Vermont Institute of Natural Science** – Summer nature day camp and overseas conservation camp. Montpelier, Quechee, and Manchester, VT. www.vinsweb.org/program/camps/reg_sum_camp.html or Quechee: (802) FLY-5000, Montpelier: (802) 229-6206, Manchester (802)-362-4374.
- ❖ **Vermont Student Employment Program** – VSAC reimburses nonprofit employers 50 percent of the wages an eligible student earns up to \$1,000.00. www.vsac.org or Toll Free 1-877-685-7787.
- ❖ **Vermont State Firefighters Summer Fire Cadet Academy** – A week long residential camp in July designed to train youth who have a serious interest in pursuing a firefighting career. Pittsford, VT (802) 422-3558.
- ❖ **Vermont Youth Conservation Corps** – Summer jobs to complete high-priority conservation projects. www.vycc.org/pages/OurProgram/overview.htm or (802) 434-3969.
- ❖ **Volunteers for Peace** – International volunteer work camps in the United States and abroad. www.vfg.org or (802) 259-2759.
- ❖ **Vermont YWCA Camp Hochelaga** – A residential and day camp for girls located in South Hero, Vermont. Offering one week and multiple week sessions, small craft boating, arts and crafts, land sports, drama and Nature/Outdoor living skills. For more information call 1-802-862-7520 or visit www.ywcacamphochelaga.org. Deadline March 13, 2009.
- ❖ **VOLTAGE SOCCER CAMP:** Contact Bo Vuckovic at 802-527-2499. VT Voltage will be offering camp in Rochester again this summer. Check out www.vermontvoltage.com for more information. You can register online.
- ❖ **WARREN SCHOOL/SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM:** Warren School offers a summer learning program. Contact Laurie Jones at 496-2487. Camps are likely to be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It costs Rochester/Hancock and Granville students \$12.00 to register for a class. Registration begins in May and is on a first come, first served basis. Laurie said you're welcome to call ahead for a brochure. Classes are generally offered in skateboarding, drama, art and more.
- ❖ **WHITE RIVER VALLEY PLAYERS' PERFORMING ARTS CAMP:** Contact Jeanie Levitan at 767-3956. The White River Valley Players will again present their Performing Arts Camp for Kids entering grades 2-8. It will be held from August 11 through the 15th at the Village School in Hancock. The camp features music, dance, drama, arts & crafts and recreation. Camp will end with a performance by all campers and counselors. Registration information will go out to students in local schools, as well as home-schoolers, in mid-April. The 2008 fee for camp will be on the information form; partial scholarships will be available. WRVP Camp accepts only about 45 campers with applications considered on a first come, first served basis.

Opportunities Outside Vermont

- ❖ **Boston University High School Programs** – High School Honors is a six week residential or commuting program in which students can either take two Boston University undergraduate courses, earning up to eight credits, or conduct scientific research under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Participants must be entering their senior year in the fall 2008. Summer Challenge is a two-week residential program for students entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year in fall 2008. Summer Challenge students enroll in two non-credit seminars designed specifically for the program. Seminar topics this year include abnormal psychology, business, creative writing, ecology, the history of Boston, international politics, introduction to Chinese, journalism, law, mass communication, persuasive writing, and visual arts. The Summer Challenge Program is ideal for students who wish to explore college-level work without the pressure of grades. 1-(617)-353-1378 or www.bu.edu/summer/highschool.
- ❖ **Broadreach** – Summer adventures for teenagers around the world. Toll Free: 888-833-1907 or www.gobraodreach.com.
- ❖ **Dynamy** – Year – and semester – long leadership and career exploration Internship (“gap year”) programs for high school seniors and recent graduates. Each 9-week program combines an internship component with an Outward Bound course, community service, independent apartment living, and non-on-one advising. (508) 755-2571 or www.dynamy.org.
- ❖ **Experiment in International Living** – International, cross-cultural education for high school students where students are immersed in the daily life of another culture for 3-5 weeks. Participants focus on themes such as community service, language study, ecology, travel, or the arts. Toll Free: 800-345-2929 or www.usexperiment.org.
- ❖ **Maine Media Camp** – If your entering your sophomore, junior, or senior year in high school and you’re interested in the Media field, please contact us for more information. Toll Free: 1-888-877-1876, Email: mediacamp@nescom.edu or visit www.nescom.edu
- ❖ **Massachusetts College of Art** – Summer Studios program is a four-week pre-college rigorous art program for students entering grades 11 and 12. Boston, MA. (617) 879-7170 or www.massart.edu/at_massart/academic_prgms/continuing/k-12/summerstudios.
- ❖ **Sea Education Association** – incoming high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors learn science at sea and the oceanography of the Southern California Bight. Incoming high school juniors and seniors and college freshmen learn the oceanography of the Gulf of Maine. Woods Hole, MA (800) 552-3633 www.sea.edu/academics/program_highschoolprograms.asp.
- ❖ **Smith College** – A summer Program for girls entering 9-12 who are interested in science, engineering or medicine. (413) 585-3060 or www.smith.edu/summerprogram/ssep.
- ❖ **Student Conservation Association (SCA)** – Tuition free, month-long, co-education conservation work crew program followed by a four-day recreational trip (603) 543-1700 or www.sca-inc.org.
- ❖ **Upward Bound Regional Math-Science Center** – Six week summer residential camp where students complete an individual and group research project in math or science. University of Maine at Orono. 1-800-581-2522 or www.ume.maine.edu/~ubrMSC.
- ❖ **Volunteers for Peace** –See above.
- ❖ **Windsor Mountain** (formerly Interlocken Center of Experiential Learning) – Based in new Hampshire, this organization offers Student Travel for Teens, International Summer Camp, and Teen Summer Camp Jobs. (800) 862-7760 or www.windsormountain.org.

Other Web Sites of (Summer) Interest

- **National Outdoor Leadership School** – Learn wilderness and leadership skills around the world. (800) 710-6657 or www.nols.edu.
- **Outward Bound** – Adventure-based wilderness programs. Toll Free: (866) 467-7651 or www.outwardboundwildernss.org.

- **Vermont Summer Camps** – Listings of summer camps in Vermont.
www.vtliving.com/sumercamps/, www.vermontcamps.org/.

Library Resources

The library at our Resource Center also has a number of useful books to help make your summer productive and profitable. You may borrow any of them by visiting the VSAC Resource Center in Downtown Winooski, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Friday, and 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. You may also borrow books through inter-library loan. Ask your local or school librarian to request them for you. (Our library catalogue is online for your convenience in searching for books – <http://follettweb.vsac.org:9000/webopac/main?siteid=1>.)

- ❖ *The 500 Best Ways for Teens to Spend the Summer: Learn about Programs for College-Bound High School Students* by Neil Seltzer
- ❖ *Back Door Guide to Short-Term Job Adventures* by Michael Landes
- ❖ *Early College Programs: Summer college Programs for High School Students* by Robert Hydrisko.
- ❖ *Internships* by Petersons
- ❖ *Summer Jobs for Students* by Petersons
- ❖ *Summer Opportunities for Kids and Teenagers* by Petersons
- ❖ *The Uncollege Alternative* by Danielle Wood
- ❖ And much, much more...

There are also web sites for many Vermont camp programs. A good starting point is:
<http://www.discoverburlington.com/kidsvt/camps/coed/htm>.

This is truly the tip of the iceberg compared to what's out there for camps!!

Please let me know if I can assist you in any way with camp information. I have some applications on hand that can be copied upon request. If money is an issue, there is some local funding available. There are also scholarship programs offered through some of the camps.

If you would like your child to have a camp experience, but are concerned financially, please call **as soon as possible as I am more than happy to help you all**. I have learned that the sooner we act on camp registration, the better!! Speaking from experience, camps can be a life enriching and memorable experience for children.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Betty Hughes
School Counselor, K-12