

Camp Northwoods

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where is the camp located?

Camp is held in Falstaff's. Enter the campus via North Broadway entrance, take first right and follow the perimeter road to Falstaff Lot which is the first parking lot on the right, across from North Hall. For safety reasons please park in Falstaff Lot and follow the trail to Falstaff's. Counselors will be available at the trail to greet you the first day of each session.

2. What are the drop-off and pick-up times?

Drop-off is 8:30 a.m. and pick-up is by 5:00 p.m.

3. When should I bring in the healthy snacks for my child's group (plan for approximately 25)?

Snacks should be delivered the first day of each session. Healthy snack options include cereal mix (gorp), cheese and crackers, crackers and fruit spread, ethnic dishes, fresh fruits or vegetables, fruit juice, fruit kabobs, fruit or yogurt popsicles, milk, muffins, pretzels, and sparkling fruit juice.

4. When can I send in a snack that is perishable and won't keep if brought in on the first day of camp?

Speak with the director or assistant director the first day of the session to arrange for a more convenient time.

5. Can a family member chaperone field trips?

Although we appreciate the interest of parents to give of their valuable time and energy to accompany the group it is on behalf of Skidmore and in the best interest of the program that we maintain the policy that trip chaperones will consist of the fully trained and talented camp staff employed by the college.

6. What is expected of the children during the field trip to the High Ropes Course?

All children will be encouraged to participate but will not be forced to take part in activities they are uncomfortable doing. This philosophy applies to all camp activities. We will take every opportunity to provide a "learning experience" for each child. If given a chance, the children are likely to accept the challenge and find great personal satisfaction in their accomplishments.

7. What are the plans for the trip to the Sacandaga River for White Water Rafting?

Campers will not be allowed to get out of the raft to enter the water. Trained rafting staff and one or two counselors will accompany each raft. There will be a certified lifeguard in the raft with the beginner swimmers. Camp Director, Peter Carner, is a NYS licensed guide.

8. Are we able to split a two-week session with another camper?

Unfortunately no, we are unable to accommodate this type of request.

9. Will a camper be able to leave rain gear, a change of clothes, sweatshirts, suntan lotion, bug repellent or other personal items at camp?

Yes, each child will have an area they can store their possessions. We suggest all items be clearly labeled. Please know we are not responsible for lost or stolen items. We also suggest bathing suits and towels be brought home daily to dry.

10. Do you have a Lost and Found?

Yes, Lost and Found will be clearly marked. At the end of each session please be sure to check through the pile.

11. How do you protect children's clothing and shoes during art activities?

Parents should send in a smock or old T-shirt and footwear specific for art activities the first day of camp.

12. Where do I direct additional questions?

Deb Madden, Program Coordinator, is available at 518-580-5591 or dmadden@skidmore.edu. You may also email campnorthwoods@skidmore.edu. The director, assistant director, and the staff are available daily to answer questions when camp is in session.