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Overview of Ketcha Outdoors

Organizational Structure

Ketcha Outdoors, formerly known as Camp Ketcha, has been in operation since 1964. We are a charitable non profit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors.

Our website is <https://ketchaoutdoors.org/>, and our current board members can be viewed here: [Our Board - Ketcha Outdoors](#)

The name *Camp Ketcha* now refers to our summer day camp program, while our new name *Ketcha Outdoors* encompasses the full array of our programs which include: After School and School Vacation childcare, Farm and Forest Pre-School and Pre-K, Adventure Challenge ropes course programs, Behavioral Health programs, and the Portland Gear Hub and Bike School. <https://portlandgearhub.org/>

Charitable support in the form of fundraising, grants and volunteer efforts are essential in helping keep our program fees affordable. We raise additional revenue by renting out our facilities to the public for private events such as weddings.

The following table provides you names and contact information for all of our departments:

Administration & Program Directors			
Laragh Kavanaugh	She/Her	Executive Director	lkavanaugh@ketchaoutdoors.org
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Billy Murdock	He/Him	Program Director	bmurdock@ketchaoutdoors.org

Property Information

A trail map is available here: [Libby River Farm Trails](#).

The map is published by the Scarborough Land Trust. Ketcha's property abuts the Land Trust's Libby River Farm preserve which has a public access hiking trail. There is a right of way to the public trail which crosses Ketcha's property. The trailhead is located in the lower parking area of our Ice House on Black Point Rd. just north of our main building.

The Ketcha property is an open campus. In addition to the trail to access the Libby River land preserve the public is permitted to walk, ski or bike on the property at times and in areas where there are no active programs

(after 6 on weekdays, anytime on weekends). Dogs must be on leash at all times in all areas including in the preserve and no motorized vehicles are allowed.

Land Acknowledgement

We are privileged to have this 107 acres of farm, fields and forest land located on Maine's southern seacoast. We respect that our occupancy marks a small moment in time for this beautiful place. We strive with diligence and devotion in our stewardship responsibilities. Our understanding is that the word ketcha is a native term meaning little.

We are deeply grateful for this 'little' camp, and while ownership of these acres are ascribed to the Ketcha Outdoors organization, we acknowledge that this is Wabanaki home land. The Wabanaki confederation of tribes, (People of the Dawnland), have lived here for at least 13,000 years. The organization Maine-Wabanaki REACH celebrates and advances ongoing "self-determination efforts by strengthening the cultural, spiritual and physical well-being of Native people in Maine". For more information visit <http://www.mainewabanakireach.org/>.

Mission & Values

Our board of directors updated our mission statement in 2023: ***To provide equitable access to outdoor experiences and gear, promoting well-being, sustainability and resilient communities.*** At Ketcha Outdoors we offer quality programs and events to serve our community. We strive to adhere to our values with each interaction we have with our community, or with an individual.

Community

We value building meaningful connections with our participants to strengthen our community.

Diversity

We strive to build a diverse outdoor community that welcomes and celebrates Black, Indigenous, People of Color, LGBTQIA+, and individuals of different ages, abilities, religious preferences, and socioeconomic statuses. We value bringing people together in the outdoors to learn skills, promote wellness and build connections.

Inclusion

We value equity and strive to make our programs inclusive and accessible to people of all backgrounds and life situations.

Education

We value education that builds understanding, leadership and outdoor skills. We are committed to developing programming that helps young people feel seen, heard and grow into healthy, thriving, resilient adults.

Environmental Stewardship

We acknowledge the responsibility that humans have, as part of the natural world, to protect, conserve and advocate for the land and our environment, to sustain our future on our planet. We believe in the importance of connecting with and caring for the environment and encouraging people to become stewards of the world around them. We do this through active conservation of our 107-acre campus and by reducing our own environmental impact, in part by reusing and recycling gear.

Staff

We are committed to transparency and accountability and actively work to create an environment that honors our staff's individual skills, contributions and celebrates their accomplishments.

State of Maine Childcare Licensing

Our school year programs operate as a licensed child care program through the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. We are licensed for up to 95 children. All rules and regulations applicable to our child care license can be found at https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/inline-files/10-148%20Ch.%2032%20Child%20Care%20Facility%20Licensing%20Rule%20Effective%209-27-21_jpf%20edits.pdf

Rights of Children

Children receiving Child care from Child Care Facilities have the following rights.

1. Children must be free from emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse, neglect and exploitation.
2. Each Child has the right to freedom from harmful actions or practices that are detrimental to the Child's welfare, and to practices that are potentially harmful to the Child.
3. Each Child has a right to an environment that meets the health and safety standards in this rule.
4. Each Child must be provided Child care services without discrimination to race, age, national origin, religion, disability, sex or family composition.
5. Children must be treated with dignity, consideration and respect in full recognition of their individuality. This includes the use of developmentally appropriate practices by the Child Care Facility.
6. Each Child has the right to the implementation of any plan of service that has been developed for that Child in conjunction with community or state agencies by the Child Care Facility.
7. Each Child has the right to Developmentally Appropriate activities, materials, and equipment.
8. Children with disabilities have the right to reasonable modifications to Child Care Facility policies and practices.

To report concerns about a child care provider, including licensing violations or concerns regarding suspected abuse or neglect in a child care setting call 1-800-452-1999 (deaf and hard of hearing individuals should dial 711 for the Maine Relay). Intake caseworkers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including weekends and holidays. Reports of concerns with child care providers can be made confidentially or anonymously.

Mandated Reporting

Our staff are all required to complete a certification in child protection awareness, instructing them on recognition of suspected abuse and neglect. In accordance with the State of Maine's Child Care Licensing Rules: Any Child Care Staff Member suspecting abuse and/or neglect must immediately report this information to Child Protective Intake, 1-800-452-1999, TTY 1-800-963-9490 which is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Child Development Services

The Child Development Services system is available for consultations and evaluations whenever there are questions or concerns about development. CDS operates under the supervision of the Maine Department of Education.

Screenings and evaluations are provided in order to identify children who are eligible for services. Regional CDS sites arrange for local services that include early intervention and special education and related services for eligible children from birth to age five and their families.

Referrals can be submitted by:

- Online: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/cds/referrals>
- By phone 877-770-8883
- By fax to 207-624-6661. You must include the Child Find Intake Form, PDF available on-line.

Accessibility

Ketcha Outdoors complies with all standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Children with special needs will not be excluded from participation in any activities or programs as long as it does not fundamentally alter the program for the other children. When this becomes a concern, then every effort will be made to accommodate the child with special needs by utilizing additional support staff available through Child Development Services, special education services, or paid for privately by the family.

Personal Items

Articles brought to camp are the responsibility of the camper. KETCHA OUTDOORS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ARTICLES. Please leave valuables at home. Please note that Ketcha Outdoors does not allow drugs or alcohol of any sort on the facility during children's programming.

Please label as many of their items as you can. A sharpie works wonders, even just initials help a lot. With all the changes we do their gear gets separated very easily. There are stamps available on-line you can have custom made for easy labeling. Here is a site recommended to us: [Mabel's Labels: Kids Labels, Name Stickers & Clothing Labels](#)

Please provide us with a full set of clothes to keep on hand especially for our younger children or if we will have them with us for the full day. We will keep track of what has been used and let you know when replacements are needed. The set should include a shirt, pants, underwear, and socks.

Attendance & Dismissal Policies and Procedures

Permission for Picking Up

For a child to be released to a non-parent or non-guardian we have to have documented permission. Parents identify individuals in their registration process and additions can be made by email for adding to the list for approved persons. Ketcha staff are trained to ask for identification until they can easily identify the person picking up and can match them to the correct child. It is important that all adults picking up children from any program have their ID at the ready. If a non-custodial parent has been denied access to a child by a court order, you must submit documentation to that effect and we will comply with it accordingly.

Absences

Attendance is taken every day at Ketcha Outdoors. If your child will be absent, please call (207)883-8977 to let us know or send us an email. A voice mailbox system is in place for messages when camp is closed. Your child may not make up absent days during unregistered days. If your child is unexpectedly absent we will reach out to you to verify their absence.

Late Pick-Up

Preschool Summer Camp closes promptly at 12pm or 4:00pm depending on your child's enrollment. Any participant picked up after pickup time will be charged a \$10 fee plus \$1 per every minute they are late. Payment is due upon pick-up. At 30 minutes past pickup time we follow Failure to Pick-Up Child procedures. In case of an emergency, please notify us immediately.

Failure to Pick-Up Child

If the parent or authorized person(s) fails to pick-up the child at the time of the program's closing, Ketcha will ensure that:

1. The child is supervised at all times;
2. Staff members attempt to contact the parent or authorized person(s); and
3. A ½ hour or more after closing time, and provided that other arrangements for releasing the child to the parent or authorized person(s) have failed, and the staff member(s) cannot continue to supervise the child at camp, the staff member will call the Department of Health & Human Services 24 hour Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline at 1-800-452-1999 to seek assistance in caring for the child until an authorized person is able to pick-up the child.

Health and Safety

Overview

Managing 107 acres of woods, waterfronts, and a farm entails many variables and frequently changing conditions throughout the seasons. Daily attention is paid to identify problems that may arise. Planned program activities may be adjusted as needed at any time in order to ensure safety. Two way radios are carried at all

times by our staff to ensure quick communication whenever assistance becomes necessary. All staff are trained in CPR/First Aid.

Health Records

In order to attend every camper must have a Health History Form completed, signed by a parent, and submitted no later than 2 weeks prior to the first session your child is registered for. Information documented on the Health History Form must be current. Health information about your camper that is required includes but is not limited to allergy history, medications routinely taken, dietary restrictions, general health history, physical/emotional/mental health history, physician contact information, and immunization record (you may need to obtain this from your child's pediatrician). It is important that you and your physician provide complete information regarding any physical condition or recent illness that may require our attention while your camper is at camp. *Please note that we ask for emotional/mental/behavioral health history so that we can provide the best care possible for your child and to help them be a successful member of our Ketcha community.*

Immunizations

From our DHHS Rules and Regulations: "For each child who is not attending public or private school, the facility must require and have on file, within thirty (30) days of the child's first admission to the facility, and updated annually thereafter, a Certificate of Immunization that clearly illustrates each child's present immunization status."

At Ketcha Outdoors we do require that all children are vaccinated following the Maine DOE vaccination schedule. Up to date records of these immunizations are required before starting care at Ketcha Outdoors. Required immunizations can be found here:

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doefiles/inline-files/ME%20Immunization%20Requirements%20for%20Schools%209-25-2021.pdf>

Illness and Injury

Please, if your child is ill, do not send them to our programs. If your child becomes ill while at Ketcha Outdoors they will be separated from the group with a staff attending to their comfort and you will be notified to arrange for a pick up. We seek the counsel of parents whenever a camper is ill, abnormally homesick, or whenever something extraordinary occurs; please do not be alarmed if you receive a call from us. Depending on the illness other parents may need to be notified. Certain illnesses have to be reported to the Center for Disease Control and a physician's note may be needed to verify when the child is cleared to return to school.

Common illnesses require the following precautions:

- Fever- Child may return after being fever free without meds for 24 hours
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea - Child may return after free of symptoms without meds for 24 hours.
- Chicken pox - Child may return to care after all the chicken pox have scabbed over.
- Conjunctivitis - Can return after treatment has begun and there is no evidence of discharge.
- Lice - A child may return after treatment has been administered and are free from all signs of nits and lice. The child will be inspected for lice by Ketcha Outdoors staff before they can return.
- Strep Throat - A child may return after being on antibiotics for at least 24 hours
- Impetigo - A child may return after being on antibiotics for at least 24 hours
- Rashes – please check with your pediatrician before sending them to school

In case of injury, the Ketcha Outdoors staff and/or Health Officer will take necessary measures to ensure proper emergency care, which may include: treatment by staff for minor injuries, phoning you as the parent for your instructions, calling local emergency care providers, or transporting the child to a doctor or emergency care facility when needed.

You will be notified as soon as possible regarding any communicable diseases affecting children in the program. We report outbreaks of disease to local health authorities. Children absent due to contagious diseases can return to Ketcha Outdoors when accompanied by a signed physician's statement indicating they are no longer contagious.

It is very important that you provide us with complete emergency contact information (other than yourself). In the case of any injury that requires medical attention, we make every attempt to contact you prior to treatment. In the event you cannot be reached, we will have your written authorization on file to treat an injury. (on the Registration Form)

Medications

Both nonprescription and prescription medications, ointments, and creams can be given to your child as needed. New medications should be administered at home 24 hours before returning to school in case of a reaction. Parents are required to fill out a medication form and to supply all medications in their original containers. These must be labeled with the child's name and physician. Medications that are expired will not be dispensed and medication forms must be updated every six months.

Emergency Procedures

We conduct fire drills once a month and evacuation drills twice a year. In the event of a true emergency you will be contacted immediately after the safety of the children has been secured. EMS will be called first for perceived life threatening injuries and parents will be contacted immediately afterward. All staff are trained in American Red Cross First Aid, and Infant, Child and Adult CPR.

In the event that we need to evacuate the premises due to an emergency or safety concern we have identified two locations to evacuate to. Our in neighborhood location is the Black Point Fire Department at 341 Blackpoint Rd, Scarborough, and our out of neighborhood location is the Scarborough Public Safety Building at 275 US-1, Scarborough. It is only in an emergency situation that we would transport children. Ketcha Outdoors childcare staff are not responsible for transporting children in any other situation.

Emergency Camp Closing

In the event of an emergency camp closing we will notify local media outlets, place a sign out front, post it on the website, meet parents at bus stops and send out a mass email if possible. If we currently do not have an email address for you, please call us at (207) 883-8977 to add your email to the list. If an emergency were to occur while our programs are in session but we do not need to evacuate the premises, we may announce an alternative pick-up location- either our Ice House Building off of Black Point Road or our Farm off of Spurwink Road.

Serious Injury and Death Reporting

As required by licensing rules, any injury to a child while in the care of Ketcha Outdoors will be reported to their guardian. A written copy of a completed Accident/Illness/Injury Report will be kept in the child's file. Where necessary under law the report will be forwarded to the appropriate governing agency. Guardians and state licensing staff know children are active and no amount of child proofing and supervision can prevent all injuries. However, reporting injuries can help prevent them in the future by identifying injury patterns specific to the child care's environment, and/or with a child who may need help with difficulties associated with balance, vision or foot positioning. Medical attention is a guardian decision. When a guardian cannot be reached Ketcha Outdoors will act in their stead when a decision on immediate medical attention is needed. Serious injuries will be reported to the Child Care Licensing Unit at 287-9300 within 24 hours.

Weapons Policy

No guns or weapons of any sort are permitted on the premises by staff or visitors unless carried by those engaged in official duties of law enforcement, security, or the military. Possession of a valid concealed weapons permit authorized by the state of Maine is not an exemption under this policy.

Swimming

- Chickadees do not have swim every day, teachers will send a message over Brightwheel to notify families of swim days
- Children will swim in our pool or our pond
- Our pool is 3ft in the shallow end and 9ft in the deep end.
- The pond is separated into two areas: the shallow end used for our youngest campers-at most the

depth is 4ft and a deep end of the pond which includes a shallow end and a deep end with a swim dock.

- All Chickadees are considered the lowest swim level so they are not swim tested and are required to wear a life jacket in order to be in the water
- All lifeguards are certified and trained
- We follow the Red Cross ratio of 1:25 for lifeguards to swimmers. This ratio does not include camp counselors who are also required to swim with the children and supervise from the side.
- Each time Chickadees go swimming, the lifeguard does a swim drill and goes over safety expectations before getting in the water

Social Emotional Learning

Our programs follow a 5 finger contract that is to stay safe (pinky), respect others and the environment (ring), be kind (middle), lead by example (pointer), and have fun (thumb). These are gone over daily as a way to set expectations for program participants who can high five each other to “seal the deal”.

We simplify the rules slightly for preschool so we have three rules: Be safe. Be gentle. Be kind. These rules are a positive support approach to help students with skill building for self-control and self-advocacy.

We strive to create a supportive, nurturing and joyful environment where everyone shares a sense of belonging and acceptance. Our goals are to support confidence and self-awareness and to build social skills. We support young learners on how to be part of a group: sharing, taking turns and showing respect for one another.

Developmental Support

Ketcha Outdoors’s philosophy is to help each child develop respect for oneself, others and the environment, and our goal is to help all children who attend Ketcha Outdoors to be successful in our program. We strive to teach children how to get along with adults and other children, behave in a respectful way towards others and the environment, and in turn gain social emotional skills such as self control and self regulation.

Redirection and positive language are at the forefront of our developmental support strategy. If teachers or staff members witness unsafe/unkind behavior, they will redirect that child to make a different choice. This involves teachers getting down on their level and speaking directly to the child in a gentle way offering suggestions for an alternate choice.

If the situation has involved another child, staff will help guide a conversation directly between the two children using a method called **W.O.W**. This starts with asking the children to both have a turn in sharing “**W**hat happened?”, then **O**wn their part in it (I.E. I hit my friend with a stick), and end the conversation with “**W**hat do we do next time?” so they have a plan for what to do the next time a situation like that arises. We also ask that kids check on each other if one was hurt in the incident, but do not require them to say sorry. If children are forced to say sorry when they don’t feel it, they may learn that saying sorry will resolve all conflicts instead of developing critical conflict management skills. The goal is to set kids up with the skills they need so they can resolve conflicts on their own in time.

If a child is struggling with regaining self control and self regulation, staff will work with that child to problem solve and find out what the child needs at that moment which could include taking a break. Each child is different, some may need to get some space from friends and talk about the situation, others may need a quiet space to look at books, or a space of their own to get some energy out climbing, running, or other physical excursion. Staff and children will always work together to do our best to meet that child’s needs before continuing with regular programming.

Ketcha Outdoors provides a safe place for children to express and explore their own emotions as well as those of the children around them. We strive to help children develop their social emotional skills and become emotionally resilient. Staff do this by modeling appropriate ways to express and work through feelings, guiding them through these processes, and supporting them in labeling and identifying their emotions.

Individualized Support Planning

Ketcha Outdoors views discipline as the positive use of guidance and language that will teach children the appropriate responses to sometimes challenging situations. We believe that discipline is not punishment, but using these experiences to teach, guide, and redirect children with the purpose of raising responsible, resilient, and confident children who will grow up to care for themselves and others.

We strive to create an open, trusting relationship with parents that welcomes communication between parents and staff regarding their child's experiences at Ketcha Outdoors. If a child's behavior is interfering negatively with the functioning of the program or the safety of others, we will notify the parent or guardian to set up a meeting with the director, health and behavior coordinator, and lead teacher. Staff will work cooperatively with family to develop and implement strategies to provide extra support by creating a behavior plan.

Ketcha Outdoors Practices:

- Staff will actively supervise every child on an individualized level of care within reasonable accommodation
- Documentation of all incidents and accidents during program hours will be recorded and readily available at the request of the parent or guardian
- If a child's behavior becomes routinely disruptive to the experience of the other children (more than three acts of aggression in a day), the parents will be called to pick up the child for the remainder of the day. A parent or guardian meeting will be requested to create an individualized behavior plan for the child. Acts of physical aggression include biting, kicking, pushing, hitting, punching, or spitting on other children or staff.
- A month after the individualized support plan is created, a second parent meeting will be scheduled to address the child's needs and whether or not other services are recommended. These services may include: ECCP (Early Childhood Consultation Partnership), Help Me Grow Maine, or Child Developmental Services, and Maine Roads To Quality Professional Development Network.
- After the second month of implementing the individualized support plan, a third parent meeting will be held to determine the best interest of the child and if Ketcha Outdoors can reasonably accommodate their needs.
- If it is decided that Ketcha Outdoors cannot reasonably accommodate the child's support needs, the family may be asked to withdraw the child from the program. A transition meeting will be held to support the family in finding other placement options for the child.

Financial Policies & Information

Termination of Service

We reserve the right to terminate for the following reasons:

- Failure to pay
- Failure to complete the required forms and documentation
- Lack of parental cooperation in regards to behavior and safety concerns
- Failure of child to adjust to the school after a reasonable amount of time
- Physical or verbal abuse of any person or property
- Our inability to meet the child's needs
- Lack of compliance with parent guide policies

Payments

Tuition is due by the first of the month for the next month and paid through required automatic payments in our Camp Brain registration system.. For example, October payments are due by September 1.

Late Fees

If your automatic payment is declined and corrective action is not made by a reasonable date a late fee of \$25 will be assessed.

A camper may be asked to leave the program if payment is not up to date.

We accept cash, check or Mastercard or Visa.

Refund/Cancellation/Schedule Change Policy

Cancellations and schedule changes received one month prior to the start of the session will receive a refund of the balance of their tuition minus a \$50 cancellation fee. Registration deposits (\$50 per session) and registration fees (\$20 per year) are non-refundable and non-transferable. **All cancellation notices must be in writing or they are otherwise void.**

Ketcha Outdoors does not refund camp tuition for cancellations resulting from missed buses, forgotten registrations, incorrect scheduling by the parent, family vacations, minor illnesses, or behavior problems. "No shows" are not eligible for refunds.

Medical Emergency Cancellation for severe medical issues/illnesses will need a note provided by a doctor and are assessed on a case by case basis by our leadership team.

Chickadee Program

Philosophy

We adhere to the philosophy and methods known as the forest school model. We practice place based environmental teaching throughout our 107 acres of forest, fields, farm, streams and pond. Our campers are active in the outdoors, learning while playing, hiking, gardening, and visiting the farm. Play based learning is fostered with long blocks of time for our campers to immerse in our many nature settings. We provide the freedom and support needed for child led exploration, exciting discoveries, imagination and creativity, risk taking, problem solving, socializing and relaxing into mindful moments.

Maine's Early Learning and Development Standards

We adhere to Maine's Early Learning and Developmental Standards which represent the latest research and practice in the field of early childhood education. With recognition that parents are a child's first and most important teacher, the Standards guide us in supporting our students in the development of skills and knowledge for their preschool years.

[Maine's Early Learning and Development Standards](#)

Daily Schedule

Minimum registration of Monday through Thursday mornings is required. Extended days are optional and available to add on by the day for the week.

2023 Summer	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
Mornings	8:30 am to 12 pm	8:30 am to 12 pm	8:30 am to 12 pm	8:30 am to 12 pm
Extended day	Afternoon options available by the day until 4 pm			

Morning Session	
8:30-9:00	Drop off
8:30-9:30	Free play

9:30-10:00	Snack time
10:00-11:00	Adventure time where we go on hikes, the garden, barn, clearings in the woods, forest playground
11:00-11:30	Circle time
11:30-12:00	Hike back to the Ice House
12:00	Pickup for morning session

Afternoon Session	
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Free play
2:00-3:00	Rest time
2:00-4:00	Free Play, afternoon circle time

Ages and Areas of Operations

The Chickadee program is for children aged 3-5. The program runs Monday-Thursday from 8:30-12:00 for the morning session, and 12:00-4:00 for extended days out of the Ice House building and around our 107 acre property.

Clothing and Gear

It is essential to have all the necessary gear and clothing suitable for each day's weather. Please keep an eye on the daily weather reports and teachers will update you to the greatest extent possible.

Students will need a small, light, preferably water resistant/proof backpack to carry their water bottle, snack, layers appropriate to the weather, and other needed items. For those staying in the afternoon, you may want to pack an additional bag if you're transporting rest time items back and forth or additional gear.

If you have any difficulty with finding proper gear, please reach out to the director. We have a gear library with many items that you are welcome to borrow for as long as you need. We also accept donations to add to our gear library if you have gear that your child has outgrown.

Please do not have the kids bring any toys from home unless they're staying for the full day in which case one small stuffed toy is fine for rest time.

Rain Gear

Our top choice is a set of rubberized bib pants and jackets or rain suit. Name brands such Grunden are available at marine supply or outdoor gear stores. Quality one piece suits are also great.

One piece rain suits: Oaki, Tuffo, Columbia

Rain boots: Oaki, Bogs, Croc

Rain boots of course need to be fully waterproof and please make sure they fit comfortably.

Mild Weather Clothing

Lightweight cotton shirts, pants and shorts are fine for mild weather. Quick dry synthetic materials are preferred over denim or other thick cotton. Even on sunny, dry days they're likely to get wet with water play or puddles

and it's nicer to dry out quickly.

In the warm to cool weather months the following are needed:

- Sun hat - full brim with a string or chin fastener preferred
- Sneakers or sturdy sandals - closed toe sandals such as Keene's are fine
- Wind jacket/ Warm jacket as needed

Water Bottles

Send them with a water bottle that is not too large and heavy that your child can independently open and close. Full size metal bottles are much too heavy for hiking. If you want to use metal bottles make sure it's a small one. We always refill during the day. If your child does not come with a water bottle a Ketcha one will be provided for them and you will be billed \$3.00 on your account.

Sunscreen and Bug Spray

Apply sunscreen and bug spray each morning before drop off. This includes cloudy days. Please do not pack bug spray or sunscreen in their bags. It adds extra weight and we will reapply from our supplies during the day. If you want us to use products of your choosing please let us know and we will hold on to them.

2024 Dates and Tuition

	Dates	Tuition per week
Week 1	June 3rd-6th	Mornings only: \$189 Each additional afternoon: \$42
Week 2	June 10 th -13th	Mornings only: \$189 Each additional afternoon: \$42
Week 3	June 17 th -20th	Mornings only: \$189 Each additional afternoon: \$42
Week 4	June 24 th -27th	Mornings only: \$189 Each additional afternoon: \$42
Week 5 (No camp July 4th)	July 1 st -3rd	Mornings only: \$142 Each additional afternoon: \$42
Week 6	July 8 th -11th	Mornings only: \$189 Each additional afternoon: \$42
Week 7	July 15 th -18th	Mornings only: \$189 Each additional afternoon: \$42
Week 8	July 22 nd -25	Mornings only: \$189 Each additional afternoon: \$42
Week 9	July 29th-August 1st	Mornings only: \$189 Each additional afternoon: \$42
Week 10	August 5th-8th	Mornings only: \$189 Each additional afternoon: \$42
Week 11	August 12th-15th	Mornings only: \$189 Each additional afternoon: \$42

Week 12	August 19th-22nd	Mornings only: \$189 Each additional afternoon: \$42
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