



**BIRCHMONT
FAMILY
CAMP 2020**



WELCOME TO PIERCE CAMP BIRCHMONT'S FAMILY CAMP 2020!

One of the many lessons we teach at camp is resilience. Although we have been forced to postpone camp as we all know it until Summer 2021, we have found a silver lining with our new offering: Family Camp 2020. This summer we will be offering an opportunity for you and your family to enjoy a special 4 night/ 5 day camp experience in a cabin rental on our beautiful grounds. We invite you to join us for a relaxing and unique retreat at Birchmont. Time at Birchmont will surely provide a family vacation filled with summer-time smiles, fresh air, Lake Wentworth, s'mores, and a change of scenery for your family.

Additionally, our state of New Hampshire is open for tourism, and our town is just a 10 minute drive from our gate. Wolfeboro is a lovely place for an outdoor meal on the lake, ice cream at Bailey's, or a way to enjoy the charm of our lake-resort New England town. Although we can't ALL be together at camp this summer, families and Alumni can still make fun memories of shared experiences.



DATES & RATES

JULY 9TH - AUGUST 17TH

\$2800 per Cabin of 4 People

- All-inclusive pricing for 4 nights / 5 days sessions is \$2,800 per cabin for 4 people. Each additional person is an added \$250 with a maximum capacity of 6 people per cabin (children under 3 are complimentary).
- Sessions run each week from Thursday to Monday starting on July 9th running through August 17th.
- Current Birchmont families may apply their 2020 tuition credit towards Family camp.
- Reservations will be on a First Come/First Serve basis. Families will choose which week they would like to attend. If your child is interested in being at camp during the same time as a friend's family, we recommend you make that connection and see which week works best PRIOR to booking.
- Alumni without families are welcome and must understand that we are creating a Family Camp environment offering a low-key atmosphere.
- Camp will follow all state of NH universal guidelines for COVID-19 and guests will be expected to do the same.
- New Hampshire requires that all guests attest that all the person(s) staying at the lodging facility remained at home for at least 14 days before arriving in New Hampshire, only going out for essential items and when outside of the home maintaining social distancing and wearing face masks when within less than 6 feet of another person during this 14 day quarantine.
- Final payment is due upon registration and cancellations are allowable until one week prior to arrival. Additional 9% NH. room and meals tax will be added.
- Below are some FAQ which we have anticipated, and we recognize that additional questions may arise. We will be happy to answer them by e-mail or if you give us a call at the camp office (603) 569-1337.



WHAT WILL THE DAY LOOK LIKE?

Families will travel as a unit throughout the day. Children will be supervised by their parents. We will be offering 3 meals per day in our spacious Dining Hall or outside at picnic tables next to our Dining Hall. Box lunches will be available (with sign up) so families can take advantage of outings to the beaches on the NH & ME coasts and White Mountain forest for which our area is renowned. We have compiled a good list of local day trips where you can safely social distance in the great NH & ME outdoors on our website at:

<https://www.campbirchmont.com/the-birchmont-experience/come-visit.php>.

Our lake, fields, courts, driving range, and trails will be open for enjoyment of activities. Our waterfront will be open and staffed with our waterfront personnel at 11:00 AM each day. The orchard is a great spot for wild blackberry picking, and wildlife sightings.

Nightly campfires with s'mores will be available at selected locations throughout camp, with social distancing strongly encouraged outside of individual families. We also recommend ending each evening with a firefly hunt followed by stargazing into some of the clearest night skies in the lower 48.

WHAT ACTIVITIES WILL BE OFFERED?

Our waterfront will look a bit different than it does during our regular camp season but it is still a magnificent spot to enjoy and will be set up for swimming in a designated swim area with our giant inflatable slide, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing, & tubing behind one of our boats!

*Please note, all deep-water activities will require life jackets which will be sanitized and assigned to each person for the week.

- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Paddle boarding
- Tubing
- Tennis
- Hill Top Gym
- Basketball
- Hiking
- Yoga Studio
- Volleyball
- Baggo (aka Corn Hole)
- Golf Range
- Soccer
- Scenic Lake Wentworth Cruises
- Ping Pong
- Badminton
- Can Jam
- Nightly Camp Fires and S'mores
- Spike Ball
- GaGa



WHAT ARE THE ACCOMMODATIONS LIKE?

All of our cabins are equipped with their own private bathrooms, plenty of screened windows for fresh mountain air, and counselor rooms to allow for separate sleeping quarters for parents and children within the same cabin. Mini fridges, camp beds and dressers will be in each cabin. We will ask each family to please provide their own linens (or sleeping bags), pillows and towels.

HOW WILL MEALS WORK?

Our Dining Hall is vast; therefore, we can accommodate socially distanced meals by tables. We will also offer outside dining on our picnic tables. Disposable plates and utensils will be used. Tables will be sanitized and disinfected before and after each meal. We will adhere to a bell schedule for mealtimes as we do during our camp summer. The first bell you will hear means 15 minutes until meal time, and the next bell you hear will signal the start of meal services. Please share with us and our chef Helen any allergies and special dietary needs prior to your arrival at camp.

CAN I BRING SNACKS & BEVERAGES?

Yes. Families are welcome to bring some snacks and drinks. Due to allergies, we ask that you remember we are a NUT-SAFE campus and ask you to avoid bringing nut products to camp if possible. Please bring an air-tight container to store your goodies, and throw in a bottle opener and drink cups. We will provide fresh ice as needed.



WHAT HEALTH MEASURES DOES MY FAMILY HAVE TO TAKE PRIOR TO ATTENDING CAMP?

We have always maintained that a healthy camp begins at home. In this time of COVID we are asking for extra vigilance in this regard. Families are strongly urged to test for COVID-19 prior to arrival to camp. If you haven't previously been tested, you may opt to use Vault Health At Home COVID-19 Saliva Test. It's a simple, reliable test with a 48 hour turn around time (<https://www.vaulthealth.com/covid>). NH state requires all guests quarantine at home for 14 days prior to entering New Hampshire. Families are asked to take daily temperature reading for 14 days prior to arrival at camp and NOT attend if anyone is experiencing elevated temperature or any known COVID symptoms according to the CDC. All family members will have a quick health screening including a temperature check upon arrival. Please review with your family the importance of adequate hand washing, not sharing items outside your family, and address the importance of coughing and sneezing etiquette. Face coverings will be required in instances where social distancing is not possible (although we do not foresee this being an issue on our 300-acre campus). Because so much of life at camp is spent outdoors, our environment should provide a respite of sorts, but vigilance must still be paid for the benefit of the community around you.

HOW DO YOU HANDLE HEALTH EMERGENCIES?

We are in the fortunate position of having Huggins Hospital approx. 10 minutes from our gate, and White Mountain Urgent Care Center also just 10 minutes away. In the unlikely event of a medical situation requiring diagnostic or immediate attention, either health care facility is easily accessible.

Families should pack and be ready to administer their own medicines, and prescriptions (including inhalers, Epipens, etc.) as well as basic First Aid (band-aids, Tylenol, Tweezers, Benadryl). Additionally, we will have First Aid Kits at our Waterfront Area and Office.



WILL THERE BE WI-FI IF NEEDED FOR WORK?

Yes. There will be Wi-Fi available at several locations at camp. Additionally, we have excellent cell phone service on the grounds. It will be strange for us to see cell phones at camp, but we will adjust.

CAN I BRING MY PET?

Unfortunately, we can not accept pets at camp. There is a wonderful boarding house nearby called Puddleby On the Hill where we have boarded our family pets when needed which we highly recommend.

CAN MY FAMILY AND I LEAVE THE PROPERTY?

Yes! We are in a great part of New Hampshire, with coastal towns and beaches along the Maine and NH seacoast, and the White Mountain National Forest all within reach. Many people also take advantage of our Rail Trail, for a quiet scenic walk or bike ride to town (bring your own bikes). Visit our website CampBirchmont.com for more information pertaining to local attractions and dining options.

WHAT ARE THE CLEANING PROTOCOLS AT CAMP?

All cabins will be cleaned and sanitized between Family Camp weeks. Birchmont will provide cleaning supplies for your use during your stay. We will have restrooms open down at the waterfront, and up by the Dining Hall. These bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected multiple times throughout the day.

WE HOPE YOU CAN ESCAPE TO CAMP FOR A LITTLE WHILE THIS SUMMER; WE ARE HAPPY AND EXCITED TO SHARE OUR BEAUTIFUL BIRCHMONT WITH YOU!

