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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Important dates for 2011 Season

- June 26      Opening day of regular session, Sunday
- July 16      First parent visiting day, Saturday
- July 23      Second parent visiting day, Saturday
- August 13   Nottingham Fair Day – Third parent visiting day, Saturday
- August 14   Campers depart - last day of camp, Sunday

### Robin Hood Arrivals and Departure Days

With the exception of the last weekend of camp, arrivals are on Sundays and departures are on Saturdays. On the final weekend of the summer, all campers depart on Sunday, Aug. 14. We do not offer assistance with departures on Saturday, Aug. 13. This is Nottingham Fair Day, our final visiting day filled with activities for families and camper tournaments and performances.

## TRAVEL

### I. COMMERCIAL AIRLINE

We suggest you make flight arrangements directly with **Angela Rowe** at Concord Travel. She is the most knowledgeable person to help place your camper on the best possible flights:

**Concord Travel, 8C Old Colony, Westford, MA 01886**  
**Phone: (978) 392-0572 Fax: (978) 692-2037**  
**[angela@concord-travel.com](mailto:angela@concord-travel.com)**

For flight information please contact Concord Travel -- not the Robin Hood office. Robin Hood is a five-hour drive north of Boston. We suggest a flight directly into Bangor International Airport, a 70-minute drive, or Bar Harbor, a 45-minute drive, where designated Robin Hood counselors will greet and shuttle campers to camp in a Robin Hood vehicle.

#### a) Chaperoned Flights

On opening day, Sunday, June 26, Robin Hood will provide one chaperoned flight from New York's LaGuardia Airport. You may book seats through Angela Rowe. Your child does NOT need to be booked as an Unaccompanied Minor, and a \$50 charge will apply for each camper. A phone number for the Robin Hood chaperone and meeting location will be given to you a week before the flight is scheduled to depart.

The chaperoned flight for June 26 is:

**Delta #6071 departs LGA at 12:55 p.m., arriving at Bangor at 2:24 p.m.**

It is helpful that campers wear their uniform shirt while traveling to camp so they are easily identified at the airport by camp staff.

#### b) Recommended Airlines

Robin Hood recommends international campers fly on Air France, American Airlines, British Airways, Iberia, Lufthansa, or Virgin Atlantic into Boston's Logan International Airport. We strongly suggest that campers travel through Boston as there is a greater chance that Robin Hood staff will be available to help in case of cancelled or delayed flights or other problems.

#### c) Unaccompanied Minor Services

Each airline has its own policy for Unaccompanied Minor. For example, the unaccompanied minor age requirement varies between the airlines, and some will not allow unaccompanied minors to transfer between flights, so your child must fly

directly to Bangor or Bar Harbor. Other airlines will not allow unaccompanied minors on the last scheduled flight of the day. Consult the website for each airline. **It is extremely important that you confirm the airline's requirements and purchase the Unaccompanied Minor service from your airline at the time of booking. The service is attached to your child's ticket and may not be available after initial ticket purchase.**

#### **d) Carry-On Baggage**

Robin Hood recommends that campers pack an extra change of clothing in their carry-on baggage in case their luggage is missing at baggage claim. If a campers' bags are lost during their flight, Robin Hood staff will fill out the airline claim forms and the bags will be delivered to Robin Hood by airline personnel.

## **2. CAMP VAN**

Robin Hood offers campers an alternative to air travel in the form of private van transportation to and from camp, from New York, Greenwich and Boston. The service costs \$175 each way for New York and Greenwich, and \$150 for Boston. Camp staff will accompany campers and provide meals during the trip. If you are interested in our van travel, it is important to inform our office as soon as possible. Camp vans are not available on all weekends. **Please make a reservation before May 1, 2011, as we can not guarantee space after that date.** The schedule and locations of this service are provided below:

**Robin Hood counselors will pick up campers on five Sundays - June 26, July 3, July 10, July 17 and July 24 at the following locations:**

**New York City: 86th Street and East End Avenue at 9 a.m.**

The van will pick up campers from the NE corner at Carl Schurz Park

**Greenwich, Conn.: Greenwich Train Station at 10:30 a.m.**

The van will pick up campers from the large outdoor parking lot at the corner of Arch Street and Horseneck Lane - parking lot closest to I-95.

**Boston: Logan International Airport at 2:30 p.m.**

The van will pick up campers from the courtesy bus stop located outside of International Terminal E.

Robin Hood counselors will drop off campers on five Saturdays – July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6 and Sunday, August 14 at the same locations listed above. The times of drop-off are:

Boston Logan International Airport at 1 p.m.

Greenwich, Conn., Train Station at 5 p.m.

New York City: 86th Street and East End Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

### 3. SPECIAL VAN REQUESTS – BOSTON AND PORTLAND AIRPORTS

We are willing to make special arrangements for meeting and picking up children at Boston's Logan International Airport and Portland, Maine, International Jetport. A special van is defined as a pick-up that occurs on any day other than Sunday or a drop-off on any other day than Saturday on weekends when the camp bus service is offered. Please check with the Robin Hood office to confirm the camp bus schedule. Special vans are expensive and taxing on our program. Therefore, the following conditions have been set for special van arrangements:

If a camper's flight arrives or departs after 5 p.m. in Boston and after 6 p.m. in Portland, then the driver and camper must spend the night at a local hotel. This condition also applies to flights that are delayed. The cost of the camper's and/or staffer's hotel room will be billed to the camper's account. This condition is set for the safety of campers and staffers as the drive back to camp is very long on dark roads noted for night fog.

If you agree to these conditions, then we are willing to make special arrangements. The prices for special vans, not including any hotel room costs, are as follows:

#### To/from Boston's Logan Airport:

The cost to send a van to Boston on a special day is \$800. This will be evenly split among the campers. For five or more campers the cost will be \$175 each.

#### To/from Portland International Jetport, Maine:

For one camper, the cost is \$175, each way. For two or more campers, the cost is \$125 per camper, each way.

## GETTING READY

### 1. The Health Forms and Proof of Insurance Form

Camper Health History (Form 1) and Camper Health Care Recommendations by Licensed Medical Personnel (Form 2) must be completed and returned in order for your child to be received at camp. This is a state-mandated law and the camp is not allowed to receive a child without these forms on file. Your child's physician must complete and sign Form 2. It is absolutely imperative that the form is filled out completely, signed and returned before the start of camp.

Every child is required by the state of Maine to have proof of health insurance. **Please complete the Proof of Medical Health Insurance Form (Form 3) and include a photocopy of your child's health insurance card as well.** If you do not provide proof of insurance for your camper, your child will be enrolled in a short-term accident and health policy for the camp period, for which you will be billed. Parents will be responsible for any medical expenses incurred by their child. Any unpaid medical expenses will be charged to their child's account. Temporary Health Insurance is available to foreign campers through Robin Hood for \$175 .

Robin Hood employs nurses who live in the camp infirmary directly on the property. The Blue Hill Memorial Hospital, and a team of physicians, is just fifteen minutes away.

### 2. The Camp Uniform

Our official uniform supplier is **Robin Hood Outfitters**. The required uniform consists of dark green T-shirts with the Robin Hood logo and dark green shorts. (Counselors wear white polos and the green uniform shorts.)

We believe strongly in the uniform as a way of creating unity and are strict about the policy of campers wearing the standard green shirts and shorts. Campers wear their uniform at all times. Non-uniforms are worn on Friday free dress days, cruises, overnights and Boston Whaler rides, so it is appropriate to send your camper with his or her own shirts and jeans. In addition, there will be a Free Dress Day every other Friday.

Uniforms may be ordered online through our website:  
[robinhoodcamp.com](http://robinhoodcamp.com).

### 3. The Trunk and Bedding

Robin Hood provides bedding and trunks to campers who do not bring their own. This is a new service in 2011, as in past years families have paid rental fees for these items. We are happy to now provide them free of charge, although campers may still want to bring their own. We will provide one pillow, two pillowcases, two sets of sheets, three blankets and four bath towels. (We strongly recommend that parents pack two beach towels for waterfront activities.) All children use a **standard-size (30 x 16 x 16 inches; 76 x 40 x 40 cm)** or larger trunks as their summer bureau as they may not live out of suitcases.

### 4. Camp Gear

Most cabin groups go overnight camping at a special oceanside site with their cabin counselors. We recommend that each camper have a sleeping bag, flashlight and bug repellent. While Robin Hooders may bring their own equipment, a tent and sleeping bag may be rented and the flashlight and bug repellent may be purchased at the camp store. Sleeping bag and tent rentals cost \$10 for each item, per trip.

### 5. Shipping Luggage

Often parents choose to ship their child's belongings to camp by Federal Express or UPS in a duffel, suitcase or trunk. We recommend shipping early - **at least two weeks prior to the camper's arrival date**. Parents will be billed at the end of camp for the cost of any luggage shipped home.

The UPS and FedEx shipping address is:

Robin Hood Camp  
Top Notch Office  
445 Herrick Road  
Brooksville, ME 04617  
Phone: (207) 359-8313

### 6. Packing List

We have enclosed two copies of our packing list. Please email, fax, or include in the travel envelope one copy of the packing list for our records and keep a copy for yourself.

**All items must be marked clearly with a sewn-in name tag or indelible ink for proper identification.** Iron-on name tags fall off, and we don't recommend them. Indelible ink often smudges on clothing but is fine for tennis racquets, wetsuits and all other gear. A camper should have his or her name on **every item** brought to camp. Robin Hood Outfitters sells name tags and offers a sew-on service.

## 7. Electronics and Cell Phones

**The camp cannot be responsible for lost or stolen articles. Campers who bring expensive electronics and equipment do so at their own risk.** Cash and valuables must be turned in to the financial office upon arrival. They are stored inside the campers' travel envelopes, locked in the financial office safe, and are not kept in cabins.

Cell phones are not permitted in the cabins or to be used around the camp. Children who bring cell phones, for travel purposes, will turn them into the camp and they will be held in the office by the cafeteria. **Please put your child's name on his or her cell phone and charger.** In keeping with our policy, campers do not call home during their first week at camp. From the second week forward, campers may obtain their phones at meal times to place phone calls. Please note our site is remote and cell service is limited, so your child's phone may not have service. Campers may purchase a pre-paid phone card from the camp store that can be used with our pay phones.

## 8. Parent Emergency Summer Addresses

If you are planning to be away from home during the camp season, you must furnish us with your travel itinerary and telephone numbers in case of emergency in Form 9. We also request the name, address and telephone number of an individual whom we may contact if a question or problem arises when you cannot be readily contacted.

## 9. Special Comments and Request Form

If you have any special requests or information about your child that you would like us to be aware of, please fill out the Special Comments and Request Form (Form 8) enclosed and return it to us before camp begins. Even if you have already discussed these matters with a director, the form serves as a helpful reminder. This information is especially useful for a first-year camper.

## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS AND EXTRAS

Robin Hood offers more than 30 activities and many wonderful excursions within the tuition structure. However, there are additional charges for more costly extra programs and trips, which require parental permission. A permission form (Form 5) is enclosed for parents interested in signing up for any of these special programs:

Three-day Gulfstar Yacht Cruise	\$375
Three-day Boston Trip	\$350
Whitewater Rafting Expedition	\$175 per trip
Whale-watching Cruise	\$55
Horseback Riding, English style	\$25 per ride or maximum of \$325 per season if more than 15 rides
Academic Tutoring	\$50 per hour
English Language Study Hall	\$30 per hour – mandatory for campers who will not speak English while at camp.
Scuba Certification Course	\$575
Golf Greens fees	\$20 - \$30 supplement depending on the course

## VISITING DAYS & POLICIES

Official visiting days are Saturday, July 16, July 23 and August 13, Nottingham Fair Day. Special request visiting days can be arranged by calling the Robin Hood Office.

### 1. **Notify your child AND the camp office.**

It is important to notify both your child and the camp office, by fax or e-mail, at least four days prior to visiting day. The fax number for the Maine Summer Office is 203-359-8538 and our e-mail address is [robinhood@robinhoodcamp.com](mailto:robinhood@robinhoodcamp.com). Be sure to indicate the time you will arrive. This will avoid the frustration of arriving, after great effort, to find your camper away on a trip or unavailable.

### 2. **How many campers are visited?**

Fewer than a quarter of the campers are visited by parents during their session. We are in a remote location and many parents cannot make the trip. Discuss with your child the issue of a visit prior to camp and be as clear as possible. Telling your child, "We hope to visit you on the first visiting day" most likely will be translated by your child as, "I will see you on the first visiting day."

### 3. **If a non-parent is visiting...**

The camp must have written authorization from a parent for a camper to be taken off camp grounds by a non-parent. It is common to have family friends, other camp parents and relatives visit campers, but it is our policy to not allow any camper to leave camp property without parental authorization.

### 4. **Hours of visitation: Campers will be ready between 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. at "Top Notch," the owner's home on Herrick Road.**

Campers will be delivered to Top Notch by a director and must be formally signed out. Most campers prefer to spend time alone with parents, away from camp, prior to touring camp after 2:30 p.m. when it is open to visitors. At Top Notch we will give you a list of suggested restaurants for lunch, along with places that are popular with campers. Don't be surprised if your camper wants to take you to the waterslide park or go-carts in Ellsworth as opposed to the charming coastal villages you might prefer.

### 5. **In-camp visiting hours are 2:30 to 6 p.m.**

These are the hours to be shown around camp by your child, to watch him in sports, visit his cabin and meet his favorite counselors and friends. We encourage you to bring a bathing suit and towel to go for a swim, take out a sailboat, kayak, canoe or windsurfer, or even water-ski.

### 6. **Dinner out of camp**

If you plan to take your child or a group of children out to dinner, please check them out with a director and have them back by 8 p.m. **at the latest**. Check your child back in at Top Notch.

**7. No overnight visitation policy.**

Please do not ask to keep your child away overnight. While your own child may not suffer separation anxiety, many other campers may feel particularly vulnerable on visiting days. If we allow overnight visitation to even one camper, the result will be disastrous for the others. We ask for your sensitivity toward those campers who may be struggling or are not being visited

**8. Requesting a meeting with a director or counselor.**

We are happy to arrange for a personal progress report meeting with a director or cabin counselor and suggest arranging a mutually convenient time, either in advance of your visit or when you pick up your child in the morning.

**9. Special request for visiting on non-visiting days.**

After the first visiting day, July 16, under special circumstances and only with advance notice, parents may arrange to visit during the week. Plan to meet your child at Top Notch, not in camp.

**10. Restrictive divorce custody and visitation issues.**

Both parents will be allowed access to their children on visiting days unless a copy of a binding court document restricting access to one of the parents has been submitted to the director in advance. We ask parents to work out visitation issues prior to the beginning of the season.

**11. Nottingham Fair Day, Saturday, August 13.**

The last visiting day of the season is also the biggest and most traditional celebration day of the summer. Every camper participates in special events and tournaments throughout the day, culminating in full camp participation in the Nottingham Fair Show production and candle boat procession at night. We request that you not take your child out to dinner that night. An elaborate buffet and lobster dinner is available to all. We encourage parents to participate in sports and activities, including a Boston Whaler ride out to the ocean islands to visit seal ledges, waterskiing, lake sailing, tennis, riflery, horseback riding, rock climbing and zip-line challenges, to name a few activities. Because lodging in the immediate area is limited, we suggest you make early reservations if you plan to visit the final weekend.

**12. Directions to Top Notch.**

Top Notch is located on the right side of the Herrick Road, coming from the Deer Isle direction off of Route 15, approximately 1.7 miles from the Route 15 turnoff before reaching the camp entrance, as described in the enclosed driving directions. Watch for the Top Notch sign at the beginning of the driveway next to two small stone pillars.

## PHONE CALLS, FAXES, MAIL & E-MAILS

The moment campers arrive at Robin Hood they are required to call home. If they do not reach you immediately, they will continue to try and call from camp to let you know they have arrived safely.

### 1. Our Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Until approximately June 11, you may reach the winter office of Robin Hood Camp at **13750 Center St., Carmel Valley, CA 93924**. Telephone is (831) 659-9143. Fax is (831) 659-9148. E-mail [robinhood@robinhoodcamp.com](mailto:robinhood@robinhoodcamp.com).

Beginning on or around June 14, the office moves to Maine and you may contact our office staff at **Robin Hood Camp, P.O. Box 189, 445 Herrick Road, Brooksville, ME 04617**. Telephone is (207) 359-8313 or (207) 359-2209. Fax is (207) 359-8538. E-mail remains [robinhood@robinhoodcamp.com](mailto:robinhood@robinhoodcamp.com).

You will be notified by e-mail of the exact dates of the office move.

### 2. The First Week

We request parents to **wait one week** before calling their child to help the adjustment of all children in the community. We suggest you send a brief fax or e-mail, particularly if you sense your child may be anxious. During the first week, please contact a director or head cabin counselor for an update if you are concerned.

### 3. Phone Policy and Procedures After the First Week

The policy for making phone contact with your child is to call, fax or e-mail the camp requesting your camper call you back at one of these designated times: 9 a.m., 2:45 p.m. or 7:15 p.m. Phone lines can be exasperatingly busy during meal times, and during the day, and when you get through, your child may not be near a phone. Phone messages are handed out to campers three times a day: at morning roundup (8:45-9 a.m.), at afternoon roundup (2:30-2:45 p.m.), and at campfire roundup (7 p.m.). If a child is away on a trip when a message is received and will not be back by the end of the day, a staffer will try to call or fax you back. The campers do not have access to make outgoing faxes or e-mails. Send your e-mail to [mycamper@robinhoodcamp.com](mailto:mycamper@robinhoodcamp.com) with your child's name and cabin in the subject field.

### 4. Phone Cards

Pre-paid calling cards in \$10 increments are available in our camp store for purchase to use at our pay phones, or you may send your own pre-paid card with your child. Please be sure your child is aware of how to use the card.

## 5. Letters and Packages

We encourage you to send e-mail, postal and/or faxed letters and packages to your child. They represent the most effective form of encouragement and support a camper can receive!

Please send e-mail letters to your child at [mycamper@robinhoodcamp.com](mailto:mycamper@robinhoodcamp.com), including the camper's name and cabin name in the subject line. This is a very popular method of sending letters; however, please know that *campers do not have access to e-mail and can not return your email*. The email letters are printed daily, and if received by 11am will be delivered the same day.

Please fax letters to the Maine Summer Office at 203-359-8538. If you are sending letters or packages through the **postal office**, the correct address is: **"Child's Name," Robin Hood Camp, P.O. 189 Box, Brooksville, ME 04617.**

The address, however, changes when using **UPS or Federal Express** in which case the address should read: **"Child's Name," Robin Hood Camp, 445 Herrick Road, Brooksville, ME 04617.** Please do not mail letters or packages after August 6, as they may not reach your child before camp ends.

We prefer packages to not contain candy, but this is each parent's decision. The possession of candy can be a great source of friction between children.

## 6. Homesickness & Separation Anxiety

Almost every child going away to camp for the first time experiences a degree of separation anxiety. This is completely normal and to be expected. Don't be alarmed if you receive heartfelt, homesick letters at the beginning. Please call the director if you become concerned. We are happy to give you an update. In most instances, the situation will have improved by the time you receive the letter.

In our more than 80 years, only a handful of campers have gone home earlier than their planned session. We are well-trained and extremely sensitive to the needs of a struggling child. Please have faith in our ability to solve anxiety problems. The absolute key to success is complete cooperation, and a united front, between parents and the directors. Please do not say to your child before he or she comes to camp, "If you are unhappy after a few days, you can come home." This makes our mutual goal of fast adjustment increasingly difficult. When children overcome the obstacle of separation anxiety, they become proud of themselves. No camper has ever failed to overcome homesickness when there has been full cooperation between parents and the directors.

## CAMPER BEHAVIOR

Robin Hood insists on such time-honored qualities as courtesy, responsibility, good citizenship and respect for others. Each child should come to camp with an understanding of our expectations.

- Aggressive behavior, fighting, pushing, teasing, and bullying are not tolerated.
- Swearing and profanity are not permitted.
- The language of the camp is English only.
- Campers must stay within the boundaries of the camp, be accounted for at all times and understand they are to be supervised by counselors at all times.
- Campers must be inclusive of others and not create exclusionary cliques.
- Children are responsible for the cleanliness of their bunk area and of the camp. Their area will be inspected daily.
- Campers must respect the property of others. They must agree to allow for their area in the cabin, their locker, trunk, and property to be inspected and searched upon request.
- Boys' hair must be cut to a reasonable length before camp (off the collar and with part of the ear visible).
- Campers' hair may not be streaked with hair dye.
- Boys may not wear earrings. Body piercing by boys or girls is not permitted.
- Gum chewing is not permitted.
- The camp reserves the right to send a camper home if it is determined that his or her behavior has not met the standards of the camp. We have a zero tolerance policy for drugs, alcohol, theft, physical aggressiveness and being a negative influence to peers. Campers have been sent home for bragging to their peers about substance abuse at home, for theft, repeated physical aggressiveness, vandalism and open refusal to obey rules.
- Sexuality policy. Camp is not the place for sexual experimentation. Public displays of affection, including hand-holding and kissing, are not permitted.
- The language of the camp is English only. Campers who violate this policy will be sent to an English language study hall at an expense to their parents. (See Foreign Language Policy on page 20 for further details.)

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 1. Camper Summer Expenses

Summer expenses will vary depending on the permissions that parents may give to their camper, and other spending monies authorized by the parents. Please take the time to discuss with your child the parameters of his or her spending. Common expenses incurred during the summer will include, but may not be limited to, camp store purchases, medical prescriptions, cost of special out-of-camp excursions, day trip spending money, vans to airports or bus stops, and shipments of the trunk and/or duffel bag at the end of camp. Other spending may include special purchases of clothing or equipment approved by parents, restringing of tennis racquets, fishing licenses, greens fees, and the like.

**A Credit Card Authorization Form (Form 6) is a requirement of all families.** The credit card on file will be used to settle your account at the end of your child's session at camp. The laundry fee, which is \$15 per week, is the only automatic charge. All other monies spent is at the parent's discretion and permission and authorized on the Camper Summer Expense Form (Form 7) and the Optional Excursion and Special Activities/Programs Form.

We recommend about \$35 per week for the camper's store account for weekly purchases made through the store. The camp store carries items such as stationery, postage stamps, postcards, insect repellent, flashlight batteries, toothpaste, brushes, combs, shoelaces, ping-pong balls and film. If you want your child to purchase the \$10 pre-paid phone cards at camp, please add that to the weekly amount.

### 2. Extra Spending Money

Extra spending money for trips out of camp, such as the Boston Trip and the Three-Day Ocean Cruise are at your discretion, and can be handled by sending cash with the camper in the travel envelope provided, or by authorizing a cash advance from the credit card. Recommendations for the amount of cash to provide is on the Camper Summer Expense Form (Form 7). Please note that we will not advance cash to campers whose parents have not submitted a credit card on the Credit Card Authorization form.

If cash is sent with the camper, the camper will be required to deposit separately the cash in the camp safe at Top Notch upon arrival at Robin Hood. It is very helpful to the camp if parents advise us as to how any cash a child deposits is to be allocated --- such as spending money for the Boston Trip, or trip home, or souvenir shopping, etc., and how it should be divided.

### **3. Terms and Conditions**

A registration fee of \$500 is to accompany the application. This fee is in addition to the tuition, which is to be paid by April 1, 2011. Payment of tuition may be made by commercial bank draft drawn on a bank in the U.S., credit card payment, (Visa, Master Card or American Express), travelers checks in U.S. dollars, or wire transfer directly to our bank. Tuition is not refundable if a camper withdraws after April 1. Partial refunds are not given if parents withdraw a child early during camp or if a child is asked to leave due to a violation of the behavioral contract. All campers and parents are expected to adhere to the standard of behavior set forth in the Robin Hood behavior code and parental guidelines. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from camp. The camp reserves the right to dismiss any child if deemed advisable for the good of the community, without assigning a specific reason. Tuition is not refundable. However, some families may wish to purchase a tuition refund and travel protection insurance plan. One company that provides such a service is TravMark. The cost of coverage is between \$300-\$375 per camper (based on a four-week stay). Contact TravMark at 1-888-420-5378.

Every new candidate for admission to Robin Hood must submit a recommendation from a present or past teacher or school administrator commenting on the child's character and how they feel he or she would do in a camp environment. An interview with a director is also a requirement. Submitting the application with registration fee will hold a place pending receipt of recommendations and the personal interview. We also ask for two photographs (any size and type) to help staff identify the child upon arrival.

### **4. Medical Expenses**

Medical expenses of the child and insurance-claim processing are the responsibility of the parents. By law, a completed health history form and proof of insurance must be submitted to Robin Hood prior to your child's arrival at camp. (Forms 1,2, and 3)

### **5. The Travel Envelope**

This large manila envelope included in your package is used during the season to hold cash, trunk keys, passports, air tickets and other items that should not be held in the cabin. The envelope must be handed in to Robin Hood staff as soon as possible, either to traveling chaperones or a director upon arrival at camp. If parents prefer, they may send the envelope to camp prior to the camper's arrival. Any forms, not yet submitted, can be sent in the envelope.

## 6. Optional Excursions & Programs

### The Yacht Cruise

We offer a three-day, two-night cruise aboard an ocean sailing yacht. Campers sail among the beautiful islands of Penobscot Bay, visiting harbors along the coast. They also camp on an island and enjoy cookouts of steaks and lobsters. Many consider the cruise the highlight of the camp experience and about 75 percent of our campers participate each summer. The cruise costs \$375, and we must receive parental permission in advance.

### The Boston Trip

Robin Hood offers a three-day trip to Boston during the camp season, designed for campers from outside the U.S., who welcome a chance to see the city, go shopping, watch a professional baseball game, enjoy some sightseeing and special meals outside of camp. For North American campers it can offer a mid-season break from day-to-day rural camp life and create a refreshed attitude. Participation is limited to thirty campers. Cost is \$350. Following is a sample of past itineraries:

- Day 1: An early morning departure by bus to Boston, a 250-mile drive  
Visit Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox and ride on the fun, amphibious "Duck Tour" of the city  
Dinner in Boston  
Stay at a hotel near Boston
- Day 2: Tour of Boston waterfront area  
Tour of Boston Aquarium and Waterfront Park  
Shopping at Boston's Faneuil Hall Marketplace  
Dinner at a Boston waterfront restaurant  
See a movie  
Stay at a hotel near Boston
- Day 3: Sightseeing and shopping in Harvard Square in Cambridge  
Tour of Harvard University campus  
Walking tour along banks of the Charles River  
Bus journey back to Robin Hood

### The Whale Watching Trip

We offer several day cruises from Bar Harbor to search for whales. Last year campers saw many pilot whales and humpbacks. Cost is \$55. Bring your camera!

### Horseback Riding

The Robin Hood equestrian program is available to boys and girls of all ages and abilities. Ring work instruction and trail rides are both available. Once fundamental skills are accomplished in the ring, campers qualify for trail rides along the scenic trails that run along the lake and ocean. Campers aspiring to learn and

progress in dressage equitation and jumping are encouraged to do so. Horse show competitions may be available for aspiring competitors for all ability levels. A helmet and appropriate pants are mandatory at all times. Helmets will be provided for those who do not bring their own. Riders should bring either riding pants or jeans, as well as appropriate riding shoes.

**The cost of riding lessons and trail rides is \$25 per ride, or a maximum of \$325 per person, for more than 15 rides in the summer.**

For riders interested in competition, there is a supplemental horse show charge of \$100 per "off premises" shows, to defray a portion of the costs of entrance fees, horse transportation and expenses.

### **Whitewater Rafting Expedition**

For many summers we've sent rafting expeditions to the Kennebec River for one-day rafting trips. The experience has been a great success and considered a highlight of the summer by many of the participants. The opportunity is available to include ages 12 to 16 (also 11-year-olds who have passed all swim tests). The rafting is very safe and run by professional tour operators. Participation is limited. It is possible to go on an expedition twice, on two different dates. The fee for rafting is **\$175 per trip**.

## **7. Kosher Food Program**

At the request of several Jewish camp families, Robin Hood offers a limited kosher program. The meals will not be strictly kosher, nor offer any rabbinical supervision, but we can provide the following:

When the meal served at camp does not consist of meat, seafood or poultry, the kosher camper will eat regularly with the rest of the camp. Examples would be a pasta or pizza night, as well as breakfast meals.

When the meal's main dish is either meat, poultry or seafood, the kosher camper will have the option of having a kosher meal. When possible, we will do our best to serve the same types of dishes served for the rest of camp. For example, on barbecue nights we would serve kosher hot dogs and kosher hamburgers.

The cooking utensils for these kosher meals will be kept separate from non-kosher cooking. There will be separate pans and pots, although we are unable as of this year to offer kosher plates and silverware.

The cost for enrolling in this program is **\$75 per week per camper** in addition to the regular tuition rates. The high cost is due to the fact that the meat has to come from New York and that we must coordinate the cooking for a much smaller group of campers.

## 8. Academic Tutoring and the Foreign Language Tutoring

We offer a diversified program of private tutoring during the regular camp season. Children may be tutored for as little as one hour per week, up to two to three times per week, depending on parental wishes. We have a competent staff eager to work with children needing extra help and offer tutoring in just about every academic area, whether it be English, remedial reading, math, history, social studies or foreign language study. We have tutors on staff who specialize in English as a second language.

If your child's school has suggested tutoring for this summer, or if you want to arrange for a refresher course in a particular subject, please fill out the form included in this mailing and make sure it is returned to us prior to the start of camp.

Tutoring takes place during rest hours, lazy hours or early morning to minimize scheduling conflicts with the camper's normal sports activities. Tutoring sessions that are missed due to a child being out of camp on a trip are made up. Tutoring offers the discipline of keeping in touch with the academics as a supplement to the many pleasures of the activities of camp.

We recommend a complete study outline and necessary textbooks be sent to Robin Hood prior to opening day to allow the teachers to review the materials beforehand. Such books and instructions should be secured from the child's school before the end of the school year. Please mark the package "tutoring materials."

The charge for tutoring is based on an hourly rate of \$50. The sessions may be divided into half-hour periods, if preferred.

The language of the camp is English only. Campers who violate this policy and who are caught speaking a language other than English will automatically be sent to an English language study hall at an expense to their parents of \$30 per session. Repeated violations of more than three offenses may require taking intensive English language classes during an activity period at the expense to their parents of \$50 per hour. Foreign campers who repeatedly speak their native language in their cabin with foreign friends will be separated from their friends and placed in a separate cabin. All campers promise to interact with campers from other countries. Foreign campers promise to not spend the majority of their time with friends from their own country. This is very important to the harmony of the community by avoiding cliquishness and exclusionary nationalism.

## IF A CHILD BECOMES ILL AT CAMP

In instances of minor illness such as a stomach ache, a mild cold, a slight temperature, etc., a child is sent to the infirmary, where he or she may be asked to spend the night. Should the illness develop into something more serious, or if there is a possibility that the illness might become serious, then parents are immediately called on the telephone either by the head nurse or a director, who will describe the circumstances and give them a report. If a fever of 100 degrees or more persists for more than 24 hours, your child will be automatically taken to the camp pediatrician and you will be notified. In the case of a fall or laceration, requiring a visit to the doctor or hospital, you will also be notified by an infirmary staffer.

Every effort will be made to reach you wherever you may be. Parents are asked to notify the camp if they plan to be away from home for a weekend or longer, giving us their address and telephone number and the name of the hotel or friends with whom they are staying. If this is not possible, parents are asked to give us the names, addresses and telephone numbers of grandparents or other relatives who will know where to reach them in case of emergency. If you plan to cruise and will be out of touch with any yacht club, please give us the procedure for reaching you by radio telephone. Obviously, the chances of such an emergency arising are very slight, but we feel that parents will worry less about the welfare of their child if they understand exactly the procedure that is followed in case of illness or other unforeseen occurrence.

We employ nurses who live in our infirmary on the camp property, in close proximity to the cabins. The Blue Hill Memorial Hospital, with modern equipment and excellent physicians, is 12 miles from Robin Hood.

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

### 1) *From Boston and points South*

Drive time is about 5 hours from Boston, Mass.

- Take Interstate 95 North toward NH-Maine and continue on through northern Massachusetts, New Hampshire and into Maine, where the roadway becomes the "Maine Turnpike."
- Follow the Maine turnpike (95 North) until you reach exit 44 (44 miles from the beginning of the Maine Turnpike).
- Take exit 44 to join Interstate 295 North and follow it to exit 113 (Route 3 East) in Augusta (approximately 65 miles).
- Take exit 113 to follow Route 3 East to Belfast, (approximately 45 miles). In Belfast you must make a left turn to follow Route 3 East and Route 1 North toward Searsport and Bucksport. You will make a right turn in Bucksport (Hannafords market is on the right).
- Shortly after leaving Bucksport (approximately 5 miles), make a right turn to follow Route 15 South to Blue Hill (approximately 5 miles).



When you arrive at the Blue Hill Village stop sign, take a right to continue on Route 15 South. About 4 miles after leaving Blue Hill you will come to a "T" junction where you will be forced to make a left to continue on Route 15 South towards Stonington and Deer Isle.

- Five miles further on Route 15 South, you will pass an Irving gas station called the Eggemoggin Country Store. Shortly after passing the gas station you will reach another "T" junction. Here you must make a right turn to follow Route 15.
- Shortly after making the right turn you will pass a small Fire Dept. on the right. Make the next right turn near the bottom of this hill, which is Herrick Road. You should see signs for Robin Hood and Oakland House on a tree at this turn-off. If you miss this turn and you reach the Deer Isle Bridge, turn around and take the first paved left turn.
- Go 1.8 miles on Herrick Road until you come to two stone pillars on the right. Go through these pillars and follow the curving driveway until you reach the Top Notch office inside the gray house.

## 2) *From Bangor International Airport*

Drive time is approximately one hour and fifteen minutes:

- From the Airport terminal follow Godfrey Blvd. (the main airport roadway) to the second stoplight (Union St., Route 222) and turn right. Follow Union St., Route 222 until you reach 16<sup>th</sup> St. (approximately 1 mile). Make a left turn onto 16<sup>th</sup> St. and follow signs for Interstate 95 South.
- Once on Interstate 95 South stay to the right because you will be exiting in 2 miles at Exit 182 A (Interstate 395 East to Ellsworth/Bar Harbor).
- Continue on Interstate 395 East to exit 4 (South Main St./ Route 15 South). Upon exiting stay to the left and eventually make a left onto Route 15 South to Bucksport.
- After passing through the town of Bucksport continue straight on Route 15 South for 5 miles. You will make a right turn to follow Route 15 South toward Blue Hill and Deer Isle. (You have 30 minutes more to camp!)

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## 3) *From Bar Harbor Airport*

Drive time is about 45 minutes.

- From Bar Harbor Hancock County Airport follow Caruso Drive (the main airport road) to Route 3 (Bar Harbor Road). Make a right turn onto Route 3 West towards Ellsworth (approximately 8 miles).
- In Ellsworth make a left turn onto Main Street to follow Route 3 West and follow through Ellsworth town center. Once beyond the town center you will almost immediately go uphill. At the top of the hill bear left onto Route 172 (Surry Rd).
- Follow Route 172 for 15 miles until it joins Route 15 South in Blue Hill Village Center.

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## SUGGESTED LODGING NEAR CAMP

There are many country inns, lodges and even a small resort within a twenty-minute drive of Robin Hood. Our list is compiled of long-time establishments and new operations that other camp families have enjoyed. If you come to visit us in Maine, note our driving directions located in this package. The drive from Bar Harbor Airport is about 45 minutes, while Bangor International is an hour and 15 minutes away. Rental cars are available at both locations. Our area of Maine has become increasingly popular and it is recommended that you make reservations as far in advance as possible.

### Pilgrim's Inn

(207) 348-6615      (888) 778-7505  
P.O. Box 69  
20 Main Street  
Deer Isle, ME 04627  
[www.pilgrimsinn.com](http://www.pilgrimsinn.com)  
e-mail: [innkeeper@pilgrimsinn.com](mailto:innkeeper@pilgrimsinn.com)  
*Very well run country inn. Gourmet restaurant. On the Historic Register. A 20-minute drive from camp.*

### The Barncastle Hotel & Restaurant

(207) 374-2330  
125 South Street  
Blue Hill, ME 04614  
[www.barn-castle.com](http://www.barn-castle.com)  
One of Blue Hill's grand summer cottages built in 1880s. On the National register of historic places.

### The Lookout

(207) 359-2188  
HC 64 Box 4025  
Brooklin, ME 04616  
**website: [thelookoutinn.biz](http://thelookoutinn.biz)**  
e-mail: [thelookout@hypernet.com](mailto:thelookout@hypernet.com)  
*A pretty location. A 30-minute drive from camp.*

### Blue Hill Inn

(207) 374-2844      (800) 826-7415  
40 Union Street  
Blue Hill, ME 04614  
[www.bluehillinn.com](http://www.bluehillinn.com)  
e-mail: [Sarah@bluehillinn.com](mailto:Sarah@bluehillinn.com)  
*Clean country Inn, full breakfast. On Historic Register. A 20-minute drive from camp.*

### The Inn at Ferry Landing

(207) 348-7760  
77 Old Ferry Road  
Deer Isle, ME 04627  
Min. 2 night stay!  
[www.ferrylanding.com](http://www.ferrylanding.com)  
e-mail: [theinn@ferrylanding.com](mailto:theinn@ferrylanding.com)  
*Bed and Breakfast. Superb view of the beach. A 15-minute drive from camp.*

### The Red House Bed and Bath

(207) 348-5234  
43 Little Deer Isle Road  
Little Deer Isle, ME 04650  
[www.redhousebedandbath.com](http://www.redhousebedandbath.com)  
e-mail: [salnloc@aol.com](mailto:salnloc@aol.com)  
*Tiny and friendly. A 20-minute drive from camp.*

**The Castine Inn**

(207) 326-4365  
Main Street, PO Box 41  
Castine, ME 04421  
**www.castineinn.com**  
e-mail: Relax@CastineInn.com  
In the peaceful village of Castine.  
Complimentary breakfast. Lovely  
restaurant.

**Tenney Hill Bed and Breakfast**

(207) 374-2169  
P.O. Box 102  
Blue Hill, ME 04614  
**www.BlueHill-TenneyHill.com**  
e-mail: raguay@roadrunner.com  
*Bed and Breakfast with full breakfast  
and refreshments. A 15-minute drive  
from camp.*

**Brooklin Inn**

(207) 359-2777  
PO Box 25 Rte 175 Main Street  
Brooklin, ME 04616  
**www.brooklininn.com**  
email: chipandgail@brooklininn.com  
*Full breakfast. Restaurant serves  
organic food. Irish Pub. About 20  
minutes from camp.*

**Holiday Inn**

(207) 667-9341  
215 High Street  
Ellsworth, ME 04605  
**www.holiday-inn.com**  
*In the closest major town to camp. A  
30-minute drive.*

**Four Points by Sheraton**

(207) 947-6721 (207) 228-4609  
308 Godfrey Blvd.  
Bangor, ME 04401  
**www.fourpoints.com/bangor**  
*At Bangor International Airport, 1-hour  
from camp. Convenient for early  
morning flights out.*

## PLACES TO EAT

**The Arborvine:** Gourmet fine dining in beautifully renovated restaurant. A favorite destination in Blue Hill - reservations strongly recommended. (207)374-2119  
[www.arborvine.com](http://www.arborvine.com)

**The Vinery:** Connected to the Arborvine, featuring casual food and a piano bar. Blue Hill. (207) 374-2119

**The Whale's Rib in the Pilgrim's Inn:** Lively, waterfront location, and delicious. Also very popular. Call for reservations. On Deer Isle. (207) 348-5222

**The Seasons of Stonington:** Directly on the water in Stonington on Deer Isle. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. (207) 367-2600 [www.theseasonsofstonington.com](http://www.theseasonsofstonington.com)

**Fisherman's Friend:** Some consider the best casual fish restaurant around, in Stonington on the water on Deer Isle, Reservations suggested. (207) 367-2442  
[www.FishermansFriendRestaurant.com](http://www.FishermansFriendRestaurant.com)

**Buck's:** Casual dining in the restaurant behind Buck's Harbor Market. In charming Buck's Harbor. (207) 326-8683 or (207) 326-8982

**Lily's Cafe:** All organic and utterly delicious. Buy the cookbook when you leave. Open sporadically but worth it! Monday - Thursday from 7 am to 5 pm and Friday from 7 am to 8 pm. In Stonington on Route 15. (207) 367-5936

**The Fishnet:** Take-out and limited table service, on Main Street in Blue Hill. Old-fashioned drive-in, with homemade pies and steamed lobster. Regularly written up in magazines for its amazing lobster rolls! (207) 374-5240

**Tashafers:** Delicious New England take out at Pine Ridge driving range and mini golf center . Only 10 minutes from camp! 232 Caterpillar Hill Road, Sedgwick. (207) 359-6788

**The Barncastle:** Featuring wood-fired pizzas, traditional Italian cuisine, and New England comfort food. 125 South Street, Blue Hill, (207)374-2330  
[www.barn-castle.com](http://www.barn-castle.com)

**El EL Frijoles:** A California style taqueria offering fresh and innovative Mexican cuisine in fun yet relaxed setting featuring indoor and outdoor dining. Located only 5 minutes from camp! 41 Caterpillar Hill Road, Sargentville. (207) 359.2486  
[www.elelfrijoles.com](http://www.elelfrijoles.com)

**The Boat Yard Grill:** A lively outdoor grill and bar on the shores of Blue Hill Bay in the center of a working boatyard offering delicious lobsters, burgers, and grilled fish sandwiches. A great place for lunch or a sunset dinner. At 13 E. Blue Hill Rd., Blue Hill. (207) 374-3533

**Table, a Farmhouse Bistro:** Beautiful gourmet restaurant in a charming brookside location. 66 Main Street , Blue Hill. (207) 374-5677  
[www.farmkitchentable.com](http://www.farmkitchentable.com)