



# VerShare 2023 Community Camp

**July 31<sup>st</sup> - Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Vershire Town Center**

## CAMPER REGISTRATION INFORMATION PACKET

<b><u>ACTIVITIES FOR CHIPMUNKS (AGES 5-7)</u></b>				
NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES		AMAZING ARTS		SUMMER S.T.E.A.M.
CHIPMUNK AFTERNOONS ALL TOGETHER AT BACKYARD CAMP				
<b><u>ACTIVITIES FOR BOBCATS (AGES 8-12)</u></b>				
NINJA ADVENTURE	DESIGN & BUILD	FARMING	JOURNALISM	OTTER ADVENTURE (10-12 only)
CARDBOARD CONSTRUCTION	NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES	STAGECRAFT	SPORTS OF ALL SORTS	TREE TO TREBUCHET (10-12 only)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>!**

**Registration available now online only!**

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## General Information

**STAFFING:** We thank the many volunteers from near and far who make this camp possible by offering their time to share their passions with young people as Activity Leaders! They will be assisted by Counselors and by CITs (Counselors in Training).

**COSTS:** The camp is **FREE** to all children. VerShare is a non-profit organization determined to enhance life in VerShare through programs such as these. We *rely* on donations, grants, and the help of many, many volunteers to make camp run. **Tax-deductible donations to the VerShare Children's Activity Fund are gladly accepted, especially from families who have the means to contribute or have not participated in a VerShare fundraiser this year.**

**AGE GUIDELINES:** The description of each activity includes age guidelines. While the activity has been designed with this age group in mind, the guidelines can be flexible. Call or email if you have questions. It is a long, active camp day: *parents of the youngest campers are urged to consider the half-day option.*

**REGISTRATION:** **Please fill out the NEW ONLINE registration form** (one form per child) by June 30th, 2023. Make sure you rank their choices for each session. Campers will be assigned to activities based on the order in which their registration forms are received and their town of residence. Campers who reside in the Westshire School towns, VerShare or West Fairlee, will be registered first, followed by other applicants. Confirmation emails will be sent around July 15<sup>th</sup>. We will fill any empty spaces off the waitlist after that. If you are registering after the due date, please call to see what activities may have openings and for which ages. Often there are ways to include more kids so please feel free to ask!

**DAILY SCHEDULE:** The camp day runs from 8:30 - 3:30, with a half day option. In addition to camp-wide circle times & tent group times, campers will participate in morning and afternoon workshops. Lunch for Chipmunks is at 11:30 and for Bobcats is at 12:00. Campers will be expected to bring a bagged lunch. We hope to get enough volunteer support to continue to supplement camper lunches with a covid-safe salad bar featuring local food. Campers who **cannot** bring a lunch for any reason will be provided with a simple one.

**ATTENDANCE:** It is very important that your child be able to attend all 5 days of each activity for which he/she registers. Activities follow a set schedule that relies on children being there each day. Your child may not be able to complete his/her project(s) if s/he misses a day, and it is not fair to others if your child takes the place of another who could have attended the full week.

**HEALTH:** If your child becomes ill or injured while at camp, we will notify you and ask you to come to pick your child up. You must be available, or designate someone else who will be available, to pick your child up. In the case of a medical emergency we will rely on the services of the VerShare Fire and Rescue and/or Upper Valley Ambulance. The same guidelines that determine when you should keep your child home from school apply for camp. **PLEASE** do not send your child to camp if they show **any** symptoms of illness. Kids are generally miserable when medicated to attend and when it wears off, they just want to be at home resting. VT DEPT of HEALTH protocols will be followed.  
**CAMP REMAINS MASK FRIENDLY.** If your camper is immunocompromised, please let us know.

**TRANSPORTATION:** **Please let us know on the registration form if your child(ren) will need transportation to attend.** We will try to help you find a ride, but there are no promises.

**FIELD TRIPS:** Most trips off-site that will occur will be within walking distance. Activities that will need permission to ride with staff/volunteers will receive email notification. If your 8-12yr old is in that activity & still uses a booster, please label it with their name and leave it by the bread oven.

**HELPERS:** This camp runs on the energy of volunteers. We always welcome donations of food and/or time. All financial donations are tax-deductible. Please join in the spirit of cooperation that makes VerShare Community Camp work, and remember to let us know how you will help us this year at camp on the registration form.

# CHIPMUNK CAMP (ages 5-7)

## Morning Activity Leaders & Activity Descriptions

### Amazing Arts- Leslie Berger

Leslie will guide young artists in exploring traditional arts & crafts materials such as beads, friendship bracelets, paints, and more. We have ideas for projects, but we can't wait to see your ideas, too.

### Summer S.T.E.M.- Jasmine Tremblay

Join Jasmine for a week of fun as we design, build, and redesign boats, buildings, and bobsleds! We will experiment, engineer, and engage in hands-on projects as we learn about the way that the world works!

### Native American Studies- Patty Manning & Alana Manning

Join Patty & Matt in exploring Mother Earth through Native American stories, songs, activities, natural crafts and games.

## Afternoons At Backyard Camp

### Backyard Camp- Morgan Goodrich and James Burke

Children will work in their tent groups to create a "backyard" camp at the Town Center property. Age appropriate activities for these afternoon sessions **may** include:

Shelter Construction	Fire Pits	Outdoor cooking
Hiking	Exploring the woods	Map making
River exploration	Building a swimming hole	Camp songs

*Ages 5-7    Maximum enrollment 24 (in three tent groups of 8 each)*

# BOBCAT CAMP (ages 8-12)

## Morning Activity Leaders & Activity Descriptions

### Design and Build- James Burke and Morgan Goodrich

- ❖ Come join Morgan and James to build your own creations. Learn how to safely use the tools, and then build your very own masterpiece.

### Farming- Devan Waters

- ❖ Take field trips to Goat Ridge and learn how to farm and care for goats, cows, ducks, chickens, rabbits, and a pony. Summer fun on a farm awaits!

### **Ninja Adventure**- Aaron Hoopes

- ❖ Join the Sensei of Dragon Mountain Kung Fu, as he leads explorations into the wilds of Vershire. Learn ninja and kung fu skills, climb rocks, practice Zen Yoga and nature meditation and mindfulness techniques.

### **Journalism**- Rosie Wawrzyniak & Ben Hooke

- ❖ Come revive this beloved camp tradition! Work on the Community Camp Chronicle as well as build the camp archive on the VerShare website and capture the living history of this amazing community that has existed by grassroots effort for 20+years.

### **Otter Survival**- Tovahn Vitols

- ❖ Come learn how to survive in the woods, and have a ton of fun along the way! Learn how to identify trees, make a basic shelter, make a fire, and more! **Ages 10-12 years only**

## **Afternoon Activity Leaders & Activity Descriptions**

### **Native American Afternoon** - Patty Manning & Matt Manning

- ❖ Join Patty & Matt in further exploration of Mother Earth through Native American stories, songs, activities, natural crafts and games.

### **Camp Cardboard** - Leslie Berger

- ❖ Spend a week thinking outside - and inside - the box. Campers will design and create with corrugated cardboard. We'll tape, staple, glue, and bend to create toys, costumes, accessories, and whatever else our campers can think up. Find out just how much you can do with an everyday cardboard box!

### **Sports of All Sorts** - Ben Hooke

- ❖ For kids with the athletic itch, look no further than Sports of All Sorts! Learn teamwork, new skills and experience friendly competition in a week full of classic games like soccer, baseball, kickball and even basketball!

### **Stagecraft**.- Tovahn Vitols

- ❖ Ever wondered how actors make their fights so realistic? Come learn the basics of stage fighting all while playing fun theater games. No acting/stage experience required.

### **Tree to Trebuchet**- Andy Dodge (*ages 10-12y only*)

- ❖ We will be building & launching a trebuchet together! We will mill the lumber for the project on site. It will be a challenging project that will include a lot of building, math, problem solving, and teamwork. **Ages 10-12 years only.**

**This camp is a community effort. Our hope is that every family will find some way to contribute. Parent volunteer opportunities are in the registration.**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELP  
IN SO MANY WAYS

WE ARE EXCITED FOR THIS YEAR  
OF OUR COMMUNITY CAMP

KEEPING IT SIMPLE. KEEPING IT LOCAL.

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR KIDS  
AND OUR TOWNS!