



VerShare 2024 Community Camp

Aug 5th 9, 2024

Vershire Town Center

CAMPER REGISTRATION INFORMATION PACKET

<u>ACTIVITIES FOR CHIPMUNKS (Ages 5-7)</u>			
NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES		AMAZING ARTS	GAMING UNPLUGGED MINI
CHIPMUNK AFTERNOONS		ALL TOGETHER AT <u>BACKYARD CAMP</u>	
<u>ACTIVITIES for BOBCATS (Ages 8-12) & OTTERS (Ages 10-12)</u>			
DESIGN & BUILD	FARMING	NINJA ADVENTURE	JOURNALISM (10-12 only)
NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES	GAMING UNPLUGGED	SPORTS OF ALL SORTS	OTTER ADVENTURE (10-12 only)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 30th!

Registration available now online only!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: vershare.camp@gmail.com

Camp Coordinator

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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, 2024. 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 15th. 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 & Rescue and/or other local ambulance services. 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.

Gaming Unplugged Mini- William Howe

Play around with a variety of games, from board games to more active play. This fun introduction to gaming does away with the more complicated elements while maximizing that fun and creativity that makes games so enjoyable. This activity will be very flexible as it is brand new this year.

Native American Studies- Patty Manning & Alana Manning

Join Patty & Alana 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- Ben Hooke **OTTERS ONLY (Ages 10y -12y)**

- ❖ 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 grassroot effort for 20+years.

Afternoon Activity Leaders & Activity Descriptions

Native American Afternoon - Patty Manning & Matt Manning

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

Gaming Unplugged- Jeff Howe *limit 6 campers*

- ❖ Open to people who always wanted to go on an adventure, and experienced travelers alike. All that is really required is a desire to create the story together. Our first session will be setting ground rules, selecting pre-generated characters and outfitting them, and sending your brave characters forwards from Sharn, the City of Towers, into the unknown. This 5E Dungeons and Dragons adventure occurs in the land of Ebberon, a world in the game that includes everything from airships to elves.

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!

Otter Survival- Tovahn Vitols **OTTERS ONLY (Ages 10y - 12y)**

- ❖ Come learn how to survive in the woods, and have a ton of fun along the way! Learn how to identify local trees, tie knots, make a basic shelter, make a fire, and more!

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!