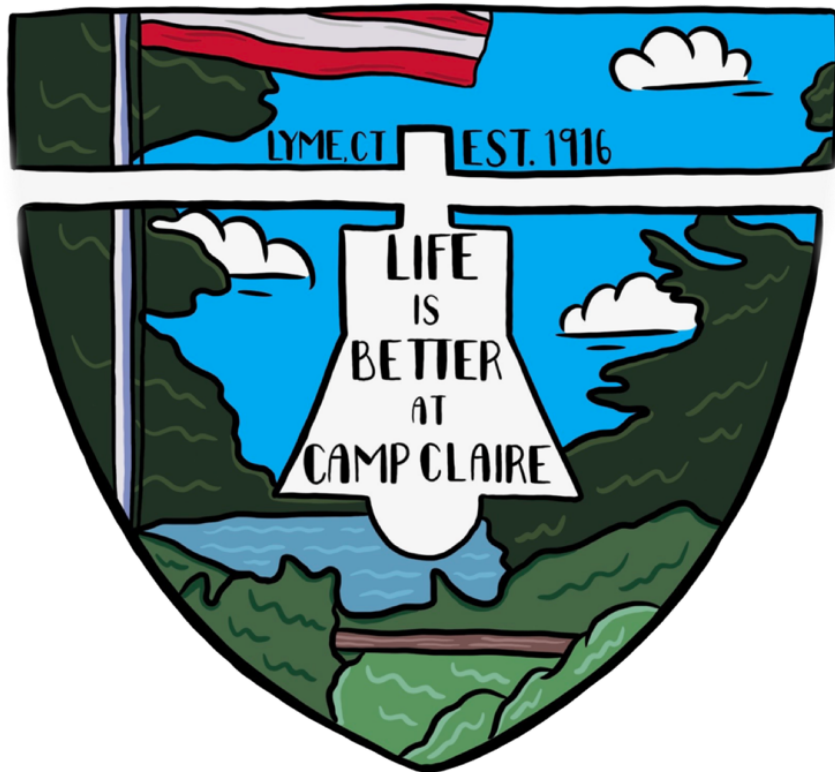


CAMP CLAIRE



PARENT HANDBOOK

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A LITTLE HISTORY

In 1916, members of the First Congregational Church of Meriden began fellowship retreats to a parcel of land in Lyme, CT owned by a local farmer. Years later, the parcel was purchased by a member of First Church and donated to be utilized as a youth camp. Then, in March of 1954, the church sold Camp Claire for one dollar to Camp Claire, Incorporated. Since those early years, campers and staff have come to Camp Claire from all over the world.

For over 100 years, Camp Claire has forged a countless number of friendships that have been maintained and nourished by people who have been a part of the Camp Claire family. We strive to sustain those friendships by keeping contact with Alumni and getting them involved in the years following their camp experience. Every year one or two weekends are dedicated to gathering Alumni for reminiscing and collecting thoughts on how to better preserve Camp Claire's experience for all.

Camp Claire is operated by a Board of Directors; a group of volunteers who have demonstrated a love for Camp Claire. Their main task, (among others) is to oversee finances, hire staff and maintain facilities. In the 1960's, Camp Claire became Camp Claire, Inc., a 501 C-3 not for profit summer camp. It continues to provide a quality camping program for children focusing on group cooperation and community building.



KNOW OUR "WHY"

PHILOSOPHY:

Take who we are and what we've got and make it better!

MISSION STATEMENT:

Camp Claire - Where youth can develop curiosity, creativity, confidence, and self-esteem in a natural inclusive community environment; providing a lifetime of memories and skills that prepare children for an active place in a multicultural society.

OBJECTIVE:

We believe in freedom, flexibility and individual integrity, and thus we do not regiment our community except where physical and psychological health and safety are concerned. Therefore, there are many choices available to the staff, as well as the campers. We are enriched by all that is natural, so we seek to provide a wholesome environment in an incredibly beautiful setting.

Camp Claire aims to:

1. Provide opportunities for campers to foster and develop personal creativity and self-esteem.
2. Help each camper appreciate the natural surroundings and learn about the environment.
3. Provide situations for campers to develop curiosity while discovering their own skills and abilities.
4. Allow each child to develop skills to participate actively in a multicultural society.



INCLUSION POLICY

Camp Claire strives to create an environment inclusive of all, regardless of race, sex, age, religion, creed, national origin, disability, physical/mental handicap or medical condition, as well as gender identity and expression. Camp Claire does not tolerate discrimination or harassment of any individual for any reason. We work hard to provide sensitivity training to staff during the summer and establish this inclusion policy to prevent discrimination, bullying, and harassment.

Gender Inclusion Policy

Camp Claire welcomes staff and campers of any and all genders. As with any sensitive personal information, we consider the gender identity of our campers and staff to be private unless the individual wishes to share it. Any individual (whether cisgender, transgender, non-binary, or other) who wishes to keep that information private has the right to do so, and we will not share that information with anyone except medical staff when appropriate. Staff and campers are welcome to share their preferred pronouns if they feel comfortable doing so. Staff and campers are expected to respect preferred pronouns and as such any intentional mis-gendering will be seen as bullying (please see our misconduct policy for further information). For information on bunking assignments as related to gender-identity, please see the "Bunking" section of this handbook.

REGISTRATION

Camp Claire accepts all registrations solely online! We accept registrations on a first come, first serve basis. A non refundable \$100 deposit per session you are registering your child for is due at the time of registration. The balance on your account will be charged to your card on file on June 19, 2023.

Receipt of the confirmation email indicates that your child has a place in the session(s) that you have requested. If there is a question about a session or if the session is filled, we will contact you to verify your child's placement. If you have a contact information change, such as phone number or address, please make those changes using your registration account accordingly.

All cancellation requests or changes need to be e-mailed to the registrar at registrar@campclaire.org and are subject to a \$135 cancellation fee. There will be no refunds for early departure once your child has arrived at Camp however, emergencies and illnesses will be examined on a case-by-case basis. Camp Claire reserves the right to make a decision in these particular instances. *Please see our COVID-19 Refund Policy and Handbook Acknowledgement located at the end of this handbook for specific refund information related to COVID-19.*

It is important to understand the reasoning behind a policy of non-refund. Because of the limited space during certain sessions, a camper who is registered has been included in the total session number which is crucial to planning for food and programs. In some instances, a camper might have been turned away because a session was filled. Please note that we will NOT reserve space until a registration, deposit and medical forms are received.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN PLACE FOR SUMMER 2023

Protocols subject to change due to any updated information or guidance related to the spread of COVID-19

A Healthy Camp Begins At Home

If there has been any potentially contagious illness or COVID-19 in the household prior to camp or direct exposure, contact camp for instructions. A nurse will remain on site throughout the camp session.

BEFORE CAMP

All campers and staff will need to log their temperature and symptoms via CampDoc for seven days before coming to camp.

We are not requiring vaccinations, though it is heavily encouraged.

At the beginning of each session **Camp Claire is requiring all campers to take a rapid Covid test which will be provided and administered by staff before admission.** Campers must remain in the car until a staff member comes and tells them their test results and allows them to exit the vehicle, if negative. All staff will be given a rapid test before campers arrive.

DURING CAMP

Precautionary Measures:

Building windows remain open for circulation unless the weather prohibits. All campers and staff will need to sanitize their hands before entering a building. Conducting activities and programs outside will be prioritized, weather permitting.

Every morning cabin counselors will take the temperature of each camper in their cabin and do a verbal check for covid symptoms. Cabin Counselors will document this data and give a filled-out sheet for each cabin to the Camp Nurse at breakfast. This will happen at drop off for each day camper before they exit the car.

- If a camper does have a fever, or is exhibiting symptoms of covid, the counselor will alert the Camp Director and Camp Nurse. Any campers experiencing symptoms or a fever will be given a rapid test.

COVID-19 Symptoms can include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

POTENTIAL CASE OF COVID-19 POLICY

Camper or Staff Presents with COVID-19 Symptoms:

<p>If Camper tests negative for Covid and does not have a fever:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The camper will be retested after 24 hours, and again after 48 hours from the initial test. → Provided that the camper's results remain negative, the camper and their cabin will mask during any indoor activities for 48 hours, or until symptoms resolve. Masks will not be required inside of the cabin in the absence of day campers. 	<p>If Camper tests negative for Covid and does have a fever :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The camper will be asked to return home and may only return once fever free for 24 hrs without help of medication. → The cabin group will mask during any indoor activities for a 24 hour period. Masks will not be required inside of the cabin in the absence of day campers. → After 24 hours, the cabin group will be reevaluated and retested for any symptoms or signs of fever.
<p>If Camper tests positive for Covid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Caregivers will be contacted and the camper will be asked to return home as soon as possible. The camper will remain in isolation until caregivers arrive. → All campers in the cabin group will have their primary caregivers contacted and informed of the exposure. These campers are not mandated to leave camp. → All members of the cabin group will be given rapid tests daily, before breakfast. → The entire cabin will mask for any indoor activities for 5 days following initial exposure. Masks will not be required inside of the cabin in the absence of day campers. 	

RESIDENTIAL CAMP CHECK-IN

- Each camper family will be assigned a check-in time for Sunday between 2:00pm and 4:00pm.
- You will receive your check-in time via email the week prior to your camper's session. It is very important that you arrive at camp at this time.
- The gate will be closed to all guests unless it is your time to check-in.
- When you arrive, staff will guide your vehicle to the designated drop-off area.
- Upon arrival, we ask you and your camper(s) to check in with the Director and Registrar at the Check-in Table where you will be greeted and directed to go with your camper to the nurses station.
- Once you have checked in with the nurse, please say goodbye to your camper and a Counselor will be at the designated drop off area to meet your camper.

NOTE: Please pack your camper's under-the-bed tubs in the trunk of the car, as staff will assist your camper in the removal. Please make sure to take all phones and electronics home with you. Possession of phones or electronics is immediate grounds for dismissal without a refund.

PICK-UP

Pick-up will be between 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM on Saturday mornings. Please make sure anyone picking up your camper knows your code word.

We will ask that family members stay in their vehicles during this time. Staff will help with the loading of the under-the-bed boxes into your trunk.

DIRECTIONS:

From I-95 Exit 70 Follow CT 156 West (approx. 4.5 mi)

Take the FIRST LEFT after the Lyme Volunteer Fire Department

Then take a LEFT onto Cove Rd.

Take a RIGHT at top of the hill and

Welcome To Camp Claire!

Our In-Season address is:

15 Oakland Ave.

Lyme, CT 06371

Phone: 860-434-0368

CAMP STORE

The drive-by camp store will be open on check-in and check-out days for your family to purchase a variety of Camp Claire themed clothing and accessories such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts and hats. Please, do not send any cash. Campers do not need any money during their stay at camp.

SWIM TEST

Each camper is required to take a swim test upon arrival at Camp Claire. Our Pool Director will place campers in an appropriate level to accommodate their swimming ability. This helps ensure their safety at camp when participating in programs and classes that include water activities.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photos are taken throughout the session, including an all camp picture and individual cabin photos. A link will be provided to parents at the time of check-in where all photographs can be viewed at the end of each session.

LOST AND FOUND

Please label all clothing, towels, and personal items with the child's name. Please, **NO initials!** Unclaimed clothing will be held until the end of the season. Items will be washed and donated to shelters or other groups in need. Please call as soon as an item is discovered missing and we will do our best to locate it. **Camp Claire is not responsible for any clothing items lost, stolen, or damaged.**

BUNKING ASSIGNMENTS

One of the goals at Camp Claire is to create a loving community which is inclusive of all. Campers will be bunked by their gender identity as provided by their guardian during the registration process. In regards to gender non-conforming children, camp staff will speak with the guardian to find the best fit within our current cabin model.

Any camper who is uncomfortable using a shared, gender-segregated facility, regardless of the reason, shall, upon the person's request, be provided with a safe and non-stigmatizing alternative (for example, using the bathroom in the Nurse's Cabin). However, requiring a transgender or gender non-conforming camper to use separate facilities threatens to publicly identify and stigmatize them and therefore will not be done unless requested by the camper.

Some campers are new, and some have been coming for years. We encourage making new friends as part of this experience of community. We limit a bunking request to one person, recognizing that for some newcomers, it will mean comfort in a new situation. Please make bunkmate requests at the time of online registration. We will try to honor a request but cannot guarantee it can be filled.

As a small, positive community, we encourage inclusiveness. Cliques can often be a form of segregation, and we try as best we can to discourage an atmosphere of negative behavior. Consequently, we reserve the right to move campers if we feel a serious problem has arisen, regardless of bunkmate requests.

MISCONDUCT/BULLYING

Any camper who engages in illegal drugs, alcohol, abusive language, inappropriate sexual behavior/misconduct, or aggressive/violent behavior will be asked to leave camp, and parents will be contacted immediately. For other issues related to behavior, parent contact will be made, and behavioral strategies will be implemented. If, after intervention, the behavior issue is not resolved, the camper may be sent home at the discretion of the Camp Director. **THERE ARE NO REFUNDS IN THESE CASES.**

Camp Claire also reserves the right to refuse registrations as a result of a previous season's misconduct. Parents are expected to set an example of respect. If any parent engages in verbal and/or physical abuse toward staff, the camper will be sent home. **NO REFUND WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

Bullying is defined as when one or more individuals exclude, tease, taunt, gossip, hit, kick, or put down another person with the intent to hurt that individual. **At Camp Claire, bullying is inexcusable, and we have a firm policy against all types of bullying.** Our Camp philosophy is based on our mission statement which ensures that every camper has the opportunity to develop curiosity, creativity, and build new skills and relationships. We work together as a team to ensure that campers gain self-confidence, make new friends, and go home with great memories.

Unfortunately, persons who are bullied may not have the same potential to get the most out of their camp experience. Our leadership staff address all incidents of bullying seriously and train staff to promote communication with their co-counselors and campers so that both staff and campers will be comfortable sharing any problems during their camp experience. Every person has the right to have the best possible experience at camp, and by working together as a team to identify, prevent, and manage bullying, we can help ensure that all campers and staff have a great summer at Camp Claire.

Camp Claire will follow the State of Connecticut guidelines for bullying as they apply to public schools. **A child proven to have bullied another at camp will be asked to leave. Parents of all parties will be contacted and an incident report will be completed.**

WHAT TO PACK

The following is a packing list for one week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Beach towels | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Sleepwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Bath towels | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Pair of underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Washcloth | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Pairs of socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat or poncho |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Pillow cases | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag or: flat sheet and blanket (Recommended) | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra pair of sturdy shoes/sneakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitted sheet (to cover mattress) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandals/water shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Dressy outfit for dance/programming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Swimsuits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight & extra batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hairbrush or comb (please pack any hair care products your camper would use at home) | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 T-Shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle labeled with your child's name |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Optional: disposable camera, costumes, hats, book, deck of cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of jeans or long pants | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Disposable masks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Sweatshirt/hoodie | |

Please note that laundry machines are **not available** to campers

LUGGAGE

A Rubbermaid tote or a trunk is a great way to bring your clothes to camp.

VALUABLES

Do not bring valuables to Camp! Camp Claire is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.

MEDICAL FORMS AND ISSUES

By law, we cannot admit your child unless we have a current health form signed by a physician which includes a full immunization record with dates.

All prescriptions are mandated by law to be properly labeled in their original containers with only the number of pills needed for the length of the session. This applies to over-the-counter medications for your child.

All forms of medication, including over-the-counter drugs and supplements must be noted on the health form with authorization and a signature from a physician. If you have a question about a particular medication, please consult the camp nurse at Nurse@campclaire.org.

Please remember to list all emergency contacts and all allergies.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

In the event of a medical emergency we will follow the following protocols:

- If the emergency does not require transportation in an ambulance, the parent/ guardian will be contacted, and the parent will take the child to the hospital or their primary physician.
- If the emergency requires transportation in an ambulance, then one of the camp staff will accompany the child in the ambulance and the director will contact the parents/guardians. The parent or emergency contact person will be expected to meet the ambulance at the hospital as soon as possible.
- In all circumstances, the child's health insurance is used as the primary insurance.

MAIL

Mail is distributed each day (with the exception of Sundays). If you feel that your child may become homesick, please do not mail more than one letter each day.

It is helpful in these instances that the following phrases NOT be used:

- "I miss you s-o-o much!"
- "I hope you aren't homesick"
- "I feel sad that you are away from home"
- "I cried when I saw your empty room"
- "The dog/cat misses you"

Emphasize what fun things you imagine must be happening at camp. Encourage your child with questions asking them to write home about their favorite things or new friends. Draw pictures, send cartoons. Enclose favorite magazines, comic books, or other interesting publications which may help illustrate their experience at camp.

Helpful tips for writing home:

- Send your child to camp with pre-addressed and pre-stamped postcards and envelopes.
- Pack paper, pencils, pens, crayons.
- Campers will have time each day during Siesta to write home.

CARE PACKAGES

We do allow care-packages to be mailed to camp, campers will receive their mail during lunch. Please be mindful that food is not allowed in cabins at all, but campers will have access to any care package treats during Siesta and Free Time.

DAILY SCHEDULE

- ★ 8:00AM Wake-Up Bell
- ★ 8:15AM Wash up/ Waiters
- ★ 8:30AM Flagpole & Breakfast
- ★ 9:15AM Animal Duties
- ★ 9:45AM First Activity Period
- ★ 10:45AM Second Activity Period
- ★ 11:45AM Third Activity Period
- ★ 12:45 PM Wash up/ Waiters
- ★ 1:00 PM Lunch
- ★ 1:45PM Siesta
- ★ 2:45PM Snack & Free Time
- ★ 3:45 PM Afternoon Program
- ★ 5:15PM Wash up/ Waiters
- ★ 5:30PM Dinner
- ★ 6:30 PM Evening Program
- ★ 8:15PM Vespers & Flagpole
- ★ 9:30PM Lights Out

PROGRAMS & CLASSES

Daily classes are offered to campers as well as other creative classes which our staff may be trained in. Campers experience wonderful ingenuity, while learning a new craft.

Swimming lessons are also presented to campers to teach those who either have little or no swimming experience, or to those who want to refine the skills they already possess. Our Pool Director is supported by a team of lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors who oversee and help guide campers in their swimming abilities.

Theme-oriented programs are presented which often involve our staff of counselors leading campers in memorable activities. Programs such as: Penny Carnival, Camp Dance, Camp Claire Clue, Around the World, Froccer, Color Wars, Capture the Flag, Gold Rush are some classic and well-loved examples.

Specialized Program and Activities Camper Qualifications:

- Archery- age 10+, all skill levels
- Kayaking/Canoeing- all ages/ skill levels
- Sailing: age 10+, Level 4 swimmer
- Fishing- all ages/ skill levels
- Camp Craft- all ages/ skill levels
- Sports- all ages/ skill levels
- Arts and Crafts- all ages/ skill levels
- Low Ropes-all ages/ skill levels
- Swimming/Pool Games- all ages/ skill levels
- Excursions (i.e. canoe trips, walks)- all ages/ skill levels

Parent Sign off required for:

- Walks near Camp Claire property
- Camp Claire based canoe trips on the Connecticut River
- Camp Claire Low Challenge Ropes Course activities
- Camp Claire Archery activities

REST PERIOD

Each day after lunch, campers are given some personal time to sleep, read, write letters, draw, or converse quietly with their new friends. This time of day is especially important to small children who may exert high levels of energy during the day.

VESPERS

Vespers is a time when we gather as a community and reflect on the day's memories, thoughts, and learning experiences. Some may consist of skits, songs, stories, and poems which are conducted by both staff and campers.

OUTINGS & OVERNIGHTS

We only take day trips, canoeing along the Connecticut River. The CITs and LITs will also be given the option of spending an overnight on Selden Island.

COUNSELORS

We have worked very hard to hire a staff that reflects our mission and values. Our senior counselors are 18 and older. Many are in fields related to child development and education. Junior counselors are 16 or 17 years of age and are under the mentorship of the senior staff. Each cabin is staffed with at least one senior and junior counselor. We maintain a ratio of 1 counselor per 6 campers ages 8 and younger. We maintain a ratio of 1 counselor per 8 campers ages 9 and over.

CAMPER NEEDS

★Food Needs:

- Be sure to include any campers allergies or dietary restrictions in registration forms. We can accommodate all dietary needs, but we must know this in advance to ensure we plan accordingly.
- For picky eaters: If they do not like the food, or are refusing to eat, they have access to our salad bar and peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Everyone needs to eat at each meal and eating 3 meals a day is part of camp safety.

★Health Needs:

- Campers should **practice daily hygiene** (shower time, washing hands, changing clothes and underwear, wearing deodorant and sunscreen). Staff will facilitate this and it is part of cabin codes of conduct.
 - Reminder: please send campers to camp with all personal care products they typically use at home.

★Emotional Needs:

- If campers typically see a mental health professional outside of camp, we will accommodate ensuring this continues while at camp. Virtual sessions can be held and camp can provide technology for this. Please contact the Director if you would like to discuss camper mental health needs further.
- Camp Claire has an on-call social worker. If we feel that a camper may benefit from discussing something with the social worker, the Director will contact you to discuss the situation and to receive your consent.

SPECIAL NEEDS

It is our mission to provide each camper with the environment that will nurture them and allow them to share in the riches of their gifts, and the gifts of others. This builds a wonderfully supportive community celebrating diversity. We have staff trained in many different areas to ensure a positive experience for all.

We encourage parent input to make sure that the programs and facilities meet the needs of your child. Camp Claire is a small camp in a beautiful location. Many of its buildings and locations were fixed years ago. We do our best, but also acknowledge that steep hills, stairs and roots do limit some campers.

If your child has a physical, mental, or developmental disability, or dietary requirement that requires special support, please contact the Director prior to registration. We will make every reasonable effort to meet your child's needs. We are more than happy to schedule a tour so you may determine if we will be a good fit for your child.

It is also important to let the Director know of any events in your child's life which may affect his/her stay away from home. Additionally, please notify us if your child has had a recent change in any medications. This information will help us in providing a safe and supportive environment for your camper to thrive in.

Every child is treated with respect and confidentiality.

HOMESICKNESS

Our staff is highly trained in helping campers overcome homesickness. Homesickness can be a very natural reaction to new experiences away from home but is manageable and an excellent opportunity for growth.

We know from our past experience that not all campers will use the words “I’m homesick.” Sometimes it manifests itself as misbehavior or a camper withdrawing to the outskirts of activities. For most campers, the times of day which are most difficult are unstructured times such as Siesta or bedtime.

Counselors have been trained in opening a dialogue with campers and to refer to the Director, Assistant Director when extra support is needed. We have been so proud of the staff in past years in their patience, empathy and dedication to achieve camper happiness. We let the campers know that it’s okay to miss their families and give them strategies to foster independence and resilience. As a small camp we are able to provide campers with personal experiences, so no one feels left out. Counselors also communicate what happens each day. Most fears can be alleviated if campers know what to expect.

The issue for parents to address in the case of homesickness (since many will experience it) is not to deny it. As parents, it is most helpful to encourage your child to have fun and not panic if they mention feeling homesick. The best way to fight homesickness is to engage in camp activities.

PARENT / GUARDIAN VISITS

Camping fosters a certain level of independence for each child. Visits from parents disturb the flow of programs and alter their experience. Approval from the Director must be arranged to prevent possible distractions. Parent visits can trigger homesickness not only for your child but for other campers as well. Therefore, we ask that you first contact the Director via email or phone if you wish to visit Camp Claire during your child's stay.

CALLING HOME

Camp Claire **does not allow campers to have cell phones in their possession during their stay.** This is a liability issue and is necessary for the safety of our campers. If a child is found with a cell phone they will be sent home with no refund. In an emergency the Director will contact home. Campers are not allowed to use the phone unless there are extenuating circumstances. In such an instance, calls will be overseen by the Director. In respect to Camp Claire's quiet environmental surroundings, no camper cell phones or other electronic devices are permitted.

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING and LEADER IN TRAINING PROGRAMS

Camp Claire offers Counselor in Training and Leader in Training programs as an excellent learning opportunity for 14-16 year olds. Both groups are involved in all aspects of camp and are encouraged to bring their enthusiastic, creative spirit to Camp Claire. Quality applicants should have previous leadership experience, have worked with children, and be of sound moral character. CIT and LIT campers go home on Saturdays between sessions.

Program Descriptions:

LITs: (14-15 yr. olds) attend three weeks of camp. LIT campers go home on Saturdays between sessions. This program is a general introduction to camp counseling; focusing on team building and developing the skills necessary to be an effective leader.

CITs: (15-16 yr. olds) attend 4 weeks of camp with the possibility of being asked back for the final 2 weeks of camp. CIT campers go home on Saturdays between sessions. The CITs will also learn team building, but the focus is on program development. They will become certified in Lifesaving, CPR and First Aid. CITs learn more about the needs of campers of various ages and the responsibilities of the camp counselor.

At the time of your online registration you will be required to read and sign the following:

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT/ WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I hereby certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the camp participant, a minor child under the age of 18. In consideration for my child being allowed to participate in Camp Claire's summer Program, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. This Program affords my child the opportunity to participate in activities, including, but not limited to: swimming, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddleboard, other waterfront activities, nature walks, local field trips, fishing, team play, indoor and outdoor sports, activities in the classroom, low ropes courses, and crafts. Safety is a priority in all Camp Claire activities. Nevertheless, there are inherent risks involved with these and similar activities, including, but not limited to, risk of bumps, scrapes, lacerations & sprains, insect bites, food allergies, more serious injury or even death. I choose to voluntarily allow my child to participate in this Program. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risk of loss, property damage or personal injury, including death, which may be sustained by my child as a result of his/her participation. I, the undersigned, on behalf of my child, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive, release, hold harmless, defend, indemnify and forever discharge Camp Claire, Incorporated and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors and assigns of and from all rights and claims for damages, injury or loss to property or person (including injury to one's body, mind or emotions), or wrongful death, all manner of liability, claims, actions, causes of action, suits, judgments, executions, or claims for economic loss (collectively Losses) which may be sustained or occur during participation in Program activities or while at Camp, whether or not Losses are due to negligence.
2. I certify that my child is covered by adequate health insurance necessary to provide for and pay for any medical costs that may directly or indirectly result from my child's participation in this Program. I agree to pay for any insurance deductibles or other uncovered medical costs.
3. I understand that this Program involves physical activities and, except as otherwise communicated in writing to Camp Claire in advance of the Program, I know of no medical reason why my child should not participate.
4. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Camp Claire for any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees that may occur as a result of my or my child's negligent or intentional act or omission while participating in the Program. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS PERMISSION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO SEEK EXPLANATION OF THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED ABOVE. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, I SIGN THIS DOCUMENT VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

ABUSE & NEGLECT POLICY OF CAMP CLAIRE, INC., LYME, CT

You have entrusted your child's care to the staff of Camp Claire. We are committed to providing the best and most appropriate learning experiences possible for your child. Occasionally, there are factors in a child's appearance and behavior that lead to suspicions of child abuse or neglect. Connecticut law requires that all childcare professionals report suspected abuse or neglect to the authorities in order that children may be protected from harm and that the family be helped.

Our policy supports Connecticut laws in this regard and requires that all staff report suspected abuse and neglect to the Department of Children and Families' Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline. At all times, the intent is to protect children from harm and to provide services to strengthen families.

All parents are required to read and sign the Abuse and Neglect form during the registration process online.

Camp Claire prioritizes the safety and well-being of its campers and staff. Thank you for reading this document and for helping to ensure your camper is prepared to have an amazing camping experience!

Please reach out to info@campclaire.org or call us at 860-434-0368 if you have any questions.

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND COMPLETED BEFORE ARRIVAL AT CAMP CLAIRE.

COVID19, REFUND POLICY AND HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In consideration for my child being allowed to participate in Camp Claire's summer Program, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. The COVID19 pandemic is an ever changing situation that cannot always be controlled, despite the policies in place. I understand that sending my camper to camp during the COVID19 pandemic may result in exposure to the virus and/or catching the virus. I have read the COVID protocols outlined in the handbook and agree to the efforts being put in place to keep the campers and staff safe. I will do my part and limit my activities to low risk spread activities for seven days prior to the beginning of camp. I also will keep track and log my camper's temperature on CampDoc for seven days before camp.
2. In the case of my camper having tested positive for COVID-19 I will be asked to make arrangements to pick up my camper at my earliest convenience within a reasonable amount of time. If my camper is asked to go home for illness reasons, and not for misconduct, I agree to risk sharing the cost of camp. I will be given a 50% refund to be applied for the next camping season, to a program at a later date (if space allows) or a direct 50% refund.
3. My camper will follow the COVID-19 protocols at camp and before camp and help keep everyone safe.

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

CAMPER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. I agree to follow all camp rules and regulations and to positively contribute to the camp environment while having a safe, fun and memorable experience at Camp Claire.
5. I understand that camp is an inclusive environment, where not everyone may share the same beliefs that I do. I may encounter situations that I have never experienced before. I will handle all those situations with respect and openness.
6. I will have the best summer ever!!!!

CAMPER SIGNATURE

DATE