

WELCOME TO OTTERSLIDE, 2010!

Otter Slide Camp consists of three clans (groups) of campers who spend the first three days of camp having fun, learning and preparing to welcome families for a Thursday campout. Parents bring overnight gear on Thursday afternoon upon arrival. You will receive directions to your clan's overnight location on Monday morning. We work to accommodate friends wishing to be in the same clan, but cannot guarantee this for all.

Hours:

M, T, W: 9am-3pm

Th—F: Campers arrive at 9am and parents join their children between 3 and 5pm. Families prepare personal sleeping spaces, assist in dinner prep, and enjoy evening activities. On Friday our program will end by 1:30pm.

Day Camp To Bring:

Footwear: Rugged outdoor sandals, boots, or sneakers that can get wet and dirty are best.

Clothing: They will get dirty! Muted earth tones are best—invisibility in the forest is a big part of our camp.

Water Bottle: Make sure it has a carrying strap; 1 liter is a good size.

Lunch: Make sure it has a carrying strap. Include both snack and lunch (high-energy and nutritious, please, to support your child's many adventures. Pack a plastic baggy for take-home trash.

Backpack: This will stay at camp all week. Pack it with: extra clothing (shorts, pants, shirt, socks, shoes or boots or sandals), swim suit, rain gear, bug repellent & sunscreen (apply at home). Earth-tone swimsuits are best!

Location & Directions

The Abode of the Message, near Rt. 20 in New Lebanon, NY. From East: Take Rt. 20W from Pittsfield, cross the NY line and turn left on Darrow Rd. From South: Take Rt. 22N into New Lebanon, take Rt. 20E, go 1/4 mi., turn right on Shaker Rd. which merges into Darrow Rd. after 1 mile. From West: Take Rt. 20E into New Lebanon, turn right on Shaker Rd. which merges into Darrow Rd. after 1 mile.

On Darrow Rd. *Please obey Darrow School 25mph speed limit—this is so important!* Drive 1 mi. to the Abode, turn right onto Chairfactory Rd. You will immediately cross over a small bridge and turn left into a parking lot. Please park *beyond* the recycling receptacles, and please park tightly.

Tipi-Day

Wednesday, June 9th, 10am—4pm. A fun day of community-powered action to prepare your child's magical summer camp experience! Help us **raise the Flying Deer tipi!** There will be a variety of projects, as well as refreshments & snacks. Information to be posted on our website later this spring.

FRIDGE IT!

This paper will be very helpful the week before camp, so keep it somewhere smart. :)

We are certified by the New York State Health Department, who would like you to know that we must have a permit to operate from NYSDH, that our camp is required to be inspected twice yearly, and that the inspection reports and required plans are filed at the Columbia County Department of Health in Hudson, NY, available for your review if you would like to check them out.

OTTER SLIDE CAMPOUT PACKING LIST

For Every Member of the Family ~ To Bring :

Dishes (sturdy cup, bowl, spoon) for each member of the family

Sturdy Water-bottle full of water

Weather appropriate clothes and raingear

 Ideally, clothes are synthetic, as cotton does very poorly in the case of rain

Sturdy shoes suitable for running and hiking.

Sleeping bag

Sleeping pad

Flashlight or headlamp

A bandana

For Each Family ~ To Bring:

Tent: A small tent or a desire to sleep in a primitive shelter, under a tarp, or under the stars. (Primitive shelters, tarps, and stars provided :) Warning: mosquitoes may be present! Please let Michelle know what your preference is!

Hand-Held Mirror & Tweezers: For ticks.

Please Note: From Thursday dinner through Friday lunch all food is included. Please let us know of any dietary needs you may have. (see Michelle or email michelle&dev@flyingdeernaturecenter.org)

Please let us know if you have any questions!

With much gratitude for this special time ahead,

Dandelion & Green Frog

(Michelle Apland & Devin Franklin)