



WELCOME TO RED-TAIL HAWK CAMP!

Ages 10–14. Monday, July 10–Friday, July 14.

Red-Tail Hawk Camp is an overnight camp composed of five groups loosely based on age. Cottonwood Camp is a day camp of three to five groups based on age demographics. On Monday, we will tell you which group you are in. Campers who wish to be in a group with a friend of the same age should note this in the Friend Request section of the registration form when registering for camp.

SCHEDULE

Arrival: Monday, 9:00 am. Please arrive promptly.

Opening Circle: Monday, 9:15–9:45 am. This is a very important circle to attend.

Closing Circle: Friday. Parents, please arrive between 1:45 and 2:00 pm. Closing Circle is from 2:00–3:00 pm. Attending will greatly support your child's integration.

If you have concerns about homesickness or other questions, contact us at 518.794.6687 or info@flyingdeernaturecenter.org.

Join us for **Flying Deer Family Day, Saturday, June 17**, at the Abode Mountain Camp. Delicious food, nature stations, games, crafts, music and more!

LOCATION & DIRECTIONS

Location: 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 onto Darrow Road. **From South:** Take Rt. 22 into New Lebanon, turn right on Rt. 20, go 1/4 mile, turn right onto Shaker Road, which merges into Darrow Road after 1 mile. **From West:** Take Route 20 into New Lebanon, turn right onto Shaker Rd., which merges into Darrow Road after 1 mile. **From North:** Take Rt. 22 into New Lebanon, turn left on Route 20, go about 1/2 mile, turn right onto Darrow Road.

On Darrow Road: *Obey 25 mph speed limit!* Drive 1 mile to the Abode, turn right onto Chairfactory Road, go less than 1/10 mi., turn left into parking lot, follow signs, park tight!

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TO BRING

Campers, please participate in the packing process so you know where things are in your pack. You should be able to carry your pack up to ½ mile. Please label as many items as possible.

1 larger backpack for camping gear—clothing, eating utensils, toothbrush, etc.
1 small daypack for short adventures—nature journal, knife, water bottle, snack, etc.
Lightweight sleeping bag: preferable synthetic (wet down makes poor insulation)
Sleeping pad: a camping pad (yoga mats are poorly insulated & heavy when wet)

Clothing: Wet cotton is heavy and can chill the body dangerously. Synthetic clothing dries quickly and keeps you warm even when wet. Good camping synthetics include nylon, polypropylene, and fleece. Wool and silk are great. Dress and pack thoughtfully. Muted earth tones are highly suggested (for forest "invisibility").

2 pair of shorts & 2 T-shirts (one for hiking, one for campsites)
Long johns (top and bottom)
Thin, long-sleeved shirt
Thin fleece (top and bottom)
Clothes to sleep in
Bathing suit
3 pairs of socks
Waterproof raingear (top and bottom)
Hiking boots (worn in!)
Sandals (lightweight, sturdy Texas or equivalent)
A set of black clothing for night-stalking games!
Optional: disposable shirt/sweatshirt (dark brown, gray or black) to make a ghillie suit
Tents: we provide tents, so no need to bring one

2 sturdy 32-oz. water bottles
Nature journal, 3 pens and/or pencils
Camping (or non-breakable) bowl, plate, fork
Toothbrush, toothpaste
Flashlight
Sturdy, sharp knife; non-folding with 2–3” blade preferable
Bug spray & sunscreen (in small, lightweight, tight-closing containers)
5 heavy-duty garbage bags (a.k.a. "contractor bags")
10 ziplocs (1-gallon, double zipper only)
Toothbrush and toothpaste (small tube)

Optional: a musical instrument

We are certified by the New York State Health Department, who requires an operating permit and two yearly inspections. Inspection reports and required plans (filed at the Columbia County Department of Health in Hudson, NY) are available for review.

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