

Welcome to the YMCA of Greater Boston's Sandy Island Family Camp. The enclosed information is for your reference and is useful for both first-time and returning camper families. We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your upcoming vacation. Our goal is to provide you and your entire family with a most pleasant experience and an unforgettable vacation.

Getting To Camp

Travel Directions:

From the South: Travel Route 93 to Concord, NH, to Exit 15E at 393/4/202. Travel approximately 8 miles from the exit to the first circle (Epsom). Travel 3/4 way around the circle onto Rte. 28N towards Alton. Travel approximately 21 miles to the next circle (Alton Circle), pass by McDonald's and head straight to Wolfeboro staying on 28N. Travel approximately 9 miles to Wolfeboro. See "**From Wolfeboro**"

Or: Travel Route 95 North to the Spaulding Turnpike at Portsmouth, which becomes Route 16 West. Take Exit 15 (Farmington/Alton) and travel on Route 11 towards Alton. Travel to Route 28 North into Wolfeboro and follow directions below.

From the West: Travel Route 89 to 93 North. Exit to Route 4 East and follow Route 28 North to Wolfeboro.

From Wolfeboro: In Wolfeboro, 28N veers off to the right. DO NOT FOLLOW 28N, but at the Junction of Rte. 109, continue straight on the main road through the center of Wolfeboro. You should now be traveling on 109N, not 109A. From Wolfeboro, travel approximately 5 and a half miles to camp. Four miles outside of Wolfeboro, you should pass the Libby Museum on your right, and shortly thereafter Tuftonboro Neck Road on your left. Keep a lookout for our sign and Northwoods Road on the left. Turn onto Northwoods Road and proceed past the farmhouse and bear left at the fork to Sandy Island Dock Road. Park head-in to unload your **tagged luggage** onto the Sandy Dock. Please park in the upper parking lot as close as possible to other vehicles. **Please remember our 10 mph speed limit.**

Arrival and Departure:

Camp begins with lunch on Saturday and concludes after breakfast on the following Saturday. **Please arrive at the Sandy Dock 45 minutes before the listed shuttle times.** Be aware that the Sandy Island Dock Road becomes one-way 15 min. after the hour and until 15 min. before the hour during the morning shuttle times.

Shuttle Departure Times: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

NOTE: No special water taxis are available, to or from the island, on Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m, except for medical emergencies.

Contact Information

Sandy Island Family Camp:

(May 1 –September 30)

PO Box 10, Mirror Lake, NH, 03853-001
603-253-4217 (Phone), 603-253-5339 (Fax)

Website:

bostoncamps.org

Camping Services Branch Offices:

(October 1—April 30)

PO Box 10, Mirror Lake, NH, 03853-0010
603-569-2725 (Phone), 603-569-5869 (Fax)

Executive Director: Artie Lang, ext. 224
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What To Bring

We transport luggage, but it must be strong and self-contained. Please limit weight of individual bags to **35 lbs. or less**. Small personal items and open bags should be carried on the boat. Consider packing your clothing in plastic bags within your luggage.

Don't burden yourself with non-essentials when packing. Life at Sandy Island is simple and casual. Bring a warm jacket for cool evenings, raingear, swimsuits and plenty of informal clothing. Bedding is provided, including sheets, blankets, pillow cases and pillows. You may want to consider bringing a sleeping bag for extra comfort. Please bring your own toiletries and towels for both swimming and bathing. **Electrical items are discouraged.** A flashlight is necessary for walking safely at night and sunscreen & bug repellent are also a must. **Please reserve cribs, strollers or mobility scooters a minimum of one week prior to your arrival at camp.**

Sports Equipment:

All types of equipment are available at camp. You may wish to bring personal equipment such as tennis racquets, fishing tackle or softball gloves. For tennis players, smooth-soled shoes are required on our clay courts.

Baby Food

Please bring food for your baby. Kitchen staff will happily assist you in heating and refrigerating your food.

Financial Information

Payment Policy:

A **non-refundable and non-transferable** deposit of \$350 per family, \$250 per couple, or \$150 per individual must be included with the application card in order to be registered for camp. **Payment of half the balance is due April 1st and the remainder is due no later than June 1st.** A cabin minimum will be added to your balance if the individual fees of your party are not equal to or greater than the cabin minimum for your cabin (**Guest fees cannot be considered as part of your cabin minimum fee after June 1st, prior to June 1st a guest with name and DOB will count toward your cabin minimum**). The option to have funds electronically transferred from your credit card monthly is available. A processing fee of **\$25.00** per transaction for insufficient funds will be added to your account. **Reminder:** All unreserved cabins will be reassigned after January 1st.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations and Leave of Absence must be made via email, fax, or usps to our attention. LOA fee is \$100 and can only be made once every five years.

All deposits are forfeited upon cancellation.

Fees paid over and above the deposit will be refunded for cancellations submitted by March 31

April 1 to May 31: Campers are responsible for half of the total fees if we are unable to fill the vacancy.

June 1 and later: Campers are responsible for the total fees if we are unable to fill the vacancy.

Camp Store/Craft Shop:

For your convenience, our camp store has some common toiletry goods for sale. In addition, the store also sells a variety of snacks, drinks, clothing items and knick knacks. An account must be set up before your arrival and payment must be made before you depart from camp. Our Craft Shop is designed for the novice or expert with painting, jewelry designing, tie-dying, leather crafting, photography and woodworking. Project kits and individual pieces are available — alone or with instruction — for a modest fee.

Guest Rates: (Please note that guest rates will apply to any NEW guests registered after June 1st)

Guests and visitors are always welcome, if your accommodation permits and they are **pre-registered 10 days in advance.**

Guests and fees are the responsibility of the camper host.

The following rates apply to an overnight stay and include 3 meals:

Children (2 years and under): \$25; Children (3-12 years) \$100; Adults (13+) \$115; Seniors (62+) \$100

A daily rate of \$50 (all ages 3+ years old) including 2 meals will apply to those guests who do not stay overnight.

Additional meals are \$15 per meal.

Taxi Fees:

A taxi is available upon request for trips that do not correspond with regular boat shuttles. Reservations must be made at the camp office. *All taxis are one-way at a fee of \$50 per trip.*

Financial Assistance:

Sandy Island Family Camp is open to all families regardless of income ability, race and religion. Through the YMCA's ACCESS program, families who cannot afford the full price of camp's tuition may qualify for reduced rates (up to 40% based on income and family size). For more information and an application, please call our business office at 603-569-2725 x 222.

Additional Information

Alcohol & Tobacco:

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the common camp areas (i.e. the dining hall, the beach, Juliette's Point, etc.) Please limit the use of alcoholic beverages to your individual private areas (i.e. cabin, cabin porch, small campfire areas, etc.). All staff and campers are expected to comply with all local, state and federal laws. Underage consumption of alcohol is illegal for both campers and staff, please do not supply alcohol to anyone you don't know or staff regardless of if they are on or off duty. We expect everyone to show good judgment and behave appropriately. Smoking is not allowed in any building or at public gatherings. Please smoke outdoors and dispose of butts appropriately. Fire Danger may prohibit smoking in any area of camp.

Insurance:

The YMCA of Greater Boston does not provide health or accident insurance for its participants. Campers are responsible for personal health/accident coverage. A completed health form is required for each family member including insurance coverage information.

Dining Hall Seating:

Seating arrangements are made prior to your arrival. Special seating requests must be made at least one week in advance. We will make every effort to accommodate your wishes.

Laundry:

Coin-operated laundry facilities are available for camper use. Biodegradable soap is available and sold at the camp store. Use of regular detergent is not permitted in order to protect the Sandy Island septic system.

YMCA of Greater Boston Mission Statement

To build health of spirit, mind and body based on the highest ideals of the Judeo-Christian heritage, and improve the quality of life for children, individuals, families and communities in the cities and towns of Greater Boston.