

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



HOW LONG ARE YOUR SESSIONS AND WHAT IS THE TUITION?

- Full Session (7.5 weeks) \$7,400
- First or Second Session (26 days) \$4,300
- 2 week Session (3 options) \$2,700

WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE SUMMER SESSIONS?

Full Season June 28th – August 20th

1st Month June 28th – June 26th

2nd Month June 27th – August 20th

1st Two Weeks June 28th – July 12th

2nd Two Weeks July 12th – July 26th

3rd Two Weeks June 27th – August 9th

HOW MANY CAMPERS ARE THERE IN EACH SESSION?

Bauercrest serves up to 240 campers during each session here at camp.

WHAT ARE THE AGE RANGES?

Ages 8 – 16

FROM WHERE DO THE CAMPERS COME?

We have campers that come from all over the United States with a vast majority coming from the Greater Boston and New England area.

WHAT IS THE TYPICAL RETENTION RATE FROM YEAR TO YEAR?

Typically, over 80% of our campers decide to return to Bauercrest every summer! While everyone is different, we are proud that our campers stay on average between 5-7 years at Camp, allowing them to experience all camp has to offer at different ages and skill levels.

FROM WHERE AND HOW DO YOU SELECT YOUR STAFF?

Almost all of our staff were former Bauercrest Campers and many have been coming back to camp for 10-14 years. We develop our staff through our own internal leadership development program and allows our staff to have a better familiarity with our program and be able to relate to our campers better. We also recruit key staff to Bauercrest to provide expertise in specific areas, such as sports instruction, waterskiing/tubing, archery, arts and crafts, and more.

HOW DO YOU TRAIN THEM?

All of our staff attend a week-long training before the start of the summer where we train them in a variety of topics, from key issues like conflict resolution, bullying, and homesickness to other important areas like safety protocols, engagement, peer management, relationship building, and much more. We cover these topics in a variety of ways, from presentations and guest speakers to role-playing and team-building exercises. Like we preach on the field, success is a team effort and we make sure our team is prepared to deliver the best summer possible for our campers.

IS YOUR CAMP ACCREDITED?

Yes! We are proud to be accredited through the American Camping Association (ACA), a nationally recognized association in the Camping industry. In fact, we received a perfect 100% score from them on our visit in 2013!

WHAT IS THE STAFF TO CAMPER RATIO?

We exceed the ACA guidelines ratios, holding a 4:1 ratio for all campers. We are sure to supply extra staff to our youngest campers to provide even further support as well.

HOW DO YOU ADDRESS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CAMPERS?

Our Health Center is run by our wonderful team of nurses and we are sure to have at least nurses on campus at all times. A nurse is present in the Health Center at night and is on-call for any emergencies, day or night. Many of our staff members are also trained in First Aid and CPR and there is always one staff member present in the bunk at night at all times. With a system of staff coverage throughout the day and constant communication, we make sure that our staff are present, available, and attentive to make sure your child is healthy and having fun!

IS THERE A HOSPITAL NEAR THE CAMP?

Yes, Anna Jacques Hospital in Newburyport is only 10-12 minutes away from Camp.

HOW IS SAFETY ADDRESSED AT THE WATERFRONT AND POOL?

First, both the lake and our waterfront have their own Aquatics Director, who directly supervises their team of certified life guards/swim instructors. In addition, we have experienced instructors from waterskiing to swim lessons, and many of these staff return summer after summer to improve their areas. We are pleased to meet and exceed the strict guidelines from the American Camping Association and the Town of Amesbury to make sure our water-based programs are both safe and fun!

DO YOU MAKE PROVISIONS FOR SPECIAL DIETS?

Yes, we are prepared to handle diets for a variety of needs such as: Kosher, gluten free, vegetarian and assorted allergies. Plus, we are an entirely nut-free camp!

WHAT IS THE LAYOUT OF A TYPICAL CABIN?

The 17 cabins of the "horseshoe" are large cabins and have sinks, toilets and lockers in the back of the bunk for all the campers. New to 2014, our youngest campers will have individual stall showers within the bunk. The rest of the campers use any one of three shower houses located around campus. There are also three newer bunks for our oldest campers are larger, square bunks that generally house larger group of 15-20 campers. All bunks have ceiling fans to help with air circulation.

HOW MANY CAMPERS IN A BUNK?

Depending on the size of each group and the required staff to camper ratio, it's can range from 8-12 for smaller cabins and 15-20 for our larger cabins.

HOW MANY BUNKS TO A GROUP?

This varies, depending on enrollment, as we do not hold spots for individual ages. In an effort to be as inclusive as possible, we try not to "close out" any group.

HOW IS HYGIENE IN CAMP ADDRESSED?

Great question! We make sure to encourage kids to maintain good hygiene here at camp and allocate plenty of time to do so. Each morning each cabin cleans their bunks with the supervision and aid of their staff. Campers are assigned various bunk cleaning responsibilities on a rotating basis so everyone contributes and this encourages a degree of responsibility, accountability and teamwork within each bunk.

For the campers themselves, there are plenty of opportunities throughout the day for showers. Younger campers are specifically encouraged to take showers and are lead by the staff daily. Our staff are mindful of the importance of hygiene in the camp community and since they are living with the campers, they are always present to make sure spaces are clean and people are taking care of themselves.

WHAT IF MY CHILD MISSES HOME?

Homesickness is very common for campers with their first experience away from home. We train all of our staff on how to deal with homesickness during our Staff Training Week, from how to recognize homesickness to tactics like goal-setting, redirection, and helping campers make friends in cabin and program areas. Our staff maintain constant communication with camper issues and work as a team to make sure campers are engaged with fellow campers and staff and participating in what camp has to offer.

WHAT IS THE JEWISH CONTENT?

We recognize the Shabbat with a 20-minute service before the traditional Friday night meal. There is also a longer, more in-depth 45-minute service on Saturday morning. Activities on Saturdays are different than the other days as we run “all camp” events that correspond with limited activity level. This brings the whole camp together on Shabbat in a low key, non-competitive environment.

WHAT IS YOUR CELL PHONE/ELECTRONICS POLICY?

Campers are not allowed to have phones, iPads, laptops, or anything else with a screen and/or cellular, wireless, or data signal. If your camper would like to bring a music player, it must be one that meets these restrictions. These rules will be strictly enforced.

We feel it is important that our campers are able to “unplug” while they are here at camp to maximize their immersion and involvement in our community. Campers having these items contradicts the concept of “being away at camp” and takes away from the experience we are trying to offer. If one camper brings a connected device, it not only affects their experience, but also the experience of the other kids in the cabin, greatly increasing homesickness. We appreciate your compliance with this policy!

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL US WITH ANY OTHER QUESTIONS WITH THE INFORMATION BELOW!

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