

What to Bring

Chickadee Day Camp, King Fisher Day Camp, and Hawks Day Camp

Dear Parents and Campers,

We are excited that you will be joining us for Day Camp this summer! The following is a list of clothing and equipment you will need to bring each day. **Put your name on everything you bring!**

*Please leave all jewelry and other expensive belongings at home. Cell phones, iPods, electronic games/ devices, hair dryers, knives, lighters, matches, are **not permitted at camp**. We will be providing lunch, snacks and drinks. Please do not send food (including candy and gum). UMaine4HC is not responsible for damage to, or theft of these items.*

Necessary Items:

Note: Campers must have a backpack to carry their belongings in each day as we go on hikes, and move around for lessons and activities. Synthetic clothing items such as microfleece, compress well and take up less space, so think multipurpose layers.

- 1 wool or synthetic fleece top or sweatshirts (non-cotton items keep people warmer when wet.)
- Rain gear: top and pants (avoid gear with cotton lining and large cumbersome ponchos that restrict movement).
- sturdy footwear (sneakers, hiking boots)
- towel
- sun screen
- water bottle (with your name on it)
- swimsuit (camp appropriate)
- hat with visor
- extra change of clothes

Optional Items

- water shoes or sandals (used mainly during waterfront activities)
- spare glasses (if you wear them)
- sunglasses (with strap)
- a hip pack or small day pack to carry water bottle and small items

UMaine 4-H Camp and Learning Center Safety and Respect Policies

At Bryant Pond, we are committed to providing a physically and emotionally safe learning environment where each individual is respected and valued. Bullying, fighting, aggressive behavior or lack of respect for any leader's safety instructions and procedures **will not be tolerated**.

Personal Conduct Expectations

We **expect** campers at UMaine 4-H Camp to:

- 1) Accept individual differences and refrain from offensive or threatening language
- 2) Encourage teamwork and creative problem solving
- 3) Seek help if he or she is the object of teasing or inappropriate behavior
- 4) Respect the property of others
- 5) Understand that physical contact is limited to organized activities
- 6) Listen to and abide by all safety instructions and activity procedures
- 7) Care for the Camp's property and equipment.
- 8) Leave weapons, knives, and other dangerous objects at home*
- 9) Refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, or controlled substances. All are prohibited at Camp.

* UMaine4HC provides and supervises the use of appropriate knives and tools for camp program activities.

Consequences: Counselors will notify a Director when a camper/student is violating safety and respect policies. We will speak with the camper and, when possible, attempt to create solutions that will lead to positive changes in behavior. If a child's actions compromise safety or the successful operation of camp programs, the camper may be asked to leave before the end of the program. We do not refund for early dismissals for behavioral reasons.

Other Policies

Telephones: Because we have a very active schedule and have many children at Camp, we have limited phone access. We do not have pay phones or separate phones for use by campers and cell phones are not permitted at camp. In general, we have found that campers adjust more successfully to life away from home if they avoid phone calls. In the event of an emergency or special situation, campers will have access to a phone.

Wildlife and Food: In order for us to maintain a safe and sanitary camp environment, please do not send any candy, food or drinks to camp with your child. The presence of food in bunkhouses and tents attracts unwanted wildlife such as mice, raccoons and skunks! In the event that something is brought to camp that should not have been, it will be removed and labeled and returned to parents at the end of the week.

Camp Store: Please visit the camp store on Friday during pick-up for T-shirts, hats, journals and other camp items.

If you have any questions regarding these policies, please feel free to contact our **Camp Director, Ronald Fournier at 207-665-2068**.