NorthStar 7th Grade Application
December 2018/January 2019

Dear Student, Parent(s), and Guardian(s),

Thank you for your interest in NorthStar. NorthStar is a partnership between the University of Maine Bryant Pond 4-H Center and SAD #44. NorthStar is a hands-on mentoring program that connects young people with caring adults through community engagement, cultural exchange, and adventure education and leadership. The NorthStar model follows students over a six-year period that starts in the 7th grade and ends the summer after high school graduation.

Enclosed, you will find information about NorthStar and the application process. If you are interested in participating in the program, please complete the entire application and return it to:

NorthStar-Bryant Pond 4-H Center
Attn: Lyndsey Smith, NorthStar Coordinator
P.O. Box 188
Bryant Pond, ME 04219

or

Applications can be dropped off at the Telstar Middle School Office in the provided envelope.

APPLICATION DROP OFF PROCEDURES & DEADLINE:

● Applications must be turned into the Bryant Pond 4-H Office or the Telstar Middle School Office on or before Friday, January 25th, 2019.

Lyndsey Smith will contact you by email on February 1st, 2019 about the outcome of the selection process (an explanation regarding the selection process can be found in the information packet). If your family does not have an email address, you will receive a phone call.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call Lyndsey Smith, at 207-890-8625.

Sincerely,

Lyndsey Smith,
NorthStar Program Coordinator
NorthStar Application

Date: ________________

Please fill out the entire application and return it to one of the following locations:

- Bryant Pond 4-H Center – P.O. Box 188 Bryant Pond, ME 04219
- 17 Conservation School Lane Bryant Pond, ME 04219
- Telstar Middle School Office

Applications must be turned in to the Bryant Pond 4-H Office or the Telstar Middle School Office on or before January 25th, 2019. NorthStar will contact you by email on February 1st, 2019 about the outcome of the lottery selection process. If you do not have an email address, you will receive a phone call.

Student Name(s): ___________________________ Preferred Gender: _____________

Student Date of Birth: __________________

Parent/Guardian Name(s):
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Student Cell #: ___________________ Student Email Address: __________________

Current Address: ________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ Zip Code: ____________________________

Parent/Guardian Email: _____________________________________________

Do you use Facebook? Yes  No 
If yes, do we have permission to connect with you on Facebook? Yes  No

Parent/Guardian(s) Facebook Name: ______________________________

Does your student use Facebook? Yes  No
If yes, do we have permission to connect with your student on Facebook? Yes  No

Student Facebook Name: ______________________________
Please answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. Explain why you are interested in participating in the NorthStar program.

2. Please describe yourself in five words.

3. What do you hope to personally gain from participating in the NorthStar program?

4. Please share with us the strengths you will share with your NorthStar group.

5. What is something that you have always hoped to do but never had the chance?

6. Please describe one of your favorite experiences in the outdoors.

7. Please describe one of your favorite memories of helping someone else.
Student Check List—Please mark all that you are interested in.

- Adventure and Challenge
- Animals
- Aquatic Sciences
- Archery
- Arts and Crafts
- ATV Safety/Dirt Bikes
- Automotive
- Backpacking
- Bicycles
- Birding
- Board Games
- Building Projects
- Campfires
- Canoeing and Kayaking
- Career Exploration
- Card Games
- Cats
- Challenge Course
- Child Care/Babysitting
- Citizenship
- Civil Rights
- Clothing and Textiles
- Communication Arts
- Community Service
- Composting
- Computer Technology
- Cooking
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Cultural Education/Traditions
- Dance and Movement
- Dogs
- Drama and Theater
- Drawing/Painting/Sculpture
- DYI Projects
- Economics/Business
- Electronics
- Emergency Preparedness
- Entomology (Bugs) and Bees
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Education
- Environmental Stewardship
- Escape Rooms
- Facebook
- Fairs
- Fashion
- First Aid and CPR
- Fishing and Ice Fishing
- Fitness and Sports
- Flower Gardening/House Plants
- Food Preservation
- Foods and Nutrition
- Forestry
- Frisbee/Disc Golf
- Gardens-Fruits and Veggies
- Geocaching
- Geology and Minerals
- GIS and GPS
- Graphic Arts and Design
- Hair/Makeup/Nails
- Haunted/Historical Tours
- Health Education
- Hiking
- History
- Hobbies and Collectibles
- Horses
- Hunting
- Karaoke
- Knitting/Crochet/Felting
- Jewelry Making and Design
- Junior Maine Guide Skills
- Laser Tag
- Leadership Development
- LGBTQ Rights/Equality
- Local Foods
- Marine/Ocean Sciences
- Martial Arts
- Mathematics
- Mental and Emotional Health
- Metal Work
- Movies
- Music and Sound
- Museums
- Origami
- Outdoor Recreation
- Paddle Boarding
- Parenting Education
- Pinterest
- Performing Arts
- Personal Development
- Photography
- Physical Health
- Plants
- Poultry
- Primitive Skills
- Rabbits
- Reading
- Recycling
- Robotics
- Rock Climbing
- Role Playing Games (Magic)
- Running
- Sailing
- Science and Technology
- Service Learning
- Sexual Health
- Shooting Sports
- Shopping
- Singing
- Skateboard/Rollerblade
- Skiing/Snowboarding
- Sledding
- Small Animal Care
- Snowshoeing
- Social Recreation Skills
- Soils and Soil Conservation
- Speaking/Radio/TV
- Sports Games
- Student Leadership
- Survival Skills
- Swimming
- Teambuilding
- Tracking
- Veterinary Sciences
- Visiting Cities
- Visual Arts
- Video Games
- Volunteerism
- Water Ecology
- Water Sports
- Weather and Climate
- White Water Rafting
- Wildlife
- Woodworking
- Woods Skills
- Wreath Making
- Writing
- Yoga
- Zip Line
**NORTHSTAR PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

This agreement outlines the responsibilities of all parties. Due to NorthStar’s consensus decision-making process, the student agreement below will be different for each team.

**NorthStar agrees to offer students:**
- Fun, engaging and meaningful meetings and activities for students and mentors during their yearly core programming;
- Student support services throughout the year that may include one-on-one mentoring, tutoring services, and other academic support when requested;
- A commitment to advocacy within the school and larger community and an intention to connect students to as many caring people as we can throughout their six-year experience;
- The chance to travel in and out of the state, experience new cultures, gain new perspectives, and learn about themselves during our educational expeditions that take place throughout their six-year experience;
- Fundraising opportunities to help support the program

**Students agree to the following:**

➢ **Educational Components** – I understand that I will have a voice in making decisions about the educational components that make up this year’s programs. I understand that the itinerary for the CORE July expedition will be created after these decisions have been made by me and my peers.

➢ **Attendance** – I understand that I will have a voice in setting up an attendance policy that sets limitations on how many planning meetings can be missed and, if I don’t meet this attendance policy, I will not be eligible to go on this year’s CORE July expedition.

➢ **Behavior** – I understand that I will have a voice in setting up a behavior policy that will set limits for school detentions and suspensions. If I don’t meet the requirements of this behavior policy, I will not be eligible to go on this year’s CORE July expedition.

➢ **Academic Requirement** – I understand that I will have a voice in setting up an academic requirement that will set limits on how many failing grades I can have. If I don’t meet this academic requirement, I will not be eligible to go on this year’s CORE July expedition.

**Families agree to the following:**

➢ Support student in fundraising efforts when needed.

➢ Support student in meeting the above requirements by staying in communication with the program manager and by supporting them in attending meetings, and events to the best of ability.

➢ Attend program kick-off meeting in the fall and Parent and Student Meeting prior to the expedition.

➢ Communicating any changes in medical information and contact information throughout the year.

Signed:  
___________________________________________________ Date: __________

Parent/Guardian

Signed:  
___________________________________________________ Date: __________

Student
**NorthStar Family Agreement**

**NorthStar Partnership with the School:** NorthStar will be working as a liaison between the schools and the families of NorthStar students throughout the six-year program. It is our goal to communicate with and receive communication from the schools as a way to provide extra support for your student during possibly difficult academic and/or behavioral times. With this in mind, please sign below to grant NorthStar permission to check in with the teachers, principals and the guidance department staff of SAD#44 on behalf of your student if and when academic, behavioral, and/or emotional needs arise.

**NorthStar Chemical Free Policy:** I/we agree to abide by the Chemical Free Policy of NorthStar while participating in any programs, including all planning meetings and expeditions. This means that I will not use and/or take any drugs, alcohol, or tobacco of any kind in a program or on an expedition. I also agree to not come into any programs under the influence of any drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. If I am found with or under the influence of the above-mentioned substances, I understand that there will be consequences to my actions, including the possibility of me being sent home at the parent/guardian’s expense and/or not being invited to participate in future NorthStar activities.

If you have any questions about the application process, please call NorthStar Coordinator, Lyndsey Smith at 207-890-8625 or lyndsey.smith@maine.edu.

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TENTATIVE 2019 7th-GRADE SCHEDULE

*Red is CORE programming and attendance is expected.

FEBRUARY 13TH FAMILY MEETING/DINNER

FEBRUARY 19TH-20TH UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ORONO OVERNIGHT TRIP

MARCH 16TH MAINE SCIENCE FESTIVAL-BANGOR

TBA-APRIL VACATION SEA DOGS GAME

APRIL 19TH PORTLAND VOLUNTEERING TRIP

MAY 16TH FAMILY MEETING

MAY 17-19TH ACADIA NATIONAL PARK WEEKEND TRIP

AUGUST 1ST ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER TRIP/CELEBRATION COOKOUT

*There will be other meetings, optional trips and informal relationship building time that is yet to be scheduled.

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