FAQ FOR PARENTS – SNEMN KIDS CAMP

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the mission of the camp?

Our Kids Camp aims to create a transformative experience for our students, where they build lasting friendships, grow in their faith, and encounter Jesus in a real and authentic way. Through team games, worship, and impactful messages, we help kids develop a personal relationship with Jesus that will last a lifetime. Our goal is to see them changed, ignited in their faith, and equipped with memories and friendships that shape their journey with God.

What are the camp dates and location?

Kids Camp: July 21-25, 2025 Camp will be hosted at Rumney Bible Conference/White Mountain Camps located at 31 Guilford Ave. Rumney, NH 03266

What are the drop off/pick up procedures?

Most students will arrive with their church group. However, if your child is not coming with a church group, drop off begins at 1pm on Monday and pick up begins at 12pm on Friday. All parents/guardians must check in/check out their child(ren) with camp staff.

What activities will my child participate in?

During service times, students participate in prayer, worship, and hear a message from our guest speaker. After each service, team leaders guide their groups through "The Wrap," a time to discuss the message, answer questions, and connect the lesson to real-life experiences. During game times, students enjoy a variety of team challenges, including water games, physical activities, brain teasers, and more, fostering teamwork and fun.

What grades are permitted to attend Kids Camp?

Students grades 3-5 are permitted to attend Kids Camp. Students entering 3rd grade in the Fall of 2025 may attend. Students entering 6th grade in the Fall of 2025 may choose between attending Kids Camp or Jr. High Camp or both.

SAFETY & SECURITY

How is my child's safety ensured at camp?

We prioritize safety through trained staff, 24/7 supervision, and strict safety protocols. Our facilities are regularly inspected, and we follow industry best practices for outdoor and recreational activities.

Are background checks conducted on camp staff?

Yes, all staff members and volunteers undergo thorough background checks, including criminal history and child safety training.

What is the staff-to-camper ratio?

We maintain a **1:3 staff-to-camper ratio**, ensuring each camper receives personal attention and supervision.

How are the camp leaders selected?

Camp leaders are trained, vetted adults responsible for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of campers throughout their stay. References and background checks are required for all camp leaders.

Can parents visit during the camp?

To maintain a safe and focused environment, parents are encouraged not to visit during the camp. However, there are designated times for communication.

What are the camp rules?

A set of camp rules is provided to ensure safety and a positive experience. These rules will be shared upon registration and must be adhered to during the camp.

What kind of contact do parents have with their kids attending camp while they are away?

While we encourage campers to immerse themselves in the camp experience, we understand that parents may want to check in. In case of emergency, parents can contact the Camp Director, Chris Hurtado, at 860-580-6650. Campers may check in with their families through pre-arranged communication channels with their child's leaders. However, we do not encourage frequent calls or visits to maintain the camp's focus.

What kind of safeguards do we have around kids exposed to sexual grooming, etc., by adults or peers during camp?

The safety of your child is our top priority. All camp leaders undergo thorough background checks and training, including awareness of issues like sexual grooming. Camp staff are closely supervised, and there is a strict policy prohibiting one-on-one interactions between campers and staff in private settings. The camp is committed to maintaining a zero-tolerance policy for inappropriate behavior, and we have a clear reporting system for any concerns.

How many kids are in a cabin? And what does the set up look like? Is there an adult that bunks with the kids?

Each cabin typically houses 8-12 kids. The cabin set-up is designed to foster a comfortable and safe environment, with designated areas for sleeping and personal space. There is always a trained, vetted adult leader who stays in the cabin with the children. The adult leader ensures the safety and well-being of the campers, and no leader is ever alone with a camper in a secluded area. Our goal is to create a safe and supportive atmosphere for all participants.

My child has special needs. Will you be able to accommodate them?

Yes, we are happy to accommodate children with special needs. On the registration form, please indicate any learning, behavioral, or medical conditions we should be aware of to ensure a safe and enjoyable camp experience. Also, please provide additional details about any accommodations they may require, such as noise-canceling headphones, assistance with mobility, or other specific needs. We want to ensure that every camper has a positive and supportive experience.

How are campers supervised, especially during free time?

Camp Counselors and staff members are always present, even during free time. Campers must stay in designated areas and participate in scheduled activities. Campers are never to be alone at any time, nor are they ever to be alone with an adult. Campers will always travel in groups of 3.

What is your policy on campers leaving campgrounds?

Campers are not permitted to leave the campgrounds under any circumstances. In an emergency, students will be escorted to the hospital by the Camp Director or camp staff, and parents will be contacted immediately.

How is security handled at camp?

The camp has controlled access, and only authorized individuals are allowed on-site. We have 24/7 staff presence; all visitors must check in with camp administration.

What are your security procedures for checking in and out campers?

Only authorized adults listed on the camper's registration form can check them in or out. A photo ID is required at pick-up.

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

How do you handle medical needs and emergencies?

We have trained medical staff on-site to handle injuries and health concerns 24/7. In the case of a serious emergency, we will contact parents and transport the camper with a camp staff member to the nearest medical facility.

Is there a nurse or medical staff on-site?

Yes, a licensed nurse or medical professional is available 24/7.

What if my child has allergies, dietary restrictions, or medication needs?

We accommodate allergies and dietary restrictions. All medication must be checked in with the camp nurse and will be administered as directed.

What is the camp's policy on illness and contagious diseases?

Campers showing symptoms of illness will be evaluated by medical staff. If necessary, they may be sent home to recover.

What happens if my child gets homesick?

Homesickness is common, and our counselors are trained to help children adjust. We provide encouragement and fun activities to keep them engaged. If necessary, we will contact parents to discuss the best approach.

How do you handle discipline issues?

We follow a Christ-centered approach to discipline, emphasizing positive behavior, respect, and teamwork. If issues arise, we work with the camper to resolve them. Parents are contacted if necessary.

FAITH BASED ACTIVITIES:

How is faith integrated into daily activities?

Faith is at the heart of our camp. Each day includes morning devotionals, worship, Bible study, and faith-based discussions. Christian values are also reinforced through activities and interactions.

Is the camp affiliated with a specific church or denomination?

Yes, our camps are **hosted by the Southern New England Ministry Network, part of the Assemblies of God.** We welcome all students regardless of their religious background.

What spiritual topics will be covered in Bible studies and worship sessions?

Topics vary each year but often include identity in Christ, discipleship, sanctification, prayer, and trusting God in daily life.

Will my child have the opportunity for deeper spiritual discussions and mentorship?

Yes! Campers are encouraged to ask questions, participate in small groups, and seek mentorship from camp counselors and guest speakers.

Are students required to participate in all faith-based activities?

While we encourage participation, we respect each camper's faith journey. However, all campers are expected to attend group sessions and be respectful of the faith-based environment.

LOGISTICS & COMMUNICATIONS

Can I contact my child during camp?

To encourage independence and full engagement, we have limited camper communication. However, parents can leave messages with the camp office, and we will contact you if needed.

How should my child pack for camp?

A packing list will be provided before camp. Essential items include comfortable clothing, swimwear, a Bible, toiletries, and bedding. Please do not send electronics or valuables. A list can be found within the camp application.

What is the policy on cell phones and electronics?

To foster a distraction-free experience, we do not allow campers to bring cell phones or electronic devices.

What happens in case of an emergency?

Parents will be notified immediately if there is an emergency involving their child. The camp follows a comprehensive emergency plan for medical issues, severe weather, and other situations.

REGISTRATION & FEES:

How do I register my child for middle/high school camp?

Registration is available online at **snemn.com/summer-camp**

What is the cost? Early Bird: \$350 (Deadline: July 1, 2025) Regular Price: \$400 (Registration ends: July 9, 2025)

What is included in the camp fee?

The camp fee covers all activities, meals, and accommodations during the camp.

How can I register my child?

Parents must register their child(ren). Registration can be completed online through the Summer Camp Parent Dashboard.

Is there financial assistance available?

For any financial concerns, please reach out to your church's camp leader for more information on scholarships or assistance. For those sending more than one child to camp, a Sibling Discount of \$20/child will be automatically applied at enrollment

What is your refund and cancellation policy?

Refunds are available up to **1 week** before camp minus the nonrefundable deposit of \$50.