

**A Diverse Community that Empowers Kids to Explore and
Thrive**



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Parent Handbook

Summer 2017

Camp Hours: Monday – Friday: 9 am – 4 pm

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Welcome Letter

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING CAMP MOE!!!

We appreciate the fact that you are trusting us with your child this summer. The information in this handbook will help you understand how to prepare your child for an unforgettable camp experience!

We will of course contact you if we have any issues, and you should always feel free to contact us.

See you this summer!



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KMB'.

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Camp Director

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Camp Guidelines

1. I will always do my best and HAVE FUN while at camp.
2. I will challenge myself to try new things.
3. I will listen and follow all directions from staff.
4. I will keep my hands to myself (unless it is part of a game or activity) and not cause physical or emotional harm to any other camper.
5. I will use appropriate language at all times.
6. I will be honest.
7. I will respect camp properties and supplies, as well as other campers' property.
8. I will respect all staff and campers.
9. I will stay in assigned areas.
10. I will be a positive role model for all campers at Camp MOE.

Unit Names

Grade Camper will be Entering in Fall 2017:	Unit:
1 st Grade *children who turn 5 before 6/1/17	Micmac
2 nd Grade	Chippewa
3 rd Grade	Pawnee
4 th Grade	Seneca
5 th Grade	Mohegan
6 th Grade	Seminole
7 th Grade	Cherokee
8 th , 9 th Grade	Comanche
10 th Grade	CIT Program
Teens/Young adults with Special Needs, Ages 16 - 21	Teen Trekks

Activities Calendar

All events & dates are subject to change.

SESSION 1				
Monday, June 26th	Tuesday, June 27th	Wednesday, June 28th	Thursday, June 29th	Friday, June 30th
First Day of Camp		Wacky Wednesday = Clash Day	Family Night Picnic & Campfire	Special Event = Pioneer Day
Monday, July 3	Tuesday, July 4	Wednesday, July 5	Thursday, July 6	Friday, July 7
		Wacky Wednesday = Sabotage Day		Special Event = Color Wars
SESSION 2				
Monday, July 10	Tuesday, July 11	Wednesday, July 12	Thursday, July 13	Friday, July 14
		Wacky Wednesday = Superhero Day		Special Event = Mystery Day
Monday, July 17	Tuesday, July 18	Wednesday, July 19	Thursday, July 20	Friday, July 21
Penny Wars		Wacky Wednesday = Crazy Sock Day	Overnight (Pawnee - CT) & Stay Late Night (Micmac & Chippewa)	Special Event = Safari Day
SESSION 3				
Monday, July 24	Tuesday, July 25	Wednesday, July 26	Thursday, July 27	Friday, July 28
Non-Perishable Food Drive		Wacky Wednesday = Tie-Dye Day		MOE DAY
Monday, July 31	Tuesday, August 1	Wednesday, August 2	Thursday, August 3	Friday, August 4
Non-Perishable Food Drive		Wacky Wednesday = Backwards Day	Overnight (Pawnee - CT) & Stay Late Night (Micmac & Chippewa)	Special Event = Wet N' Wild Day
SESSION 4				
Monday, August 7	Tuesday, August 8	Wednesday, August 9	Thursday, August 10	Friday, August 11
Bring a White T-Shirt for Olympic teams		Wacky Wednesday = Sports Day		Special Event = Olympics
Monday, August 14	Tuesday, August 15	Wednesday, August 16	Thursday, August 17	Friday, August 18
		Wacky Wednesday = Pajama Day	Camp MOE Spirit Day Family Night Picnic & Campfire	Last Day of Camp

General Policies & Procedures

Absences and Tardiness

Please call the camp office before 8:00am if your child will be absent or late for the day. Late arrivals must report to the camp office before joining their group. Please note that you may have to wait with your child until a staff member is available to meet him or her.

To ensure your child's safety, our staff will contact you if your child is absent without prior notification.

What To Bring To Camp

Campers should bring the following items to camp daily in a backpack which needs to be labeled with the camper's name.

Clothing/Supplies:

- Comfortable play clothes are recommended. No midriff shirts please.
- Sweatshirt and raincoat for cool or wet days are required.
- Bathing suits are required daily.
 - Girls are encouraged to wear one-piece bathing suits.
- Insect Repellent
- Water Bottle
- Sunscreen
- Towel
- Closed-toed athletic shoes.
 - Sandals or water shoes may be BROUGHT to camp for water activities only.

Please be advised, campers wearing shirts containing immoral graphics or messages will be sent home.

Lunch:

- Education Connection Lunch
 - Lunch will be provided free of charge to all campers through Education Connection, pending approval from the federal government. Check our website in May 2017 for more information regarding this program.
- Lunch from Home
 - Please pack in a paper or plastic bag labeled with the camper's name and unit. Lunches are stored in the camp refrigerator. **Please do not send large lunch bags or coolers.**
 - If possible, please do not send your camper with peanut butter or peanut products to camp.

What To Leave At Home

- Campers are responsible for their own belongings. Campers are not permitted to bring sports equipment and musical instruments (unless otherwise directed). We strongly discourage campers from bringing money, toys, or other personal items because too often they are lost or mishandled.

Electronics No-Use Policy

- Unless approved by the director, electronics are not to be brought to camp.

Camp MOE is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

Tick Policy

- It is your responsibility to check your child for ticks every day.

Transportation

Photo ID must be shown every time a designated person picks up a child from camp or the bus stop. If someone is not authorized or shows up without an ID, they will not be allowed to pick up the child.

Routes	Pick-Up/Drop Off Locations
Beaver Bus	Harvest Baptist Church - New Hartford Future Foundations - Torrington St. Peter/St. Francis School - Torrington
Racoon Bus	Stop & Shop Parking Lot - Winsted
Deer Bus	Immaculate Conception Church - Harwinton Litchfield Firehouse - Litchfield

Swimming & Swim Tests

All campers must take a swim test on their first day of camp to assess their swimming abilities. Campers are grouped by ability for swim lessons. Each child will participate in daily swim lessons and have the option of participating in free swim. **It is our expectation that children will participate in swim lessons unless they have a note from a parent excusing them.**

- Red Swimmer - Beginner, Non Swimmer
 - Purple Swimmer - Advanced Beginner/Low Intermediate Swimmer
Able to do two laps in the deep water (2 crawl) (Free swim will be in the red section.)
 - Blue Swimmer - Intermediate Swimmer
Able to swim four (4) laps in the deep end (2 crawl, 2 camper choose)
 - Green Swimmer - Advanced Swimmer
Able to swim eight (8) laps in the deep end (2 crawl, 2 back, 2 breast and 2 camper choose)
- *All campers can be retested during their session at camp after discussion with the director.*

Code of Conduct

- Camp MOE is intentionally designed to encourage success-building skills in children with an emphasis on respect and responsibility. Please be clear with your child that he/she should be on their best behavior while at camp! Safety is our #1 priority. Each child will be treated as an individual and we will address all behavioral issues! Behavior that is disruptive to the community may result in dismissal.
- We have zero tolerance for violence, aggression towards others, bullying, drugs, tobacco and alcohol of any kind. **There is no camper refund for any child sent home for disciplinary reasons.**