

Directors Note:

Hi Everyone,

We are so happy that 2016 has gotten off to a great start. Our programs are being taught by a fantastic staff and the girls are enjoying every second. World Records, Camplified, and Gold Rush were amazing evening activities and our first day of leagues was great. Perfect weather and the sound of happy campers echoing throughout camp made our first day of competition amazing. Our speed painter Tim Decker was a great way to break leagues. We are sure the girls wrote home about it. We are looking forward to seeing everyone next weekend.

Make sure you find us to chat.

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Wendy Courtney



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DANBEE SPIRIT LIVES...
IN OUR STAFF'S
COMMITMENT TO OUR KIDS!!



It is amazing how each summer we are able to recreate the Spirit of Danbee in the hearts and souls of our staff and campers. To walk around camp you see our Danbee Spirit threading its way into everything we do.

Each week we celebrate the many aspects of Spirit by recognizing staff that most embody Danbee Spirit in their work with our kids. Our Spirit of Danbee Awards are given to deserving staff members at our weekly staff meetings. This weekly ceremony allows us to both honor and celebrate what we value here at Danbee. The staff is recognized in several categories...the Spirit of Athletics, the Spirit of Caring, the Spirit of Creativity, the Spirit of Tradition, and the Spirit of Fun. This program allows staff to see through recognition what we hold important and each staff member strives to be the next Spirit of Danbee winner.

No place personifies Danbee Spirit more than our dancing in the dining hall. After every meal we have a mini-dance party!!! You know they are in the zone when you hear the chants for "one more song". We will show you our spirit on Parent's Weekend. Feel free to join in on the fun...at Danbee we "Dance like no one is watching"!!! You should too.

Nut & Tree Allergies

We have many campers that have nut and tree allergies, some quite severe. For the health and safety of all, please refrain from bringing products containing these ingredients to camp. Thank you for your cooperation.



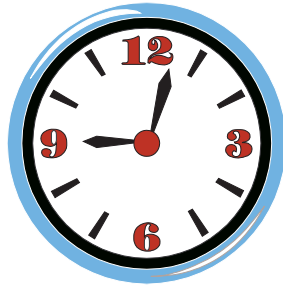
Parent Visiting Day: Sunday, July 17

TRAVEL TO CAMP

Driving directions to camp can be found on the back page of this bulletin. A friendly reminder that the local police strictly enforce speed limits.

ARRIVAL AT CAMP

Parent Visiting Day begins at 9:00 am. You can arrive at camp after 8:30, but you will not be able to see your daughter until 9:00. From 8:30 to 9:00 we will have coffee and bagels available while you wait. As you arrive at camp (after 8:30 am) parking attendants will direct you to a parking space along the camp road.



SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

A schedule of Sunday activities is provided on the next page. From 9:00 am – 9:30 am, you can visit with your daughter in her cabin. We also encourage you to speak with her counselors, get to know them and ask them about your daughter. At 9:30 am, Campus girls (2nd to 6th grade) and Acres girls (7th – 9th grade) will assemble on their respective campuses for general announcements about the morning schedule.



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Schedules for the day and maps of camp will be distributed as you arrive. If you arrive after 9:00 am, first park your vehicle then go directly to your daughter's bunk, where she will be waiting. Any staff member can direct you to your child's cabin. The morning's activities will begin with an assembly at 9:30 am.

PARENTS:

SEE DANBEE IN ACTION ON VISITING DAY!

Join the fun and catch the Danbee spirit with us on visiting day! You'll hear the music our campers love, you'll see your daughters dance to their favorite songs, and see lots of happy, smiling faces all day long. We can't wait for you to see Danbee in action on Sunday, July 17th!



Reminder:

DRESS CASUALLY ON VISITING DAY!

Parents should dress in casual clothing that is appropriate for camp activities. Feel free to bring bathing suits and remember to apply sunscreen!



SCHEDULE FOR PARENT VISITING DAY SUNDAY, JULY 17

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| 9:00 - 9:30 am | Parents check-in at camper's bunk. Meet counselors and get name tags at daughter's bunk. |
| 9:30 am | Assembly – Campus (entering grades 2-6) at Campus basketball court Assembly – Acres (entering grades 7-9) at Acres |
| 9:45 - 10:25 am | 1st Activity Period |
| 10:40 - 11:20 am | 2nd Activity Period |
| 11:35 - 12:15 pm | 4th Activity Period |
| 12:15 - 1:30 pm | Lunch (All Camp Gathering) See our Spirit in Action |
| 1:30 - 3:10 pm | Rest Hour and Areas Open for Fun. (Pools, Slide, Tennis, Soccer, Gymnastics and More!!!) |
| 3:10 - 3:30 pm | Return to Bunks to say Goodbye |
| 3:30 pm | Parents Depart |
| 3:45 pm | The largest shaving cream fight in the history of Summer Camping. |

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES

This year we will be running three, 40-minute activity periods. Parents should accompany their daughters to their classes, which will begin promptly at 9:45 am. Campers must attend assigned activities. There will be time between activities for you to visit with your children. No one may leave camp during our Visiting Day.

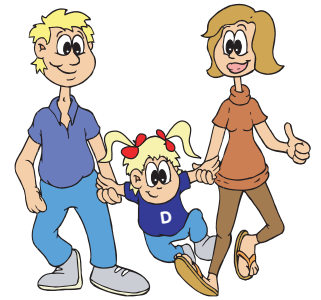


SUNDAY LUNCH

All campers and their parents will enjoy lunch together on Sunday up at our soccer field. We will provide many different options and will sit together picnic style – you may want to bring a blanket to sit on. Sunday lunch provides an excellent opportunity to visit with your daughter's cabin counselors and favorite specialists, all of whom will be at lunch and delighted to speak with you.

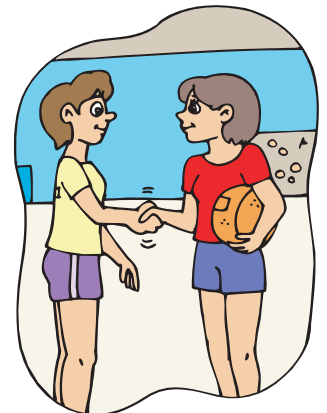
SUNDAY DEPARTURE

Visiting Day will end at 3:30 pm on Sunday. Please depart promptly at that time. Children often cry when their parents leave. Help your child by making your goodbye short. Campers may cry, but they are happy shortly thereafter as they participate in shaving cream fights and special events. We get back to "normal" very fast once parents are out of sight.



WE WANT TO SPEAK WITH YOU!

Please be sure to speak with one of the Directors or Head Staff sometime during the day so that we can discuss your daughter's adjustment. Please let us know of any issues or concerns you may have. We welcome your input and suggestions.



Visiting Day Rules And Policies

Please follow these important policies on visiting day. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in following the rules and guidelines that we have established for parent visiting day. Remember—we have set up these rules to benefit your children and to ensure that everyone has the best possible visiting day experience.

NO EXCESSIVE FOOD

Parents who bring excessive amounts of food on visiting day create a significant problem for camp. Food in the cabin draws insects, interferes with mealtime appetites and creates unnecessary friction between bunk mates. You should bring no more than one or two pieces of fruit or a favorite candy bar. Food will be discarded after visiting day. Parents who bring excessive amounts of food and candy violate our trust, disrespect the overwhelming majority of parents who follow the rules and force our cabin and senior staff to play the role of policemen thereby infringing on the relationships they have worked hard to establish with their campers. We have many campers that have nut and tree allergies, some quite severe. For the health and safety of all, please refrain from bringing products containing these ingredients to camp. Thank you for your cooperation.

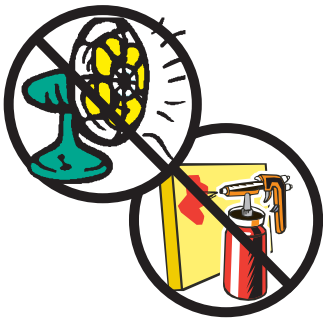


NO BUNK GIFTS

Once again, we will be enforcing a “NO BUNK GIFT” policy. This policy is most applicable on Parent Visiting Day. A bunk gift is any item of candy, food, clothing, jewelry or any other trinket or item that is intended for any other camper in the cabin. You may bring essential items to your daughter such as clothing or athletic equipment, but you may not bring gifts for campers other than your own daughter. Bunk gifts foster subtle, yet unhealthy competition among campers and parents. We certainly understand and appreciate the good intentions behind bunk gifts; however, ultimately they compromise the values we are trying to impart.

We need your help and cooperation.

Please do not bring bunk gifts on visiting day or send them to your daughter.



NO ELECTRIC FANS AND GRAFFITI

We would like to clarify our policies regarding electric fans and graffiti at camp. As stated under “Danbee Rules and Policies” in our Parent Handbook, electric fans are not allowed at camp. We are also trying to crack down on the graffiti around camp. Any camper who writes graffiti or otherwise defaces the camp will be required to sand off or paint over the damage. As always, we appreciate your support!

NO PETS

Animals and pets of any kind are not permitted in camp. **There are NO exceptions to this rule.**



NO TIPPING

Camp policy forbids gratuities to staff members. Each staff member has signed a contract, which obligates her to refuse gratuities. A counselor who accepts a gratuity is subject to immediate dismissal

IMPORTANT REMINDER!!

With the exception of WBY, all campers and their families must remain in camp for the full Visiting Day on Sunday, July 17. We have an exciting, fun day of activities planned and look forward to sharing the Danbee experience with all of you.

REMINDER: NO NON-ESSENTIAL PACKAGES

Our package policy is simple. We allow mail to be sent in Priority Mail or FedEx sized envelopes. We allow parents to send essential items such as new sneakers, socks, swim goggles or a tennis racquet. Packages containing essential items must clearly and conspicuously identify the enclosed items. We do not allow packages that contain candy, food, gifts or any other non-essential items. Permitting such items not only makes it harder to keep our cabins and camp clean, it also fosters unwelcome competition among our campers and teaches them that it's OK, and even fun, to break the rules. As usual, we will return or discard **EVERY** unapproved package. Of course, no matter how hard we try, we can't do this alone. We need your help. **Please do not send non-essential items to camp**; please advise friends and relatives to do the same, and **please let campers know that you will not be sending them these items**. Thank you for your cooperation.

PHONE CALL POLICY REVIEWED



CALLS TO THE DIRECTOR

If you call during the day we will most likely be unavailable and will return your call after 8:30 pm. If one of the Directors get a free moment they may try to contact you earlier.

CALLS TO CAMPERS

Campers may receive one call before and one call after visiting weekend. Please do not request extra calls. This is unfair to other youngsters, taxes our phone lines and often upsets campers who are doing fine without a phone call. To expedite calling, campers will call home at the arranged time. You may call the office to set up an appointment to speak with your daughter.

Important Email Update

Lots of people have been utilizing the bunk mail section of our web site to the point that it has over taxed our printers and staff. We are currently receiving over 500 emails each day. Please ask relatives and friends to use regular mail. Only parents' emails will be printed out and distributed. We trust you understand the rationale for this policy.



Camper Mail



Since our local post office is small and ill equipped to handle the volume of mail we send and receive, all of

our mail is routed through Springfield, Massachusetts. We require campers to write home three times per week so campers' mail may arrive at home sporadically or in bunches.

It is important that campers receive frequent mail from home throughout the summer. This is especially vital in helping new campers adjust to camp. Write positively about their camp experiences. The tone of parents' mail can help or hurt your daughter's experience. Letters that remind campers of their home ties, for example, by mentioning pets or family activities at home, should be avoided.



IMPORTANT DATES

Camp Dates for 2017: June 23 – August 11
Parent Visiting Day: July 16, 2017



Driving Directions to Camp Danbee

To set your GPS for Camp Danbee key in 94 West Main Road, Peru, MA 01235

From New Jersey and South

Garden State Parkway North to the end. Bear left and take Route 87N towards Albany (DO NOT follow signs for New England Thruway). New York State Thruway North to Exit 21A. Route 90E to exit B3 (about 20 minutes, first exit after toll) Turn left onto Route 22N (3 miles) to Route 295E.

*** Proceed on 295E to a "T" intersection (2.5 miles.) At "T" intersection, turn left onto Route 41N. Stay on Route 41N until another "T" intersection (3.5 miles). Turn right onto Route 20E (4.2 miles). Turn left onto Route 7N. Stay to the right at the monument and continue on East Street. Follow signs for Route 8. Go to the intersection for Route 8 South, turn right. Stay on Route 8 until you reach Hinsdale center. Turn left onto Route 143. Danbee's entrance is approximately 2.5 on the right.**

OR New York State Thruway North to Exit 17 (Newburgh.) Take Route 84E to Taconic State Parkway North. Exit at Route 295E (about 10 minutes). **Follow directions above.***

From New York City

The Major Deegan Expressway North becomes the New York State Thruway North to Exit 21A. Route 90E to Exit B3 (first exit after toll.) Turn left onto Route 22N to Route 295E.

Follow directions above.*

From Long Island

Whitestone Bridge to Hutchinson River Parkway North to Route 287W. Take Sprain Brook Parkway North, which becomes Taconic State Parkway North. Exit at Route 295E.

Follow directions above.*

OR Hutchinson River Parkway North to 684N to the end. Follow signs for Route 22N. Follow to Route 295E.

Follow directions above.*

From Westchester

West Side: Taconic State Parkway North. Exit at Route 295E. **Follow directions above.***

East Side: Take Route 684N to the end. Follow signs for Route 22N. Follow to Route 295E. **Follow directions above.***

Alternate Route From New York Thruway

(This route takes a little longer but requires far fewer turns!)

New York Thruway North to the Mass Pike East (90E.) Take Exit 2 (Lee) and turn left onto Route 20E. Follow Route 20E to Route 8N. Follow Route 8N to Route 143E. Danbee's entrance is 2.5 miles on the right.

From Boston and East

Mass Pike West (90W) to Exit 3 (Westfield). Follow signs to Route 20W. Stay on Route 20W to the town of Huntington (approximately 15 miles). In Huntington turn right onto Route 112. Keep going straight when Route 112 turns right. You are now on Route 143. At the fork, bear left onto Route 143W. Proceed approximately 8 miles to camp entrance on the left.

