

Family Week celebrates and supports participation in an intergenerational community. It is such a joy to see how kids blossom through music and dance at camp over the years, and to welcome new families as they bring fresh energy and talents to the week. This year's staff includes veterans of countless family programs and dance and music festivals who come together as a team with enthusiasm and good humor to make this program magical

For two periods each day (both in the morning this year), campers under 13 are grouped by age in classes designed to engage them in music and social dance at an appropriate level, forming peer groups and a shared experience. The daytime adult (13 and up) classes provide an opportunity to advance as a dancer while dancing to beautiful, energetic and inspiring live music in both the English and American dance traditions. The evening programs focus on inclusion to build and enjoy our community. Callers Adina Gordon and Peter Amidon are pros at providing something for dancers at any level of experience (and exuberance). Likewise, our kids' teachers are experts at empowering children through folk-arts based, hands-on learning.

The period after lunch is a time for campers to either rest or enjoy intergenerational music and art explorations. Katie will facilitate our open art table for younger non-nappers with their adults while older campers will have a smorgasbord of creative opportunities. Choices include carving artwork out of wood with Thomas, preparing a mummies' play with Abby, playing instruments in a dance band led by Eric, raising your voice in song with others during Community Chorus with Peter and Mary Alice and learning to be a dance caller with Adina in her callers' workshop to beautiful music.

During our new, extra-long afternoon swim period, the Camphouse is a congenial place to hang out – chatting, knitting, playing a game, or even resting your eyes surrounded by music, friends and family. After swimming, there will be a light assortment of activities. Sam and Peter will round out the afternoon with fabulous stories and stunts, the teens will sneak away for a class of their own with Matthew and Owen, and there will be a fast-paced tune session with a different theme and staff leader each day. There will be a time when staff and campers alike can offer special sessions for campers of all ages. Offerings could include: sign language, a boat trip, nature walk, jam session, grandparent social hour at Pinecones, lawn games at the dining hall, etc. If you can lead it and coordinate it, you can offer it. Think it over and complete the Survey Monkey questionnaire to let us know what you might want to offer.

In the evening after community dancing and an all-camp gathering, children aged 9 and under (with a parent/guardian) follow the Pied Piper to their cabins (8:15). It is a singing parade and a sweet tradition. After the little ones are tucked in, parents can rejoin the evening dance. Roving monitors will be on duty each night from 8:30 to midnight to check on all of the children and to find parents as needed. Each parent will be assigned one shift of two hours as Roving Monitor. The second bedtime farewell is at 9:30 when we sing with the 10-12 year olds before they head off to bed. For the teens and adults, the evening continues even after the dance is over with after-dance activities planned for the Camphouse. For this we look to you for ideas and participation. Saturday (opening night party), Wednesday (CDSS fun(d)raising auction) and Friday (final party) are already scheduled, but there is room for YOU to organize something on another night. BYO pub sing, cabaret, and teen-led game night have all been big hits in past years.

**Tuesday night is campers' night!** Campers replace the staff for the entire evening, leading the evening gathering and organizing the dance by lining up campers to call and play. This is an opportunity to enjoy the talents of so many campers and is a great success when everyone participates. **Let us know what role YOU will play!**

See you there – July 13, in time for supper!

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