



Getting ready for Pinewoods Camp

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After July 11:
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On Arrival

Campers may arrive after 3pm on the opening day. Please let us know if you plan to arrive after **6:30 dinner**. Departure is by 10am the final day.

There is an informal welcome gathering with refreshments on the Camphouse Porch at 4:30pm, ending with a 6:00pm tour of camp, recommended for first-time campers. After dinner, there is an orientation meeting, including introduction of the program. After the first night dance, there is a "Bring Your Own" party in the Camphouse. Punch is provided; snacks to share are welcome.

The camp environment is fragile; transportation around camp is by foot. Plan your packing so that you can carry your luggage to your cabin over narrow, winding paths. There are garden carts available in the parking and unloading areas. Cars are not to be driven off the roads or onto the paths.

Parking space at camp is limited – please carpool. Let us know if you need or can offer a ride.

While at Camp

In order to preserve the pleasant camp social atmosphere, avoid excessive consumption of alcohol before or during participation in the public dances, concerts, etc. Neither CDSS nor the camp supplies, sells or serves alcohol.

We encourage open invitation parties run by campers all week; please contribute to the camp social atmosphere by planning your own or by bringing something to share.

Shoes are recommended at all times and are required in the Dining Hall and on the dance floors. Some people prefer leather or composition soles for country, athletic shoes for morris and hard soles for rapper sword or clogging (unless you bring special clogging shoes). Flat or low heel shoes are suggested. In order to preserve the wood floors of the pavilions, please carry your dance shoes to the halls and bring different, sturdy shoes for wearing on the sandy, root infested camp paths. Do not bring any beverages or food onto the dance floors.

Smoking is permitted only where there are green butt cans; outside the Camphouse and across the lawn from the Dining Hall. Please do not smoke inside any of the buildings, pavilions, porches, or on the paths.

Housing

Most housing is in double-occupancy cabins with bathrooms close by. Some buildings have several single rooms, others are houses with a variety of bedrooms and bathrooms. There are a few triple rooms. All housing has electric lighting, and outlets. Almost all beds are a cot-size foam mattress on a wooden platform. They can be pushed together to equal about a double size bed. Two adults on an application are housed together unless they request otherwise. Double cabins tend to be quieter than singles or houses. Quiet singles do not exist. You need to bring your own blankets, bed linens and towels. Pillows are provided.

General housing categories are:

- cabin or house
- quiet or party area
- double or single occupancy
- attached toilet
- specific area, building, or roommate

Housing is assigned in the two weeks before camp. We cannot guarantee that requests will be filled, but typical helpful requests/information include: *attached toilet, quiet double, party house, snorer, early riser*. During Family and Campers' Weeks, housing is assigned based on the ages of family members. Children over the age of six might get a roommate in a cabin near their parents.

Food

Pinewoods feeds us well. There is a vegetarian entree for those who pre-register. Please proof or correct your menu preference on your Registration information. If you have a food allergy, please see the **Special Diet Form**.

Jobs

All campers age seven and up are asked to help with simple housekeeping tasks or at meals. Most jobs are a half hour or less per day, every day.

General categories are:

- Dining Hall: set or clear breakfast, lunch or dinner
- Kitchen: serve, clear, wash dishes, make coffee, tea
- Sweeping: pavilions, community areas
- Party help: first and last night setup or cleanup
- Clerical: office, bookstore or auction
- Gopher: campstore, auction, lifting
- Greeters (must be able to arrive by 2:00pm):
confirmation will be sent to greeters in advance.

Jobs are assigned in the week before camp. We cannot guarantee that your request will be filled, but typical helpful information includes: *set dinner, dust allergy, can't stay up late, can't lift heavy objects, can't get up for breakfast*. At Family and Campers' Weeks, parents are generally assigned a job with their young children.

Mail, Phone and Internet Service at Camp

Though there is coverage for most cell services, we ask that laptops and cell phones be kept out of the awareness of other campers. Even if you can't, others want to enjoy this time away from the reminders of work-a-day living.

There is a specific area with wifi access and a place a camper's computer, for short times, can be connected to the internet, via a LAN cable; there is not access to a printer.

Messages we get for campers are delivered through cubbies with the campers' names posted on a message board.

Daily first class letters are delivered to camp. USPS parcel post only gets packages as far as the Post Office; UPS and FedEx deliver to camp. Mail or packages should be addressed to you c/o CDSS at Pinewoods Camp, 80 Cornish Field Rd, Plymouth, MA 02360.

You may want to send bedding and other baggage ahead via UPS or FedEx. That is fine.

Email to a camper, if sent to **camp@cdss.org**, is printed out and left as a message. Our computer is not available to campers.

Incoming calls for campers can come to **(508) 224-3480** (CDSS office); messages are posted.

Pinewoods Camp Store

The Camp Store is open 24 hours a day to sell snacks, ice and sundries such as flashlights, batteries, etc.

CDSS Bookstore

The CDSS Bookstore offers dance and song recordings and books, morris supplies, postcards and more along with the books and recordings of the program staff. It is open for browsing all day from the first full morning to the last lunch. Item may be taken only after they are checked-out during posted staffed hours. Bills can be paid near the end of the week. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

Water Safety

For your water safety, a lifeguard is on duty on the Long Pond dock for two hour-long periods each day. Canoes are available for your use. Regulations are posted.

First Aid

There is a first aid room next to the office stocked with bandaids, ice packs and basic supplies. Aspirin, moleskin and ace bandages are available in the camp store. Bring

any specific first aid supplies or medication that you think you may need in the course of the week. There is a first aid person available for basic first aid and for medical emergencies. We are unable to dispense any medicine or medical advice; in case of an emergency or medical question we will direct you to a clinic or the hospital in Plymouth. CDSS and Pinewoods Camp assume no liability for accidents or illness or for their treatment.

A number of normal outdoor facts – raccoons, ticks, poison ivy, etc. – come with camp life. We occasionally have problems with yellow jackets; please tell us if you are allergic and bring your sting kit/medication.

Raccoons and bats with rabies and ticks with Lyme disease have been found in Plymouth. Rabies is transmitted through saliva, often, but not only in a bite. Please do not approach or handle any wild animals and let us know if any animals are found in cabins or if any contact has occurred. Regular tick checks are important.

Illegal use and sale of alcohol and drugs is prohibited at Pinewoods. The legal drinking age in Massachusetts is 21.

Fun(d)raising Activities

Auctions are held at each CDSS camp, both for raising much-needed funds and for the entertainment of campers. This summer's nine-week goal is to raise \$40,000 for CDSS special projects and for our camp scholarships. Public and silent auctions, and/or fairs, parties, mummers plays and other activities are being planned. Activities like morris tours and swim-a-thons have proven lots of fun.

Please consider bringing an auction idea or item if you have something that you could imagine yourself bidding on. Past hits include services such as canoe rides, serenades, massages, breakfast in bed, bedtime stories, etc. Items related to dance, music or song; hand-made or special clothes, crafts or art works; or humorous pieces are appropriate.

Remember, we need buyers as well as items to make the auction work; rather than purchasing an item to donate, bring that money to spend at the auction!

Please bring your auction items or services to the office when you arrive at camp.

According to IRS guidelines on the deductibility of items sold at fund-raising auctions, the donor may deduct the value of the item donated and the buyer may deduct the amount paid that is above the value of the item. CDSS is not able to provide appraisals of items or services.

And Finally

- Guests and pets may not be brought to camp.
- Campers are responsible for their own valuables.
- Departure time is by 10am on the final morning.