

Connecticut Yankee Council, BSA
Day Camp Adventure & Venture Wilderness School at Deer Lake
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for boys & girls in kindergarten – grade twelve

Day Camp Adventure at Deer Lake for boys & girls in kindergarten – grade eight



Day Camp Adventure at Deer Lake is located at Deer Lake Scout Reservation, in Killingworth, Connecticut. The 253-acre property, owned and operated by the Connecticut Yankee Council, is composed of streams, woodlands, fields, open rock faces, and two private lakes nestled in the valley, perfect for swimming, boating and canoeing opportunities. This unique site is an ideal setting for Day Camp Adventure at Deer Lake.

Day Camp Adventure at Deer Lake is a Learning for Life program sponsored by the Connecticut Yankee Council, B.S.A. All are encouraged to partake in games, songs and hands on activities, allowing each individual to gain knowledge of nature and the environment while having fun in the great outdoors. The importance of sharing leadership and effectively communicating and building friendships as one works with others is a key element often overlooked with today's fast-paced lifestyle. Staff at Deer Lake will bring that back into focus

with age appropriate activities, helping youth develop teamwork and leadership through non-competitive games and problem solving events. Fun in the outdoors is a large part of the experience, where lifetime friendships are formed.

Directors

Directors Mark and Patty Clifton have dedicated their personal and professional lives to adventure and wilderness travel. With degrees in earth science and social sciences respectively, they each have over 25 years of experience leading outdoor youth programs. They stay closely connected to the heartbeat of youth camping in the northeast as active members of the Connecticut Camping Association, American Camp Association, and the Connecticut Experiential Education Association. They both maintain current certifications in all aspects of camp operation, and have trained numerous staff to be experts in the field. They reside at Deer Lake with their two children, Forrest and Hillary.

Staff

All Deer Lake staff members have current certifications related to their programs, and have extensive experience guiding others through meaningful and educational activities. They are committed to sharing with you all they have gained from years of professional and personal adventure experiences. With college backgrounds ranging from the sciences to outdoor recreation, music, art, nursing, and education, the Deer Lake staff provide the best possible camp experience filled with great memories and new friendships.



Goals

Our goal at Deer Lake is for each individual to have fun-filled opportunities, experiencing a broad selection of activities that enhance self-esteem and promote a sense of well-being in the outdoors. We are committed to enriching the lives of our campers by fostering wholesome living with strong values, developing youth into responsible leaders and promoting the acceptance of the equality of all persons.



Programs (9 A.M. – 4 P.M.)

A wide variety of activities geared to the age and maturity of each group keeps the campers engaged throughout each session. Programs range from daily swim instruction and free swim, to crafts, archery, boating & canoeing, nature & the environment, pioneering, sports & games, skits & songs and much more. Day Camp Adventure at Deer Lake is State Licensed, following the strict guidelines required.

In addition to the above programs, campers entering grades K through 8 also participate in camp wide games and afternoon counselor hobby offerings such as: tie dye, ultimate frisbee, creek hiking, improv theater and orienteering. Special guest programs with an environmental theme also enhance the curriculum. Bus transportation is available to and from camp.

Extended Day

In order to accommodate working parents we have an Extended Day Program available at camp. This allows you to drop off your child before the 9:00 A.M. camp time, or pick them up after our 4:00 P.M. closing time. A healthy snack is provided during the extended day program. Advanced registration is required. A.M. Child Care begins at 7:30 at camp, and P.M. Child Care runs from 4:00 until 5:30 at camp for pick up by parents at camp.

Family Night

Families – This is a great opportunity to experience camp with your child! Meet counselors, skill area directors, and staff during an informal cook out and stay for some wild & crazy skits and songs. Family night is held the second Wednesday of each two week session (weather permitting). Information will go home with campers the first week of each session.

Overnights

Along with traditional day camping, an optional overnight is offered to youth grade 3 and up. It provides the opportunity for campers to build their confidence in a natural environment while learning some basic camping skills. Overnights are held the second Wednesday of each two week session (weather permitting). Information will go home with campers the first week of each session.



Medical Policy

The State of Connecticut, the American Camp Association and the BSA require that every camper at Deer Lake has a current and completed medical form on file in our office. These forms require proof of a physical examination within the past twelve months, the individual's health history, proper immunizations, and required signatures. No one may attend our program without submitting a current and properly completed form to the office at Deer Lake. Forms must be in by June 1st. Medical forms will be provided in the confirmation packet.

Transportation and Bus Stops

Bus transportation is provided as a service at no additional charge. A bus schedule with pick up and drop off times is included in the registration confirmation packet. Arrival and departure times vary each session due to enrollment and the number of busses being used. A bus monitor will ride the bus, take attendance each morning and afternoon and help to provide a safe trip to and from camp. The bus stops are as follows:

Kimberly Ave. Ext. at Chili's, East Haven
Exit 55 Commuter Lot, Rte. 1, Branford
Madison Commuter Lot, Rte. 79, Madison
North Branford Int. School, Rte. 80, North Branford
Roberts Parking Lot, Rte. 80, Madison
Morgan High School, Rte. 81, Clinton



Cherry Hill Commuter Lot, Rte. 1, Branford
Adams School, Rte. 77, Guilford
Stanley T. Williams School, Rte. 17, Northford
Rte. 80 & Little Meadow Rd., Guilford
Killingworth Elementary School, Rte.81, Killingworth

Phone (203) 421-8484 **Website** www.deerlakecamp.org **E-Mail** deerlakecamp@hotmail.com

Venture Wilderness School at Deer Lake for boys & girls in grades nine – twelve



Personal Conduct & Discipline

Our commitment is to the safety and well-being of all our campers. Inappropriate behavior, such as the use of drugs or alcohol, lack of respect for others, their property, or the environment, will not be tolerated. In order to uphold the highest levels of safety, all campers will follow the instructions and procedures as outlined by the camp. Failure to honor these rules will warrant dismissal from camp without a refund.



Venture Wilderness School

is a co-educational program for individuals in grades nine – twelve. These outdoor activities are open to all individuals, regardless of their experience. Skill areas include rock climbing and rappelling, canoeing and kayaking, low and high ropes course events, orienteering, backpacking, first aid and safety awareness, Leave No Trace skills, and much, much more. The program is geared to a five day schedule, where Monday and Tuesday are day sessions and Wednesday through Friday are overnight on the trail, utilizing both Deer Lake and over a thousand acres of State Forest immediately adjacent to camp. If you're ready for challenging outdoor activities, Venturing may be the thing for you.