



Nichols Day Camp ~ Scamp Camp ~ Adventure Camp

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The 45th summer of Nichols Day Camps begins on June 23rd and will continue until August 22nd for the fortunate children who enjoy the life-enriching outdoors experience of our Nichols Day Camps' programs.

Over the years, we have relied on our community's generosity to help support our programs, as tuition does not cover what it actually costs us to run our three outstanding camps: Nichols Day Camp, Scamp Camp and Nichols Adventure Camp. Even though our fees are kept low, many families simply cannot afford to pay the tuition or the bus fees to get their children to camp. This past winter has been especially difficult in our community. Numerous snowstorms meant driveways had to be plowed frequently, furnaces and gas tanks had to be fed in spite of outrageous fuel prices, and the cost of feeding a growing family has greatly increased. Camp might very well turn into a luxury that many of our area families cannot afford.

Our "SEND A KID TO CAMP" campaign has been an enormous success in the past, thanks to our many generous friends. All funds collected from this campaign are awarded to children whose families qualify for financial assistance. Your contributions last year enabled 52 very happy local children to attend Nichols Day Camps. And this year our trustees have committed to raising additional funds to help families who send more than one child to camp afford the bus fees.

We have all read that children today are not getting the outdoor recreational activity that they need to build strong bodies and minds. Children with low activity levels are more likely to be obese, to suffer from depression and to experience attention disorders. Participating in healthy physical activity helps kids build life skills that cannot be learned while watching television, surfing the web or playing video games. We teach children to swim, sail, kayak and row on pristine Walker Pond. Campers go on nature walks and play field games. We teach them to truly enjoy outdoor physical activity and to respect the natural environment.

Please help us to assist local families who cannot send their children to camp without your financial support. They need your help this summer more than ever.

Thank you from all of us at Nichols Day Camps.

Sincerely,

Candy Eaton, Executive Director



Mail Checks to: Send a Kid to Camp
Nichols Day Camps
PO Box 472
Blue Hill, ME 04614

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