

Questions Everyone Has About Camp

What is Camp Putnam?

Camp Putnam is an **old-fashioned** summer camp in New Braintree. Camp has operated consecutively for the past 60 summers, serving over 25,000 children. It offers activities such as swimming, arts & crafts, canoeing, nature skills, sports & games, biking & hiking, CREATE, and folk lore in weeklong sessions. Camp provides a safe, structured environment with a 1-to-5 staff/camper ratio. Included on our staff are certified teachers, registered nurses and a lifeguard, as well as many college and high school age counselors. We provide activities from breakfast to bedtime and also provide three balanced, healthy meals plus snacks for our campers. Every evening there is a camp-wide activity, such as Indian Council Fire, Talent Show, Teeny Bopper Dance and many others. Campers sleep in screened cabins under the supervision of a cabin counselor and a village Head Counselor. Each village consists of five sleeping cabins, a Head Counselor's Cabin and a Lodge, which contains bathroom facilities and meeting areas. Our Day Camp packs a full day of activities between 8 AM and 5:30 PM, including breakfast and lunch, and even a Talent Show for parents at the end of the week. All campers go home with an award, a bag full of "goodies" made at Arts & Crafts and CREATE, a t-shirt and a Red Feather full of wonderful memories.

Who is Camp Putnam for?

Camp Putnam is for all children ages 6-12 (ages 5-11 for day camp). Our camp is unique in that it is owned and operated by a non-profit organization. As a result, we are able to make our fees reasonable for **ALL** children. Fees are based on a sliding scale determined by family income. Due to fundraising efforts and the dedication of our Board of Directors, no child has **EVER** been turned away for inability to pay. We are proud to serve children from every town and city of Greater Worcester County. WE serve children from all different walks of life. Socio-economic status, race, ethnicity and other factors vary greatly among our campers. We are truly a melting pot for the children of Worcester County and we feel that the experience we provide is equally valuable for all our campers.

My kids live in the country. Why should they go to a "Fresh Air Camp"?

We believe that all kids can use a week of "Camp life". We sleep in cabins without electricity and running water. We don't watch TV or play video games. We wear our "play clothes" all the time and don't pay attention to trying to **look cool**. We eat three square meals a day (with fruits, vegetables and milk!) and say please and thank you. We forbid the use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs, and don't even allow searing. We expose kids to the outdoors in a way that many of them have never seen. We encourage them to be creative, independent and caring. We allow them to meet people who they will remember forever. Many of these people will serve as tremendous role models for your kids. Others will expose them to new races, ethnicities, cultures and ways of life. Some of the people they meet will make them realize that on at least some level we are all very fortunate.

How do I sign up? How do I learn more?

Sign-up is simple: just complete the application on the reverse side and sent it to us with your deposit. Applications are taken on a first come-first served basis and we always sell out, so please don't wait! If you have more questions, please feel free to call us anytime (508) 867.6895, take a ride and come see us (we would be happy to provide directions over the phone), or e-mail us at: campputnamdirector@yahoo.com.

We also have a program available for 12-to15 year-olds. Contact Camp for details.