



Hosmer Point Day Group

Chaperone Guide

Hosmer Point Contact and Emergency Info

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Welcome! We are so excited to host your group at Hosmer Point! This packet will help you prepare for your trip and provide important information for during your stay. If you have any questions, please get in touch with our staff!

Trip Overview

Busses should drop off students at the field at the top of the hill. Hosmer Point Lane is a loop, so busses will be able to drive back down the hill without turning around. After arrival, students can leave their backpacks in the Theater building, also at the top of the hill. We will assemble at our community tree to start off the trip with a welcome and a quick overview of the schedule and expectations. Before departure, we will regroup at the Theater for some closing thoughts and a group picture before re-boarding busses.

Logistics

- Bathrooms are located in the Theater building at the top of the hill, in the Arts and Crafts building at the camp entrance, and in Mole's Hole near the waterfront and bike barn. In addition, there are outhouses at the garden and below Charley's Cabin. There is also a staff bathroom accessible from the rear of the kitchen/dining hall building.
- Chaperones may park in our staff lot, below the dining hall. All drivers must obey campus rules and traffic flow. Riding in the back of trucks, or in vehicles not designed for passengers is prohibited.
- Wifi is available in the camp office. Ask a staff person for the password.
- Depending on your provider, cell service is available from the Theater at the top of the hill. Generally, there is no service in other areas of camp. A landline is available to use in the camp office should you need to make a phone call.
- Well-behaved dogs are allowed at camp, at the discretion of the school/group. Dogs are not allowed in the dining hall or kitchen. HP staff may request that dogs that present a hazard to people or property be removed. Dogs belonging to camp staff will also be onsite.

Expectations for Teachers and Chaperones

- Teachers and chaperones are encouraged and expected to be present and engaged in programming activities. The HP staff will plan and oversee each program and will look to teachers and chaperones for support in group management. Energy and enthusiasm shown from teachers and chaperones will enhance the students' experiences.
- Hosmer Point is an "unplugged" facility, where we promote connecting face-to-face and with the natural world. That means students are not permitted to use cell phones or other electronic devices, and adults

should limit phone use to only what is absolutely necessary. To support students' ability to be "screen free," we recommend teachers use their devices only in our camp office, out of sight of students.

- Although ticks remain rare on our campus, due to the increasing number of ticks in Vermont, we recommend chaperones have parents check students for ticks when they get home. We also recommend instructing students to wear tick repellent and/or long pants for activities in the woods. Let a staff person know if you need more information on how to identify and check for ticks.
- During meal times in our dining hall, teachers/chaperones are expected to support the HP staff in supervising conduct and dining hall procedures including composting and table clearing. Each table (six students) is responsible for clearing and wiping down their own tables. Students should remain seated until dismissed by HP or school staff/chaperones.
- It is expected that the group will keep grounds and buildings tidy. If there are damages to HP property, a surcharge sufficient to our replacement costs will be due.
- Students may move around the camp property without adult supervision, however, they should "bring a buddy" rather than going on their own. We recommend checking in students at each activity and at lunch to ensure all students are accounted for.

Student Behavior Expectations

Please ensure your students are familiar with these expectations before arrival. It is the group's responsibility to make sure their participants adhere to these rules. In addition to these expectations, there are additional camp rules for some activities including any waterfront activity (swimming, boating, etc.), mountain biking, camp fires, and archery. Groups must have a Hosmer Point staff person in attendance when engaging in these specialized activities to make sure all the applicable rules are understood and followed.

- **Student use of cell phones, iPods, computers, tablets, e-readers, and all other electronic devices is strictly prohibited while at camp.** Camp is a place to connect with each other and enjoy the freedom of being "unplugged."
- Under no circumstances may a student or adult be in possession of any of the following: alcohol, drugs, tobacco or marijuana products (including e-cigarettes and vapes), smoking paraphernalia (such as vaping jules), fireworks, matches, lighters, or weapons.
- Any vandalism or theft of camp property will not be tolerated. Students will be required to correct any damage and/or will be charged for repairs. This includes littering.
- Any harassment, hazing, or teasing with the intent to belittle, scare, offend or harm is unacceptable at camp.
- The use of vulgar language will not be tolerated.
- Students may not leave camp grounds without Director, Teacher, or Parent permission.
- Campers may not engage in public displays of affection or levels of physical contact that make others feel uncomfortable or which are deemed unsafe.
- All students/staff must wear lifejackets while on boats. Students will be asked to use the buddy system while swimming. A lifeguard is on duty during all waterfront activities.
- Students and adults may not enter off-limit areas of camp, unless instructed by a Hosmer Point employee. Off-limit areas include, but are not limited to: the waterfront, maintenance buildings, kitchen, any low-ropes elements, and the farm/garden.

Breaking any of the rules above may result in disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the trip (at the discretion of the camp directors and teachers). We hope and expect students to participate in all activities with an open mind and positive attitude!

Emergencies

- If there is a medical concern or emergency, suspected missing student, or other issue; camp staff should be notified immediately.
- A landline phone is in the office hallway, along with emergency phone numbers and directions to the nearest emergency room.
- An AED, first aid kit, rescue inhaler, and epipen are stored in the hallway of the camp office.
- Each cabin and most other buildings at camp are supplied with a fire extinguisher.
- One teacher should be designated as the driver in case a student needs to be transported to the emergency room.
- In case of a fire, missing student, or other emergency; the dining hall bell will be rung continuously, accompanied by extended blasts from an airhorn. All students and teachers should meet in the upper field near the basketball court for a head count.
- The school should provide a roster of attendees to keep in the camp office on the clipboard marked “emergency.”

Feedback!

We'd love to hear your thoughts on your trip and how we can improve. Please complete our post-trip survey, and consider sharing our student/parent survey with your student's families. You can also email your comments to your program coordinator or to hosmerpointinfo@gmail.com.

Packing Checklist for Chaperones

Tips:

- Prepare for warm and cool weather by packing layers of clothing. Due to elevation, it is likely to be colder at camp than where you live.
- Most camp activities take place outdoors, rain or shine. Bring a raincoat!
- You will get dirty at camp, so do not bring your favorite outfits.
- Many activities require closed-toed shoes with a captured heel.

Checklist:

- Wool or synthetic fleece top or sweatshirt
- Rain jacket
- (if cold) Warm coat, knit hat and gloves, thermal underwear
- Sturdy footwear (sneakers and/or hiking boots)
- Bathing suit
- Beach towel
- Wet shoes or sandals with a captured heel
- Water bottle (labeled with your name)
- Small day pack for water bottle and extra gear
- Tick/mosquito repellent (non-aerosol, please)
- Sun screen
- Watch
- Camera
- Lunch (unless provided by school)