



SCHOONER

EXPLORING OUR COAST

A SIGNATURE PROGRAM OF **GATHER NEW HAVEN**

Camp Handbook

What to Bring, What to Wear, and Useful Camp Information



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Contact Information:

- Camp Email: karen@gathernewhaven.org or schooner@gathernewhaven.org
- During camp, call or text the Camp cell phone: (475) 238-5778
- Gather New Haven office (off-season camp office): 203-562-6655

Drop off: 8:45-9:00 am

- Park in the Sound School parking lot at the end of Sea and S. Water Street (17 Sea Street).
- Sign in your child daily with their counselor (do not drop them off without signing them in).
- If you arrive late, check in with an adult staff member to properly sign in your camper.

Pick up: 3:00-3:15pm

- Park your car at the same morning location.
- Sign out your camper with their counselor, have ID ready.
- If you plan on having someone else pick up, their name must be listed as an alternate pickup person. If they are not already authorized, email the Camp Director. We will ask to see ID for every pick up person.
- If you need to pick up before 3:00pm, notify staff that morning or email the Camp Director.
- If you are consistently late, you will be enrolled in aftercare and your account charged.

Aftercare: 3:00-5:00pm, \$75/week

- Enroll in aftercare when you register for camp
- Campers participate in leisure activities in a less structured setting. Campers play games, explore, and make crafts.
- We provide a snack for each camper.

Drop off/Pick up if Raining: If it is raining and no one is at the field, pick up and drop off at the Anderson Building, 40 South Water Street. Anderson is a yellow building on stilts next to the boat launch.



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Lunch and Water:

- We are a **NUT FREE** camp. Please do not send your child any food that contains nuts.
- Send a packed lunch each day unless your child is participating in the Summer Meals program.
- Please provide a refillable water bottle for your child.
- Consider packing extra snacks if your child will be in the aftercare program.

Clothing Requirements:

- Close-toed shoes; no open toed or shoes without a back, flip flops are not acceptable **Water shoes or second pair of shoes.**
- We visit the beach/mud flats, shoes get wet and muddy.
- Clothes and shoes that can get wet and muddy, and extra clothes to change into.
- Sailing Campers: Bathing suit, extra clothes, shoes, and a towel every day. The first day there is a float test, campers will submerge fully. Sailing campers will submerge their feet daily, if you do not have water shoes, pack extra shoes.
- Dress in layers, some areas can be hot and sunny, while others can be cool and breezy.

Daily Camp Checklist!

- Mask- campers may be required to wear a mask inside.
- A backpack for all of your items.
- Close-toed shoes that attach securely to one's foot.
- Water shoes or extra shoes.
- Reusable water bottle.
- Lunch - NUT FREE.
- Clothes that can get dirty and wet.
- Extra pair of dry clothes.
- Sailing Campers - towel and bathing suit.
- Pre-applied sunscreen and bug spray.
- A hat, sunglasses, or other protection from the sun.



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Do Not Bring to Camp

- Flip flops or open sandals, crocs, etc.
- Phones, video games, music players, or electronics.
- Pocket knives or anything that could be dangerous to other campers.
- Toys or items that distract campers from camp activities.

Health and Safety

- Schooner Camp has a Director of First Aid on site at all times, and staff are trained in First Aid as well.
- Health and safety procedures are in accordance with the CT Youth Camp Licensing program.
- You are required to provide an up to date Physical Form for your child, signed by their doctor.
- Any medications brought to camp will require additional paperwork.

Medications: if your child will need medications at camp, two forms are required, an Administration of Medication form and an Individual Plan of Care form, both completed and signed by your child's doctor and by the parent/guardians. Those must be uploaded to the camp registration site or mailed to the camp. Your child will not be able to attend without correct medical paperwork.

Sunburn and Heath: We suggest parents apply an all day waterproof sunscreen to their child at home in the morning. If you would like to send your child to camp with sunscreen please put their name on the bottle and let a staff member know if they need help applying it. We frequently remind campers to reapply during the day.

Poison Ivy: Counselors will teach campers how to identify poison ivy and show them where it grows on site. If your child develops a rash that you suspect to be poison ivy, wash the clothes and shoes they wore that day in hot, soapy water as the oils can stay on clothes and spread.

Ticks: Ticks are found throughout Connecticut. Staff will reduce exposure to ticks by preventing campers from going into prime tick habitat (such as tall grass). We recommend tick checks when they get home.

Scholarship Information: Schooner Camp has a great financial aid program for income-eligible families to receive scholarships for up to two weeks of camp. To apply, complete the form linked on the camp website. In order to secure your camper's spot, please make sure to return this form within one week of registration. Priority consideration is given to those who apply by June 1st.



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Cancellation Policy:

- The fee to transfer to a different session is \$10, and transfer depends on the availability of the new session.
Cancellations before June 1st will receive a full refund, less a \$25 administrative fee.
- Cancellations between June 1st and two weeks before the session start date will receive a 50% refund.
- Cancellations within two weeks of the session start date will not receive a refund.

Behavior Policy: Please download and read the Behavior Policy linked on the camp website.

Follow the Schooner Facebook page and **@Gathernewhaven** or **@schoonercampGNH** on Instagram to see camp photos and updates all summer long!

We look forward to an amazing summer at Schooner Camp!

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