Frequently Asked Questions

What are the camp hours?

Our camp day is from 9:00am-3:00pm. Drop off is between 8:45-9:00am, campers who arrive before 8:45am must remain with their parent/guardian until 8:45. Pick up is from 3:00-3:15pm. Campers picked up later than 3:15 will automatically be enrolled in our aftercare program, which is offered from 3:00-5:00 at a cost of $75/week.

Is there financial aid?

Schooner Camp offers both full and partial scholarships. To see if you are eligible for financial aid please fill out the scholarship application on the website at http://www.newhavenlandtrust.org/PoliciesForms. Or when you register online for camp, you can use a coupon code to bypass camp payment and then complete the scholarship application found in the Health Profile section of your child's camp registration.

How do I pay for camp?

The New Haven Land Trust accepts credit/debit cards for payment via our online registration website. There is an $8 registration fee for credit/debit card purchases. Our online registration form will guide you through the process. If you would like to pay by check, or need to pay in installments, please contact the Camp Director, Cori Merchant to make arrangements. cori.merchant@newhavenlandtrust.org

How do I register?

Click here to register online! All health profile information and medical forms must be submitted online by June 1st. Please call the Land Trust for help with registration at (203) 562-6655.

When is the registration deadline?

Camp registration is ongoing until sessions are full, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Follow us on Facebook or join the New Haven Land Trust mailing list for the latest updates.
My child needs medication at camp, what do I need to do regarding that? There are specific forms that need to be completed for your child to bring medications to camp. We need an Authorization for Medication Administration form and a Medication plan, both completed and signed by both doctor and parent/guardians. Please see our Forms page.

What is the camp's food policy?

Due to allergies, Schooner Camp is a NUT-FREE CAMP. The New Haven Meals program is available to all campers, but if you would rather, you can provide your child with a lunch for camp. Please put an ice pack in their lunch if it needs to stay cold, as lunch bags will not be refrigerated.

What should my child bring to camp each day?

- Closed Toed Shoes
- Water Shoes
- Bathing Suit
- Water Bottle
- Lunch - No NUTS
- Clothes that can get Dirty and Wet
- Extra pair of dry clothes
- Towel
- Pre-applied Sunscreen and/or Bug Spray
- Positive Attitude!

What do you do if it is raining or very hot?

Campers should come prepared for the weather and will be outside in any weather as long as it is safe. In the event of extreme heat or storms, campers will go into the Sound School to conduct activity periods. Indoor activity periods consist of science experiments, games, and crafts!

Who are the staff?

Our staff are hired professionals with strong backgrounds working with kids and in environmental education and sailing instruction. Please check out our staff page on our website to meet the summer staff.

How many kids are in the camp?

There are 80 campers ages 6-14 in camp each week and the camp runs for 8 weeks throughout the summer. Counselor to camper ratios range between 1:8 and 1:12.

I have a teenager, are there Junior Counselor positions?

We love to have teenage volunteers help us in the summer! Parents need to register their teen through the online camp registration system. Junior Counselors must attend a two-day pre-camp training and commit to at least one full week of camp. Junior Counselors may also apply to the City of New Haven Youth@Work program and inform us of their application. For more information on Youth@Work visit the City of New Haven website.
More questions?

Email us at schooner@newhavenlandtrust.org or call (203) 562-6655.