

Barbara C. Harris Episcopal Camp · Greenfield, NH

Family Camp 2025 Guide

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\square Welcome Statement \square

Jesus spent His earthly ministry reaching out to the oppressed and marginalized. Barbara C. Harris Camp strives to be like Jesus by explicitly welcoming everyone, including those who have been excluded elsewhere. We believe that the Body of Christ is more complete when we embrace the broad diversity of God's creation.

No matter where you are in your faith journey and regardless of age, race, color, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or socioeconomic status, you are welcome here and will be fully included in the life of the church.

God loves you. No exceptions.

Camp Registration

How to Register	We encourage all families to register online by visiting <u>http://bchcamp.campbrainregistration.com</u> This allows us to better access camper records through our computers as opposed to paper, folders and files. Please email our Program Director, <u>kate@bchcenter.org</u> , with any questions or for additional help with the process.	
How to Pay	All registrations require a \$75 non-refundable deposit. Parents then have the option of paying the remaining balance in monthly installments, or all at once. Balances are due by July 1 st . If registered after May 30th your installments will be paid every two weeks until July 15th.	
How to Apply for Financial Aid	We are committed to making camp as accessible as we can. We recognize that it may be financially difficult for some families to provide this experience for themselves. If you are seeking financial assistance, you may apply for a Campership. Campership applications are available through our online registration process.	
Campership Guidelines	 Our Campership application process asks families to contribute ¼ the cost of camp, their parish to contribute 1/3, and BCH Camp to contribute the final ½. Campership requests are handled on a first come, first serve basis. If there is no affiliation with a parish, put "N/A" in related categories. If either the family or their parish cannot pay their ¼ of the cost of camp, the family and/or parish clergy must submit a statement outlining financial circumstances and needs. Our Program Director will review these applications and make campership awards on a case-by-case basis. Please do not hesitate to apply! 	
Refund Policy	If you cancel 30 or more days in advance, all camp fees except the \$75 non-refundable deposit will be refunded. If you cancel within 30 days prior to the week of camp registered for, there will be no refund. Exceptions will be considered in the case of illness or family emergency if requested in writing.	
Mandatory Forms	See "Health & Wellness at BCH Camp" section.	

Camper Check-In & Check-Out

Friday Check-in is outside of our Shaw Lodge from 3pm-5pm. BCH Camp staff will be excitedly waiting to assist you with parking, luggage, and check-in procedures.

If you need to reach us on arrival day, please first try our camp office (603)547-3038 or send an email to <u>camp@bchcenter.org</u>. If there is no reply within an hour, please call BCH's on-call cell phone at (603)562-6515. This phone number will only be accessible on drop off and pick-up days when no one is in the office.

MondayOur closing ceremony and worship will begin at 11:15am. Afterwards, campers can either
check-out or join us for lunch depending on what is preferred for your family.

AbsenteeIf registered campers do not show up on their check-in day, we will call the listed contactCampersnumber to ascertain when the camper will be joining us. We request if a camper will not be
joining the camp session, please let camp know as soon as possible.

Health & Wellness at BCH Camp

Health Care (HW.8.1)	BCH camp has licensed health care professionals on call at all times to provide care in case of illness or injury. Campers who become ill at camp (fever, vomiting, etc.) will be sent home and parents will be responsible for providing transportation home.
Medications	All medications, both prescription and over the counter, can be kept in the possession of adults during family camp. We ask that you keep them safely in your own space and away from the access of other campers.
Food	BCH Camp offers a nutritious and well-balanced menu. In addition to our main menu, a cereal or salad bar is available at most meals. We are a peanut-free camp. If a camper has special dietary needs, please indicate these on their registration forms so that our food service can be prepared to meet those needs. Each day before dinner, family camp will gather for a social time where snacks are available. If you and your family would like to bring snacks to share, please make sure they're nut-free! Because of woodland critters, we ask that any snacks you bring with you are stored in sealed containers.
American Camp Association Accreditation	BCH Camp is accredited by The American Camp Association (ACA). In order to maintain this accreditation, every 5 years BCH undergoes a thorough (up to 300 standards) voluntary review of its operation. The ACA collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth-serving agencies to assure that current practices at BCH Camp reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation. Our ACA accreditation assures parents that camp practices have been measured against national standards and go a step beyond New Hampshire camp licensing requirements.

BCH Camp Community Guidelines

Behavior Campers are expected to behave in a manner that is consistent with BCH Camp's goals of providing a safe, positive, and respectful Christian community. Staff will work closely with campers to handle minor disciplinary issues. BCH Camp reserves the right to send home any

	camper whose behavior is consistently inappropriate. Any direct threat or actual physical harm to self or others will result in a camper being sent home.	
Electronic Equipment	We strive to keep family camp as screen-free as possible, but understand that families have realities that mean they need to stay connected using cell phones and internet access. Family campers are welcome to keep phones and laptops with them, but are responsible for their own devices. There will be wifi in the lodges and community spaces.	
Personal Sports Equipment	BCH Camp will provide sports equipment during the week. If you are interested in bringing personal equipment to camp, please contact our Program Director prior to arrival for approval.	
Pets	BCH Camp does not allow any pets on camp grounds. Please refrain from bringing dogs and other animals to camper drop-off or pick-up.	
Prohibited Items	BCH Camp strictly prohibits any weapons, alcohol, tobacco products, e-cigarettes (vaping devices) and illegal drugs. Prohibited items will be confiscated and campers will be sent home for bringing these items to camp.	
Clothing	As a Christian camp we expect our staff and campers' clothing to be safe for wear in our active program and to not make others feel uncomfortable. Inappropriate items include:	
	 Clothing containing violent, political, alcohol, or drug-related logos and graphics Clothing that is sheer and can be seen through Footwear appropriate for walking on uneven terrain (flipflops not encouraged outside of showers and waterfront) Crocs do not count as closed toed shoes in sports or challenge course activities 	
Visitors	To protect the safety and security of campers BCH does not allow visitors while camp is in session. Un-registered parents, family members and friends should not plan on visiting campers during the week.	

BCH Camp Contact Information

Phone	 (603) 547-3038 This is the direct phone number to our Program Director, Kate. (603) 547-3400 This is the BCH office phone number. During the summer there is a staff person in the office during normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. After normal business hours our voicemail will provide you with our emergency contact information. 	
Email	<u>kate@bchcenter.org</u> Kate, our Program Director, will receive emails sent to this email address. Please use this email for general questions. You may also send scanned forms to this email address.	
Website	<u>www.bchcenter.org/camp</u> Visit our website for more information about our programs, schedules, dates and rates.	
Online Registration	http://bchcamp.campbrainregistration.com Visit this site to register for camp and complete forms online.	

Mail	BCH Camp PO Box 204 Greenfield, NH 03047	
Directions	s 108 Wally Stone Lane, Greenfield, NH 03047 From Boston	
	From I-95/128 or I-495, take Route 3 North to Exit 8 in NH (Amherst/Milford)	
	At the third set of lights turn right on to Route 101A West. Stay on 101A for approximately 6.5 miles.	
	Take the exit for Route 101 West. Stay on 101 West for approximately 5 miles.	
	Turn left to stay on 101 West.	
	Follow 101 West for 2 more miles until you reach the center of Wilton, NH.	
	 Go straight through the town of Wilton without making any turns. You are now on Route 31 North. Stay on Route 31 North for approximately 11 miles toward Greenfield. 	
	In the center of Greenfield, turn right to stay on Route 31 North.	
	Travel approximately 2 miles until you reach The Barbara C. Harris Center on your left.	

BCH Emergency Phone List

Greenfield Police	(603) 547-2525
Greenfield Fire Department	(603) 547-3501
Monadnock Community Hospital	(603) 924-7191

Things to Bring to Camp!

- Swimming suits, water gear (floaties, goggles, buckets) and towels.
- Sleeping things for twin-sized mattresses if you did not request linens in your registration.
- Bug repellent. An effective DEET alternative is repellent with <u>picaridin</u> in it, or organic repellents.
- Snacks: Some light snacks will be available during the day. You are welcome to pack extra snacks for your family. Please do your best to keep your room tidy of crumbs and wrappers, as we don't want to attract unwelcome critters. BCH is generally a nut-free camp, so keep that in mind when packing snacks.
- A flashlight or two.
- Clothes to stay warm and dry: the weather in Greenfield can be hot and muggy, rainy, or cool and dry at night.
- Instruments and other musical accessories
- Box fans if it looks like the nights will be hot.
- Small nets for "ponding", or a fishing rod if you have a NH freshwater fishing license.

Activities and Other Notes

Schedule: Arrival begins anytime after 3pm on Friday. Once you have arrived, checked in and found your lodging, we'll hang out in Shaw Lodge for some social time and name tag-making. You'll be given a full schedule when you arrive! Dinner will be at 6pm the first night, and 5:30pm the others. Fresh coffee and tea will be available in the mornings by 7am. Breakfast each day will be followed by an art activity. After this, we will have community Eucharist before lunch in the Jack C. Doran Center. This is worship family-style. Kids (even babies!) act out Bible stories and all ages sing and pray together. The afternoon involves lots of water time and a special block from 3 - 4:30pm when BCH staff will take over children's programming to give parents and caregivers some adult time. Social Hour takes place in Shaw Lodge before dinner. Evening activities after dinner will vary each day. We will end each evening with our Closing Song. On Monday morning after breakfast we will clean up and gear up for time on the Climb Tower! Our time together ends with a closing Eucharist and lunch.

Front Porch: In the afternoon, we will be doing activities that take place in and around the waterfront area. This offers a great view of the lake, sand for kids to play in, a gaga pit in close proximity, and a short walk to the archery range and the arts and crafts building. In the spirit of creating a "Front Porch" please feel free to bring camping chairs from home or anything else you think would make the space most inviting to you!

<u>Music</u>: Family Camp loves its music! If you have an instrument of any sort, please bring it along, whether it's your banjo or trumpet! Our lively worship services include all sorts of kid-friendly percussive instruments. The more music, the merrier.

We are so looking forward to seeing you all for this special weekend of Family Camp. Let the countdown begin!