



Camp Combe Parent Handbook Service Corps Supplement

Please note: There are several supplemental camper forms that Service Corps campers must complete. Please see website for details. All forms must be returned by June 1, 2015

Drop-off/Pick-up Procedures

Arrival : Morning drop-off of campers (Rides In) and bus arrival will occur in the lower lot at Camp Combe exactly as it does for our traditional programs. Rides In begins at 8:30 AM and runs until 9:00 AM. Parents not familiar with this procedure should refer to the Camp Combe Parent Handbook. Similarly, campers using bus transportation can refer to the Camp Combe Parent Handbook for bus stops and pick-up/drop-off times.

At the end of the rides in/buses arrival period, Adventure Bound & Service Corps campers will be transported to the Clear Lake/Durland Scout Reservation by school bus.

Late arrivals: Campers arriving after 9:00 need to be transported directly to Clear Lake/Durland Scout Reservation. As there is no central office at the Clear Lake/Durland facility, parents **MUST** call the Camp Combe office **prior to arriving** at Clear Lake/Durland so that we can make arrangements to have staff available for drop-off. Because the campers hike into upper camp for the afternoon swim period, it is **NOT** possible for us to accept any late campers after 12:00 PM.

A map/directions to the Clear Lake/Durland facility are included later in this packet

Departure: At the end of the Clear Lake/Durland portion of the day (3:30), campers in the Adventure Bound & Service Corps will be transported by bus back to Camp Combe. Afternoon pick-up (Rides Out)/bus departures will also occur in the lower lot at Camp Combe and follow the same procedures as our traditional programs (see Camp Combe Parent Pack for details). Afternoon pick-up begins at 4:30 and runs until 5:00.

Please Note: Rides out does **NOT** begin until our buses have had the chance to load and exit the lower parking lot. To ensure that cars do not interfere with this process, **our upper and lower lots** are **CLOSED** until 4:30. If you arrive before 4:30, you must find a different location to park while waiting for your child. As there are limited places for this along Peekskill Hollow Rd, we recommend that you do not arrive before 4:30. At 4:30, the lower gate will be open and cars can proceed through the rides out circle for camper pick-up.

Early pick-ups: Because campers are located in the upper portion of Clear Lake/Durland for the afternoon (an area accessible to authorized vehicles **ONLY**), it is not possible to pick up a child directly from the Clear Lake/Durland facility. If your child needs to be picked up early, you must call the Camp Combe office **BEFORE 11:00AM** so that we can arrange to have your child brought back to Camp Combe, after which time they can be picked up in the Camp Combe office. If your child needs to be picked up before noon, they will remain at Camp Combe for the day and placed in a huddle until pick up.

PLEASE NOTE: Late arrivals/Early pick-ups on days when Service Corps campers are on a project site are strongly discouraged, and depending on the work site, may be impossible. Please call the office **ASAP** if your child has a scheduling conflict on a project day (see below for project schedule for each session).

Contacting us: To arrange for a late arrival or an early departure, please call the camp office at 845-526-0808.

A Typical Service Corps Session

The Service Corps Program runs in two week sessions. During week one, campers are based at the Clear Lake/Durland Scout Reservation (in Putnam Valley, 5 minutes from Camp Combe) where they will spend time preparing and planning for their volunteer assignment, learning relevant skills, and engaging in leadership training and team building activities. Their daily schedule during week 1 is as follows:

Week One	
Monday	Clear Lake/Durland
Tuesday	Clear Lake/Durland
Wednesday	Clear Lake/Durland
Thursday	Clear Lake/Durland
Friday	Camp Combe

During week 2, co-ed teams of 25-30 campers and 3-4 staff travel daily to a nearby work-site to complete the volunteer project. These projects take place Tues, Wed, Thurs.

Week One	
Monday	Clear Lake/Durland
Tuesday	Clear Lake/Durland
Wednesday	Clear Lake/Durland
Thursday	Clear Lake/Durland
Friday	Camp Combe

Week Two	
Monday	Clear Lake/Durland
Tuesday	Project site
Wednesday	Project site
Thursday	Project site
Friday	Camp Combe

Week One	
Monday	Clear Lake/Durland
Tuesday	Clear Lake/Durland
Wednesday	Clear Lake/Durland
Thursday	Clear Lake/Durland
Friday	Camp Combe

Finally, Service Corps and Adventure Bound campers will have an opportunity to spend Fridays back at Camp Combe. Camp Combe Fridays allow us to provide continuity to our oldest campers—allowing them to feel like they are still very much a part of the Camp Combe family—and to provide an opportunity for them to engage in some of their favorite camp activities including the zipline, giant swing, ga-ga, and wilderness games.

Swimming

In the Service Corps program, your child will have an opportunity to swim everyday. At Clear Lake/Durland, campers will swim in designated swimming area in a lake. At Camp Combe, they will swim in our on-site pool. At certain work site locations, swimming may be possible. When this is the case, we will bring our own lifeguards to these locations to ensure your child's safety while swimming off-site. In addition, the New York State Dept of Health requires that all children have parental permission to swim at off-site locations. This form is included in your supplemental form packet and should be returned with your other forms.

Regardless of where swimming occurs, campers must pass a swimming proficiency test before being allowed to swim in the deep end of the swimming area. In addition, campers will have a designated swim buddy at all times in the waterfront area. Buddy checks will be held every 15 minutes. Rules prohibiting reckless or unsafe behavior in the swimming area will be strictly enforced.

Boating

While at Clear Lake/Durland, your child will also have the opportunity to canoe and kayak. All boating activities occur under the close supervision of our Adventure Director. Campers are required to wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs or life vests) at all times while on the water.

Lunch/Snack

Please send your child to camp with a healthy lunch and beverage in an insulated bag that is clearly marked with your child's full name. While water is available in multiple locations throughout the camp day, we do encourage campers to bring a bottle of water to camp each day. Please do NOT send candy, gum, soda, glass containers or items requiring refrigeration.

As is tradition at Camp Combe, campers at the Clear Lake/Durland facility will be given the opportunity to participate in Canteen during their afternoon snack. For more information on how the Canteen operates, please see the Camp Combe Parent Handbook. If your child does not wish to participate in canteen, please send a healthy snack and an additional drink on a daily basis.

What Not To Bring

Please do not allow your child to bring toys or any item of monetary or sentimental value to camp. This includes such distractions as **I-Pods, hand held gaming systems (DS Lite, PSP), trading cards, and water guns.** We cannot be responsible for the loss, theft, or breakage of such items.

No cell phones, please! (Campers can use/be reached via office phone or the Camp 5 Director's cell phone, if necessary).

Please note: Gameboys, cell phones, I-Pods, and other similar objects **WILL BE** confiscated by our camp staff if they are seen outside of a child's backpack. These items will be placed in the camp safe and will be returned to the **PARENT ONLY.** This means that parents must come into our camp office to retrieve confiscated items.