

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STAFF

William Lawrence Camp is located in a rural area of New Hampshire. Our campus comprises over 250 acres of mostly woodlands. We are on a small freshwater lake called Lower Beech Pond on which our activities take place. The camp is located in the town of Tuftonboro.

Tuftonboro is a small town with a year round population of approximately 2,000 citizens. In the summertime, the population swells to over 5,000 with the influx of tourists who own or rent cottages around a nearby large lake known as Winnepesaukee. Lake Winnepesaukee is 20 miles long and 5 miles wide and is surrounded by numerous towns, most particularly Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro. Tuftonboro has a small country store, a post office and elementary school (grades K through 6). The school has approximately 130 students. After completing elementary school, students go to a regional middle school (grades 7 and 8) and then on to the high school (grades 9 through 12). The student population of the regional middle and high school is about 800. Both schools are located in neighboring Wolfeboro.

This general area of New Hampshire is known as the Lakes Region. It is an area of many lakes and mountains. We think that you will find the countryside quite spectacular. Our neighboring town of Wolfeboro is located about a 15-minute drive from Tuftonboro. Wolfeboro has a year-round population of 5,000 residents which grows to over 25,000 in the summertime. As you can see, this is truly a summer resort community. Wolfeboro is home to our regional schools, a small community hospital, hotels and inns, banks, post offices, gas stations, grocery stores, video rental stores, a library, restaurants, several pharmacies, many real estate and insurance offices, dentists, boat yards, gift shops and more. While this may sound large, it remains a relatively small rural New Hampshire community. Wolfeboro's Main Street is located along the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee where there is much boat traffic. A large tourist boat known as the 'Mt. Washington' stops in Wolfeboro twice daily to take people on tours of the 'Big Lake'.

Wolfeboro is where we do our basic camp business (e.g. banking, pharmacies, a hospital) and where you may choose to spend your time off. Within a short walking distance of downtown Wolfeboro is a public beach. For more cost-effective shopping and for bigger-ticket items, we must travel at least 45 minutes from camp to find the nearest department stores.

There is much to see and do in New Hampshire if you enjoy the great outdoors. The White Mountains are the back door to William Lawrence Camp and about a 45-minute drive away. The seacoast of New Hampshire and Maine are less than two hours away. The nearest city of interest is Portsmouth, New Hampshire. It is a seacoast town an hour's drive away. Boston, MA is a 2.5-hour drive away.

Our climate: In June the mornings and early evenings are usually around 50 F. Daytime temperatures with the sun can range from 70 and 80 F. Nighttime temps can drop to 40 F. In July and August, mornings and evenings are usually around 60 F. Days are usually 80 to 90 F. Rain and wind can cause the temperatures to drop and make it feel like it's in the 30's. It is not uncommon for this region to have extreme heat waves where, for several days, daytime temperatures can soar to over 90 and often break 100 F with the nights not dropping below 80 F. These days are generally accompanied by high humidity. Such conditions often lead to violent thunderstorms.

You should bring clothes for a wide range of weather conditions. Good raingear can be particularly important.