

2019 NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

Dear _____:

Date _____

Congratulations! You have been accepted to attend West End House Camp for ___ weeks, beginning Sunday _____, 2019. We are very excited to have you on board! Directions and instructions will be mailed in late May; for planning purposes, most campers from the Boston area and points south take a chartered bus from Franciscan Children's Hospital parking lot in Brighton, MA. Similarly, most campers take the bus back to the same spot at the end of their session.

***The enclosed medical form must be filled out completely, signed, and returned by May 1. Please note there are 2 sides and a request/need for a copy of your insurance card. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of this acceptance. ***

On the back of this Notice is a checklist of what to bring, but read this paragraph as well! Please ensure that all clothes and belongings are clearly marked with your name or initials. All medicines must be clearly labeled and are kept in the camp health center. Laundry is done once a week by an outside service. Items to bring: a pillow; either a sleeping bag or blankets; laundry bag with your name on it; 8 - 10 pairs of underwear, socks, and t-shirts (7 white or light and 5 dark); 2 pairs of sneakers; 6-8 pairs of shorts; 2-3 bathing suits; 2-3 pairs of long pants (at least 1 being blue jeans/dungarees); sweatshirt; sweatpants; raincoat; jacket; baseball glove & cap; 3-4 towels; 2 fitted sheets; 2 twin size sheets (if using sheets and blankets); 2 pillow cases; pajamas; shampoo, soap, comb; toothbrush & toothpaste; sunblock/suntan lotion; writing materials (stationery, envelopes, pens, and stamps); and flashlight. Optional: hiking boots, flip flops, fishing rod, tennis racket, lacrosse stick, board games (chess, Monopoly, etc.), clock radio and small clip on/plug in fan.

The following items are not allowed: fireworks, knives, hot plates/other electrical appliances, skateboards, any electronics, cell phones, iPods, laptops, any food products containing nuts, sunflower seeds, and gum. These items will be taken away immediately and will not be returned.

We are proud of our healthy, wholesome meals and are intent on ensuring that excessive "junk" food and beverages do not get in the way of this or create other issues. With this in mind, any items brought or sent to camp for consumption must be limited. As a guideline, all items should fit in the equivalent of a plastic storage container that is 16 inches long by 12 inches wide by 6 inches high (i.e. Walmart's Sterilite 12 Qt Storage Box). Excessive items will be taken by the Directors to be utilized as prizes for certain activities or donated to local charities. Each boy should not receive more than 1 package per week, but really does not need any, because of our food's variety, quantity, and quality.

Canteen money is used for laundry, for trips, or to buy snacks or other items sold once per week at the "Kezar" Administration Building; about \$80 per 2 week session should be sufficient. This money, kept with the Directors, should be sent with the camper at the start of the season in the form of a check or money order payable to West End House Camp. Unused money is returned.

Many campers, staff, alumni, and families like to show off their pride in West End House Camp! We are not a "uniform" camp that requires campers to wear the same clothes. We respect and encourage the uniqueness of each individual. However, we do strongly recommend that each camper has at least two West End House Camp "Camper 2019" t-shirts (one blue and one white). To purchase these recommended items and any other optional items that you may want, go to www.amerasport.com or click on the link on our website and enter West End House Camp, and then click on Active Wear.

Visiting Day this season is on Saturday, July 27th from 11AM – 3PM. There will be a brief special ceremony at noon honoring campers and staff who have been at WEHC for 5 or 10 years, with their names being permanently engraved on one of our second century plaques. There also will be the presentation of the annual Family of the Year Award!

Telephone calls (incoming and outgoing) are NOT allowed except for emergency reasons. Please use the mail to communicate or send one way emails through the Bunk1 website (more info about this before camp). If you need to communicate with Steve or Bill, call or email them.

West End House Camp, founded in 1908 by James J. Storrow, is a private, nonprofit organization that is proud of its heritage of giving boys the best experiences of their lives. It is a member in good standing of the Maine Youth Camping Association and is inspected and licensed by the State of Maine. All camper tuition payments received are nonrefundable. The Federal Tax ID # is 042113272.

Once again, welcome to the West End House Camp family! We can't wait to see you at our beautiful camp on the shores of Long Pond in Parsonsfield, Maine!

Bill Margolin, Executive Director

Steve Lepler, Director

CHECKLIST OF WHAT TO BRING

- pillow
- a sleeping bag or blankets
- 2 pillow cases
- 2 fitted sheets
- 2 twin size sheets (if using sheets and blankets)
- laundry bag with your name on it
- 8 - 10 underwear
- 8 - 10 pairs of socks
- 7 white or light t-shirts
- 5 dark t-shirts
- 6-8 shorts
- 2-3 bathing suits
- 2-3 pairs of long pants (at least 1 being blue jeans/dungarees)
- 2 pairs of sneakers
- sweatshirt
- sweatpants
- raincoat
- jacket
- 3-4 towels
- baseball glove & cap
- pajamas
- shampoo
- soap
- comb
- toothbrush & toothpaste
- sunblock/suntan lotion
- writing materials (stationery-paper, envelopes, postcards, pens, and stamps)
- 2 self-addressed (to home) stamped envelopes per week
- medication (clearly marked) to be kept at the Health Center
- check or money order for canteen/laundry to be kept with the directors
- 2 West End House Camp "Camper 2019" t-shirts

OPTIONAL

- small clip on/plug in fan
- clock radio
- hiking boots
- flip flops
- fishing rod
- tennis racket
- lacrosse stick
- board and card games
- books (school summer reading and/or reading for pleasure)