



## New England Fun Trip Information

### What to Expect when you get on the bus:

Since we can not meet, usually, before your trip, since you may not live near us, we wanted to give you a brief idea of what you might expect.

#### Day 1:

Our first task is getting over to Vermont. We will be making several stops to pick-up campers along the way. You may be the first on the bus or the sixth, either way when you board the bus there will be a short introduction to campers who have already arrived. During the initial tour we will store your gear in one of the bunks and then hit the road. As it will be early in the morning when we leave, we often play a movie while everyone wakes up. As we travel we will play some games and begin getting to know each other. Once we reach Barre, VT we will stop at TNT Stables for a horseback trail ride. From the Stable it is approximately 45 minutes to our campground in Stowe, VT. On the way to camp we will divide our group into two “work crews”. (Don’t be scared, it shouldn’t cause any blisters.) But as we are a team everyone will need to pitch in - I am sure it will be fun. Each crew will have a chance to help cook, clean, and refuel the bus. Depending on weather some things to do at camp may include swimming, playing ball, cooking S’mores on the campfire, playing cards or listening to a story.

#### Day 2:

We will start day two at a leisurely pace with a great camp breakfast and activities at the campground before departing for our one hour ride to Burlington, VT. En route we will visit the Ben & Jerry’s factory in Waterbury, VT for a treat and a tour. In Burlington we will take a 2:00 narrated boat ride on Lake Champlain aboard the Ethan Allen III. From Burlington we head south about an hour through Middlebury, VT to Kamperville Campground in Salisbury, VT.

#### Day 3:

We will continue traveling south stopping for a hike at Quechee Gorge in Vermont and to see dinosaur tracks in Holyoke, MA before arriving at Sodom Mountain Campground in Southwick, MA. Total driving time will be approximately 3 1/2 hours.

#### Day 4:

Get ready for some big thrills! We will have a fortifying breakfast and then head to Six Flags for a full day of fun. To take full advantage of our day we will return to the same campground as the night before just 30 minutes from the park.

#### Day 5:

We will enjoy our last morning at camp before heading towards Maine. We will stop at Walden Pond State Park (about 2 hours) for a stretch, lunch and a little exploring. From Walden Pond we make the last leg of our journey back to Maine.

We hope this gives you a little heads up and are sure that we will all have a great time. See you soon. If you have any questions before the trip please let us know and we would be glad to answer them.

## How to contact us on the trip:

Call our cell phone at 207.266.4360. If you get voicemail we may be traveling through a “dead” zone. Please leave a message and we will return your call ASAP.

## Camping Information:

Night 1: Gold Brook Campground Stowe, VT (802)253-7683	Night 2: Lake Dunmore Kamperville Campground Salisbury, VT (802)352-4501
Night 3 & 4: Sodom Mountain Campground Southwick, MA (413)569-6339	

## New England Fun Equipment List –

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>_____ 5 T- shirts and polo shirts</li><li>_____ 2 pair shorts</li><li>_____ 2 pair long pants</li><li>_____ 1 rain jacket or parka</li><li>_____ 1 sweatshirt or fleece pullover</li><li>_____ 5 pair underwear</li><li>_____ 5 pair cotton socks</li><li>_____ 2 long sleeved, lightweight shirt</li><li>_____ sleeping attire</li><li>_____ 1 pair sneakers *</li><li>_____ 1 pair sandals *</li><li>_____ 1 bathing suit</li><li>_____ 1 bath towel</li><li>_____ 2 heavyweight garbage bags</li><li>_____ shampoo and soap</li><li>_____ toothbrush and paste, comb</li><li>_____ small first aid kit (band-aids etc)</li><li>_____ sunscreen</li><li>_____ flashlight (headlamp preferred)</li><li>_____ backpack / day pack for items to have handy</li><li>_____ sleeping bag (preferred) or blanket</li><li>_____ pillow</li></ul> <p>* 2 pairs of shoes would be great in case one gets wet.</p>	<p>Optional Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- camera</li><li>- book</li><li>- snacks</li><li>- Ipod / walkman, CD's, DVD's (G or PG only)</li><li>- insect repellent</li><li>- sunglasses</li></ul> <p>You never know what type of weather Mother Nature will throw at you. If we're lucky, we may spend the whole trip in shorts, bathing suit and a T shirt. If the bugs are bad at night, your sweatshirt, fleece pullover and sweatpants will be invaluable and if it gets cold, damp and drizzly – a fleece and rain jacket are worth a million bucks.</p> <p><b>Spending Money -</b> All entry fees, camping, snacks and regular meals are provided. However, if you wish to purchase any souvenirs and or “extra” snacks then you may bring some additional spending money. Personal money is not to be shared. <b>Do not offer and do not ask please. If you can please bring \$ for an ice cream at Ben &amp; Jerry's.</b></p> <p><b>Cell Phone -</b> Cell phones are permitted however there will be a designated time for their use. All phones will be secured by SWA staff except for these specific times. In case of emergency, all campers and staff can always be contacted via SWA cell phone: (207) 266- 4360.</p>
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