



MSSM Summer Camp

THE CAMP FOR CURIOUS YOUNG MINDS

Our Team



Ryan McDonald

CAMP DIRECTOR
1-207-554-9912

Bio: Originally from Georgia, Ryan has been at MSSM for 2 years. His first was spent in the dorms as a Residential Instructor and now he is PR Coordinator and Summer Camp Director. He lived in Japan for 13 years which is how he first learned about MSSM (his neighbor when living in Japan is from Houlton). His hobbies include making videos, flying his drone, and anything related to computers. Last year, he taught Spy Technology and Magnetic Levitation Trains. He is not fond of winter or snow.

Favorite Part: This is my first year as Director and second year at camp. I love the energy of the kids and their curiosity. I love seeing their "aha" moments and their expressions when they learn of some new technology.



Tracy Moore

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
1-207-554-9902

Bio: Tracy is a native of Danvers, MA and attended North Shore Community College in Beverly, MA where she studied Music Education. She has over 25 years of experience working in several roles including Office Management, Executive Asst., HR Generalist, Marketing Asst., Social Services, Medical Secretary and Business Owner. In 2013, she and her family moved from York, PA to Fort Fairfield, ME. She and her husband owned their own business in PA where they performed Education Reptile Shows for schools, libraries, camps and multiple other venues. She is also a mom to 4 boys and her hobbies include: nature/animals, genealogy, singing and spending time with family.

Favorite Part: This is my second year with the MSSM Summer camp! I especially love interacting with and meeting all the new and returning families that I have had the pleasure of speaking with over the last several months. It's going to be another great year with our fantastic staff and exceptional campers!

Our Team



**Katie
Perez**

ACADEMIC DIRECTOR

Bio: Katie Perez was born a Floridian, but quite likes it here in Northern Maine. She studied Zoology at the University of Maine and loves teaching and learning about animals. During the school year she is a Residential Instructor at MSSM, and when she is not working at the summer camp she rafts the white waters of the Kennebec River. Her hobbies and interests include reading, cooking, dancing, rafting, and playing the cello.

Favorite part: I am so excited about so many things this year. We have some exciting classes, awesome teachers, and of course, great kids! But my favorite part of camp is the talent show. So many of the kids are brave enough to share what they have been working on, even if they've only just started, and it inspires me.



**Matt
Bartlett**

RESIDENTIAL DIRECTOR
1-207-540-6013

Bio: Matthew Bartlett is going into his second years as Residential Director for MSSM Summer Camps. When he is not working summer camp he is a Senior Residential Instructor for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the summer please do not hesitate to call Matt. His phone number is 1-207-540-6013.

Favorite Part: I am really excited for MSSM Summer Camp 2018! We have a great staff this year who are really excited about making camp an awesome and memorable experience for all campers. We have a fun packed summer in store and we hope it will be the best year yet!



**Mariah
Havens**

ASSISTANT RESIDENTIAL DIRECTOR AQUATICS DIRECTOR
1-207-554-9919

Bio: Mariah is a residential instructor at MSSM. She has 10 years of residential camp experience working at Girl Scouts of Maine, Camp Natarswi as a Volunteer (1 yr.), Unit Leader (1 yr.), Program Director (2 yrs.), and Waterfront Director (6 yrs.). In her spare time she enjoys swimming, reading, and binge Netflix.

Favorite Part: This is my first year and I am looking forward to experiencing MSSM Summer Camp.

Mentors



**Adam
Bickford**

Bio: Adam is returning to MSSM for his fourth time. Though he's been a camper for three years, this is his first summer as a Mentor. He's from Winslow, Maine, where he will be a senior in the fall. He enjoys listening to music, reading, and playing video games. As a camper in the past, he enjoyed learning new and interesting things from the classes.

Favorite Part: This year, I'm excited to welcome in the new campers as a mentor.



**Heather
Brodie**

Bio: Heather is a 15 year-old Sophomore at Gardiner Area High School. She has been at camp as a camper for the past four years, and will be joining the staff as a Mentor this year. In her spare time she loves to act, sing, play in her school's band, dance, and binge Netflix.

Favorite Part: I'm stoked for all of camp this year, but especially monster night. I've been ready for that since my first year... Anyway, I'm so pumped for this year, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there!



**Marcus
Daigle**

Bio: Marcus lives in Caribou, ME. His hobbies are playing video games and card games. He's often seen at camp with a frisbee or playing capture the flag. He's been a camper for 4 years and has worked 1 year.

Favorite Part: I can never pick one favorite thing from mssm but I would have to say the big highlights are the new people you meet and the amazing classes that we offer here.

Mentors



**Emma
Collins**

Bio: Emma lives in Woolwich, Maine with her parents and her sister—who was the one who introduced her to MSSM. She has played the violin for about eight or nine years and that is one of her biggest passions. I also love to run and swim. She was a camper at MSSM for the last three years.

Favorite Part: I think my favorite part of camp is the way that activities are incorporated into the day and it still leaves lots of time to do science and math. I can't wait for another summer at MSSM!



**Sadie
Hartt**

Bio: Sadie lives part time between Shin Pond and Fort Kent, Maine. Some of her hobbies include hunting, fishing, playing sports, and basically anything else outdoors. She is also a second degree black belt in karate. She has spent two years as a student at MSSM, and this will be her second year as a mentor at summer camp. During camp, she loves doing the sport and cooking activities, as well as hanging out with her campers.

Favorite Part: My favorite part of camp is usually eating snacks and laughing during song-in-a-bag. Can't to make more memories and meet my future school mates!



**Grace
Kurtz**

Bio: This is the first summer Grace is spending at MSSM, but she attended the school for three years, and graduated this May. She lives in Raymond ME, where she enjoys swimming, dancing, and the dark night skies. She hopes to hold dance classes, serve as a lifeguard, and possibly teach some knitting classes.

Favorite Part: You'll see her around with Mr. Berz and Goliath whenever they appear, and looking at the constellations in the sky without aide whenever she can. She is most looking forward to having new experiences at camp, as this will be her first year.

Mentors



Fiona & Killian Murphy

Bio: Fiona and Killian are twins who live in Scarborough, play field hockey, and work on lights and sound for plays and musicals at Scarborough High School. They were campers for two years, and are super excited to be mentors this summer.

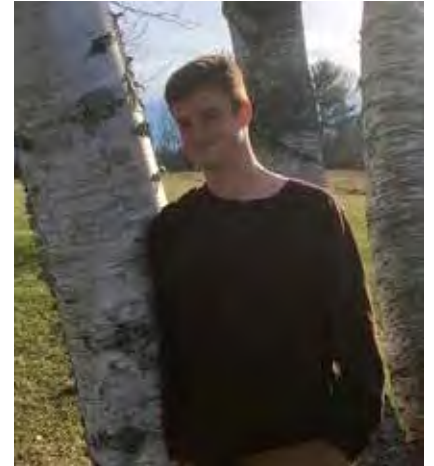
Favorite Part: Our favorite part of camp is Monster Night!



Cody Parker

Bio: Cody lives on Mount Desert Island. He enjoys competitive running and swimming as well as building computers, sailing, and working on his go kart. He has attended MSSM as a camper for the past 3 years.

Favorite Part: My favorite thing about MSSM is how it is very different from many of the other summer camps I've been to. I can learn about math and science with hands on techniques that make it fun and interesting. I am excited to return as a mentor and help other kids have the same great experience I did.



Gabe Poulin

Bio: Gabe lives in Stockton Springs, Maine. He enjoys talking to his friends online, playing video games, and hanging out with his family. He also likes coding, programming, and graphic design. He plans to do everything he can to keep all of the staff and campers entertained and having fun while they work and relax with each other at MSSM. Gabe has been a camper for 2 years in a row, and this is his first year as a staff member.

Favorite Part: My favorite part of camp is when you first get there, meet everyone and start making new friends, because you can never have too many friends!

Counselors

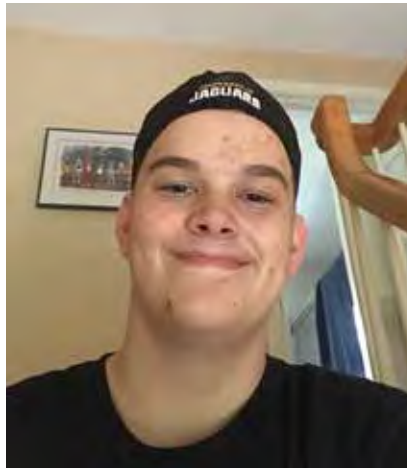


**Justin
Davis**

Bio: Justin lives in York, Maine which is a southern beach and tourist town. He enjoys tinkering around and building things as well as playing games on his custom built computer. He also owns two guitars and enjoys playing them and learning new songs. At MSSM he is involved in VEX robotics as a team captain, president of Seaperch underwater robotics, and a part of machine leading club.

We'll see Justin playing ultimate frisbee with the campers and maybe some other fun games.

Favorite Part: This year will be my first time being involved in summer camp. I look forward to meeting everybody!



**Marc
Jacquet**

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**Sarah
Kuptchik**

Bio: Sarah will be a counselor at MSSM summer camp this year. She is from Madawaska, ME and just graduated from MSSM. She will be studying biomedical engineering this fall. Her hobbies are photography, listening to music, and playing with her dog.

Favorite Part: This is my first year working at summer camp and I am super excited for a STEM-filled summer!

Counselors



**Julia
Malcom**

Bio: Julia was born in New Haven, CT, but I grew up near Bar Harbor. She is currently a rising senior at the Maine School of Science and Math, and her favorite things to do are play violin, listen to music, read books, and spend as much time as she can near the ocean. She plans to lead activities like Theatre Time, lanyard/bracelet making, and tie-dye!

Favorite Part:

My favorite part of camp is the Celebration of Learning (and also Monster Night), since it is super cool seeing all of the work the campers have put into their week. This will be my second year as a member of the MSSM Summer Camp staff, and I am so excited to explore another year at my favorite summer destination!



**Zachary
Mitchell**

SENIOR COUNSELOR

Bio: Zachary is from Pittsfield, Maine. His hobbies include lacrosse, videography, photography, kayaking, canoeing, and camping.

He has been working at camp for 2 years, this year being his third. And I was a camper for only one year.

Favorite Part: My favorite part of camp is getting to know the campers and having fun during activities.



**Rachel
Pike**

SENIOR COUNSELOR

Bio: Rachel is a sophomore at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL, where she is working towards an Aerospace Engineering degree. She attended MSSM as a camper for two years and as a student for three. This is her second year working at the Summer Camp, this time as a counselor. In her free time, she loves to write, watch rocket launches, go to Walt Disney World with her family and friends, work on sewing projects, and read.

Favorite Part: Growing up, my favorite part of camp was attending all of the interesting classes; as a staff member, I love getting to assist the teachers as they educate the campers.

Counselors



**Abigail
Raymond**

Bio: Abby lives in Biddeford, ME. Her hobbies include swimming, singing, and reading. At camp, she'll be lifeguarding during most of the activity blocks, but will probably help out with some of the arts and crafts activities. She was a camper for one year and this is her second year working at the camp.

Favorite Part: My favorite part of camp is seeing a group of kids connecting over STEM and making lasting friendships. I also like watching their "aha" moments when they finally understand something in class.



**Kaitlyn
Reny**

Bio: Kaitlyn is from Lewiston, Maine and will be a counselor this summer for all 5 weeks. She recently graduated from Lewiston High School and is pursuing a major in Marine Biology and a minor in Environmental Science at Maine Maritime Academy in the fall.

Favorite Part: This will be her first time at the MSSM Summer Camp.



**Mari
Witmer**

Bio: Mari lives in Fort Kent, Maine and started going to MSSM her freshman year and will be a junior in August. She enjoys reading and playing volleyball. She will be a counselor at camp this year and will help with afternoon activities like arts and crafts, cooking, and capture the flag. She went to camp as a camper for one year and was a mentor last year.

Favorite Part: My favorite part about camp is getting more people interested in math and science.

Instructors



Chris Beckwith

WELCOME TO MARS

3D MODELING & PRINTING

Bio: Chris recently moved to Hampden, Maine. He has been teaching science, math and technology in Maine middle schools for the past 25 years. He is currently the Technology Integration Specialist at Reeds Brook Middle School in Hampden. When he is not teaching, he enjoys laughing with his family. To keep his sanity, he is a toy collector, (Star Wars and Skylanders), video gamer (Overwatch), and a costume maker. This summer will be his sixth year at camp.

Favorite Part: My favorite part of camp is observing what students are capable of when we remove the restraints of traditional schools. I'm also a big fan of Monster Night!



Larry Berz

LIFT OFF!

ASTRONOMY TOUR

Bio: Lawrence "Sunny Acres" Berz, stands out as the only remaining original camp staff instructor, having passionately participated in every 21 Summer Camp seasons since 1997. Resident of Limestone for over 20 years, Mr. "B" divides his happy homelife to the needs of family as well as a devoted observational commitment to northern Maine's starry skies. Daylight hours bring an occasional golf game and the ever present need for weeding the garden and playing with the family cat.

Favorite Part: Late night telescope patrols with both campers and staff, pointing out the passages of the International Space Station and dramatic Iridium "flares" building eclipse boxes, and supporting the talent shows for both girls and boys.



James Dochtermann

CLEAN THE OCEAN

ROBOTICS RACEWAY

Bio: James moved back to southern Maine from Japan where he had been teaching science and visual arts for about eight years. In his free time he likes to hike, fish, kayak, garden, cook, paint, raise chickens, and spend time with his family. Junko and Julia will both be at camp with him where they will work with the students to learn about environmental science and art making through using electronics and robotics.

Favorite Part: This will be my first year at MSSM's camp and I look forward to being outside with everyone having fun and experiencing new things.

Instructors



**Lisa
Fernandez-Mitchell**

THE BEAUTY OF MOVING MATTER

CREATING BRAVE NEW WORLDS

Bio: Lisa is an artist and art teacher from Kingsport, TN. She is joining MSSM this summer for the first time. During the third week of camp the staff and campers will be helping her and her husband, David Mitchell, build and fire an experimental paper kiln. When she's not making art and teaching she enjoys reading, construct fake artifacts, create subtleties and confections for historical banquets, play games, visiting with friends and swimming.

Favorite Part: I think the things I am excited about are meeting new friends, learning new things, and Monster Night.



**Alex
Hennings**

PROGRAMMING

PARTS AND PIECES

Bio: Alex lives and works in the Portland area, playing ultimate frisbee, board games and rock climbing. This is his 10th year teaching at camp and he enjoys escaping from a cubicle to a classroom each summer. He keeps coming back to teach the classes that are exactly the things that he wants to be doing. It also reminds him of the three years he came as a camper.

Favorite Part: I look forward to spending time with students in class where the activity is loosely defined, and just letting the kids steer.



**Nicole
Karod**

RUBIK'S CUBE

MATHTERPIECE

Bio: Nicole lives in Bath, Maine and teaches at Mt. Ararat Middle school as a seventh grade science and mathematics teacher. She has been teaching for 15 years and graduated from MSSM in 1999. She's been working at camps for 15 years. This summer she will be teaching Rubik's Cube and Mathterpiece - where campers do art with math and science topics.

Favorite Part: My favorite part of the camp is always the kids!

Instructors



Gary Kaszas

BRIDGE EXPLOSION

JUST LAUNCH IT

Bio: Gary lives in Fort Fairfield, Maine has lots and lots of hobbies and has turned some of them into businesses. He is a metalsmith and with that skill, he loves making jewelry. He also loves to grow and sell fruit trees and roses and teach and play guitar, but his long-time favorite hobby is muscle cars. He has owned many and you will see one of them at camp!

Favorite Part: Even though I've taught these activities before, I'm new to summer camp so I am very excited to be part of a great experience for all.



Tom Moore

REPTILE GARDEN

Bio: Tom is from York, PA. He spent 20 years as a Mechanical Designer and 8 years as an Architectural and Mechanical Design Instructor. He owned an Educational Reptile show business from 2006-2013, performing for libraries, schools, camps and more throughout PA, MD, DC and Northern VA. Hobbies include genealogy, reptiles and spending time with family.

Favorite Part: My favorite part of camp is the kids/teaching.



Kelci O'Neil

GENETIC CODE

REFRIGERATOR SCIENCE

Bio: Kelci is a middle school educator from Freeport, ME. Before coming to MSSM, she worked as an outdoor educator at The Leadership School in Nobleboro, ME. Her hobbies include reading, drawing, playing board games, playing gaga ball, and baking! She came to MSSM as a camper for one year when she was a kid, and will now return as an instructor.

Favorite Part: I am most excited to play games with campers, including eggoluthion, rock paper scissors split, and Set! I look forward to meeting you all this summer!

Instructors



James Robertson

CALCULUS

THERMODYNAMICS

Bio: James lives and volunteers at MSSM during the school year. His hobbies include solving Rubik's Cubes, playing soccer, and playing board and computer games. This is his third year teaching at the summer camp and I will be teaching calculus and thermodynamics.

Favorite Part: I can't wait for monster night and stargazing with Mr. Berz.



Jacqui Rogers

GEOLOGY

WHAT'S IN THE SKY?

Bio: Jacqui is originally from New Jersey, but grew up as a "military brat" and traveled around many locations as a child. Since 2008, she has been living in Texas teaching 4th grade. This year she has moved to Houlton, Maine to start a new chapter in her life. Her hobbies include many things outdoors such as hiking and playing with her dogs and also photography.

Favorite Part: This will be her first year at camp so check back next year.



Laurie Spooner

BEGINNER LEGO ROBOTICS

ADVANCED LEGO ROBOTICS

Bio: Laurie Spooner teaches science at Van Buren District Secondary School and lives in New Sweden, Maine. She has taught Lego Robotics for 7 years and coached First Lego League and Junior Lego League Teams. She likes to watch sports, garden, and participate in events for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Favorite Part: This will be her first year at MSSM Summer Camp.

Social Media

YOU WANT TO SEE PHOTOS OF YOUR CAMPER. WE KNOW THAT. MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM AND CHECK OUT OUR CAMP BLOG.



<https://www.facebook.com/MSSM.org/>



<https://www.instagram.com/mssmpenguins/>



MSSM on YouTube



www.mssm.org/summercamp

blogs & photos & more

Refer-a-Friend

Not only does your child get to enjoy camp with a friend, you can save money on tuition.

- Your child has attended camp at least once any time in the past.
- You refer a child that has never attended camp in either overnight or day camp.
- Your child has registered and paid the \$100 Non-Refundable deposit.
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- The deadline to refer a friend is May 1st. Your account will be credited after that.
- The deadline to register and pay for camp is June 1st.
- The offer cannot be combined with one-week full gift certificates.
- The RAF discount is not redeemable for cash.
- RAF is valid for this camp year only and will not roll over into the next year.
- One RAF equals one student for one week. If your RAF stays two weeks, there will only be \$100 credited once per student.

\$100 for each overnight camper referred

\$50 for each day camper referred

Can be used up to 6 times per season



You are a thousand times better than any ad we could make and we want to thank you for sharing.

For more info: (bottom of the page)

<https://www.mssm.org/summer-programs/summer-camp>

Merchandise

NOW YOU CAN BUY CAMP RELATED MERCHANDISE

Hoodie



- Dark Blue - White Logo

Special Wintertime Contest for campers who buy a hoodie !!
Details coming in the fall.

\$ 30

Blanket



- 47" x 54" Blue with Yellow Text

\$ 15

Cup & Squeeze



\$ 5

TO ORDER

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Send a check with your camper and we will give it to him/her to take back.

Make checks payable to MSSM Summer Camp. Email us before so we can reserve your size.

Email summercamp@mssm.org with the subject line: Merchandise

There will be a special contest from October 2018 to April 2019 if you send a photo wearing a hoodie.

There will also be a contest during the same time if you take your cup & penguin out and about.

Working at Summer Camp

MENTOR (AGES 15 16 17)

Mentors are high school aged students who serve as role models and are available to assist the campers. Mentors generally have attended the MSSM or the summer camps. Mentors' responsibilities include duties in the classroom, dorm, and cafeteria. Mentors are assigned to one instructor each week of camp, and they help in that instructor's classroom. They also help supervise and engage campers in scheduled afternoon and evening activities. Lifeguard certification is a plus. A successful mentor will be hard working, enthusiastic, and team oriented.

COUNSELOR (AGES 18+)

Counselors are mature adults that live in the dormitory with the campers and are responsible for the well being of 10-20 campers in their "families". Counselors ensure the campers are awake and ready for class each morning, assist in daily dorm maintenance and group activities, and report illnesses to the camp nurse. Each counselor will be paired with a student mentor who will also live with the campers. Interested individuals should be motivated, energetic, and willing to play an important role in this wonderful experience. Must be 18 or older.

INSTRUCTOR

Our instructors are enthusiastic and talented people with a real love for science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics. They design their own week long courses that engage campers in hands on, interactive, challenging classes that encourage campers to think about STEM topics in new ways. Experience working with gifted and talented students and/or motivated middle and high school students is a plus. Bachelor's degree required.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer positions are not always available and subject to room availability. Volunteers help in various capacities as needed. Duties may include starting / extinguishing campfires, sweeping, filing / officework, taking photos. Please contact us well in advance to apply for a volunteer position. Although you would not be paid, you would get three meals a day and can participate in camp activities.

STAFF APPLICATIONS OPEN IN **NOVEMBER**

DEADLINE FOR 2019: **MARCH 1ST**

CHECK WWW.MSSM.ORG/SUMMERCAMP FOR UPDATES

Important Phone Numbers

General phone numbers:

MSSM: 207-325-3600 (Office hours are 8:00am-4:30pm, M-F.)

Fax: 207-325-3340

If you are wishing to contact your son/daughter during camp:

Dorm Front Desk: 207-325-3796 (Office hours are 7:00am-9:30pm.)

(You can also send emails to mssmcampers@gmail.com.)

If you need to make changes to any forms, changes to travel plans, or need to make a payment. Or, if you have general questions about camp:

Camp Administrative Assistant: **Tracy Moore:** 207-325-3600 (desk)

(Office hours are 8:00am-4:30pm, M-F.) 207-554-9902 (cell phone)

If you have concerns about dormitory issues:

Residential Director: **Matt Bartlett:** 207-540-6013 (cell phone)

Asst. Residential Director: **Mariah Havens:** 207-554-9919 (cell phone)

If you have any medical concerns:

Camp Nurse: **Yvette Daniels:** 207-554-9904 (cell phone)

If you have any dietary concerns:

Director of Food Services: **Darcy Millard** 207-325-3612

(Office hours are 8:00am-4:30pm, M-F.)

If you have urgent or emergency concerns:

Camp Director: **Ryan McDonald** 207-325-3639 (office)

or 207-554-9912 (cell)

Note to Parents

Camp is just around the corner and before you know it, your son or daughter is going to be experiencing the thrill of heading off to the MSSM Summer Camp. With every day that passes, the excitement mounts. A little bit of nervousness is probably a plus, but too much can get in the way of enjoying all of the wonderful experiences that our camp has to offer. This is where we may need your help! We believe that a positive camp experience truly begins at home. We'd ask that you consider the following tips to help maximize your child's camp experience before even leaving the driveway.

Emphasize that your child is going to camp rather than being sent to camp. MSSM Summer Camp is often a first experience away from home for kids, and this may lead to some homesickness for certain campers. Reminding kids that they are choosing to attend and take part in the fun, rather than being sent off, allows them to focus on the fun at camp rather than on what they'll be missing at home.

Speak openly about homesickness, especially if this is your child's first time away from home. Every year we have campers who feel homesick and yet every year we see the vast majority of these campers are able to acclimate quickly. It really helps when campers realize that they're not the only ones who might be feeling home sick and that determining to stick it out can lead to a really great time. Please avoid statements like, "If you don't like camp, you can come home," because this will often cause kids to close their minds and focus on the earliest possible opportunity to head home. Instead, talk about times when you went away to camp (or the like) and how you were able to handle being away from your family.

Be sure that your child realizes that campers can write home everyday and that incoming mail is distributed daily as well. Consider sending a note with positive statements such as "I bet you're having a blast!" or "You're so lucky to be making so many new friends!" You might even send a care package filled with snacks and goodies!

Avoid statements such as "I'm going to miss you terribly!" This sometimes makes the campers feel guilty about looking forward to all of the fun that they will have while leaving their families at home.

Talk to your child about the people who will be there to share the fun of camp - the cool friends, the excited mentors, the talented and knowledgeable faculty and the wise house parents. Remind them of the excitement of making new friends.

Heighten your child's interest by talking about the exciting opportunities that will be waiting at camp. Our experience is that our campers have an absolute blast. Many come back for a second and even third and fourth summer.

We offer you these tips as some simple suggestions to help your camper to have the best time possible at our camps. We really look forward to meeting each and every camper, and we assure you that we will do everything that we can to make this one of the best, if not the very best, summer experiences of their lives.

As always, if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to be in touch at 207 325 3600.

Facilities

The Residence Hall

The Residence Hall is a school dormitory located less than 100 feet from the Maine School of Science and Mathematics' academic building. Remodeled in 1996, the Residence Hall is equipped with a large main lounge, gymnasium, several small lounges, and a laundry room. Individual rooms have fifteen-foot ceilings and six-foot windows. Each room is furnished with beds, dressers, wardrobes, desks, and chairs.

Although the Residence Hall has a capacity of 150 students, MSSM Summer Camp houses, at most, 110 campers as well as several adult houseparents and high school aged mentors. Each camp employs 15-25 staff members whose responsibilities include maintaining a safe living and learning environment. The campers are assigned to doubles or triples with every effort made to accommodate requests submitted on the camp rooming questionnaire. The hallways are divided into color-coded "families", which have space for 12-15 campers. Each floor of the dormitory has several individual bathrooms with showers.

To see each room in a 360 view, please click here:

<https://kuula.co/profile/soremite>

The Academic Building

Classes are held in the MSSM wing of the Limestone Educational Complex. There are two computer labs and four fully equipped science labs. Class size is limited to 15 campers. This building also houses the Junior-Olympic-sized swimming pool (one of five indoor pools in Maine at a school) and the school cafeteria, where meals are prepared and served.

Arrival / Departure

Registration

Each camp begins on Sunday afternoon. Campers may register between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. in the gym of the Residence Hall. Parents should solidify return trip plans with their campers BEFORE leaving camp and consider sending a reminder as the camp week comes to a close. Families are expected to depart by 5:00 p.m., so campers can begin to acclimate.

Check-out

Check out will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each Saturday in the gym of the residence hall. Campers must have written permission to depart with anyone other than a parent or guardian. All campers must sign out before leaving.

Bus

The MSSM Summer Camp will be sending a bus from Limestone as far south as Portland, ME. The bus will be stopping at designated areas along Route 95. A camp chaperone will be on this bus. Please fill out the bus option in the transportation form if you are interested in this, and we will send you more information. Cost of using the camp bus is \$25.00 each way. This year we will have a visual scavenger hunt on the way for campers to find numbers/buildings/images/words starting in Houlton and ending at the school

Driving Directions

To get to the MSSM, follow 95 North to Houlton, Maine. Take Route 1 north to Mars Hill; bear right onto Route 1A and follow Route 1A to Limestone, Maine.

In Limestone, take a left on FFA Avenue. At the end of this road you will see the “Limestone Community School” & “Maine School of Science and Mathematics.” Park in this upper parking lot. To the right, you will see the Veterans Memorial Gym in a separate building. These are the dormitories. Check-in and out takes place in the Veterans Memorial Gym. There will be signs guiding the way.

Communicating with Campers

U.S. Mail

Please mail letters or packages to your camper using the following format:

Camper Name - Room #

MSSM Summer Camp

95 High Street

Limestone, ME 04750

It is very exciting to receive something from home, so please do write your camper or send a care package. At the same time, families and friends might like to hear news from camp, so please remember to send along stamps and envelopes. Outgoing mail is picked up daily from the main desk of the dorm each day.

E-Mail

While at camp, there will be daily opportunities for campers to check web-based email (hotmail, gmail, yahoo, etc.). If your camper does not have a web-based email account and you would like to send email to your camper, please send it to the following email address: mssmcampers@gmail.com. Be sure to include your camper's name in the subject line so that we can deliver a printed copy; we do not read these emails before we distribute them. Unfortunately, we cannot set up individual email accounts, so it may not be possible for your camper to email you back if you write to them via mssmcampers@gmail.com.

Phone

Cell phone reception is limited in Limestone; US Cellular has the most reliable service. There are phones available in the dormitory, although we discourage their frequent use in order to optimize the camp experience. Please respect our daily schedule and "lights out" hours when placing calls to your son/daughter. The best time to contact your camper is during "quiet time" (campers are in their wings) which is between 5:25 to 6:00 pm. The dorm phone number is 207-325-3796.

You can also call the dormitory anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. to speak with a member of the summer camp staff. We would be happy to give you an update on your son/daughter or take a brief message.

Campers may bring their cell phones; however, we encourage parents and friends to respect their camp experience by calling during camp quiet time. We do warn that cell phone reception is not strong in Limestone, ME for a number of providers. If you are not able to contact your child via their cell phone, it may be due to poor reception. Campers may also bring prepaid phone cards for any calls outside the Limestone area. Please be sure to note your camper's room number and the names of your camper's houseparent and mentor when you check in for registration. This will make communication much easier for everyone.

Area Hotels

Caribou:

Caribou Inn and Convention Center Location: 19 Main St.

<http://www.caribouinn.com>

Phone: 207-498-3733

Crown Park Inn

<http://www.crownparkinn.com>

Location: 30 Access Highway

Phone: 207-493-3311

Old Iron Inn Bed & Breakfast

<http://www.oldironinn.com>

Location: 155 High St.

Phone: 207-492-4766

Russell's Motel

<http://www.russellsmotel.com>

Location: South Main St.

Phone: 207-498-2567

Presque Isle:

Budget Traveler

<http://thebudgettravelerinn.com>

Location: 71 Main St.

Phone: 207-769-0111

Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center

<http://www.presqueisleinn.com>

Location: 116 Main St.

Phone: 207-764-3321

The Northeastland Hotel

<http://www.northeastlandhotel.com>

Location: 436 Main St.

Phone: (207) 768-5321

The Hampton Inn

www.hamptoninn.hilton.com

Location: 768 Main St.

Phone: 207-760-9292

Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada:

Have your passports ready in order to return to the US.

Lakeside Lodge and Resort

<http://www.lakeside-lodge.com>

Location: Gillespie Settlement

Phone: 506-473-6252

Best Western

<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern>

Location: Grand Falls, NB

Phone: 506-473-6200

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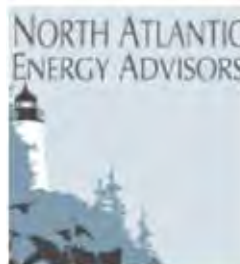
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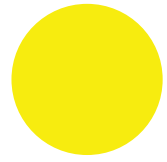
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