

Camp Bowgie Important Camp Policies & Information



Please read and understand the following as you will need to sign/agree to this when registering:

What to Wear

Camp Bowgie Summer Camp is a fun-filled way to spend the summer.

- To take full advantage of all the fun, sneakers are a must. Sandals or any other type of slip on shoe are not appropriate for all the fun we want to have.
- Shorts and T-shirts are the best attire for our activities.
- Please look at the calendar and weekly **Ribbit Review** for “special “attire” to wear on certain days.

Lunch, Snack & Drinks

We have a snack time in the morning, lunch, and a snack in the Afternoon.

- Make sure your child has a snack/drink for both snack times and lunch/drink for lunch time.
- Make sure your child has plenty of drinks, especially on very hot days.
- Freeze Pops will be available for purchase at lunch time for 25 cents...

Field Trips

- Field trips are scheduled on Tuesdays & Thursdays. In order to go on a field trip, campers must be registered For individual trips.
- Children must be enrolled in the 6-week camp in order to register for any field trip.
- Your child DOES NOT come to camp on Tuesday or Thursday if they are not registered for a field trip.
- Please read all of the information on the weekly notices to make sure your child is well prepared/dressed appropriately.
- Your child must wear a Bow Rec Summer Camp T-Shirt on every trip. (If camper does not have their Camp T-shirt, a shirt must be purchased for \$15.00.)
- On Beach trips, campers may bring money for the snack bar and are responsible for their own money.
- No refunds if you cancel or miss a trip.
- Children attending water trips must know how to swim or you must supply a USCG life vest that they must wear at all times.
- Water Parks & Canobie require that children be able to participate freely in the water, on fast rides and /or physical adventures.

- Clarks Bears, Canobie, Whale’s Tale and Aquaboggan have some rides with minimum height and/or weight restrictions.
- If Bow Rec cancels a trip due to weather, we will hold camp at BHS from 9:00 – 4:00 for trip participants. A refund will be issued (less a \$20 camp fee, even if they do not come to camp that day).
- The Beach trips are scheduled to be at Hampton Beach where we have confirmation that lifeguards will be on duty. If Wellington Beach has lifeguards, we will go there on some days instead.

Trips are subject to change

Discipline/Safety

Please talk with your child about good behavior at summer camp. We do not allow aggressive behavior towards others, bullying or meanness in any of our programs. Should your child demonstrate unacceptable behavior, we will deal with it in the following manner:

- 1st – The counselor and/or camp director will talk with the child.
- 2nd – Parent will be informed.
- 3rd – Child will need to take a day or more off from the camp program.

Should the behavior continue, the child will be dismissed from the program and will not be able to return and no refund will be issued.

It is our hope that every child succeeds at camp. We feel communication with parents is essential to this.

In an extreme behavior situation or if at any time the safety or wellbeing of your child, other campers or our staff is being compromised, or if a child causes vandalism or destruction of property, the child will need to be picked up immediately from the program. Future participation in the program will be determined.

Medication & Medical Conditions

Please make sure we know:

- Health conditions or medications your child is on.
- If your child carries an epi-pen or an inhaler.
- We will need to know who is allowed to pick-your child & their phone numbers.

- Please inform us of any changes throughout the summer.
- Children may not carry medications with them, (other than an inhaler).

- At daily pick-up, take note of the information on the dry erase board that is located at the entrance to the gym.

Parent Concerns or Suggestions

It is very important to us to offer the best possible program for the children of Bow. The safety of the children is our number one concern. As parents, your thoughts, comments and suggestions are welcome. Please contact us at the Bow Parks & Rec or speak to our Camp Director with your thoughts.

Registration Procedure

- Registration for Bow residents begins Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 9:00 am.
- Non-residents may register for camp beginning March 21, 2023.
- To secure a spot, you must register and pay the full amount with credit card, cash or check, payable to **Town of Bow**.
- To register online, visit <https://bownh.myrec.com>.
- Families may also register in person at the Bow Community Building, 3 Bow Center Road, Bow, NH during business hours.
- Payment method for online registration is **CREDIT CARD ONLY**. **A 2.79% convenience fee and a 25 cent transaction fee is added to credit card purchases. As of 4/1/23, the convenience fee will increase to 2.99%.**
- If Camp Bowgie is FULL, please ask us to put your child's name & phone number on the waitlist.
- **Registration is first come/first served.**

Camp Location

Camp Bowgie 2023 Summer Camp will be at Bow High School. Upon arrival:

- Follow check in procedures.
- The Bow Recreation Camp Staff will greet you and your camper inside the gym where you will sign-in each day.
- Remind your child to be respectful of the school property. **Destruction of school property will result in immediate dismissal.**

Weekly Notices

Check out our **Ribbit Review** each week for what's going on at camp.

- The Ribbit Review will be emailed to you each week. Please read it to keep informed & to make sure your child is prepared for the daily activities.

Arriving Late/Leaving Early

- Children may arrive at camp anytime throughout the day. If you plan to arrive after 9:30, please let the Camp Director know in advance.
- If leaving early, or going home with someone other than a parent, please make sure a written note is given to the Camp Director at the sign-in table.
- Please call the Recreation Department @ 223-3920 if you need a message relayed to your child during camp.

Camp Dates

Camp will be held *June 26, 2023 – August 4, 2023.

- Camp days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Campers registered in advance for individual field trips will attend field trips on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays.
- There is no camp on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
- Follow Camp Calendar for any variations

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Camp Hours

Camp hours are from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

- In order to arrive before 9:00 AM, you must register for Before Camp Early Care.
- If your child is picked up after 4:00 pm, there is a \$1.00 per minute late fee. Payment must be made before your child is allowed back in the program. (Repeated late pick-up could result in dismissal from program without refund).

Before Camp Care

Before Camp Care is offered from 7:45 am – 9:00 am Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The fee is \$100 per camper for the 6-week camp. If you also need Before Camp Care on field trip days, the fee is \$50 per camper for the 6-week camp.

Camp Check In & Out

- When dropping your child off, or picking them up, go directly to the BHS gymnasium.
- Go to the staff table and sign your child in on the appropriate sheet and include the phone number where you can be reached.
- At the end of the day, sign them out on the same sheet.

Health Reminders

- Please do not send your child to camp if they are not feeling well or are experiencing any COVID symptoms.
- Parents will be called to come pick up their child if campers develop symptoms while at camp.

Camp Checklist:

- Bag with extra clothes
- Snacks, lunch, refillable water bottle
- Sunscreen – please apply before camp. Campers will need to reapply at camp as needed
- Any medication, including epi-pens and inhalers that your child may need. Parents will need to complete our camp medication form for any prescription or non-prescription medication.
- Camp Bowgie T-Shirt on Field Trip Days

Reminder...

- When you sign your child in each day, the sign-in form has a place for you to put a phone number. **This number MUST be a number that we can reach you at during the camp day.** This is extremely important. Should you not be available during this time, please talk to the Camp Director and let us know an alternative person for us to call and who may pick your child up. Please put this in writing.
- If any of the phone numbers or contacts change during camp, please let the Camp Director know.