

Camp Field Trips

The cost of field trips is included in your camp tuition. Children are allowed to bring spending money on most field trips to purchase snacks or items from gift shops. The following is a description of trips planned for the junior and senior groups. Leaders-in-training will travel with one of the junior groups (K-1 or 2-4) unless otherwise noted on the L.I.T. calendar.

TRIPS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

New York State Parks (www.nysparks.state.ny.us/parks)

Campers will visit various state parks (please see calendar for specific parks). While at the parks the campers will have their picnic lunch (not included), swim, play on the park playground, and when possible, participate in educational programs. Although children may bring spending money for the snack bar please do not rely on them to provide lunch for your children because it is not a guarantee they will be open.

We will be visiting the following New York State Parks this summer:

- **Grafton Lakes State Park**
Grafton, NY 12082
- **Mine Kill State Park**
North Blenheim, NY 12131
- **Saratoga Spa State Park**
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
- **Taghkanic Lake State Park**
Ancram, NY 12502
- **Moreau State Park**
Gansevoort, NY 12831
- **Thompsons Lake State Park**
Voorheesville, NY 12059

Six Flags Great Escape-Lake George, NY (www.sixflags.com/greatescape)

Children in all age groups will be traveling to Six Flags Great Escape in Lake George, NY. The campers will have a full day of rides and fun! A catered picnic lunch consisting of hamburgers, (veggie burger upon request) hot dogs, salads, beverages and ice cream is included. Children should bring a water bottle and pack light as they will be required to carry their belongings through the park with them. **Extended trip; buses will depart at 8:00 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m.** Children may bring spending money for the gift shops and food vendors.

JUNIOR GROUP: KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE TRIPS

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center- Delmar, NY **(www.dec.ny.gov/education/1835.html)**

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center is a living museum comprising over 450 acres of broad fields, towering forests, and tranquil wetlands. Five Rivers offers children a rich variety of self-guided opportunities to encounter nature directly. The center promotes awareness, knowledge and appreciation of New York State's environment. With over 10 miles of trails for self-guided exploration, Five Rivers fosters discovery, spiritual refreshment and physical fitness through wholesome outdoor recreation.

Build-A-Bear Workshop- Albany, NY (www.buildabear.com)

Children will travel to the local Build-a-Bear store, to create their own loveable, fuzzy friend. Children will receive one free bear to build. Children may bring spending money to purchase additional items.

Adirondack Animal Land-Gloversville, NY (www.adirondackanimalland.com)

Children will have the opportunity to explore the largest zoo within upstate New York. Located in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains, Adirondack Animal land is home to over five hundred animals. Animals range from colorful birds to camels, bear and deer. The zoo has a variety of animals and activities that are sure to excite everyone. Children may also bring spending money to purchase gifts and souvenirs!

Albany Visitors Center- Albany, NY (www.albany.org/visitors-center)

The Kindergarten and First Grade group will participate in an interactive program entitled "Twinkle Time." Within this program, children will learn about the stars, planets, comets and constellations of the night sky. Children will participate in hands on activities and view a planetarium showing in the Henry Hudson Planetarium, an official NASA space place.

Chuck E. Cheese-Latham, NY (www.chuckecheese.com)

Children will enjoy a fun day filled with skill games and arcades. Children will receive 16 tokens, as well as 2 slices of pizza and a drink. After children have participated in the games of their choice they may turn in their tickets to receive a prize. Special guest Chuck E. Cheese will perform and may even teach the children a dance move or two following the show. Children may bring extra spending money for tokens and prizes

The Children's Museum at Saratoga- Saratoga, NY (www.cmssny.org)

The K-1 group will have the opportunity to explore and learn at this fun-filled museum. Children will participate in a discovery visit program entitled "Silly Science." Silly Science will allow children to tap into their sensory skills and play in a fun, scientific way.

Via Aquarium and Central Park- Rotterdam, NY (www.viaaquarium.com)

A visit to the Aquarium is children's passport to discovering the world's aquatic biodiversity. With thousands of creatures on display, a visit to Via Aquarium will engage children's senses. In addition to the spectacular view from the underwater tunnel, children can get involved at the interactive touch tank or our augmented reality sandbox. With so much to see and experience, learning is taken beyond the classroom and into a new underwater world. Children will have a picnic lunch in the local Central Park.

Fireman's Museum- Hudson, NY (www.fasnyfiremuseum.com)

Children will have a guided tour of the museum and participate in an interactive program throughout the tour to spark their interest and motivation. Interactives done during the tour include the bucket brigade, a parade activity, as well as creative play on selected fire trucks. During their time at the Museum, children will also participate in programming within the Museum's McCadam Cheese Discovery Room. This program includes learning when and how to dial 9-1-1, identifying fire hazards in the home, and re-enforcing craft projects that are completed in the Discovery Room.

JUNIOR GROUP: SECOND – FOURTH GRADE TRIPS

Albany Pine Bush Preserve & Discovery Center- Albany, NY (www.albanypinebush.org)

Children will travel to the Albany Pine Bush Preserve, experiencing the wonders of nature that make up their own backyards. Children will learn about nature and have the opportunity to travel the numerous trails which make up the preserve through a guided hike. Children must have sneakers. Following the hike, children will have lunch and have the opportunity to play and learn within the Preserves Discovery Center.

Zoom Flume Water Park – East Durham, NY (www.zoomflume.com)

With its wide variety of activities, Zoom Flume is a water park designed for kids to enjoy themselves and have fun! Children may bring spending money for the gift shop or food vendors. **Extended trip**; buses will depart **at 9:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m.**

Tri-City Valley Cats Baseball –Troy, NY (www.tcvalleycats.com)

Children in the 2nd-8th grade groups will be going to a Tri-City Valley Cats baseball game at Joseph Bruno Stadium for "Camp Day". Children will enjoy a full game of America's favorite past-time. Children will also enjoy a complimentary cheeseburger, chips and beverage.

MiSci: Museum of Innovation and Science-Schenectady, NY (www.schenectadymuseum.org)

MiSci is a dynamic destination; the museum celebrates science, invention, and imagination. The Museum also explores the area's rich technological heritage, with some of the region's finest interactive exhibits. Children will participate in hands-on programs and have the ability to tour the fun filled museum. Children will learn and discover information about the night sky by viewing a planetarium show.

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Howe Caverns- Howes Cave, NY (www.howecaverns.com)

Howe Caverns is one of New York's best attractions. The journey will take children deep into the cave through gorgeous limestone corridors, cavernous galleries, under massive boulders, and subterranean riverbeds. Children will learn about geology's many wonders.

Kidspace at Mass MoCa- North Adams, MA (www.kidspace.massmoca.org)

Children will explore their senses within this hands-on children's museum. Kidspace is a child-centered art gallery where professional, contemporary artists exhibit their work. Kidspace provides children with a hands-on studio where they have the ability to create and study art. The art chosen for exhibition is "used as a vehicle for discussing contemporary social issues, making evident topics of concern to children, and challenging notions about art and art materials."

FunPlex Fun Park, East Greenbush, NY (www.funplexfunpark.com)

Children will have the opportunity to play a round of golf and jump around on the various bounce houses. Children will also be given 2 tickets to choose to participate in: go-karts, basketball, baseball cages, or bumper boats. The children may bring spending money for the snack bar or ice cream at Lickety Split.

SENIOR GROUP TRIPS

Saratoga Strike Zone-Saratoga, NY (www.saratogastrikezone.com)

Children will have a fun filled day of bowling. Children will put on a pair of bowling shoes and get ready to attempt to a perfect game. Although a perfect score is far from reach for everyone except a professional bowler, children will still have an amazing time knocking down a few pins. Children will need a pair of socks and can bring money for games and snacks

Bousquet Mountain-Pittsfield, MA (www.bousquets.com/summer)

Children will travel to the Berkshires to experience mountain fun in the summer. Children can slide down the mountain on Bousquet's giant waterslides and will have the opportunity to hit a hole-in-one in a round of miniature golf. Children may bring money for snacks and gifts.

Million Dollar Beach-Lake George, NY (<http://www.lakegeorge.com/business/million-dollar-beach-8740/>)

Children will travel to Lake George to enjoy a refreshing swim at Million Dollar Beach. They will also have the opportunity to participate in team building games on the beach and visit the snack bar.

Herkimer Diamond Mines- Herkimer, NY (<http://www.herkimerdiamond.com/>)

Children will step back in time and be a prospector for a day. Mine for Herkimer Diamonds and keep what you find! Children may bring money for the gift shop. **Extended trip; buses will depart at 9:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m.**

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Baseball Hall of Fame-Cooperstown, NY (www.baseballhall.org)

Children will travel to the famous town of Cooperstown and enrich themselves in the history of America's favorite pastime. Children will tour the museum and participate in an interactive scavenger hunt, while learning fun facts about the game of baseball and discover the connection between the generations of people who participated in and loved the game. Children will also be able to bring money for souvenirs and gifts.

The Fun Spot- Queensbury, NY (www.thefunspot.net)

Children will be beyond excited to adventure to this fun-filled field trip. Children will be allowed time to roller skate, play a round of laser tag, as well as have a spin on the go-karts.

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Non-Swim Friday Trips (available to all age groups)

Peebles Island State Park, Waterford, NY (<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/111/maps.aspx>)

Peebles Island State Park is a 190-acre state park located at the confluence of the Mohawk and Hudson rivers in New York State. A majority of the park is located in Saratoga County, with a smaller portion located in Albany County. Campers will get the opportunity to hike the trails with a scenic view. Large pavilions will provide a shaded area for the children to eat lunch.

New York State Museum, Albany, NY (<http://www.nysm.nysed.gov>)

The New York State Museum is a research-backed institution in Albany, New York. It is located on Madison Avenue, attached to the south side of the Empire State Plaza, facing onto the plaza and towards the New York State Capitol. Campers will get the opportunity to explore the museum as well as take a ride on the carousel located upstairs in the museum building.

Prospect Mountain, Lake George, NY (<http://www.lakegeorgeguide.com/regional-area-info/have-you-seen/prospect-mountain/>)

A beautiful hike that includes some varied terrain. The trail starts with an enclosed safety bridge that crosses over the Northway and then proceeds as a typical Adirondack style trail. A nice shaded picnic area is at the base of the mountain as well as bathrooms. Campers will get the opportunity to hike the trails and take in the view of Lake George.

Schodack Island Park, Schodack Island Way, NY (<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/146/hunting.aspx>)

Schodack Island State Park is a 1,052-acre state park that spans portions of Rensselaer, Greene, and Columbia counties, New York. The park is located between the Hudson River and Schodack Creek, and was opened in 2002. Campers will get the opportunity to walk the trails, and play on the playground. There is also a beautiful look out over the Hudson River.

Saratoga National Park, Stillwater, NY (<https://www.nps.gov/sara/index.htm>)

Saratoga National Historical Park is a United States National Historical Park located in the Town of Stillwater in eastern New York, forty miles north of Albany. The park preserves the site of the Battles of Saratoga. Campers will get the opportunity to walk around the historical battlefields, Saratoga monument and walk the trails of Victory Woods.

Mac-Hayden Theater-Chatham, NY (<http://www.machaydntheatre.org/>)

Children will have the opportunity to be exposed to the world of theatre at this local playhouse. Children will have the chance to watch the production of: "The trials of Alice in Wonderland" on July 7th, "Hi-Ho Robin Hood" on July 21st, and "The Wizard of Oz" on August 4th.

LEADER-IN-TRAINING

LEADER-IN-TRAINING GROUP ONLY TRIPS

Dave and Buster's- Albany, NY (<https://www.daveandbusters.com/>)

Leaders-In-Training will travel to Dave and Buster's and work in teams to complete three missions on a deadline. The first will challenge teams to earn as many tickets as possible. The winners get a leg up on the second mission, which sends teams in search of items in Dave & Buster's and among teammates. In the brain games mission, memory, logic, and quick thinking will be put to the test. The activities focus on leadership, supports talent assessment, and problem solving.

Bash Bish Falls- Mt.Washington, MA

(<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-west/bash-bish-falls-state-park.html>)

Leaders-In-Training will work together to overcome a variety of teambuilding challenges and games with their coordinator on this active trip. Upon completing their teambuilding workshops, children will venture to the breath-taking falls for an afternoon hike.

