



# CAMP MAHACKENO



**Summer Camp  
the Way it Should Be!**

*For over 71 years, children  
have called Camp Mahackeno  
"home" during the summer.*

**JOIN US  
FOR  
OPEN  
HOUSE**

**Saturday,  
May 21, 2011**

**12:00 to 2:00 pm**

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# Welcome to Camp Mahackeno - Summer Camp the Way It Should Be!

Swimming, canoeing, arts & crafts, sing-a-longs, archery, nature and sports activities, and so much more! Camp Mahackeno offers a summer camp experience second to none. Campers meet new friends, participate in fun and exciting activities, and enjoy nature in our beautiful outdoor setting.

Camp Mahackeno is divided into Units designed to give age-appropriate levels of supervision and camp activity. Each Unit is divided into groups of 20 to 24 campers. The Shawnee and Mohegan Units have three counselors per group. A Unit Director provides leadership, guidance and support for the campers and staff. Units are also a great way to promote camp spirit, give campers a sense of belonging and set a clear path of progression for campers who return year after year.

We meet each morning down at LOGS, our outdoor amphitheater. Each Unit has their own group of benches at LOGS. All campers, except Rangers, spend all day, everyday at Mahackeno Outdoor Center. The chart on the next page lists many of the fun activities available.

The Westport Weston Family Y is environmentally conscious. Make sure to access all camp paperwork online. The parent handbook and all forms may be accessed on our website. Current email addresses will make communicating easier for all.



We hope we have answered all your questions in this brochure. However, if you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Happy Camping!**

*Jennifer*

Jennifer Perrault  
Camp Director



## Character Development

Camp Mahackeno promotes four character values in all of our programs. During staff training, we introduce these values and stress the importance of a positive focus on them.

### Caring

- Help others
- Be sensitive to others' feelings

### Honesty

- Tell the truth
- Match your actions to your values

### Respect

- Treat others as I would have them treat me
- Value the worth of every person and myself

### Responsibility

- Do what needs to be done
- Be accountable for one's behavior and attitude

## Our History

Camp Mahackeno is part of Westport history. More than 300 years ago, the Indian Sachem Mahackemo (spelled with an 'm') used the property as a summer lodge for himself and his tribe.



An original camp cabin

In 1938, Camp Mahackeno began as a “stay at home camp” for boys. The original camp was a rugged place with about fifteen small cottages, all in some form of disrepair, scattered throughout lower camp. Water had to be carried to camp in those early days, since camp had no running water systems. The entire property was bare acreage with some flimsy steps going up and down both sides of the hills. Mahackeno became a camp for both boys and girls in 1969.

### ACA Accreditation

Camp Mahackeno is accredited by the American Camping Association. This association sets standards, that, when followed by a camping program, help to ensure that the program is at its best. Learn more about the ACA by visiting [www.ACACamps.org](http://www.ACACamps.org).



## Today's Camp Mahackeno



Camp Mahackeno is as strong today as it was in the olden days and understands the importance of providing an appropriate summer camp for your child. We provide stimulating and challenging programming – balanced to meet each camper's needs – in the safest and most comfortable environment. These activity options mean many opportunities for enrichment and success.

Mahackeno employs a summer camp staff of qualified, committed and caring individuals. Along with previous experience working with children, staff members receive twenty hours of training to ensure each understands our standards and expectations. ***Your child will be in a group that meets or exceeds State of Connecticut and American Camping Association standards.*** There is also a registered nurse or EMT on duty to attend to medical needs of campers or staff.

Our facility and equipment are well-maintained and inspected by the Westport Fire Marshall and Health Department, State of Connecticut Health Department, and the American Camping Association. Our Summer Camp program has been developed and improved over many years by professionals with numerous years of experience in physical education, outdoor education, special education, childcare, recreation and education.

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### OUR FACILITIES

- ACA accredited and CT State Certified
- 32-acre camp facility & wooded areas
- 12 acre pond for canoeing & fishing
- 6 lane outdoor swimming pool
- Athletic fields

### EXPERIENCED, CARING STAFF

- Mature, highly trained, returning staff
- Registered nurse or EMT on site
- Qualified lifeguards

### FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

- Personalized attention from Unit Directors
- Family night
- Keep track of happenings at camp with our “green” newsletter. Email addresses must be current.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Please call 203-226-8981
- Email [mahackeno@westportny.org](mailto:mahackeno@westportny.org)

# 2011 Camp Programs

## Shawnee, Mohegan, Lakota, Cayuga and Apache Entering 1st-5th grade

These units make up our traditional day camp programs. Campers engage in age-appropriate activities with a sense of belonging and pride in their unit.

- The Shawnee Unit is for campers entering 1st grade
- The Mohegan Unit is for campers entering 2nd grade
- The Lakota Unit is for campers entering 3rd grade
- The Cayuga Unit is for campers entering 4th grade
- The Apache Unit is for campers entering 5th grade.



## Ranger Unit Entering 6th-7th grade

Rangers have an exciting summer planned. Each session combines camp experience with local field trips.

## LIT: Leaders in Training Entering Grades 8 & 9; Ages 13 & 14

LITs spend time making the exciting transition from camper to role model. Alternating between traditional camp activities and leadership development, these experienced campers gain additional experience working with school-age children, practice problem-solving skills and assist counselors and CITs. **All interested participants must attend the May 21 open house for orientation.**

## CIT: Counselors in Training Entering Grade 10; Age 15

Under the guidance of the CIT Director and other qualified staff, the CITs observe and assist with the leadership of groups, develop initiatives, clarify values and prepare to assume the role of counselor. CITs also undergo leadership training, assuming more responsibility during the four weeks that they progress through the program. CITs receive regular feedback on performance.



One field trip is scheduled.

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**New This Year:** The LIT and CIT Programs have been expanded to include training and certification in a variety of practical skills for use in a camp setting and throughout life, including CPR/First Aid, Boating and Canoeing, Archery, Outdoor Living Skills and more.

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## Special Cares

### Ages 6-16

Our Special Cares program offers children with physical and mental disabilities a traditional day camp experience. Mainstreamed as far as their ability allows, Special Cares campers are assigned an age-appropriate Camp Mahackeno unit, and join in as many activities as possible. Staff to camper ratio is 1:1 or 1:2, providing the camper with the attention and encouragement needed to develop at his or her own pace.

Contact [Mahackeno@westparty.org](mailto:Mahackeno@westparty.org) for further registration procedures.

## Special Events Weeks

### Entering 1st-6th grade

This is a fun-filled week offered before and after the regular camp season. Each day a special event is planned. Last year's events included gold rush, water inflatables, a camp-wide cookout, Zider Zee and other fantastic events. Campers also have arts and crafts, swimming, and sports during these Special Events Weeks. This is a great way to start and end the summer.

**Space is limited! So sign up early.**

**No Sunset on August 26!**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Please call 203-226-8981
- Email [mahackeno@westparty.org](mailto:mahackeno@westparty.org)

## Family Nights/Family Camp-Outs at Mahackeno

July 8 and August 5 – 5:30pm-9:30am

(Rain dates: July 15 and August 12)

Bring your tents and camp out overnight under the stars! Our staff will host this special family night. We will have a night full of activities including crafts, field games, baggo, and so much more. Roast marshmallows by the campfire and catch our feature movie (to be announced) on our outdoor movie screen! Please bring your own dinner; breakfast will be provided. All campers must be picked up at their regular pick-up time and families are invited to return anytime after 5:30pm.



# 2011 Camp Programs

## Sunrise/Sunset Program

Sunrise and Sunset are extended opportunities, before and after regular camp hours, for parents to work and for campers to enjoy special activities. Campers participate in games and activities in the morning. In the late afternoon, campers will have extra chances to visit their favorite parts of camp: swimming, fishing, archery, etc.



Sunrise campers are brought to the Rotary Pavilion (Sunny Lane entrance) and signed in with the Sunrise staff as early as 8:00am. No children may be dropped off at camp before 8:00am.

**Sunrise Hours: 8:00-9:00am**  
**Sunrise Tuition: \$55 per session**

Sunset campers may be picked up from the Sunny Lane entrance and signed out with the Sunset staff as late as 6:00pm. Campers left after 6:00pm are brought to the camp office. A late fee of \$25 is charged for every fifteen minutes or part thereof after 6:00pm. After 6:00pm directors call all parents/guardians and emergency contacts to make transportation arrangements. If we are unable to reach parents/guardians or emergency contacts by 6:30pm, the Westport Police Department will be notified. All late fees must be paid within 24 hours or camp and extended day privileges will be suspended.

**Sunset Tuition: \$100 per session;**  
**\$80 for Special Events Week**  
**(No Sunset on Aug. 26)**

## Siblings

Campers in Shawnee and Mohegan Units who have older siblings in Lakota, Cayuga, Apache and Ranger units will be enrolled in our Sibling Program. Younger campers join the 4:15pm dismissal.

## Rainy Days

Camp operates rain or shine, and unless there is severe weather, we continue outdoor activities. During severe weather we operate on a "dew day" schedule. Campers are inside and have indoor activities and movies. Please dress your child for the day's weather.

## For Information

- PLEASE CALL 203-226-8981, x192 OR 203-226-4221 (STARTING MAY 1, 2011)
- EMAIL MAHACKENO@WESTPORTY.ORG
- CAMP INFORMATION AND FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.WESTPORTY.ORG

# Information for Parents

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q.** What is the best way to ensure my child gets into camp?

**A.** REGISTER ONLINE

Registrations are processed as follows:

- Online registrations, beginning January 10, @ 8:00am, are processed immediately.
- Mailed-in and faxed-in registrations will be opened, beginning on January 10, and will be opened each day.

**Q.** How will I know if my child has been enrolled?

**A.** Online registrations will generate immediate confirmations via email. Mailed-in and faxed-in registrations will be confirmed, via email, within two business days.

**Q.** Can my child request enrollment with a friend?

**A.** Buddy requests are accepted, but not guaranteed. Please see box on page 9.

**Q.** My child has medical issues or special needs. May he or she participate at Camp Mahackeno?

**A.** Yes, we have trained medical specialists on staff and the ability to individualize the camp experience. Please see Special Needs Section.

**Q.** I am unable to attend Open House; what do I do?

**A.** You may schedule a self-guided tour by calling 203-226-8981 or emailing mahackeno@westporty.org.

**Q.** What forms do I need to enroll my child in camp?

**A.**

- Registration form
- Camper Health History Record to be filled out by parent/guardian.
- Camper Physical Health Examination\* form to be filled out by physician.
- Medication Authorization form (if necessary)

\*Physical Health Examination must be valid through the end of camp season and must have been administered within the last 2 years.

**Q.** What is the due date for submission of forms?

**A.** All forms must be completed IN FULL and submitted by June 1, 2011 or a \$25 late fee will be charged.

**We have made every effort to answer any questions you may have. Should you have any further questions, please call the camp office. Camp Mahackeno information and forms are available on our website: [www.westporty.org](http://www.westporty.org).**

## CAMPERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

PLEASE REVIEW THIS SECTION WITH YOUR CAMPER.  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM ACKNOWLEDGES THE AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY THESE POLICIES.

We are pleased that you have chosen Camp Mahackeno. Your camper will have many memories and stories to share. To ensure a great time at camp we need to make your camper and you aware of some of their responsibilities. For the safety and well-being of all campers and staff, parents/guardians must support us in instilling our positive behavior policy.

- Show respect to others at all times. Swearing, fighting and/or rowdy behavior is not permitted.
- Be accepting of others to join in any activity.
- Respect all property.
- Speak out if you witness unfairness or offensive language.
- Be a good sport, whether you win or lose.
- Be truthful.
- Leave valuables at home. The Westport Weston Family Y will not be responsible for lost or stolen valuables.
- Do not bring or use drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco. These are strictly forbidden at all times and is cause for immediate dismissal from any Family Y program.

If there are any issues that cannot be resolved through discussion and agreement, the Unit Director or a Camp Director will contact you. If continued violation of these rules occurs (3 strike rule), you will be called to pick up your camper immediately. Additional, continued behavioral problems may result in exiting camp permanently. NO REFUNDS.

# Information for Parents

## GENERAL CAMP POLICIES

- There is a \$25 late fee for any past due accounts.
- Failure to remit full payment and submit the medical form and Health History form by June 1st will result in a \$25 late fee.
- Incomplete registration forms will not be processed.
- State regulations prevent us from allowing campers to bring guests for the day.
- We cannot assist with arranging play-dates, carpooling or babysitting.
- We do not provide other campers' personal information.
- The Family Y does not provide health or accident insurance. The parent/guardian assumes total liability for all charges incurred for medical treatment or property damage.
- If excessive behavior/disciplinary problems occur, we reserve the right to terminate placement.
- If any person, other than those listed on the camp registration form, is to pick up your child, a written note signed by a parent/guardian must be given to the camp office. A telephone call is not sufficient. **There will be no exceptions to this rule.**
- The Camp Nurse or EMT reserves the right to send a camper home in case of illness or injury.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration begins on Monday, January 10, at 8:00am. Register online at [www.westporty.org](http://www.westporty.org) (this is the fastest way to register and get immediate confirmation).
- Forms may be dropped off at, or mailed to, the Family Y, and will be processed daily.



## PAYMENT INFORMATION

- To process your registration you must submit a non-refundable deposit of \$100 per session. You will receive a confirmation package via email (please call if you would prefer a package via traditional mail) that will include forms, balances due and options for payment plans.
- **All payments must be completed by June 1, 2011.**
- **There is a \$150 non-member fee for the summer camp season.**
- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**  
Financial assistance applications are available at [www.westporty.org](http://www.westporty.org) or at the Membership Desk at the Family Y. All forms must be **fully completed** and returned

by April 20. Applications must be submitted and approved prior to the start of the session for which you are registering. The review process takes approximately 3 weeks before you are notified by mail regarding your assistance amount. Please note that online registration is not possible with Financial Assistance. We recommend submitting this form as early as possible to secure funding and space in the camp.

## REFUND POLICY

- Refunds for camp fees are granted **ONLY** for a child's illness or injury which takes him/her out of camp session. **Medical requests from your physician must be in writing, mailed to the camp office and will incur a \$50 processing fee for each registered child.** All tuition refunds for the above reason are pro-rated for the portion of camp your child attends.
- Upon receipt of your request, a notification will be emailed to you.
  - Refunds requested before April 20, 2011: 100% less \$100 for each session enrolled.
  - Refund or credit requests will **NOT** be accepted after April 20.



# Information for Parents

## PICK-UP / DROP-OFF TIMES

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- Shawnee/Mohegan pick up time begins at 3:45pm and ends at 4:00pm.
- All other campers – pick up begins at 4:15pm and ends at 4:30pm.
- For the pick up circle to run smoothly, parents should not get to camp or into the pick up circle any earlier than their child's allotted time.

### LATE DROP-OFF AND EARLY PICK-UP

- Because of the routine of camp, these events disrupt the staff and the campers' day. The only time for late drop-off is 10:00am and for early pick-up is 1:00pm.
- The only change to this schedule applies if your child becomes ill and needs to be picked up early.

## BUS SERVICE

Pick-up and drop-off at camp is a very busy time. We recommend using the bus service. We have two bus routes that make 3 stops each in the morning and evening. You may sign up for either one-way or round-trip transportation. Buses arrive at camp at approximately 9:00am and leave at 4:30pm. Shawnee and Mohegan bus campers are supervised and play games until the 4:15pm all-camp dismissal.

### BUS SERVICE POLICY:

- Each bus has limited seating. Spaces are filled on a first-come first-served basis.
- Parents are responsible for their children until they board the bus in the morning and as soon as they are dropped off in the afternoon.

- Mahackeno provides two regular staff members as bus monitors.
- Please be at the bus stop 5 to 10 minutes before the pick-up or drop-off time. A parent or guardian must be present at this time and must show proper identification to pick up children.
- If a parent fails to meet the bus at the scheduled drop-off time the bus will return to Mahackeno with the camper. The camper will be brought to the office and a late fee will be applied.
- The bus will not wait for any campers or parents at any stops.
- Pick-up and drop-off times and locations may be subject to change. All parents will be notified immediately of any changes.
- If a parent is consistently late picking up their camper their space on the bus will be terminated.

### BUS ROUTES\*

(Bus 1)	AM	PM
St. Luke's Church	8:25am	5:00pm
Hillspoint School	8:35am	4:50pm
Kings Highway School	8:45am	4:40pm
(Bus 2)	AM	PM
Long Lots Elementary	8:10am	5:00pm
Coleytown El.	8:15am	4:55pm
St. Francis of Assisi (Weston)	8:30am	4:40pm

Please see registration form for bus fees.

\*Routes and pick-up / drop-off times subject to change.

## BUDDY REQUESTS

If you would like to request that your camper be in the same group as another camper of the same age/grade, parents can make the request on the registration form. Buddy requests will not be honored unless we receive written requests from both families. We can only honor one buddy request per camper, per session.

## PARENT VISITS

Parent visits are permitted by appointment only. Please call the camp office to schedule an appointment.

## Camp Hours: 9:00am – 4:00pm

### Forms:

- All forms available online
- Parent Handbook online – required reading
- Email addresses are necessary for camp communications

### For more information:

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## UNITS AND ACTIVITIES

	Shawnee 1st grade	Mohegan 2nd grade	Lakota 3rd grade	Cayuga 4th grade	Apache 5th grade	Rangers 6th-7th grade
Staff to Camper ratio	1:8	1:8	1:12	1:12	1:12	1:12
Camp hours	9:00-4:00	9:00-4:00	9:00-4:30	9:00-4:30	9:00-4:30	9:00-4:30
# of spaces/session	60	60	60	60	40	30
<b>ACTIVITIES:</b>						
Song and Dance	•	•	•	•	•	•
Arts & Crafts	•	•	•	•	•	•
Nature/Science	•	•	•	•	•	•
Canoeing	•	•	•	•	•	•
Swimming	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sports	•	•	•	•	•	•
Snack	•	•	•	•	•	•
Special Events	•	•	•	•	•	•
Outdoor Living			•	•	•	•
Archery			•	•	•	•
Leather making			•	•	•	•
Wood working			•	•	•	•
Field Trips						•

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## SCHEDULE & FEES

FOR THIS WEEK:  
\$425/week or \$85/day

	Special Events Week June 20-24	Session 1 June 27-July 1	Session 2 July 5-8*	Session 3 July 11-15	Session 4 July 18-22	Session 5 July 25-29	Session 6 Aug. 1-5	Session 7 Aug. 8-12	Session 8 Aug. 15-19	Special Events Week Aug. 22-26
Shawnee (Entering 1st Grade)	M, T, W, TH, F	\$375	\$300	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$425
Mohegan (Entering 2nd Grade)	M, T, W, TH, F	\$375	\$300	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$425
Lakota (Entering 3rd Grade)	M, T, W, TH, F	\$365	\$295	\$365	\$365	\$365	\$365	\$365	\$365	\$425
Cayuga (Entering 4th Grade)	M, T, W, TH, F	\$365	\$295	\$365	\$365	\$365	\$365	\$365	\$365	\$425
Apache (Entering 5th Grade)	M, T, W, TH, F	\$365	\$295	\$365	\$365	\$365	\$365	\$365	\$365	\$425
Rangers (Entering 6th & 7th Grade)	M, T, W, TH, F	\$400	\$320	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$425
LIT	M, T, W, TH, F	\$330	\$265	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$425
CIT	M, T, W, TH, F	\$300	\$240	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$425
Special Cares	M, T, W, TH, F	\$475	\$380	\$475	\$475	\$475	\$475	\$475	\$475	\$425

Sibling Program. If you have children in two age groups, you may pick them up at the same time. See page 6 for details.

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Sunrise (8:00-9:00am)	\$55/wk or \$11/day	\$55	\$45	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55
Sunset (4:00-6:00pm)	\$100/wk or \$20/day	\$100	\$80	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$80 (M-Th only)

\*No camp July 4. No Sunset August 26.

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