

Phone Numbers and Policies

Important Phone Numbers

Rowe Office – 413-339-4954 (open Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm EST)

Camp Phone – 413-339-8376

Payment & Cancellation Policies

Payment

Payment of balance in full is due at registration. We prefer a check, as credit card companies take a percentage when we use their service. But we do welcome your credit cards.

Cancellation Fees – regardless of reason for canceling

In light of the uncertainty of the 2021 camp season, for this year we are offering 100% cancellation refunds for all deposits and payments up to 10 days before camp starts.

After 10 days we will offer 100% credit towards any future camp or program.

Camp Policies and Info

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Medical and other consent forms must be returned to Rowe before the camp begins.

We respect the laws of Massachusetts. Do not bring ANY illegal drugs or marijuana into camp.

The rights of individuals and respect for each other and the larger community are basic values held dear to Rowe Camp. We expect our participants to share in these values.

Arrivals and Departures

Please check your emails close to the start of your child's camp session for the exact time of registration for camp. Because of COVID concerns, registration times will be staggered throughout the day to limit the number of families in camp at one time.

The staff has an extremely short time between camps to prepare for the next camp. If you arrive in the area before the scheduled registration time, you will need to be prepared to wait until registration begins.

Ensuring a Positive Camp Experience

If your child has suffered any trauma or unexpected changes this year, or if your child has any particular health or emotional needs, please let us know before camp begins. We want every camper to have a successful camp experience.

Release of Campers

We will release campers to authorized parents/guardians only. If you plan to send someone else to pick up your child or if your child decides to go home with another camper, we will need your written permission in order to release your child to another person.

Getting to Rowe

If you are driving, please refer to the *Directions To Rowe* attachment. Approximate driving time from some cities: NYC – 4.5-5 hours, Boston- 2.5 hours, Albany- 2 hours. The exit numbers have been redone recently, and GPS may not be accurate.

If you would like to carpool with another Rowe family, or if you are planning on using public transport such as the train or bus and need additional travel accommodations, please reach out and we will do what we can to help arrange travel.

Housing

Campers will be housed in our summer camp cabins, dorm style cabins that hold 8 to 10 campers. They are furnished with bunk beds. We have both gender-segregated and gender-neutral cabin options. We also have a modern bath house and a shower pavilion central to the cabin area. Both have plenty of hot water.

Food

We take great delight in preparing delicious, wholesome foods, and in nourishing people with our efforts. If you have any special dietary needs or restrictions, please send this information before your arrival.

Swimming

All minors will be swim tested at their first swimming session. Parent's may send a PFD (personal flotation device) to be used by their child if they wish. Non-swimmers, at risk swimmers, and campers who decline to take a swim test will be identified through the use of wrist bands and will be restricted to swim areas deemed safe for their skill level and/or may be required to wear a PFD while in the water.

Laundry

Jr. High and Sr. High camps make two laundry runs per camp session. Laundry will be done onsite this year, and the suggested cost for those who plan on using this option is \$5 per load. Please bring a laundry bag with the camper's name printed on it.

Camp Bank

For three-week camps, campers may bring money for laundry and treats and deposit it into the camp bank. This money will be used to buy camp-wide treats. Any unused funds at the end of the session will be donated to the Woodside fund. Please bring camp money in cash and in small bills.

Camper Mail

Letters should be addressed using the camper's full name and the name of the specific session they are attending (YPC 1, 2, & 3, JHC, SHC).

Telephones

There is one phone in camp for camper use and which can be called to reach campers. The number is 413-339-8376. Keep trying if it is busy, and please keep conversations brief. The Rowe office number is 413-339-4954.

Rowe Camp Lice Policy

Lice are a common problem when it comes to children and school or camp. It is not an issue of cleanliness or hygiene. Lice are easily transmitted from one child to another through contact with clothes, bed linens, hairbrushes, even physical proximity.

1. Please check your child for lice or nits starting three weeks before camp. Lice are quite easily identifiable; nits can sometimes be confusing. The difference between nits and dandruff is that nits will stick to the shaft of the hair and not pull off easily. There is lots of information about lice on the internet if you are unsure.
2. If you do find lice or nits, treat your child by using lice shampoo, prior to arriving at camp. Comb out the nits according to the schedule on the shampoo. The shampoo must be reapplied for a second treatment according to the instructions. If the second treatment will take place while your camper is at camp, we ask that you bring the kit with you and the camp healthcare coordinator will take care of it.
3. If your child is found to have lice or nits there are other precautionary interventions that you will need to take before coming to camp. Before packing, clean your child's belongings following the recommendations of your healthcare provider.
4. Each camper will be given a lice check at registration before entering camp. If each parent does a screening before coming to camp, we can celebrate a lice free registration and all campers will be able to start camp.
5. If your camper is found to have lice or nits at registration, you have two options:
 - You can bring your child home and do a full lice treatment and return to camp the following day. You will be provided with an instruction sheet.
 - We will provide you with a place to stay over for the night and a kit to do the treatment as above. There will be a charge for the lice kit as well as for the overnight stay, as our housekeeping staff will need to clean and sanitize the room.
 - Follow up shampooing will be done by the camp healthcare coordinator.
6. If we do find that your child has lice while at camp, we will notify you and you may pick up your child, do the above procedures and bring them back to camp or we will treat your child here at camp and assess you a fee to cover the costs.

Health Care Policy

This camp complies with regulations from the Massachusetts Department of Health and is licensed by the local board of health. The following are excerpts, the entire policy is available upon request.

Physical Examination

Before attending camp, you will be required to provide a health record on the form that we have provided, immunization record and report of a physical examination conducted during the preceding 24 months. This record must be prepared and signed by a licensed health care provider.

If your child attended camp last year, you must still have a new form filled out and signed by your child's health care provider.

Immunizations for Campers Under 18:

The following immunizations are required by the Massachusetts Health Department in order for your child to be at camp. If you are not a Massachusetts resident, please check with your child's physician to make sure they have all the required immunizations.

(1) Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine: A minimum of one dose of MMR vaccine(s) must be administered at or after 12 months of age. A second dose of live measles containing vaccine given at least four weeks after the first, is required for all campers, five years of age or older. Laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable.

(2) Polio Vaccine: A minimum of three doses of either inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV) are required. If a mixed (IVP/OPV) schedule was used, four doses are required;

(3) Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine: A minimum of four doses of DTaP/DTP/DT or at least three doses of Td is required. Where a camper is seven or more years of age and requires additional immunizations to satisfy health regulations, Td is to be substituted for DTaP, DTP or DT vaccine.

A booster dose of Td is required for all campers who will be 12 through 15 years of age if it has been more than five years since the last dose of DTaP/DTP/DT. For all campers 16 through 17 years of age a booster of Td is required if it has been more than ten years since the last dose of DTaP/DTP/DT/Td. Many states do not require this. Please check with your child's doctor and make sure they have had a Tetanus booster.

(4) Hepatitis B: For all children born on or after January 1, 1992, three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine are required. Laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable.

Immunization Exemptions:

Campers are exempt from having immunizations when the immunization is contraindicated or because of religious objections. Contact the Rowe office for further information.

Medication Consultation:

If your child is on medication for ADD or a similar condition, for the child's experience and that of other campers it is important that the child take this medication during the camp session. Please do not take your child off medication without first talking to your child's healthcare provider and the camp director(s). Please contact the office to arrange a consultation with the camp director(s) before camp begins.

Administration of Medication:

During registration, the camp health coordinator will meet with you and your child and review any medication that your child is taking. You must sign a written permission slip for the administration of the medication. Our health coordinator will approve in writing the administration of the medication. Medication for campers will be kept in original containers, bearing the pharmacy label which shows the prescription number, date filled, prescriber's name, name of medication, direction for use and patient's name. All other over the counter medications

will be kept in the original containers with the original labels. All medications for campers will be kept in a locked storage box in the infirmary and shall be administered by the camp health coordinator.

COVID-19

We here at Rowe take the safety of our campers and staff seriously. Our full *COVID-19 Management Plan for Youth Camps* is available for review on our website. Campers and staff members will wear masks during camp activities, and activities will take place outside to allow for social distancing. Campers will be grouped into pods for activities where masks cannot be worn such as swimming, sleeping, and meals. Indoor spaces will be cleaned and sanitized regularly according to CDC and MA state best practices. In addition to these precautions, we will also be testing campers and staff prior to arrival and monitoring any potential COVID symptoms both before and upon arrival.

COVID-19 Testing

If a camper shows symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they will be brought to the camp healthcare coordinator and quarantined until testing can take place. With parent/guardian permission, campers will be tested for COVID using either a rapid test on site, or a PCR test at a local testing site outside of camp. Parents/guardians will be notified of their camper's illness as soon as the need for testing becomes apparent. Campers will remain quarantined until test results are available.

Care of Mildly Ill Campers

If your child should become mildly ill while at camp, they will be brought to the infirmary to be examined by the camp health coordinator. The health coordinator will determine if any intervention is necessary, and whether the camper should remain at the infirmary until feeling better or return to camp. The health coordinator will determine if any treatment is necessary and will consult with our health consultant, Anna Foster, NP, when needed. If your child is kept at the infirmary, you will be notified.

Emergency Care

If your child is in need of emergency treatment while at camp, the health coordinator may consult with the health consultant or call for an ambulance if necessary. The health coordinator will provide all health information available to the EMT team and will stay with the camper until the camper is transported to the hospital. In a life-threatening situation, the first staff person on the scene will stay with the camper and send someone to call for an ambulance and notify the camp health coordinator.

The camp health coordinator will notify the parents of any ongoing illness or injury requiring medical treatment. In the case of an emergency that necessitates a camper being brought to the hospital by ambulance, a staff person or director will go to the hospital to be with the camper. The health coordinator will stay at the infirmary and will notify the parents/guardians immediately.

Other Available Policies

Please reach out to the office if you would like to request copies of background check, healthcare and discipline policies, or detailed COVID information. The office staff can be reached at 413-339-4954, or by emailing camp@rowecenter.org.