

Camp Starfish Youth Service Weekend- May 2017

Friday 5/5 and Saturday 5/6

The Junior and Senior Youth groups at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Wellesley Hills will be returning to Camp Starfish in Rindge, New Hampshire for a weekend of service, fellowship, and fun. This will be our ninth service trip to Camp Starfish, a summer camp for children with special needs. While we arrive after the camp season closes, our service helps to maintain the camp and provide new opportunities for children to gather and play. In previous years we have built a Gaga Pit (Israeli Dodgeball), constructed an amphitheatre and stage, painted cabins and bunks, and rehabbed the "Arts and Crafts Cabin." This year we'll be doing some light construction/building projects. In addition to service projects there will be time for fun--volleyball, basketball, and other games!

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for the overnight, in addition to adult chaperones. Friends of youth associated with UU Wellesley are also welcome to attend.

The entire congregation (children, youth, and adults) is welcome to join us for the Saturday, May 6 work day at Camp Starfish. The day-trippers will depart at 8am from UU Wellesley and return with the larger group on Saturday evening by 6pm.

Overnighters will meet at UU Wellesley on **Friday, May 5th at 3:45pm** and will return around **6pm Saturday evening, May 6th**. A group may be departing UU Wellesley later on Friday evening. Please let Jessica know if you may need to join this group.

Sleeping/ Food

We will be staying in 6-10 person cabins at Camp Starfish. Housing assignments will be decided after we have a complete list of participants. Please note any dietary restrictions.

Paperwork/ Cost

The cost of the weekend is only \$50 for overnight and \$20 for day-trippers. Please send a check to UU Wellesley with "Camp Starfish Service Weekend" in the memo line (or [pay online](#)) along with a copy of the signed covenant. Please note on your form if your youth takes regular medication and if so if it will be self-administered or if you would prefer an adult to handle and distribute all medicine. A phone number of all adult chaperones will be available before we depart for Camp Starfish.

Packing List

We suggest you bring old clothes for the work projects as they may get dirty, torn, or painted on. Be prepared for a range of weather. Daytime temps should be in the 50's-60's, but may be cooler if it rains. Nights are likely to be chilly. Please bring only one bag for clothes, etc. and one bag for all bedding. Please label everything you bring!

Clothing (in addition to what you are wearing):

- ❑ 1 top
- ❑ 1 pair long pants (1 wind/water proof if possible)
- ❑ 1 pair shorts/capris/skirts
- ❑ 2 pairs socks (1 wool pairs for use in boots)
- ❑ 1 underwear
- ❑ Sleepwear (WARM!)

Outerwear/shoes:

- ❑ Raincoat (depending upon forecast)
- ❑ Fleece jacket (or waterproof jacket if your raincoat can't go over your fleece)
- ❑ Warm hat/gloves/scarf for cool mornings and evenings
- ❑ Extra pair shoes: preferably waterproof hiking/mud boots and sneakers. (If you don't have boots, bring a second pair of shoes in case your sneakers get wet!)

Toiletries:

- ❑ Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush/comb, shampoo/conditioner, towel, washcloth

Bedding:

- ❑ Warm sleeping bag & small pillow/pillowcase
- ❑ 1-2 fleece blankets to use inside or on top of bag

Optional:

- ❑ Hammer – labeled with your name
- ❑ Camera
- ❑ Flashlight

Covenant

We covenant together to:

- Come to have fun and participate fully
- Respect each other's space, possessions, and opinions
- Live in Right Relationship
- Use common sense
- Assume confidentiality
- Always have at least 2 "buddies"/ Groups of 3 or more
- Respect "Quiet Hours"
- Notify adult (team adult in particular) of whereabouts/ regular "check-ins"
- Do your share of responsibilities
- One person per bed/ sleeping bag
- No swimming/ exploring outside of designated areas and times
- No exclusive and/ or sexual behavior
- No matches, lighters, firecrackers, weapons, or driving
- Use of cell phones only during designated times
- No illegal substances/ activities

I have read over this covenant and discussed it with my youth.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

I have read over this covenant and agree to follow these policies.

Signature of Youth