Dear Campers and Parents:

We look forward to welcoming you to MALT’S **Crafty Critters and Earth Artists** camp starting on **Monday, June 24** through **Friday, June 28 2019**

**Your Camp Counselors -**

Caleb Basa has been exploring the Vermont outdoors since he can remember. He considers himself a lifelong learner and aspires towards a career in the education field where he can both share his passion for the outdoors and lead others towards the wonders that nature has to offer.

Derrick Burt is MALT’s GIS intern for the summer and is excited to help teach the Crafty Critters and Earth Artists Camp! He has a strong passion for adventures, skiing, biking, and getting to know local landscapes. He is currently a junior at Middlebury college, majoring in Geography. Having spent his past two summers working at an adventure camp in Stowe, Derrick is looking forward to a fun and creative week at Otter Creek Gorge!

**Gear List**

Here is a list of things you’ll need at camp:

1. **Two snacks, a lunch, and full water bottle for each day.**

2. **A backpack or tote bag big enough to hold the following items:**
   - A complete change of clothing including socks and underwear.
   - Water shoes or old sneakers that can get muddy and wet.
   - A sweater or sweatshirt.
   - A reusable water bottle (preferably filled at home each day).
   - Sunscreen and insect repellent (preferably in cream form and applied before camp).
   - Waterproof raincoat or poncho, rubber boots, and a hat — weather dependent
   - A school backpack.

3. **Closed-toe shoes (sandals discouraged; no flip-flops).**

**Closing Circle**

On Friday, we will host a **closing circle** beginning at **3:15 pm**. Friends and family members are invited to come. This gives your camper(s) the opportunity to share their experience at camp with you.
Location and Timing:

**Nature Camp begins promptly at 9 a.m. and finishes at 4 p.m.,** Monday through Friday. On Monday, a staff person will greet you in the parking lot off Morgan Horse Farm Rd, North of Hamilton rd (follow signs on right side of the road) This will be the location for drop off and pick-up for the entire week. **Children must be signed in and out by a staff member every day.** Please let us know of any unscheduled absences by emailing Jamie or Caleb prior to the start of camp.

**Typical Day at Camp**

Our camp week will be filled with games, crafts, stories, songs, puppet shows, and lots of exploration and play. Our daily schedule goes something like this:

- **9:00** – Sign-in and play time in field off Morgan Horse Farm Rd.
- **9:30** – Opening circle and predator-foraging games in the Gorge forests
- **10:15** – Snack, story time, and bathroom break
- **10:30** – Adventure of the day: We might search for animal homes, investigate skulls and bones or practice climbing trees. It's different every day!
- **12:00** – Lunch
- **12:30** – Post Lunch Yoga
- **1:00** – Hike to a new creative spot in the gorge- Bracelet making, games and creation stories
- **2:00** – Afternoon exploration
- **3:00** – Snack and fire
- **4:00** – Pick up off Morgan Horse Farm Rd

**Questions?**

Please feel free to call us at (802) 388-1007, email our Camp Staff at camp@maltvt.org