

# FARM & WILDERNESS

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

If your camper is arriving or leaving by car, you **DO NOT** need to fill out the enclosed form. If your child is traveling by commercial transportation and needs a van pickup or drop-off, you will need to complete the enclosed **Travel Form**. Please read both sides carefully and then fill in the form for each camper. After completing the form, return the travel form along with payment to the Farm & Wilderness office by **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure to keep a copy of your travel form for your records. *We need the written form to keep track of all our traveling campers, so NO PHONE RESERVATIONS for the charter bus or vans will be accepted!*

### CHARTER BUS SERVICE

Farm & Wilderness has arranged for a Victorian Tours Charter Bus to transport campers to and from New York City. **PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE!** The point of departure and arrival for our Victorian Tours Charter Bus is the **New York City Public Library located on 5th Avenue between 40<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> Streets**.

The bus departs NYC at 9:00 AM for the trip to F&W and campers returning to NYC by charter bus will arrive in NYC at 2:00 PM. *The charter bus does fill up.* We will not be renting a second bus for opening day; once the bus is full, we will not be taking additional reservations. So get your reservations in as soon as possible!

All campers coming to camp via charter bus should bring lunches. Drinks must be in plastic or aluminum containers...No glass please! For the return trip to NYC, lunches will be provided by Farm & Wilderness.

A **Farm & Wilderness chaperone** will accompany each charter trip. A **travel coordinator** will be on hand in NYC to assist the chaperone in camper loading and unloading. The travel coordinator (typically a camper parent) is something of a shepherd who helps to keep campers together at the bus stop and to reunite campers with parents on the return trip. If you are interested in being a travel coordinator, please contact Joy at 802.422.3761 or by email at [joy@farmandwilderness.org](mailto:joy@farmandwilderness.org).

### COMMERCIAL AND F&W VAN TRANSPORTATION

For camper bus travel from Boston (or NYC for those who cannot make our charter bus), we recommend Dartmouth Coach, which offers service between both cities and Lebanon, NH, which we can service by F&W van. Greyhound also offers bus service between Boston and White River Junction, Vermont, where we can also arrange a Farm & Wilderness van pickup/drop-off; however, it offers far fewer daily schedule options than does Dartmouth Coach. Farm & Wilderness van service is also provided for Lebanon and Manchester (NH) airports.

The cost of Farm & Wilderness van service to and from airports and commercial bus and train stations is \$30 per camper each way (\$60 round trip) to or from White River Junction, VT, Rutland, VT, or Lebanon, NH and \$60 per camper each way (\$120 round trip) to or from the Manchester Airport.

Whenever possible, especially for Manchester airport arrivals and departures, please schedule your camper's arrival at the station or airport **between 11 am and 4 pm**. Upon leaving camp, please schedule your camper's arrival at the station or airport departure time **between 9 am and 2 pm**. Please do not schedule earlier or later departure times as those times disrupt sleep for cabin mates as well as travelers and involve greater safety risk in pre-dawn van rides.

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## \*\*\*TRAVEL BY UNACCOMPANIED MINORS\*\*\*

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that minor-age camper(s) can travel legitimately, safely, and without undue hardship when using commercial transportation. Commercial travel restrictions for unaccompanied minors have become increasingly tight and vary by commercial carrier.

Many commercial carriers now require **photo ID for all passengers**. We recommend that you obtain a photo ID for any camper, of whatever age, who will be using commercial transportation to get to and from F&W. Please have your child give passports, return tickets, and other valuables to camp staff for safe keeping during the camp session. **Please think ahead:** if you take your child's ID home after leaving him/her at the terminal, he/she will not have it for the return trip home!

## \*\*\* A WORD ABOUT CAMPER LUGGAGE \*\*\*

We encourage all camper families to consider using large DUFFEL BAGS. Duffels can accompany your camper on the charter bus or on most commercial transportation. **Trunks must be shipped separately** for all campers using the charter bus, with the expense, which can be considerable, charged to parents. Also, Dartmouth Coach has a 50 lb. weight restriction for any one piece of luggage, which would also exclude most trunks. Airlines may also have luggage weight restrictions. Any shipped luggage will take 5-10 days to reach us, so if you do opt to ship, send early so the luggage will be here when your camper arrives.

- Please be sure that all shipped items are appropriately labeled with the camper's name, address, and camp he/she is attending. Please use the color-coded luggage tags provided in this mailing.
- Ship luggage with United Parcel Service (UPS) or Fed Ex. Please check with the respective carrier to find out its limitations and requirements (weight, condition of container, etc.).
- Use the enclosed luggage tags. These are color coordinated for each camp. Be sure to put the camper's name and address in the return address section.
- Luggage labels should be attached flat and with adhesive.
- Remove any previous packing tags or markings, especially bar codes, to avoid shipping confusion.

At parent request, we will also ship any camper luggage home via UPS. **We will send you an invoice for the shipping charge shortly thereafter.** Please do not ship anything that your child will need for the immediate period after camp. It may take a week to 10 days for shipped items to reach your home after camp, so please do not rely on them for your immediate post-camp family vacation plans.

Our staff will do all it can to help campers and their luggage stay together. But we do need to depend upon campers to exercise some responsibility to make sure luggage scheduled to go home with them actually does. Farm & Wilderness will no longer accept financial responsibility for luggage and other belongings that should have accompanied the camper home but, for whatever reason, got left behind at camp. Please impress upon your child the need to keep track of his or her own belongings. Parents may arrange with us to have left-behind luggage or other belongings shipped home at the parent's expense.

## \*\*\* IMPORTANT FOR ALL \*\*\*

If you anticipate having to make changes to your camper's travel plans, **please give us as much advance notice as possible.** Because of the challenging task that coordinating the travel of so many campers entails, without **advanced notice** we may be unable to accommodate last minute changes.

If you have additional questions about camper transportation, please contact Joy via email at [joy@farmandwilderness.org](mailto:joy@farmandwilderness.org) or call 802.422.3761.