

CAMP MOWGLIS
2019
PARENT HANDBOOK

**ESSENTIAL READING FOR
MOWGLIS PARENTS NEW AND OLD**

CAMP MOWGLIS

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Dear Mowglis Parents,

We are so happy that your son will be joining us for our 116th season!

We want this summer to be your son's best yet, and reviewing the following information will help make that happen.

To get the most out of attending Mowglis, campers and families need to be well prepared. Getting you all prepared for Camp Mowglis is the goal of the Parent Handbook.

Please always feel free to call or email us with any questions.

Thanks for choosing Camp Mowglis for your son... We look forward to welcoming him to camp soon!



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Hello, everyone!

My name is Chiaki Nishino and I'm a Mowglis mom of two boys - one graduated last year after seven years and going to be in the Yearling program this year and one headed into his fourth year as a Balooite.

I can honestly tell you that I was a reluctant mom that first year when my husband, and more importantly, my older son decided that he really wanted to go to Mowglis. My husband, who was a Mowglis camper in his youth, started to talk about Mowglis and his love of this place way before we had kids! I hadn't really thought about what it actually feels like to send my son away to a sleepaway camp in the woods of New Hampshire, and I didn't feel like the dads who had the direct experience at camp truly understood the feelings of us moms who hadn't set foot in the camp until our boys did. But I have to fully admit that the sheer joy and enthusiasm that I saw when I visited camp after my older son started, and how he and his brother count the days to the summer year after year to go back to camp is something that is hard to deny. This has been consistent even after these years. Mowglis creates an experience like no other and the boys absolutely love it for the 7 weeks they are at camp every summer!

However, I know that that all sounds hollow to those of us moms who are worried about sending our boys away and have many questions that are not necessarily answered in official documents or websites. That's how the Moms of Mowglis, M.O.M. for short, came about. We are a group of moms who has at least one son, and for many of us, more than one, in camp now for a few years and have experienced it all - the anxiety, the questions, and the mounds of laundry that come back with the boys at the end of the summer along with their smiling faces! We are here to reach out to the new moms to answer any questions or be a resource for any other moms (or dads!). We hope to provide an easy mechanism to get to know the camp on an informal basis.

We host some get-togethers during the camp season so hope to meet many of you but please do feel free to reach out to me at chiaki@nishino.us with any questions or comments you have. I may not have all the answers but will certainly track it down from the other moms.

Looking forward to another great camp season in the next few months!

Chiaki Nishino

2019 Camp Season Calendar

Camp Opens: Saturday, June 22, 1-3 pm

First Parent Visiting Weekend: Saturday, July 13 & Sunday, July 14

Three Week Cub Session #2 Starts: Sunday, July 21, Check-in from 1-3 pm

Crew Weekend: Friday, August 2 – Sunday, August 4 *Crew Races on Saturday, August 3rd*

Camp Closes: Sunday, August 11 following Graduation and Awards Ceremony (around 11:30 AM)

PREPARING FOR CAMP:

Camper Packing List

(Please see the website for the Yearling Packing List)

UNIFORM:

Please purchase all uniform items online from our camp outfitter *Everything Summer Camp* by going to www.everythingsummerncamp.com, entering Mowglis, and click "find your camp." Please label all of your son's belongings... everything! :-) You can also purchase pre-printed labels when you order the uniform from Everything Summer Camp.

Boys need to arrive at camp in their uniform.

Uniform items include:

- 1 Gray Mowglis Polo Shirt
- 2 T-Shirts with Mowglis logo
- 1 Mowglis Short-Sleeve Hiking Shirt (synthetic fabric)
- 1 Mowglis Long-Sleeve Hiking Shirt (synthetic fabric)
- 1 Pair Gray Dress Shorts
- 3 Pair Blue Daily Shorts
- 1 Gray Fleece
- 1 Gray D-Ring Belt
- 1 Gray Wool Hat
- 1 Pair Blue Dress Socks

CLOTHING:

- 10 gray color t-shirts, free of logos or designs*
- 10 pair of underwear*
- 10 pair gray or white athletic socks*
- 4 pair hiking socks, wool or synthetic recommended
- 1 pair synthetic long underwear, pants & shirt
- 2 pair pajamas
- 1 bathrobe
- 2 swimsuits
- 1 pair of rain jacket and pants
- 1 rain poncho (optional)
- 2 pairs of sneakers
- 1 pair of hiking boots
- 1 pair of flip-flops or sandals

** Please note that Cubs need to bring 7 of these items.*

LINENS:

- 3 blankets, wool or fleece recommended, solid colors only
For a \$40 fee, sheets and blankets are available to those traveling long distance, via plane, wishing to save on packing space.
- 4 single sheets, non-fitted, or non-elastic
- 2 pillowcases
- 1 pillow
- 3 bath towels
- 1 duffel bag for packing overnight trips (boys 12 and under)
Often the same duffel that is used for transportation to Mowglis is sufficient. A trunk will not work. This bag is meant to be carried to base camp for overnight use on three-day trips.

GEAR:

- 1 synthetic sleeping bag with stuff sack
- 1 foam sleeping pad for camping, such as Therm-a-Rest
- 1 mountain biking helmet (Akela and up)
- 2 (or more) one liter water bottles (*VERY IMPORTANT-please be sure to identify your child's water bottles clearly.*)
- 1 bowl and spoon or spork for overnight trips
- 1 flashlight, with extra batteries
- 1 backpack for overnight trips for boys 12 and older
This needs to be a sturdy overnight pack designed to be worn for several days in a row. A good size is between 3500 and 4500 cubic inches.
- 1 daypack (school size) for carrying lunch/water bottles for day trips

PERSONAL ITEMS:

- Toiletries, including toothbrush, soap, shampoo
- Stationery and personal reading material
- Insect repellent- 2-3 bottles for 7 weeks

Sunscreen - 2-3 bottles for 7 weeks
Personal medications (*these will be turned over to the nurse upon arrival*)
Playing cards

FOR DENITES ONLY (Last year campers):

1 Dress jacket, dress shirt, tie, dress shoes and pants for Graduates Dinner

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

Baseball Glove
Tennis Racquet
Ping Pong Paddle
Gray Sweatpants or Wind Pants
Lacrosse Stick

Essentials for Camp

Please remember to use the official packing list on pages 8-9 when making final preparations, as it includes additional items (e.g. bug spray, sunscreen, pillow, etc.).

Socks

While you have the option of sending either gray or white socks with your son, give some thought to purchasing gray for all 10 pair.

Hiking Socks

Hiking socks are one of the most important items you will send to camp with your son. Good socks will make all the difference on the trail. You are looking for socks with lots of fuzzy insulation/padding on the inside. Often with modern socks, you will see only the thicker fuzziness on the toe and heel. Blisters may form wherever there are gaps in the fuzz. Liner socks often made of polypropylene help prevent friction inside the boot. They hold your foot tight and will rub on the fuzz of the thicker hiking sock. By changing your liner socks every day, you can re-wear the same pair of hiking socks for multiple days. We recommend SmartWool or Darn Tough brand hiking socks.

Hiking Boots

Just as important as hiking socks are good fitting hiking boots. You don't need the most expensive boots, just make sure that they fit well! That means, try them on with the thicker hiking socks and make sure they have a little bit of room in the toe so that they don't grow out of them in 7 weeks, but not so large that the heel will slip. Don't forget to have your son "break in" the boots before camp. Blisters from brand new boots are a bummer! Gore-Tex or leather boots are preferred. Stay away from trail running shoes, which do not provide ankle support - something that is critical on a backpacking trip.

Polypropylene Thermal Shirt

Polypropylene is a synthetic fabric and polypropylene thermal shirts are an essential component to staying warm in the mountains. The fabric will “wick” moisture away from the skin and into outer layers of clothing where it will evaporate. A common brand is Duofold. Boys in Akela and Den should come to camp with at least one long-sleeved thermal shirt for hiking (in addition to the uniform hiking shirt).

Water Bottles

Keeping hydrated during their long hikes is important, so every camper needs two 2-quart or liter-sized water bottles. Basic plastic bottles are fine for this purpose (Nalgene and Sigg are common brands). Some campers bring the “Camel-back” systems for use during their longer hikes, but keep in mind that these systems require more effort to keep clean than a standard water bottle, and are not easy to carry around camp. If you decide to purchase a hydration system, consider sending a cleaning kit with extra cleaning tablets to enable your son to keep it clean.

It is essential all bottles are well labeled and clearly identifiable (SHARPIE MARKER WILL NOT ADHERE TO MOST BOTTLES, PLEASE USE A PAINT MARKER). Mowglis will provide water bottles to boys before trips who need them from the camp store.

Backpacks

A small “daypack” is required to carry water bottles and lunch on day hikes. A backpack similar to what your son uses for school will work well, just keep in mind it may come back looking a little “scruffy” for school use. Many campers use the same “camp” backpack for several years. For the older boys (12 and up), a sturdy overnight pack is essential. These boys hike for several days in succession and carry their sleeping bags and other provisions within their pack. The camp recommends a pack with capacity of 4,000 to 5,000 cubic inches. Possible brands to consider include: Kelty, Mountainsmith, Lowe, Gregory, DanaDesigns, NorthFace, and Eureka. Internal frame packs are generally better because they are adjustable and grow with you. They also provide a more secure way to pack your gear and keep it dry.

Rain Jackets/Rain Poncho

It is absolutely essential for all campers to have adequate rain gear, as they will be spending a large percentage of their time at camp outside, rain or shine. This includes a durable raincoat with a hood, and rain pants. Ponchos can be added to the mix, but do not suffice as adequate rain gear. Our camp outfitter, *Everything Summer Camp*, sells decent, affordable rain gear. Rain jackets are more comfortable to hike in, but generally the weather is warm enough the boys just hike in the rain wearing a Polypropylene shirt. This allows them to save the rain jacket to wear at the campsite, keeping their clothing dry throughout the evening. Ponchos are great too, but make sure they are correctly sized for smaller boys.

Sleeping Bags

Sleeping bags need to be compact and lightweight, and able to compress into a stuff sack so it can fit into a backpack. Any three-season synthetic or synthetic down sleeping bag will be appropriate. A bag rated for 20 degrees Fahrenheit will be warm and durable enough to last several years. **Great Websites**

- GearX.com
- Campmor.com
- Sierratradingpost.com
- Backcountry.com
- LLBean.com

Especially if ordering boots, try them on in a store to determine your size, then look online for the best deal. If you have questions or just want to chat about trip gear don't hesitate to call the camp.

Sleeping Pads

On campers' overnight trips, the use of a foam sleeping pad will help provide a little bit of comfort and added warmth being insulated from the ground.

Blankets

The temperature can drop into the 40's on some summer nights, so warm blankets are very important. Wool or fleece work best and they must be solid colors.

Sweatpants

While listed as optional, sweatpants come in very handy during unexpected cold weather. Some campers sleep in them when the temperature dips into the colder ranges. Most campers would recommend bringing a pair. Warm PJ pants also come in handy during a cold spell.

Reading Material

Mowglis is fortunate to have two wonderful libraries, with a wide variety of books for boys of all ages. The boys have time each day where they can relax and read. If your son is an avid reader, or if his school requires specific summer reading materials, he may want to bring some of his own books.

Writing Materials

Don't forget to send your son with basic writing materials: paper, envelopes, pens/pencils and STAMPS! You don't need fancy stationery; the boys will likely prefer just basic lined writing pads (4" x 6" works well). Some families find it helpful to print labels for their sons (especially the younger boys) or include self-addressed envelopes for home and any additional family and friends, especially grandparents.

Optional Sports Equipment

Don't feel compelled to send your son to camp with all of the listed optional items. If your son already has a baseball glove and enjoys throwing the ball around with his friends, then send it to camp with him. Same goes for a tennis racquet, ping pong paddle or lacrosse stick. Don't feel compelled to buy all of these and send with him to camp. He can always borrow a lacrosse stick from a fellow camper to see if he likes it. A couple of popular items not specifically mentioned on the packing list are swim goggles and snorkel masks. Many campers find these to be helpful when swimming in Newfound Lake.

Musical Instruments

If your son plays an instrument at school, feel free to send him to camp with it along with some of his favorite sheet music. There are many opportunities to practice and perform for fellow campers, if your son is interested. There is a brass choir that performs during Sunday chapel services, providing another fun way to weave music into a camper's routine. The boys store their instruments in the camp office for safekeeping.

What Not to Bring to Camp

Camp is a great opportunity to temporarily unplug from technology. Therefore, we ask your son not to bring any electronic devices to camp with him. If your son is flying to camp on his own, he can definitely travel with his phone and check it in when he arrives at camp, along with his other valuables like passport, airline tickets, etc.

DURING THE SUMMER:

Camp Drop-off and Pick-up

Traveling to Camp

Camp opens on Saturday, June 22. **Check-in time is between 1-3 PM.** Many parents choose to drive their sons to camp, or may carpool with other Mowglis families. **Please be sure to complete the online travel form, even if you are driving your child to camp.** For those traveling from a greater distance, arrangements may be made to pick up your son at the Manchester, NH or Boston's Logan airport. All travel information should be entered onto the travel form for coordination of camper pick-ups and drop-offs.

Flying to Camp Package If your son is traveling to Mowglis via airplane, you will be purchasing the "flying to camp package which will provide him with all the backpacking/camping equipment (backpack, sleeping bag, technical equipment, eating utensils), bedding (pillows, sheets, and blankets), and

transportation he will need to make to camp, have a great time, and head home safely.

International Campers

If your son is traveling to camp from abroad, it is OK for him to come with his phone or tablet. When he arrives at camp, we check in any money or credit cards, electronics, and passports, to be stored in our safe during his stay. We will re-charge his phone for his trip home.

What to Expect at Drop-Off

For new campers, the drop-off process is a quick immersion into camp life with the boys caught up in meeting fellow campers. Our drop-off stations are set up in Gray Brothers, where you will check in with the Registrar and our Nurse. From there, your child will go with his dorm counselor to get settled into the cabin - your son may welcome your help unpacking, but also be prepared that he may prefer to do this after you leave.

Saying Goodbye

This is the hardest part of the drop off process for new Mowglis parents. Many new parents find ways to delay their departure as long as possible, but most parents find it best to take the cue for departure from their son....even if it happens before the parents are ready to depart! Our reassurance to you is that your sons will have the time of their lives and you will soon realize it was one of the best decisions you will make as a parent!

Keeping in Touch

Communications from the Campers:

Parents are assured of at least one letter from their son each week, as all campers are required to turn in a letter to gain admittance to lunch on Sunday...nothing like a little motivation! To encourage additional communication from your son, equip him with postcards that are good for jotting quick notes every few days. Don't forget to send plenty of stamps, envelopes & writing paper.

Communications from Home:

As you can imagine, the campers LOVE to get mail! Each camper has his own mailbox, where his mail is deposited each morning. For first time campers, it's nice to have frequent mail, so enlist additional relatives or friends to send mail as well. Letters don't have to be long, as most campers seem to enjoy the quantity of mail!

You can email your son by emailing camper@mowglis.org and putting his name in the subject line. We print and distribute all parent emails at 6:30 PM daily. Campers do not have computer access to reply to these messages. One of the

most important experiences camp provides is for the boys to gain some independence. If they are getting and sending communications every day, they are less likely to benefit from the full effect of this experience.

When writing to your son, it's a good idea to keep your letters from home upbeat and "newsy" without making your son feel as though he is missing out on tons of fun. Try to avoid phrases like, "We miss you terribly, it is so lonely and we can hardly stand it here without you," but rather, "We know you are having a wonderful experience," or "You are so fortunate to be at camp."

Pictures:

- We post pictures of camp life on our Facebook Profile called "Nick Robbins (Mowglis Profile for Parents)". To see them, please become a friend of Camp Mowglis (<https://www.facebook.com/camp.mowglis>). This profile is only for parents and close family members of Mowglis campers.
- The public Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Mowglis>) is where we post general information about camp and the general public.
- While we do our best to take pictures of everybody and post them frequently, we cannot guarantee we will have pictures of your son posted. If you have questions about how he is doing, please call or email Director Nick Robbins for an update, he is always out and about with the campers and will be able to give you a detailed update.

If Your Camper is Missing Home

It is quite normal for first-time campers to miss home. The Camp Director and staff are experienced in easing campers' concerns when they are missing home. Please feel free to call the camp to speak personally with the director regarding any concerns you may have regarding missing home.

Care Packages and Food

Please do not send packages with candy, snack food, or toys to your son. You can certainly send essentials such as toothpaste, additional books, socks, and letter-writing materials.

In a nutshell, the primary concern with care-packages is food and candy being sent. With all the various critters living in the woods (squirrels, raccoons, bears to name a few), not to mention the risk of campers with allergies coming into contact with allergens, we really cannot have the campers bringing food to their dorms.

But in addition, a significant part of the Mowglis camper experience is that all campers have the same "stuff." The leveling of personal belongings and equipment is a unique

and distinctive aspect of the Mowglis experience. So we ask that you limit the “stuff” you send to things like socks, sunscreen, and other basics. That said, please keep in mind that we do the campers laundry weekly, have plenty of free sunscreen and bug-spray available, give out flashlight batteries, toothbrushes and toothpaste free of charge, and supply each dorm with decks of playing cards and board games. We work hard to create an experience where you don’t need to send anything but supportive and positive letters.

We are always happy to answer any questions, about packages or whatever, so please feel free to call or email if you’d like guidance on whether it is OK to send something.

Pokemon and Magic Cards

Campers are welcome to bring playing cards to camp, and we strongly encourage books, but please do not bring Pokemon cards or Magic cards to camp, because they are valuable and they can get lost, wet, and dirty!

What to Expect at Parents’ Weekends

Parents Weekend: July 13-14

Saturday:

2:00 - Visitors are welcome starting at 2:00 pm on Saturday afternoon, meeting at Gray Brothers for remarks by director Nick Robbins. (Boys will be at Relax.)

2:35 - Parents can watch and participate in first and second Industries w/campers

4:50 - Mandatory Soak for campers

5:10 - All out - Soak ends

On Saturday evening, campers are free to leave camp with parents or friends for dinner.

7:15 - 9:00 - Return for colors & evening program

Sunday:

9:00 -10:00 - Parent coffee hosted by Diana Robbins & the Mowglis Mothers Group on Gray Brothers porch

10:00 - Sign boys out at Headquarters, back at 3:30

1:30-3:30 - Open waterfront - parents can swim and boat with campers

4:00 - Chapel - parents are welcome to attend

Crew Weekend: August 2-4

Friday:

7:30 - Guests and alumni arrive

7:45 - Pep Rally

- Lighting of the bonfire
- Racing crews receive crew shirts

8:45 - Parents and guests depart

Saturday:

2:00 - Visitors are welcome starting at 2:00 on Saturday afternoons, meeting at Gray Brothers for remarks by Nick. (Boys will be at Relax)

2:35 - First call for assembly to make parade preparations

2:50 - Parade to the waterfront

3:00 - Crew Day Races

5:00 - Colors and Oar Raising

- Campers to Soak
- Parents to reception in Baloo Cove (no campers)
- Cookout on the Lower Ball Field

7:45 - 9:00 - Evening Program

Sunday:

10:00 - Sign boys out at Headquarters, back at 3:30

1:30-3:30 - Open waterfront; parents can swim, boat with campers

4:00 - Chapel; parents are welcome to attend

Final Weekend: August 10-11

Saturday Night:

8:00 pm - Candlelight Chapel Service followed by Candleboats

Sunday:

9:30 - Mrs. Holt's Day Closing Ceremonies. Camper depart at 11:30

Local Accommodations

It is a good idea to make your reservations as early as possible when you're coming to parents' visiting weekends, as several other camps on the lake share the Mowglis visiting weekends and departure dates. We recommend going to

www.hotels.com to find accommodations. **Please note that some lodging options require a two-night stay during the summer.**

Camp Mowglis Dog Policy

We at Mowglis love and enjoy dogs and, with permission from the Camp Director, well-behaved dogs on a leash are allowed to be brought to camp by parents and staff.

For the protection of everyone at Mowglis, people and dogs alike, we have put the following rules into place with regard to dogs at Camp Mowglis:

- If you would like to bring your dog to camp for any reason (visit, event, etc.) you must first ask in an email for permission from the Camp Director.
- We reserve the right to deny your request to bring your dog to Mowglis.
- We also reserve the right to ask for your dog to be removed from camp at any time.
- During the camp season, dogs need to be either in a secured enclosure or on the leash.
- All dog owners need to pick up their pet's waste while at Mowglis.
- Dog owners assume any and all liability for their pet and their pet's actions.

Please feel free to call or email the Camp Director, Nick Robbins, with any questions about this policy at nickrobbins@mowglis.org. Thanks!

Camp Store

Mowglis has a no-cash 'store' where boys can get items that often need to be replaced at camp, such as batteries, toothpaste, pens or pencils.

Cash in general is not needed, nor do we want the boys to have it at camp. There is nothing for them to buy at camp. The only times boys need to arrive with cash is if they arrived on an airplane. The only Mowglis trip where boys would potentially need cash to get a t-shirt or souvenir is on one of the Honor Squad trips. If your son arrives at camp with cash, it is to be given to the Director to be kept in the camp safe until those trips depart camp. A camper should never keep cash in their dorm!

Knife Policy

It has long been the tradition at Mowglis that campers are allowed to use and carry small pocket knives once they have reached a certain age and have been trained on their safe use. We continue this tradition as pocket knives are useful on camping trips and carving walking sticks for hiking is a cherished activity for our campers.

We do ask that no knives be brought from home. After instruction at camp and passing the ‘knife test’ campers in the age-group called Akela (12+) and up will be given Mowglis Knives for them to keep, free of charge. These small folding knives will be appropriately sized for the boys and we will label them.

Having a pocket knife is a serious responsibility and being allowed to have one at camp is a privilege which campers must take very seriously. Any horseplay or inappropriate behavior with a pocket knife will result in it being confiscated.

Boys’ Summer Schedule & Industries

Trip Days

Mowglis offers a structured routine into which the campers quickly integrate. Weekdays are similar in routine with the exception of Thursdays, which are “Trip Days.” They really enjoy these trips, some of which are day hikes, while others are overnight campouts. Some of the campers swear you can predict rain will more frequently occur on Trip Days than any other day of the week, but that has not been scientifically confirmed! What has been confirmed is the boys have many fond memories of their Trip Days, whether occurring in sunny or rainy conditions.

Industries (instructional activities)

Industries are a very important part of the Mowglis schedule and tradition. There are 19 different industries in which the boys can participate. Each industry has a structured set of accomplishments the campers work towards completing. Final achievement of an industry’s required accomplishments earns the camper a ribbon. Industry ribbons count towards entry into the coveted “Inner Circle” which will be described in more detail later.

Each camper participates in two industries every day. Over the course of the summer there are three sessions, so the campers can choose new industries or stick with the same industries to complete requirements towards earning a ribbon. The industries are geared to a variety of interests and skills and include the following:

Industries

Archery	Crew	Hiking
Arts & Crafts	Drama	Sailing
Axemanship*	Nature	Swimming
Bugling	** Mountain Biking	Tennis
Camping	Row Boating	Photography
Canoeing	Riflery	Woodworking
** Cooking	** Paddle Boarding	
Fencing	** Ropes	
** Fishing	Rock Climbing	

*only for those 12 or older

** Offered as sign-up activities

MOWGLIS TRADITIONS:

Important Traditions

Bugle Calls

A camp bugler signals all campers throughout the day on key activities such as lining up in front of Gray Brothers Hall, washing up for dinner, beginning & ending of Industries, lights out, etc.

Mowglis Songs

Your son will quickly learn that there is a Mowglis song for almost every occasion. During Parents' Weekend activities, you will become familiar with many of the Mowglis songs, and will likely hear your son singing or whistling Mowglis songs for months to come! Mowglis songbooks are passed around during camp events so that everyone can join along.

Inner Circle

Campers who have earned "Inner Circle" status, by earning at least four ribbons, occupy the ring of campfire chairs closest to the fire. Once inducted into the Inner Circle, a member retains the status and privilege of occupying one of those seats for life. The induction ceremony for new Inner Circle members occurs the final Friday night of camp.

Honor Squads

Older boys are chosen for the Gopher Squad (one night) and the Mt. Washington Squad (three nights) by their counselors based on good behavior, excellence on trips, and other positive attributes.

Crew Races

Beginning in the fourth week of camp, the boys will begin training for the annual Crew Races that are held on the second Parents Weekend (August 3rd this year). It is an exciting time as the boys train within their respective Blue or Red teams to earn a position on the Racing Crew, Second Form or First Form teams. Competitive spirits run high in the several days leading up to the races with milestone events such as the Crew Bonfire, which is held the night before the big race, and the Blue & Red Parade, where the teams march to the lakefront to kick off the event.

Boys who have a prior Mowglis affiliation (father, uncle, grandfather, brother or cousin) will be automatically be assigned to the same crew color. The crew coach, with an effort to keep the teams evenly matched, will place new boys. If your son is new to Mowglis be sure to ask him if he is a Blue or Red team member and come to crew weekend dressed to support your team.

Departure Weekend

Many annual traditions occur the final weekend at Mowglis. Friday evening begins with the induction of new Inner Circle members. Saturday's highlights include several activities such as the tennis & archery finals and open waterfront. On Saturday evening is the candlelight chapel service, launch of the candle boats on Newfound Lake and reading of the official summer report.

We distribute the ribbon and riflery awards on Sunday morning, followed by Mrs. Holt's Day ceremonies including the introduction of campers by dorm, reading of each dorm's report, and awarding of "Birch Barks." The morning concludes with recognizing graduating Denites and awarding of the silver graduate medals. It is a wonderful weekend that leaves parents with great appreciation of just how much is accomplished by their sons during seven weeks at Mowglis.

Mowglis Lingo

To get you up to speed, here are a few Mowglis phrases you are likely to see sprinkled throughout your son's letters home this summer.

Baloo Cove

A beautiful beach and swimming area used by the Cubs.

Clean Up

A period of time every day in which dorms are swept, beds are made, bureaus are tidied. A quarter will bounce nicely on a properly made Mowglis bed, and everything has its place in a properly organized Mowglis bureau.

Clubs

Clubs are different activity periods that are held on Sunday mornings. The specific activities will vary, but many include running, reading, soccer, or weightlifting.

Council Rock

The large rock overlooking the campfire circle on which the Director sits.

Duties

A set of chores performed by campers every day to keep the camp functioning at its best; duty assignments rotate frequently and are posted on the Duty Board. Since some duties are quite a bit better than others, cries of despair or relief are often heard in front of the Duty Board.

Graduation Requirements

Campers work towards graduation requirements over their summers at camp. Things like hiking Mt. Cardigan, going trail clearing, earning the canoe safety and getting your sharpshooter at the rifle range are things boys can check off before their Den Year. Other requirements include earning your camping ribbon, another ribbon and in the Den year completing a Den Project, a service project around camp.

Graduate's Dinner

Throughout a boys time at Camp they will complete a series of 'Graduation Requirements' to ensure a well rounded camp experience. There is real work and effort that goes into becoming a Mowgli Graduate. In the final days of camp a formal dinner is held in the dining hall to recognize the Graduates achievements throughout their time as campers and to begin looking towards the future becoming Yearlings and Staff Members. The Dinner is attended only by Alumni and staff Graduates.

Graduate's Medal

A sterling silver medal engraved with a boys name and camper years awarded to each member of the Den who successfully completes the requirements for graduation. Medals are presented to the boys on Mrs. Holts Day closing ceremonies.

Gray Brothers Hall

The large hall containing the camp auditorium, store, library and office; the focal point of camp life on rainy days.

Heights and Weights

A period of time on Sundays when each dorm is called to the see the Nurse to be weighed and measured.

Inspection

A period of time immediately following Clean Up in which the housekeeping efforts of campers are scrutinized; no dust bunny, contraband or unfolded clothing escapes the Inspectors.

Inspection Points

A much sought after accolade awarded to whichever dorm is judged to be tidiest during that day's inspection; any dorm industrious enough to earn 10 inspection points is rewarded with a treat.

Junior Staff (JS)

Counselors in training, age 15-17, who are generally former Mowglis campers.

The Lodge

The camp infirmary, where sick campers go to recuperate and receive care from the camp Nurse.

The Mines

The bathroom

Regular Mowglis Day

A day in which the standard schedule of duties, industries and other regular activities applies.

Relax (noun)

A period immediately after lunch in which campers take to their beds for a nap or some quiet time, with no talking allowed!

Reveille

The loudest and most jarring of bugle calls, which signals the beginning of a new Mowglis day.

Senior Staff

Counselors of college age or older, responsible for the day-to-day supervision of campers and camp activities; a very diverse and talented group.

Soak (noun)

A period set aside for campers to enjoy a swim in the pristine waters of Newfound Lake.

Table Boys

Those campers who have drawn the duty of setting and cleaning their dorms' tables, and obtaining food from the kitchen during the course of the meal; unlike other duties, this one rotates daily.

Taps

The bugle call that signals the end of the Mowglis day.

Tetherball

While not strictly unique to Mowglis, a rather unusual sport in which two players face off on a round court and try to hit a small (tennis-sized) ball past their opponent that is tethered to the top of a high, centrally-located pole by a string. Victory is achieved by hitting the ball past your opponent so many times that the string wraps all the way around the pole. While the concept is simple the execution is not, and tetherball champions are much admired.

The Trip Closet

Where the tents and other camping equipment are stored; characterized by unusual, inspiring, disconcerting and often very musty memorabilia collected over the course of more than a century of summers spent on the trails of the White Mountains.

Trip Day

The day of the week (traditionally Thursday) in which the whole camp heads into the mountains to enjoy a variety of hikes or river trips, rain or shine.

Waingunga Rock

A very large, submerged rock located off of Cub Point, a rallying point for many waterfront activities; the halfway mark for swimmers hoping to earn their “Waingunga” swimming credential.

Waingunga Swim

Boys swimming a “Full Waingunga” swim from the docks out to Waingunga Rock and back to the docks. Swimming one direction is a “Half Waingunga”. Boys earning the White Ribbon must swim this distance twice, which is called a “Double Full Waingunga” in less than 30 minutes in order to earn their Ribbon. The distance is approximately 600 yards for a Full Waingunga.

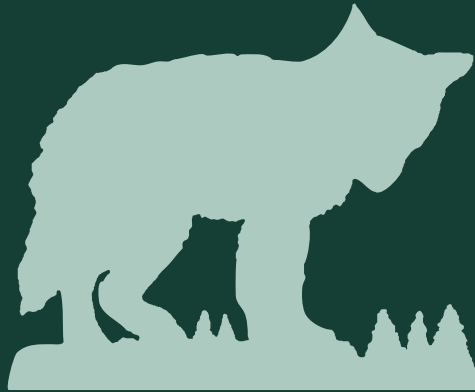
Watermaster

Senior Staff member responsible for organizing and supervising all activities at the waterfront; also an exalted position that has been held over the years by many legendary Mowglis Men.

Off-Season Events

During the off-season, we host alumni reunions across the country and we hope you’ll come join us when we are in your area! If we don’t have one scheduled in your area and you are interested in hosting one, please be in touch.

These events are an opportunity to gather Mowglis alumni, reconnect current campers and staff, and introduce new boys to the Mowglis experience as potential campers.



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JUNE 22.....ARRIVAL DAY
JULY 13-14.....PARENTS' WEEKEND
AUGUST 2-4.....CREW WEEKEND
AUGUST 10.....CANDLE BOATS
AUGUST 11GRADUATION & AWARDS