

Camp Namanu Units

Youth are placed in different "units" comprised of 3-5 different cabins of campers. These units are based on campers' age and grade at the time of attendance.

Note: We place campers based on their "rising" grade which is the grade they will be in the fall after camp (i.e. a camper who will be a 4th grader in September, will be placed in our Sherwood unit.)

Blue Wing: 2nd & 3rd grade

"We are the blue birds small, someday we'll grow up tall, then we'll surprise you all..."

Blue Wing campers can regularly be found playing games in the meadow, singing repeat-after-me songs, or searching the forest for signs of fairies and elves. Counselors in the Blue Wing Unit are specially trained to help guide the energy, enthusiasm, and imagination of 2nd and 3rd graders as they try new things and build friendships.

Cabin Features:

- Electricity
- Interior bathrooms

Bandana Color: Royal Blue

Bedtime: 8:30 pm

Typical Program Activities:

- Duck pond boating
- Arts & Crafts
- Meadow games
- Soap carving
- Swimming



Sherwood: 4th & 5th grade

"Sherwood it is the best, just put us to the test and we'll show you our zest..."

Sherwood campers live in fully enclosed cabins and enjoy scaling the climbing tower, learning archery, expressing their creativity in arts & crafts, and exploring new parts of camp, possibly even sleeping under the stars. Each week at Namanu is a unique experience made complete by singing songs around the campfire, playing games in the meadow, and cooking in the outdoors.



Cabin Features:

- Electricity
- Interior bathrooms

Bandana Color: Yellow

Bedtime: 9:00 pm

Typical Program Activities:

- Archery
- Climbing Tower
- Meadow games
- Whittling
- Swimming

Cabin Features:

- Open-air
- Screen doors & windows

Bandana Color: Purple

Bedtime: 9:30 pm

Typical Program Activities:

- Low Ropes
- Archery
- Climbing Tower
- Creek hikes
- Swimming

Robin Hill: 6th Grade

"We are Robin Hill, and we still get a thrill when we slide down that hill..."

In Robin Hill, campers are preparing for the new social dynamics of middle school as they work together to design a week filled with classic camp activities such as scaling the climbing tower, taking aim in archery, getting creative with arts and crafts, or exploring the beauty of Namanu on a hike. 6th grade is also the first year that they are invited to participate in our low challenge course or go on a hike through one of the creeks. Robin Hill campers complete their camp experience by living in screened, open-air cabins and singing songs around the campfire.



Wildwood: 7th Grade

(previously "Kiwanis")

"We are the Wildwood bunch and we have got a hunch, that we have lots of punch..."

Living in open-air octagon cabins, Wildwood campers build community with other 7th graders and can choose from a range of exciting activities including weavery, ropes course, and outdoor cooking. 7th graders enhance their ability to work as a team through the low challenge course and are given their first opportunity to challenge themselves on our high ropes circuit. Wildwood is also the first chance for Namanu campers to relax while weaving a rug or tea towel in our historic weavery.



Cabin Features:

- Open-air
- Built in picnic table

Bandana Color: Green

Bedtime: 9:30 pm

Typical Program Activities:

- Low & High Ropes
- Weavery
- Advanced Climbing Tower
- Firebuilding
- Swimming

Cabin Features:

- Open-air
- Walls open to forest

Bandana Color: Orange

Bedtime: 10:00 pm

Typical Program Activities:

- Low & High Ropes
- Weavery
- Advanced Climbing Tower
- Firebuilding
- Swimming

Riverbend: 8th & 9th grade

(previously "Pioneer")

"We are from Riverbend here, give us a rousing cheer, we come here every year..."

Riverbend campers awaken to the calming rush of the nearby Sandy River in three-sided cabins. 8th and 9th graders are encouraged to take on more leadership roles in their cabin groups and may choose to do an extended hike, challenge themselves on the ropes course, or learn advanced outdoor skills. With an in-unit fireplace and community space, Riverbend campers can expect to cook a meal together over an open flame.



Balagan: 10th-12th Grade

*"We are the Balagan bold, brave as a 2-year-old,
we cry when we get cold..."*

Living in tree houses perched above the Sandy River, Balagan campers are given the opportunity to show their creativity, independence, and perseverance as they take on challenges both new and old. The sky is the limit for our 10th-12th grade campers as they work together to plan their own camp experience while exploring the furthest overnight sites at camp, advanced program options like rappelling off the climbing tower, and additional high-ropes elements. 10th-12th graders may also choose to serve as mentors for younger campers through unit buddy program activities.



Cabin Features:

- Open-air treehouses
- Open to forest & riverbank

Bandana Color: Navy Blue

Bedtime: 10:00 pm

Typical Program Activities:

- Low & High Ropes
- Advanced hikes
- Rappelling
- Stargazing
- Swimming

Outpost: 10th-12th Grade

*"Outpost unit far away, in the forest night and day,
here is where we want to stay..."*

Outpost campers are hiking to far-off places of Namanu and working on gaining outdoor skills and knowledge. Sleeping in tree houses, tents, and under the stars, campers will learn fire building and safety, knots, shelter building, and more. For our 10th-12th grade campers in Outpost they will get to cook most meals over a fire, enjoy their favorite Namanu activities such as rock climbing and creek hikes, as well as participate in one field trip. Outpost is a unit for campers who want to be at Namanu and explore parts of camp they have not seen before!



Cabin Features:

- Tent camping
- Sleeping under the stars

Bandana Color: Brown

Bedtime: 10:00 pm

Typical Program Activities:

- Low & High Ropes
- Advanced hikes & overnights
- Fire techniques
- Stargazing
- Blacksmithing

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