

Dear New Echo Camper and Family,

Camp is just around the corner, and we are really excited to welcome you to the Echo family! As a first time Echoite (that's you!), you are invited to a special day that we call First Echoes. You'll have a chance to check out what camp will be like, and you'll get to meet some other first-year campers!

We invite you to join us on Sunday, June 14th, 2015, at Camp Echo. Your family should plan to arrive promptly by 10:00 in the morning. You will be welcomed by a team of Echo counselors who are looking forward to introducing themselves to all of the new members of our community. Parents will then be invited to meet with Cindy and Jeff for about an hour, to learn more about camp life. In the meantime, you will start to get comfortable with your summer home, walking the grounds, learning some of our favorite camp songs, playing games, and making new friends.

You will have a full day of fun – a little taste of camp, a big tour, a peek at what cabin life is like, and a S'mores Fest on the beach! Please wear comfortable clothing and athletic footwear (sneakers with socks) so that you can participate in camp activities with ease. You do not need to pack a swimsuit but don't forget to wear sunscreen.

Parents will leave camp for a few hours and return at 3:00 p.m. (Parents, we've attached a flyer with ideas for how to spend your afternoon in the Catskills.)

As always, we've been busy all winter improving our facilities in preparation for your arrival, and we will be working right up until camp begins to be sure that you have the best summer imaginable. When you visit for First Echoes, please keep in mind that we are still in pre-season mode – every detail will be ready for opening day.

We can't wait to welcome you – have a safe journey to Bloomingburg.

Please RSVP using the link below:

http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1044428-AKaSpTG6rF

Warm Regards,

& Cindy

www.campecho.com



Area Activities

To Route 17: Follow Echo Road to the end and take a left onto Ski Run Road. Follow for a ½ mile to the blinking red light. Turn right onto Burlingham Road and proceed 3.3 miles. After the overpass make a right turn onto the ramp for Route 17.

Pine Bush (Main Street)

A variety of restaurants and shops can be found just five minutes from Echo in this neighboring town.

Directions: Follow Echo Road to the end and take a left onto Ski Run Road. Follow for a ½ mile to the blinking red light. Turn left onto Burlingham Road and proceed 3 ½ miles. Turn right onto NY-52 / CR-7 and follow this road into Pine Bush.

Galleria at Crystal Run

One Galleria Drive, Middletown, NY 10940 www.GalleriaCrystalRun.com (845) 692-8883 (Approx. 20 minutes)

1,000,000 square foot shopping mall.

Directions: Route 17 to Exit 120W. At the end of the ramp you will be on Route 211. Follow past the Mobil station and turn right into the Galleria.

The Castle Fun Center

109 Brookside Ave., Rte. 17M, Chester, NY 10918 www.thecastlefuncenter.com (845) 469-2116

A family fun center with mini-golf, go-karts, batting cages, arcade, roller skating, laser tag, & rock climbing

Directions: Take Route 17 East to Exit 126. At the light at the end of the exit ramp, make a left. You'll go over Route 17. Go two lights. The second light is on Route 17M. Make a left on to Route 17M. The Castle is one-quarter mile down on the left.

Mohonk Mountain House

www.mohonk.com (845) 255-1000 General Reference (800) 772-6646 Reservations (Approx. 1 hour)

A beautiful 251 room Victorian Castle. 85 miles of hiking with guided tours, tennis, 9 hole-par 35 Scottish-style golf course, fishing, boating, swimming, croquet and fitness center.

Directions: Route 17 to Exit 121W to Route 84W to Thruway North, one exit to Exit 18. Turn left at traffic light onto Route 299/Main Street through New Paltz. Immediately after crossing bridge turn right. Follow Mohonk signs. After ¼ mile bear left at the fork and follow Mt. Rest Road and Mohonk signs to Gatehouse. (Gatehouse is located 6 miles west of the Thruway exit.)

Lake Minnewaska

www.parks.ny.gov/parks/127/details.aspx (Approx. 35 minutes)

A beautiful preserve in the Shawangunk Range offering picnicking, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, boating and observing nature. Check website for directions and current events.

Woodbury Commons Premium Outlet

498 Red Apple Court, Central Valley, NY www.premiumoutlets.com/woodburycommon (845) 928-4000 (Approx. 40 minutes)
Open 10 am – 9 pm, Sunday 10am – 8 pm

A factory outlet with 220 stores. Restaurants are also available.

Directions: Route 17 to Exit 131. At the end of the ramp take a left. Woodbury Commons entrance is on your right.

Sugar Loaf Village

www.sugarloafnewyork.com (Approx. 40 minutes)

A quaint, unique and original craft village consisting of 60 shops with handmade gifts. Many vendors make jewelry, candles, leather goods, woodworking and original artwork. The Barnsider is an excellent restaurant.

Directions: Route 17 to Exit 126. Make two rights onto Route 17M. Take a right at the light at Rowley Lumber onto County Route 13 (Kings Highway) to Sugar Loaf. Located 20 minutes from Woodbury Commons.

Winding Hills Golf Course

1847 State Route 17K, Montgomery, NY www.windinghillsgc.com (845)469-4663 (Approx. 20 minutes)

18 holes of golf, golf carts, restaurant for a great lunch

Directions: At blinking light stay straight on County Rte 48 and go 3.2 miles. At cross street, turn right onto Route 302 for 2.5 miles. At light (5 way intersection) turn left onto Route 17K and go 4.6 miles. Golf course on your right.

The Emerson Inn and Spa

5340 Route 28, Mount Tremper, NY 12457 www.emersonresort.com (845)688-7900 (Approx. 1 hour)

A beautiful Bed and Breakfast with a Day Spa offering over 40 spa services including a resistance pool, fitness room and sauna.

Directions: Take a left out of Camp onto Echo Road. At the end take a left onto Roosa Gap Road. Follow for approximately 3 miles and make a right onto Horton Road. Follow Horton Road to the end and make a right. This road will take you into the Village of Wurtsboro. At the traffic light take a right onto Route 209N and proceed to Route 28W. Follow for approximately 20 miles and take a left onto Mt. Pleasant Road. Look for the black and gold sign at the waterfall.

Woodstock

www.woodstockchamber.com (Approx. 1 hour)

Famous Woodstock – a quaint town, lovely restaurants and galleries. Check Web sites for directions and current events.

Storm King Art Center

www.stormking.org

A museum celebrating the relationship between sculpture and nature. Check website for directions and hours.



Where to Stay Near Camp Echo

Although Echo is close enough to most of our families' homes that an overnight stay is not necessary, many parents do choose to spend a night in the Echo area when they come to visit us. The resorts are crowded during the summer tourist season, and it is almost impossible to get last-minute reservations.

Some of the accommodations available in the vicinity of Camp Echo are:

The Sullivan Hotel in Rock Hill	845-796-3100
Courtyard Marriott of Middletown	845-695-0606
Hampton Inn of Middletown	845-344-3400
Harvest Inn of Pine Bush	845-744-5700
Holiday Inn of Middletown	845-343-1474
Howard Johnson's of Middletown	845-342-5822
Pine Bush House Bed and Breakfast	845-744-3641
Microtel Inns & Suites of Middletown	845-692-0098

Resorts in the area include:

Hudson Valley Resort & Spa, Kerhonkson 845-626-8888 Honors Haven Resort & Spa, Ellenville 845-210-3148 Kutshers Country Club, Monticello 845-794-6000

