



# Raven's Wood Field School

## 2021-2022 Fall/Winter Wilderness Programs Application Form

*Raven's Wood School*  
1056 Poor Farm Road  
Thetford Center, VT 05075

**APPLICATIONS ARE ONLY COMPLETE WITH A DEPOSIT, OTHERWISE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT AT CAMP IS NOT GUARANTEED. One Application per family will suffice, but each child must have their own Medical Form filled out.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender ID \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender ID \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender ID \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

All Parent(s)/Guardian(s) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Workplace(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Married\_\_\_ Divorced\_\_\_ Single\_\_\_ Partners\_\_\_ Guardian\_\_\_ Foster Parent\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of others authorized to pick up your child, and phone numbers:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Information**

List 2 local contacts who can be reached in case of an emergency if parents are unable to be reached.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Form – Part II**

**Permissions:** Please check the boxes for which you give permission.

I give permission to Raven’s Wood School to treat my child medically in the event I cannot be reached.

I give permission for photographs and/or videos to be taken of my child as part of the program for newsletters, the School website, your child’s portfolio, the media or any other positive and wholesome portrayal of our program to the public. **NO children’s names** will be used.

I understand some of the programs are off school grounds and give my permission for my child to leave school grounds and walk ton Poor Farm Rd, a dirt road, along the road or to the Town-owned Hughes Land for hikes. The trailhead is ½ mile from Raven’s Wood School.

I give my permission to Raven’s Wood Staff to apply bug repellent and sunscreen as necessary to your child, either provided by you, or by us.

I give my permission for Raven’s Wood Staff to administer prescription medicine that you provide if your child needs it. A full description of that medication must be provided if this is necessary.

Please sign below:

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Form – Part III

### CHOOSE YOUR Programs

CHILDREN's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Fall Wilderness Programs run Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:00am-3:00pm daily for the 8 (winter) or 10 (fall) weeks indicated below. Winter programs are \$480/child and Fall programs are \$600/program/child.

**NOTE for Existing 2021 Parents: If your child attended our 2021 Summer Camp Programs, and nothing has changed since registration, please fill in Part III to make your selections for Camps and send in with your payment. There is no need to fill in all of these forms again.**

A \$150 non-refundable deposit is due with this registration form. (Refund policy during COVID-19 pandemic: If Gov. Scott announces new regulations about camps/daycares in a negative light, including closing camps or restricting numbers to less than 15 in a group, refunds will be made in full. **Mask wearing is required by all campers while in the tent as a whole group, but not outside.**)

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\_\_\_ *Water in the Wild*, Ages 6-12, 8 Thursdays, March 3 - Apr. 21, 2022, 9-3:00

Payment: \_\_\_ **Deposit of \$150, with TWO payments of \$165 due by February 28<sup>th</sup> and by March 28, 2021. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR PAYMENT DUE DATES AND AMOUNTS.**

OR \_\_\_ Full tuition, \$480/child

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Raven's Wood Outdoor School for Renegades provides educational opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital/civil union status, or any other characteristic protected by Federal or State law.

**PROGRAM LOGISTICS**

***ROAD SAFETY and Directions to RWS***

I hereby agree to the following guidelines and will communicate them to relatives or friends should they drop-off or pick up my child(ren) for this program.

- 1) GPS address is 1056 Poor Farm Rd South, Thetford CTR, VT (Not 1046)
- 2) Poor Farm Rd is a narrow, dirt road. The general speed limit is 25-30 mph, and reduced speeds are expected near corners and small hills. It is important to stay to the right when approaching the hills or corners, and to pass by other cars slowly.
- 3) **PARKING AND DROP OFF:** Parking and drop off is allowed at the bottom of the main driveway, but not at the top parking lot by the large log home. DO NOT drive up the driveway. Please PASS the driveway and turn around in the next driveway and park on the opposite side of the road. Please pass this info on to anyone providing rides for your children.

( ) ACKNOWLEDGED: Please Initial

***CONSENT AND INDEMNIFICATION***

I hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Raven’s Wood Outdoor School for Renegades, Inc., DBA Raven’s Wood School, from any and all liability, costs and expenses on account of personal injury or property damage arising from my child’s participation in Raven’s Wood School programs.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**COVID-19 INFO:**

PLEASE do not send your child to camp sick or not feeling well in this COVID-19 climate, colds, headaches, fevers, stomach aches, etc., included. The risk is too great to each of us.

**Send your child with TWO** clean, multi-layered woven COTTON face masks. Neck scarves pulled over the mouth DO NOT WORK to protect anyone from getting or giving COVID-19 and are not acceptable at Raven’s Wood.

**Drop off is at 9am, and pick up at 4pm.** Please be **prompt**, and please honor social distancing. **Please do not drop and run.** I need to follow a question and answer protocol each morning for you and your children and take their temperature. I will be at the base of the driveway and ready to make this a quick process. Please wear a mask, and make sure your child has a mask on as well.



## Raven's Wood Outdoor School for Renegades

### Safety and Release Form for Raven's Wood

Welcome to Raven's Wood Outdoor School for Renegades!! As we get to know the animals and plants of the woods around our forest, we will learn many tools and skills for engaging with these creatures. Many of these skills (e.g. fire-by-flint, carving, shelter building, construction, woods exploration, etc.) offer elements that, if done incorrectly, may be potentially dangerous. Participants will be closely supervised by Staff and/or volunteers who are well-trained in engaging the wild and using tools in a safe and respectful way. Below are some, but not all, of the elements that can be potentially dangerous:

- *Knives:* There is always real danger in using a knife. As is often the case, prevention is the best medicine. We will go over safety and each kid will receive knife safety instruction before knives are used by the kids. There are five main rules for using a knife safely: 1) Ask permission from one of the Staff and/or volunteers. 2) Find a quiet space and sit down. 3) Announce to others that you are using a knife and get a safety circle, keeping a safe distance of at least one arm's length from other people. 4) Always carve or cut away from yourself. 5) When finished, put the knife back in its sheath. With proper care and attentiveness, knives are safe and an incredibly useful and rewarding tool, yet injury may still occur.
- *Fire:* Fire will be a central element of our community. We will be harvesting local wood for fuel in a way that promotes the growth of other trees and learn how to tend a fire in a way that leaves minimal impact. We will learn how to safely manage a fire in a variety of conditions from hot and dry to cold and wet. Each kid will have the opportunity to start a fire using matches, flint and steel, and magnesium rods and steel strikers. Fire safety will be taught, but injury from burns may still occur.
- *Other Tools:* At other points throughout the year, we will be using bow saws, hand axes, hammers, and other tools. As with knives, for each tool we will talk about the potential dangers and always review and practice safe techniques for using each. We keep a low ratio of kids to mentors to ensure each kid gets proper attention when using potentially dangerous tools yet cuts or accidents may still occur.
- *Weather:* *Slippery, wet, icy, snowy, muddy conditions* can create hazardous walking, working, and playing conditions in the out-of-doors. Accidental injuries may occur.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby give permission for my child(ren) and/or guarantor(s), \_\_\_\_\_ to use a knife, fire starter, and other tools under the supervision of a Raven's Wood Staff during our programs. I also understand the risks of natural weather-related conditions. I have read the above on Knife Safety and understand both the risks involved and that reasonable care will be taken to ensure my child's safety.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Raven's Wood Outdoor School for Renegades

### Safer Together

Before sending your child to Raven's Wood Outdoor School for Renegades Programs, we want to make sure you understand that in light of the current medical, legal and economic conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and recognizing that these conditions are subject to abrupt changes at any time, you are sending your child to camp under the following conditions:

1. While we wish that we could control every possible risk, and while we will use our best efforts to keep your child safe from the COVID-19 virus, we want to make clear that we cannot promise or guarantee that this or any other pathogen will not enter camp, and that by the very nature of the personal interaction that takes place in the camp environment, there is always a risk of your child becoming ill with this or any other communicable disease. We want you to be fully aware of this risk in making the decision to send your child to camp this summer, and that you are willing to assume and accept it on your child's behalf.
2. Our efforts to keep your child safe include minimizing contact with anyone outside of the camp community. To that end we will not be allowing any in-person visitation during the summer. Although we understand the importance of traditional visiting on any day to you and your child, the safety of our camp community must come first. We want to be sure that you understand the necessity of isolating our campus as much as possible.
3. Because we want to do everything to keep camp operating in a safe manner, if your child is exhibiting symptoms such as an elevated fever or tests positive for COVID 19 or other communicable disease, they may be quarantined until you arrive to pick them up from camp.
4. If your child has been in contact with anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of or who has COVID-19, you must contact us immediately so that we may decide on an appropriate protocol.
5. It is of course possible that these arrangements could change depending upon CDC and VT State guidelines as they develop over time. We understand this could present logistical and other difficulties for some of our families, but State and Federal rules and guidelines must be followed as they develop over time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child or Children's Name(s)



Raven's Wood Outdoor School for Renegades

Letter of Understanding

Dear CAMPER PARENT/GUARDIAN,

We are excited to be able to provide the wonderful camp experience that all of the Raven's Wood campers have been anxiously waiting for. We know how much the camp community means to everyone, and we have been working non-stop to put measures in place that will allow us to run safely and professionally for the 2020 season.

Because of the close contact within a camp community, and to mitigate the risks, we are implementing the following procedures:

1. We will continue to work closely with—and follow the most current guidelines established by—the VT State government, CDC, and federal officials for best practices with regards to preventing, identifying, and managing COVID-19.
2. We will significantly ramp up our hygiene protocols for cleaning and disinfecting on a camp-wide scale.
3. We will alter camp operations to curtail interaction between our on-camp population and our outside vendors, workers, and delivery personnel.
4. We will eliminate non-essential outside interaction by foregoing inter-camp tournaments, camp tours and in-person visits of any kind, including volunteers.
5. We will alter the program so as to maintain the level of enjoyment our campers expect, while limiting outside contact.
6. We will continue to modify our programming as may be required by CDC and local guidelines.

As we know, COVID-19 will be with us for the foreseeable future. No matter what procedures and protocols are put in place, there is simply no way to guarantee that COVID-19 or any other pathogen or communicable disease will not enter camp. By the very nature of the personal interactions that take place in the camp environment, there is always a risk of your child contracting this or any other disease or infection. And again, we will do everything within our power to keep your child healthy and safe at camp this summer.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the points as described herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Child or Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

## Check List for Forms to be Returned with Deposit

NOTE: Your application is NOT complete without all of these forms and fees submitted together:

- \_\_\_ Application Form (pages 1-5)
- \_\_\_ Safer Together COVID-19 Form (page 6)
- \_\_\_ Letter of Understanding COVID-19 (page 7)
- \_\_\_ Check for Deposit or Payment in Full
- \_\_\_ Health and Medical Form (A separate fillable form, found on the website at <https://www.ravenswoodindependentschool.org/camp-programs.html>) (or in an email if requested)

AGAIN, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for paying your camp balances! You will not receive a reminder.

**Please return these forms as soon as possible:**

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