

# GREATER PORTLAND CONVENTION + VISITORS BUREAU

## 2013 VISITOR'S GUIDE



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### Maine Summer CAMPS

*Close your eyes and smell the pine trees, feel the pine needles under your feet, see the mountains beyond the lake ... summers and camp belong in Maine.*

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Making new friends, canoeing for the first time, learning how to shoot a bow and arrow, singing around a campfire ... all these and more are part of a Maine summer camp experience. Memories like these plant themselves in your mind when you're a child and stay with you the rest of your life. Small wonder 20,000 campers from nearly every state and 30 countries travel to Maine each summer.

An incredible diversity of outdoor activities makes Maine a unique place to spend summers as a child. Camps' lakefront settings are ideal for swimming, sailing, waterskiing, kayaking, paddle boarding, and tubing. On land, campers can horseback ride on scenic trails, excel on adventure courses, and enhance their athletic skills in tennis, lacrosse, soccer, and other sports. Similarly, instruction and opportunities in the arts — acting, theater production, dance, crafts, ceramics, photography, and more — are unparalleled.

From over 200 camps in Maine, you can select the perfect fit for your child. With both coed and single gender camps that offer sessions

ranging from two to seven weeks, your child can find their new favorite place in the world, returning home stronger, independent, wiser, and bubbling over with stories of their adventures and friendships.

And while the kids are at camp, parents can revel in their own Maine vacation. Enjoy active outdoor adventures, sightseeing, world-class dining, arts, and shopping — during initial camp tours, on annual visiting days, and years afterward.

Memorable traditions, strong core values, and meaningful youth development all set in nature's most beautiful backdrop leave kids with happy memories they will cherish for the rest of their lives. Many campers come back for their annual Maine fix, some to get married in a place close to their heart. Summers in Maine are a special gift.

Start your exploration of the best Maine summer camps at [mainecamp-experience.com](http://mainecamp-experience.com), complete with a Maine Guide to personally assist you with summer camp guidance and information to plan your visit to Maine.