



You Otter Know

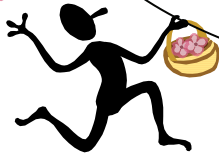


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104 Days AWAY!!!

Hello Campers,

My name is Doug Currier, and I will be your Camp Otter Director this year! I am so excited to have the chance to work at camp this summer. In summers and winters past, I have been working at the Lawrence YMCA as the Senior Program Director, running a number of different programs for kids ages 4-16 years old. But this summer the Lawrence YMCA's walls can't contain me.

NEWS for Parents from the Registration Office

You have probably already received our 2009 Camp Otter Brochure. If not, please contact us at (978)975-1330. Sara Albert will be handling our Camp Otter Registrations this year. She is super excited to be working with all of you! The registrations have been coming in fast.

Register early so you don't miss out! In our current economy, it is tough on all of our wallets. We want to let you know that we are here to help. We offer Financial Assistance to those who qualify. You can also pay the tuition in installments. You can pay a little every week or every other week and have the tuition paid off by the time your child attends camp.

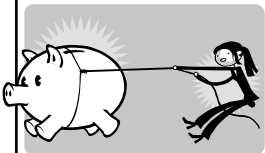
I am being released to the woodlands of Southern New Hampshire for a summer of fun and excitement at Camp Otter.

Just think: in a couple of months, we will be raising the flag at the Council Ring, chasing our friends around the ball field and swinging from trees on the ropes course. Soon the snow and ice will be gone, and before you know it, we will be learning to swim, kayak and fish on the waters of Captain's Pond. So, as you wait for the snow to melt, keep your spirits up because summer will be here before you know it, and the fun and games will be back. I will see you soon!

For all the new campers out there, I want to personally invite you to our **Open House on Sunday, March 29th from 2:00-5:00pm at our Andover/North Andover YMCA.** Come check out our slideshow and have all your questions answered by John and myself.

Sincerely,

Doug Currier
Camp Otter Director



For more information on Financial Assistance or installments contact the Camp Registration Office.



Hey Camp Otter,

Words can't express how excited I am to be working with Doug this year. Everyday we talk about all these exciting and great ideas we have for Camp Otter this summer. I am already counting down the days till camp begins! Doug and I have been meeting with some of our staff from last summer who are as eager as beavers to be back at Otter. We have also been meeting with some new staff members who are pumped to work at Camp Otter!

I think it is going to be the best summer at Camp Otter in my 11 years. I don't want you to miss out on all the fun, so get your registrations in and start your countdown for Camp Otter 2009!!

I also want to let you know that the schedule for ROAD RANGERS is in! The schedule is listed below. I will have specific trips for you all in the next installment of the "You Otter Know."

Doug and I have decided to let you in on one of the new things at Camp Otter this summer. Something that is big and we play tennis baseball in, is getting a little makeover.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon. Like always, Doug and I want to hear from YOU! Whether it is a program idea, a new game, a special guest you want, or another tip/suggestion, let us know.

Otter Love,

John Goudreau
Associate Director



ROAD RANGERS TRAVEL CAMPS

Road Rangers Travel Camps are great for older campers (ages 10-14) who enjoy non-stop action and fun!

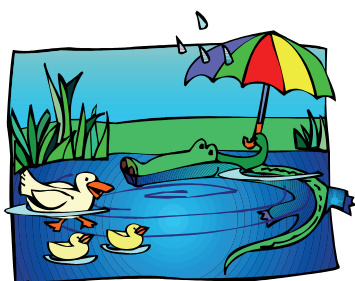
Sunshiny Days	July 6-10
Saddle Up	July 13-17
Watermania I	July 20-24
Choose Your Own Adventure(2 weeks)	July 27- Aug. 7
wYld Encounters	Aug. 10-14
Watermania II	Aug. 17-21

Refer to Brochure for Program Information

Love Camp Otter?

Share the fun and excitement that a summer at Camp Otter brings!! Tell a friend about camp and make sure they don't miss out!!!

Tell your friends to join us!



Coming In Our Next Installment of "You Otter Know"

Camp Otter Theme Weeks
Announcing the 2009 Staff
Camp Otter Spring Reunion Information
Road Rangers Trips
June Open House Dates
And More...



Paddles' Joke Of The Moment

How do you groom a rabbit?

With a hare brush