

WELCOME TO QUEST FOR THE MEDICINE TREE!

Dear Quester,

Thank you for joining us in our Quest! In order to succeed in our journey, we will need all of your courage, cleverness, awareness, patience, knowledge, playfulness, and especially your belief—belief in yourself, belief in your fellow Questers, and belief in the magic of the Earth. We know there is a reason you have joined the Quest, and we believe in you!

Dear Parents,

Your child is about to embark on a very real Quest to discover the hero within. It may be a powerfully archetypal and formative experience. Your child will encounter some very powerful teachers—awe and wonder, justice and forgiveness, as well as challenging emotions and decisions. Your child may be deeply moved by his or her experiences, and we ask for your support in their integration process. We hope you can empower them by saying “yes” to their decisions and experiences, and helping them to unfurl the wisdom in their own hearts. Please linger with us for a few minutes in the parking lot each morning and afternoon to help integrate your child’s powerful journey. And most of all, come on Friday to our Closing Circle from 1:30–3 pm (location TBA). Thank you for supporting your child in this way!

Sincerely,

Devin Franklin & Nur Habib Tiven

TO BRING

We encourage you to label as many personal belongings as possible.

Footwear: Rugged outdoor sandals, boots, or sneakers that can get wet and dirty are best.

Clothing: It will get dirty! Muted earth tones are best—invisibility in the forest is a big part of our camp.

Water Bottle: Make sure it has a carrying strap; 1 liter is a good size.

Lunch: Make sure it has a carrying strap. Include both snack and lunch (high-energy and nutritious, please, to support your child’s many adventures). Pack a plastic baggy for take-home trash.

Backpack: This will stay at camp all week. Pack it with extra clothing (shorts, pants, shirt, socks, shoes or boots or sandals), swimsuit, rain gear, bug repellent & sunscreen (apply at home). Earth-tone swimsuits are best!

HOURS & EVENTS

Hours: 9 am–3 pm. We are group-oriented, so please arrive on time for pickup and drop-off. A late fee of \$5 every 10 minutes will be charged starting at 3:10 pm. Thank you for honoring our need for timeliness!

Closing Circle: Friday from 1:30–3 pm; location TBA.

LOCATION & DIRECTIONS

The Abode of the Message, near Rt. 20 in New Lebanon, NY. From East: Take Rt. 20W from Pittsfield, cross the NY line and turn left on Darrow Rd. From South: Take Rt. 22N into New Lebanon, take Rt. 20E, go 1/4 mile, turn right on Shaker Road, which merges into Darrow Road after 1 mile. From West: Take Rt. 20E into New Lebanon, turn right on Shaker Road, which merges into Darrow Rd after 1 mile.

On Darrow Road: *Please obey Darrow School 25 mph speed limit—this is so important!* Drive 1 mile to the Abode, turn right onto Chairfactory Rd. You will immediately cross over a small bridge and turn left into a parking lot. Please park *beyond* the recycling receptacles, and please park tightly.

TIP! DAY

Friday, June 17, 10 am–4 pm. We need your help for a fun day of community-powered action to prepare your child's magical summer camp experience! Watch the raising of the Flying Deer tipi! There will be a variety of projects, as well as refreshments. Information to be posted on our website later this spring.

FRIDGE IT!

This paper will be very helpful the week before camp, so keep it somewhere smart. :)

We are certified by the New York State Health Department, who would like you to know that we must have a permit to operate from NYSDH, that our camp is required to be inspected twice yearly, and that the inspection reports and required plans are filed at the Columbia County Department of Health in Hudson, NY, available for your review if you would like to check them out.

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