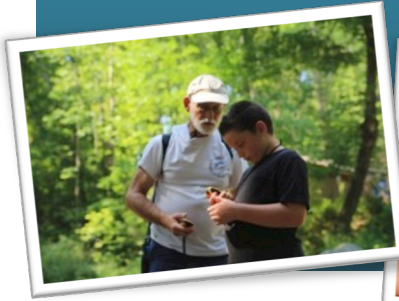


# CAMP EXCLAMATION POINT



## **Camp Exclamation Point, Inc.**

(CAMP!) provides continuity and community to underserved rural Vermont kids through a weeklong residential summer camp.

Our 100+ campers have limited opportunities for such an experience because of a lack of financial resources, rural isolation, and disruption of life and education. Many of their families are involved with agriculture and often move to follow available work.

Most of our campers are entering grades 3 to 8, along with a few older campers participating in a Teen Leadership Program.

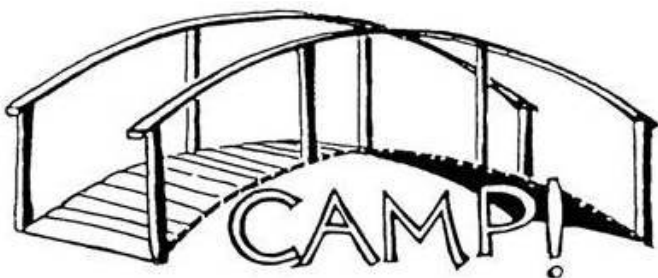
CAMP! was founded in 1991 by staff members from a discontinued government-funded camp for children of migrant workers. They were committed to providing continuity for the children with whom they had been working, and created Camp Exclamation Point, Inc. as a way to meet that need.

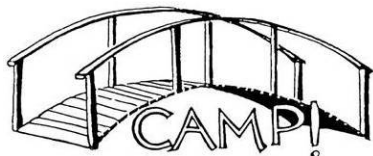


*"My favorite memory would be the first time that I stepped off the bus back in Pod 2 [my first year at CAMP!] and how the energy that hit me felt really good."*  
-camper



*"Seeing all of those kids come off the bus each year, or being a part of that group of children, each has its own sense of wonder, of family, of excitement and good times to come."* - staff





## Our Principles

**Community:** To provide a safe and welcoming environment for kids to be kids, where good citizenship is modeled and encouraged.

**Continuity:** To create a stable and rewarding experience that our campers enjoy returning for each summer, and to make this experience available to their brothers and sisters.

**Choices:** To empower children to make meaningful personal decisions, learn responsibility and build their self-esteem.

**Core:** To offer a program of experiences and activities in art and music, natural science, physical activity, water safety, literacy, nutrition and hygiene.



## Ways to Help

If you are interested in supporting CAMP!, there are numerous ways to help:

- We are always looking for **volunteer staff** for camp in August. Positions range from kitchen staff to group counselors to life-guards.
- You or your company may **donate products or services** to CAMP! (Food, program supplies, etc.)
- **Financial support.** Even with a primarily volunteer staff and a variety of donated supplies from local organizations, it still **costs CAMP! \$400 for one child to attend camp for the week.** That includes transportation between home and camp, food, lodging, and activity supplies. Camper families are only asked to cover a \$30 registration fee, which is often waived in cases of financial hardship.

**Camp is a 501(c)3 organization and your donation is tax deductible.**

**For more information or to make a donation:**

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