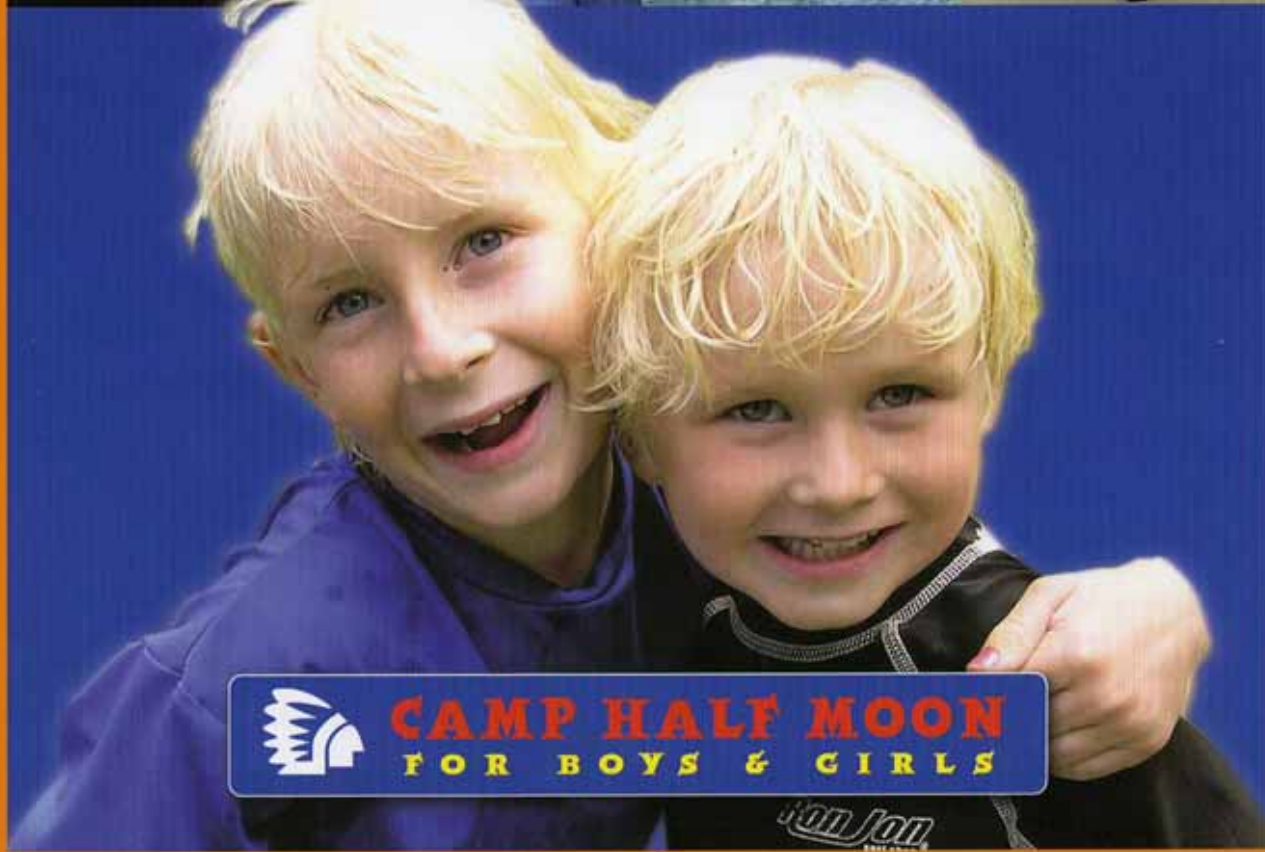
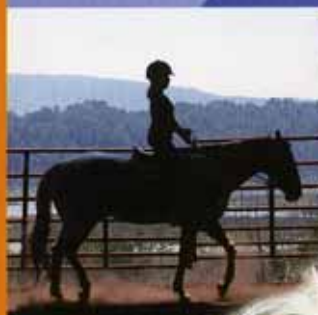




Established 1922

The Best Little Day Camp in the Berkshires



CAMP HALF MOON
FOR BOYS & GIRLS

Van Jon

The **spirit** of Camp Half Moon is developed in each and every camper, through **sound learning skills**, based on consistent **skill improvement**, rather than rigorous competition. Children gain in confidence when they are encouraged to see even small improvements as personal successes.

Every child at Half Moon's Day Camp program gets to experience **all the joys of camping**. Each child is assigned by age and gender to his or her **own bunk**. This bunk is their home-away-from-home, where they can store their gear, change for swimming lessons, relax

We always provide a **hot, healthy lunchtime meal**. All we ask is that you make sure that we know of any dietary restrictions. Our Tigers and Pioneers receive a healthy morning and afternoon snack as well; older campers can bring their own snacks and water bottles.

Thursdays at Half Moon are special, because on **Thursday night**, our day campers are invited to **sleepover** with their bunkmates and enjoy the weekly campfire. It's an opportunity for your child to truly experience camp life, complete with **camp fires, sing-alongs, and roasted marshmallows!**

Learning new skills, making new friends

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:30	Drop off & sign in	12:15	Lunch
9:00	1st Period	1:00	Rest Hour
10:00	2nd Period	2:00	4th Period
11:00	3rd Period	3:00	5th Period
12:00	Wash up (Pick Up for Half-day Tigers)	4:00	Clean Up
		4:30	Pick Up

Optional Sleepover Every Thursday Night!



also given comprehensive **swimming and safety** lessons from **experienced instructors**. For older, more experienced swimmers, swim lessons are optional.

chilly weather, a **sweater or sweatshirt** is always a good idea, and **rain gear**, (including boots or galoshes), for the occasional rain storm. To make sure your child is comfortable during rest periods, and on Thursday night sleepovers, a **sleeping bag and pillow** will come in very handy. Of course, please be sure to **mark your camper's name** on every item brought to camp. And please - no cash or valuables.

Camp Half Moon is happy to provide **transportation** from all over Berkshire County. Fees for our transportation services are **based on distance**, so please call the



during rest periods and even sleepover on Thursday Nights.

For the **younger campers**, we have created special age-based groups: **The Tigers**, for 3 to 4 years old, and **The Pioneers**, for 5 to 6 years old. Each group enjoys specific activities and games that encourage participation and skill development, allowing children to become more confident and less self-conscious. To encourage **older campers** to explore and discover, we allow them to create their **own schedule** of weekly activities.

At Half Moon, parents never need worry about packing a lunch for the kids.

Swimming and water activities are a central part of life at Camp Half Moon. To ensure that every camper has the chance to truly enjoy our gorgeous lake and heated pool, every camper is carefully **swim tested**, and then placed in the appropriate swim level. Day campers are

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Baseball Canoeing Biking Aerobics
Tutoring WATERSKING Low Ropes Challenge
Hiking Cheerleading NEWSPAPER Soccer
CRAFTS Martial Arts Pioneering
HORSEBACK RIDING Archery Rafting CAMPING
Guitar Lacrosse Gymnastics Volleyball
NETBALL TENNIS Drama Basketball Ceramics
DANCE Swimming Street Hockey
Kayaking Wrestling Woodworking Track & Field
Sailing Skateboarding Diving Nature

Our staff is **mature and experienced**, and our **counselor ratio** is incredibly low. For the **Tigers**, our ratio is **one counselor for every 3 campers**. Our **Pioneers** enjoy a 4 to 1 ratio, while the rest of the day camp kids have a 5 to 1 ratio.

Parents often ask, "What should my child bring for day camp?" Well, here is a simple list of things that every camper should bring. In a sturdy, easy to carry bag or back-pack, campers should have with them each day: a **full water bottle** (hydration is important; water bottles are easily refilled at camp), a **healthy afternoon snack** (notice we said healthy), and a **swim suit and beach towel**. For

office for the fees from your area, or check the back of your application form.

Camp Half Moon is here for your children...all ages...all summer. We hope that you have found this brochure informative. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us. We are more than happy to help.





*A Letter from our Director -
Welcome to Camp Half Moon's Day Camp program.*

Our Half Moon Day Camp program is a true camp experience. Children from ages **3 to 15** come to Day Camp here because it is a chance to experience what summer camp is all about. For our **younger campers**, we offer a **planned day** of activities, with a new schedule each week. **Our older kids** explore camp in their own way by having the opportunity to **create their own weekly schedule** of exciting activities.

Beginning in June and ending in August, we offer a seven week day camp program. Come for one week, or for all seven. It's up to you. We have worked hard to make sure that no matter how long your child stays with us, and no matter how old they are, they are going to have a wonderful time here at Camp Half Moon.

So, again, let me welcome you to the **Day Camp** Program at Camp Half Moon... the best little day camp in the Berkshires!



*Ric Fritch
Gretchen Mann Fritch*

Ric Fritch and Gretchen Mann Fritch Camp Directors

"Your Day Camp has been so important - not just to our daughter - but for us, too. We like the idea of having a place where our little girl can spend her summer days, without having to worry what she's doing. Year after year, you have always proven yourselves to be responsible, safe - and an inspiring place for our kids. Thank you."

J.T. Ross

"We are a real Half Moon family. Our son first started there three years ago. Now he's at the regular sleep over camp, and our daughter is very excited, because she's going to the day camp for the first time this year. It's a great place for kids...and the sibling discounts make it even more attractive to us."

S.S. Stenberg

"Without a doubt, the Day Camp at Camp Half Moon is the best value for the money we have seen almost anywhere. No where else do you get the kind of activities and programs that you get at Half Moon for the price."

R.A. Thompson



Located on beautiful Lake Buel, Camp Half Moon is nestled in the heart of the Berkshire Mountains of Western Massachusetts. We are easily reached from New York, Boston, and the Delaware River Valley.



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