

# River Camp 2018

## Explorations

### Directions, Schedule, Week's Summary

#### Session 1: July 9-13

#### Session 3: July 23-27

#### Directions to Nashoba Paddler's river base (398 West Main St, Groton, MA)

**Starting from Rt 119 in Groton Center:** Take Rt. 111 South/ 225 West out of Groton Center towards Ayer. Continue .6 miles to the intersection where Rt. 111 and Rt. 225 diverge. Turn right to remain on Rt. 225 West (also called Long Hill Road), towards Lunenburg/ West Groton. Continue .7 miles down a long hill, cross over the Rt. 225 Nashua River Bridge and Nashoba Paddler is on the left.

#### Drop-off and Pick-up Times

**NOTE:** Drop-off and Pick-up from Nashoba Paddler's river base each day. Please provide us with a written note if your child will be picked up by someone other than his/her parents.

	<u>DROP-OFF</u>	<u>PICK-UP</u>
Monday	8:30 am	4:30 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am	4:30 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am	4:30 pm
Thursday	8:30 am	(overnight)
Friday		4:30 pm

#### WEEK'S THEME: BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR WATERWAYS

**Monday:** LOCATION- Baddacook Pond, Groton

15-minute parent orientation at Nashoba Paddler

**Activities:** Canoeing instruction, safety, & games

**Discussion:** What is a healthy pond ecosystem? Leave-No-Trace principles of outdoor ethics;

**Tuesday:** LOCATION: Squannacook River, W. Groton

**Activities:** Canoeing instruction & games; Tour Hollingsworth & Vose paper mill

**Discussion:** Paper mills yesterday and today

**Wednesday:** LOCATION- Nashua River, Pepperell

**Activities:** Canoeing instruction & games. Visit Nashua River Watershed Association and learn about what is being done about invasive species on the Nashua River. Help with one of their projects.

**Discussion:** Invasive species- (water chestnuts, purple loosestrife) and ways to eradicate/control them.

**Thursday:** LOCATION: Ashuelot River, Swanzey, NH

**Activities:** Paddle Ashuelot River and explore this section below a recently removed dam.

**Discussion:** Dam removal and its effects on a river

**OVERNIGHT:** ASHUELOT RIVER CAMPGROUND (603) 357-5777

**Friday:** LOCATION: Otter Brook Lake, Keene, NH

**Activities:** Paddle Otter Brook Lake and Otter Brook. Canoeing instruction & games

**Discussion:** Flood Control dams