



Sylvaneers Camp Parent Guide Book

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History of Sylvaneers and Camp Santa Maria

Camp Santa Maria was founded in 1929 by Mary M Dower, the daughter of JK Mullen (namesake of Mullen HS) as a place to bring children from Denver that might not otherwise have an opportunity to experience the beauty of Colorado’s Rocky Mountains despite living so near to them. In addition to children, brought up to camp every week by train, Mrs Dower would hire laborers, struggling to find work during The Great Depression, and bring them up to the property to construct many of the fountains, stone walls, and stair cases that still exist today. Her legacy for caring children, her community, and the natural world are what Sylvaneers and the Camp Santa Maria staff use as a jumping off point for all of our programming. Mary Dower soon created a nonprofit foundation that still owns the property today and partners with other organizations to serve as the camp operator. Camp Santa Maria was operated by Catholic Charities until the mid-1990s, and by YMCA of Northern Colorado through 2024. Sylvaneers was excited to be selected as the camp operator for 2025 and hopes to bring Santa Maria successfully to its 100th anniversary and set the tone for the camp’s next 100 years!

Sylvaneers was formed in 2025 as a nonprofit youth development and outdoor education organization dedicated to providing high quality camp programming at Santa Maria, and proactively seeking out underserved populations that wouldn't otherwise get to experience camp, whether due to financial reasons, or otherwise. Sylvaneers' founder and Executive Director, Johnny Domenico, has worked in the camp industry for nearly 3 decades, primarily at Geneva Glen Camp in Indian Hills, CO and Sanborn Western Camps in Florissant, CO. These two camps offer robust creative, inspiring and fulfilling programs, and have fostered thriving, connected camp alumni communities and will be the model and inspiration for Sylvaneers future at Camp Santa Maria. As the summer camp program grows, Sylvaneers will seek to become known within Colorado communities as an organization dedicated to positive youth development both during the summer and the school year. Sylvaneers will seek out partnerships with communities that want their children to feel loved and taken care of, as well as given an opportunity to love and care for the beautiful nature of Colorado, all while learning how to safely take advantage of the amazing outdoor recreational activities that are possible in the mountains of Colorado.

Mission, Vision and Core Values

Sylvaneers exists to create spaces for people to find a sense of **belonging**, **purpose** and **connectedness** with an emphasis on including traditionally underserved communities. While we strive to infuse this into everything we do at Camp Santa Maria, the goal is that the work we do at camp extends into the communities of the campers and staff when they return home as well.

As an organization committed to serving others in everything we do, Sylvaneers asks us to CARE:

- **C**uriosity | Ask questions, let your sense of wonder take over, be creative
- **A**ction | Know when it's time to act, be courageous, do what's right
- **R**esponsibility | Take ownership of the camp experience, it's all our job.
- **E**mpathy | Be aware of the people and things around you, show compassion

Camp Communication

Phone: (303) 848-2222 (Main Number)

Email: csm@sylvaneers.camp

Website: <https://sylvaneers.camp/>

Directors welcome calls but may not be available immediately. They will return calls in a timely manner. We regret that we cannot call campers or staff to the phone. In the case of an emergency, please contact the director who will then work with you to determine the next steps. Directors are also happy to receive and respond to emails.

ADDRESSES

For all letters, envelopes and packages sent, please include your child's full name, camp address:

For US Postal Service delivery, please use:

Camper Name
Sylvaneers
PO Box 56
Grant, CO 80448

For UPS or FedEx delivery, please use:

Camper Name
Sylvaneers
51321 US Highway 285
Grant, CO 80448

Policies & Procedures

THE CAMP COMMUNITY

Each child must be able to live successfully in a physically active, engaged social community that includes constant interaction with other children. Campers should be able to follow directions from staff, be independent in their personal care (hair washing, teeth/hair brushing, etc.), be willing to eat new and/or differently prepared food, be able to hike on uneven and varied terrain, and be able to sleep without significant external sleep aids (lights, sound machine, music, direct human contact, etc.). **Sylvaneers reserves the right to refuse admission or to send home without refund any camper who presents a safety concern, medical risk or whose behavior is deemed disruptive or harmful to the best interests of other campers or to the camp community.** Both the parent(s) and their participating children understand they must follow all camp rules. **Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, Juuls and other vaping devices, narcotics, recreational drugs and firearms/weapons are not permitted.**

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR CAMPERS

Another way to support your child in their preparation for camp is to think about what it looks like, sounds like and feels like to be in the camp environment and away from the routine and structure of home and family. Utilize these questions to help your camper better understand his/her responsibility in a community living situation.

Can your camper:

- Self-calm following an event that causes frustration, sadness, or anger?
- Follow verbal directions from counselors and established camp rules?
- Understand camp rules regarding being safe and respectful?
- Manage impulsiveness appropriately for developmental age?
- Sleep in a room with six to eleven other people and fall asleep without assistance?
- Follow a structured schedule?
- Be honest and self-advocate in situations regarding health and wellness?

If your child has a disability or special need, please contact a director to discuss reasonable accommodations.

Should any camper demonstrate an inability to follow the essential functions above, counselors will work with their supervisors to help correct the camper behavior. If the behavior does not improve, the camp administration will work with

the camper's parents to develop a plan that includes the potential removal of the camper from programming if sufficient behavioral improvements aren't made.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Consistent with our goals of promoting self-reliance, strong social connections and appreciation of the natural world, we limit the use of electronic devices. Campers should not bring cell phones, laptop computers, airpods, tablets, smart watches, video games for use at camp. When campers carry any of these items for travel to and from camp, we will collect and store the items during the session and return them for the flight home.

If your child's phone is his/ her primary camera, please send your child with a separate camera for use during camp.

We ask for your support and cooperation in order to maximize the camp experience for your camper and the entire camp community.

Inclusive Communities

We strive to create a community of individuals that meets each person where they are, we value a diversity of backgrounds and thoughts, which helps people overcome differences and move towards greater understanding. We want to create a camp culture that embraces diversity, remains open to new opportunities and seeks solutions in the realm of equity and inclusion that will benefit all individuals. We believe that diversity and inclusion helps to provide our campers and our staff with multiple perspectives, insights and interpersonal skills they need to thrive in a complex, multicultural, and increasingly connected world.

Evacuation

In the unlikely event of an evacuation due to conditions such as a wildfire, campers, and staff will be transported to a predetermined safe location coordinated with the Park County Sheriff's Department. We will communicate with parents/guardians directly to arrange the pickup of their children. If parents/guardians are unavailable, we will contact designated emergency contacts. Should these contacts also be unreachable, a trusted current or former board member of Sylvaneers Camp will care for your child until we can reach you. Rest assured, the safety and well-being of our campers and staff are our utmost priority.

Financial Information

TUITION & FEES PAYMENT

Full Week Camp: \$1175

3-Day Camp: \$575

****An additional non-refundable \$25 registration fee per camper is added at the time of enrollment.***

If the Camper cancels the Camper's registration for medical reasons before camp begins, the cancellation request must include a letter from the Camper's attending physician. In this case, Sylvaneers will refund the Camper's tuition paid through the date of cancellation, less a \$300 administrative fee. Cancellations for any other reason will result in a cancellation fee, based upon the date of cancellation, as follows:

Cancellation Date Range	Cancellation Fee
Before January 31	None*
February 1 – May 31	50% Tuition*
June 1 – Camp Start Date	Full Tuition*

***Non-refundable registration fee**

The cancellation fee is liquidated damages and not a penalty. Sylvaneers uses tuition to prepare for programs, maintain facilities, pay staff, and handle other costs associated with its budget and operations. It is impossible to ascertain the amount of actual loss or damages that would result if a single Camper or Parent cancels prior to the camp session. As a result, the cancellation fees listed above reflect a reasonable estimate of the costs Sylvaneers may incur as of certain dates.

ONLINE BILL PAY

We accept checks, most major credit cards, electronic checks, money orders and bank transfers as payment methods.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Sylvaneers and Camp Santa Maria admit campers of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to participants. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin or any other status protected by applicable law in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship program and other administered programs.

SPECIAL DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The demand for special diets has increased over the years and we are able to accommodate some special dietary needs. Because our kitchens are dedicated to producing nutritious high quality meals from fresh ingredients for our entire community, both space and time limit our ability to provide for multiple special diets for every individual child.

It is absolutely necessary that a child on a special diet be aware of his/her dietary needs, be cooperative within his/her dietary plan, and self-advocate on trips or when away from the main camp area. He or she must be knowledgeable about what foods can and cannot be eaten and be willing to check in with our kitchen staff before each meal.

Nut Allergies

Our kitchens are nut aware and we do not use or serve products with hidden nuts or nut oils. However, we do serve peanut butter, granola with nuts, some desserts which include nuts and occasional nut garnishes for some other foods. In these cases, we always provide nut-free options.

Gluten Allergies

Our kitchen is gluten aware and can provide the following gluten-free items: bread, pasta, corn tortillas, pancakes, and waffles. These products are gluten-free but may include dairy and eggs, soy or other ingredients which may not be acceptable for certain gluten-based intolerances. We are also able to prepare most meats in a gluten free way.

Sending your child with and/or shipping a supply of your child's favorite Gluten Free breads and snacks is beneficial.

Lactose Intolerance

We can provide soy milk and rice milk as milk alternatives for those with lactose intolerance.

Vegetarians

For each meal which has a meat-based main dish we will provide a vegetarian option.

We do not prepare special vegan meals. Fresh fruits and vegetables are always available.

Please contact us at (303) 848-2222 and speak with a director regarding any special dietary needs your child has before the beginning of camp. We also ask that you include special dietary information on the Camper Profile and the Health History form in your Camp in Touch accounts.

Medical Information

MEDICAL CARE

We have a modern well-equipped health center with a registered nurse on duty in each camp session, and we work closely with physicians at Conifer Medical Center. It is a 30-minute drive to the Conifer Medical Center or 1 hour to HCA HealthONE Southwest ER in Littleton, CO. Parents will be notified by phone or email if your child spends the night in the health center or requires offsite care for illness or injury.

INSURANCE

Medical expenses incurred by your child during camp will be covered by your family health insurance. Please include and/or update current insurance information on the online Health History form.

Families whose insurance requires pre-authorization for use within a network of providers will want to determine how to access your insurance benefits if your child should need emergency or sick care while at camp.

If your child has a serious or difficult to diagnose illness/ injury, we will transport your child to the appropriate healthcare facility. Parents' insurance will be responsible for any/all costs associated with transport and care.

TAKING CARE OF YOUR CHILD

Your child's safety is our first priority, and we take the responsibility of selecting and training our staff very seriously. Sylvaneers adheres to the requirements of our state child care licensing agency and our own professional accreditation organization, the American Camp Association. We do background checks on all staff members.

Our staff is well prepared to work with children, and we have strict guidelines and extensive training for all staff concerning appropriate interaction with children.

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood requires us to notify parents and guardians that, if child abuse or neglect is suspected, you may contact the Park County Social Service Department at (719) 836-4139. Further, if a parent or guardian suspects a licensing violation, a complaint can be registered with the Colorado Department of Early Childhood, 710 South Ash Street, Denver, CO 80246, 1-800-799-5876.

A NOTE ABOUT SUNSCREEN

At our higher elevation, children and adults are more susceptible to sunburn and campers should be prepared to and remember to apply sunscreen multiple times each day. Our staff is trained to remind campers about sunscreen throughout the day as well

CAMP FORMS

Physician's Exam Form

Regulations require that we have written authorization from a licensed health care provider to give your child any prescription, or over-the-counter medications including vitamins or homeopathic treatments.

- All medications must be in original containers and labeled with the camper's name, route and Dosage.
- We are required by law to have complete medical forms for each camper.
- If your child's immunizations are complete and up-to-date, you do **NOT** have to submit either of the "Immunization Exempt" forms.

Without these forms your child will be unable to participate in our camp program.

LIABILITY RELEASE FORM: Safety is our primary concern in providing a successful camp experience at Camp Santa Maria by following strict safety practices and hiring outstanding staff. Final acceptance to camp is contingent upon receipt and review of this liability release form.

Health History: REQUIRED for camp participation. This is a web-based form. Please be as thorough as possible. You will be able to update this form until two weeks prior to your child(ren)'s camp session. Be sure to list ALL medications that your child will be bringing to camp. Print a copy of your completed form for your personal records. This form must be updated annually within 6 months of the child attending camp. **We are required by law to have this form filled out and submitted two weeks prior to the start of the camp season. This form contains our Over-the-Counter Authorizations and our digital Parent Authorization to Treat forms.**

Physician's Exam: REQUIRED for camp participation. Be sure your physician lists ALL medications (prescription, vitamins, or over-the-counter) your child will bring to camp including medicated creams, eye-drops or other prescriptions/medications your child routinely takes at home or at camp. Make sure he/she lists any camp activity restrictions under the "Recommendations" section. This form must be completed annually, within one year of the child attending camp. This form must be signed by both the parent/guardian and the Health Care Provider.

Certificate of Immunization: REQUIRED for camp participation. This must be submitted on the official Colorado Certificate of Immunization form if at all possible. Your medical provider must fill out and sign this form.

Permission for Medication Administration: REQUIRED if your child brings ANY medication (prescription, OTC, vitamins, holistic, etc.) to camp. *One form must be filled out for EACH prescription, over-the-counter, vitamin, supplement, or homeopathic medication brought to camp.* These forms must be signed by both the parent/guardian and the Health Care Provider. If you need to upload an additional Permission for Medication Administration form after already entering one or more forms, please contact camp for help as your new addition will replace your earlier uploads.

Asthma Self Carry Contract: REQUIRED ONLY if your child will bring asthma medications (including two emergency inhalers) to camp. This form must be signed by the camper and parent/guardian.

Allergy Self Carry Contract: REQUIRED ONLY if your child will bring epi-pens (please supply your child with two emergency epi-pens) to camp. This form must be signed by the camper and parent/guardian.

Immunization Exemption Forms: REQUIRED ONLY if your child is missing any of the Colorado required vaccines. Non medical exemption forms must be submitted annually.

Non-medical Exemption Forms:

For Colorado residents: You may submit the Colorado non-medical immunization form. It must be signed by a parent and a Colorado medical provider.

- Or -

Parents may obtain a Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption by fully reviewing and completing the Colorado Online Immunization Education Module:

cdphe.colorado.gov/nonmedical-exemption-nme

This certificate does not require the signature of a medical provider and may be uploaded into the immunization exemption form in your camp-in-touch account.

For campers whose medical provider is not from Colorado: You must obtain and submit the Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption by taking the course described above.

Medical Exemption Forms:

A Certificate of Medical Exemption requires the signature of an MD, DO, APN, or PA licensed to practice anywhere in the United States. Medical Exemption forms only need to be submitted once unless there is a change.

Sylvaneers follow's [CDPHE's How Sick is too Sick](#) policy for excluding children from programming do to illness. Parents of any camper excluded from programming due to illness will be contacted once the determination is made.

Sylvaneers Week-Long Session Camper Packing List

(Adjust multiple items by half for 3 Day Session)

Clothing & Shoes

___ 2 sweat/fleece/legging pants

- 1 or 2 pair hiking pants
- 4 pair shorts
- 6 T-shirts
- 2 long-sleeve shirts
- supply of socks
- supply of underwear
- warm sleepwear
- 2 swim suits
- baseball cap/sun hat
- comfortable shoes (not flip-flops)
- hiking shoes/boots

Equipment

- sleeping bag
- 2 water bottles* (quart--no straws)
- headlamp
- sleeping pad
- day pack
- 2 twin sheet sets
- 2 warm blankets
- stationery
- stamps
- books
- 1 stuffed animal
- "Crazy Creek" type chair*
- fun costumes
- 2 pair hiking socks (non-cotton)
- light fleece jkt/shirt
- warm fleece jkt/shirt
- rain jacket
- athletic shoes
- water sandals/shoes (need to strap to feet-ie: Chacos)
- 1 pillow and pillow case
- 1 bath towels
- 1 beach towel
- 2 washcloths
- toilet articles
- sunscreen*
- sunglasses
- lip balm

Please feel free to call or email camp if you have any questions about items on the packing list.

MARKING CAMPER'S BELONGINGS Please put your child's name on all clothing and equipment your child brings to camp, including the clothing he or she wears. Don't forget to mark shoes, jackets, backpacks, etc. Review with your camper all items packed and tape the equipment list in the top of the luggage with items checked and additional equipment noted on the list. This will help your camper keep track of his/her possessions. Sylvaneers asks that valuables are not brought to camp, however, the camp may use the camp office to securely store valuables that can't be kept in the campers cabin.

Sylvaneers: Session Details

Week Long Sessions: Completed 1st-10th Grade

3-Day Sessions: Completed K-3rd Grade

Specialized Areas

- **Archery:** Become Robin Hood or Katniss in our three beautifully wooded archery lanes. • **Backwoods BBs** (for Juniors and Middlers): Decorate your target and then hit the bullseye to win awards.
- **Crafts:** Express your creativity while learning new craft projects and constructing art.
- **Pool:** Play or sunbathe in the camp's coolest spot.
- **Mountain Biking:** Learn on the trails around the main camp area, and work towards a day trip to the trails behind The Statue!
- **Sports:** Demonstrate your sportsmanship and team spirit in softball, ultimate frisbee, dodgeball, volleyball, pickleball, basketball, kickball, soccer, gaga ball, and other fun games.
- **Waterfront:** Get out onto the lake on paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, and try your luck fishing from the island!
- **Hiking:** Take a nature walk, explore camp and learn other outdoor skills.

The Colorado Environment

Camp Santa Maria enjoys a pristine location with elevations ranging between 8,000 and 9,000 feet above sea level. The days are pleasantly warm, while the evenings cool down significantly. Our semi-arid climate makes brief afternoon showers familiar but clear up quickly. Campers and staff are advised to drink water regularly, especially before meals, and frequently use their water bottles and our drinking fountains. Due to our high altitude, the sun's rays are stronger here, so we recommend sunscreen and lip balm to protect against sunburn.

Awareness of Natural Hazards

Our serene mountain setting comes with its natural challenges. Hail and lightning are taken seriously at camp, and we are always vigilant about the threat of wildfires, given our surroundings. While Colorado weather can be unpredictable, with sudden severe downpours and hailstorms, our camp provides robust protection against these elements. Our staff is trained in lightning safety to ensure everyone's security. Fortunately, our location has a very low risk of flooding and is not prone to tornadoes, thanks to our advantageous topography. Our facilities are constructed to withstand extreme weather conditions, ensuring a safe environment for all.

Camp Life: The Down and Dirty

At Camp Santa Maria, the camp environment is a unique experience, distinct from almost any other place. We offer a chance to disconnect from everyday life and engage in activities that promote personal growth and resilience. Our camp is a technology-free zone, encouraging campers to connect with nature and each other. The daily schedule is structured, providing a balance between fun and learning. Shower opportunities are adapted to the natural environment, which can be dusty during dry spells and muddy during wet ones, adding to the adventure of camp life.

Despite the lack of modern comforts, such as running water in the cabins or heating during the summer, the camp environment fosters a spirit of resilience. Campers learn to handle minor adversities, such as unexpected weather changes or meals that might only sometimes be to their liking. These experiences are valuable in developing problem-solving skills and resilience.

A Supportive Community

We believe that the true spirit of camp is defined by its comforting, enriching, and loving community. Our camp is a place filled with support and caring people ready to offer encouragement. We understand that parents/guardians might initially be concerned about the rustic conditions, but we assure you that our community is what makes the camp experience truly special. Living and thriving in our camp environment prepares campers for a wide range of life's challenges and adventures, all while being surrounded by a supportive and caring community.

Parent FAQ's

What is Sylvaneers all about? Sylvaneers exists to:

Create spaces for people to find a sense of **belonging**, **purpose** and **connectedness** with an emphasis on including traditionally underserved communities. While we strive to infuse this into everything we do at Camp Santa Maria, the goal is that the work we do at camp extends into the communities of the campers and staff when they return home as well.

By giving children the tools to better understand themselves, they develop problem solving skills, independence, confidence, and strength of character. By teaching children how to live and work in a community, they learn to manage themselves in complex social situations, put others' needs before their own, and to work with other strong individuals from all over the United States and the world. By helping children value the earth, they become stewards of the natural world and, in turn, value the efforts made by themselves and others to preserve, protect and appreciate the immeasurable gifts of the outdoor world. And, by imbuing these actions with a deep sense of wonder, children grow to see and appreciate the beauty, magic, and possibility within themselves, others and the world.

Does Sylvaneers allow visitors? We do not have a parent visiting day. All visitors to camp must be pre-planned and must check in at the camp office when they arrive. Visitors are not allowed to move freely around the camp grounds, and must be accompanied by a camp staff member at all times. Staff are trained to immediately report the presence of any strangers or unknown vehicles on the camp property.

How do you select your counselors?

All staff members go through a rigorous application process which includes multiple references, personal interviews, and a fingerprint-based background check. Decisions are made based on experience and interest in working with children, and skill and experience in outdoor activities. All staff must be certified in CPR and First Aid and many staff members have Lifeguard Training and other advanced certifications.

How do you respond to behavioral issues?

Sylvaneers staff is provided with many tools for building positive behavior during our staff training. These include communication and active listening, the art of questioning and framing, patience, creativity, creating an emotional bank account, teaching and modeling respect, resilience and responsibility, growth mindset, problem solving, mindfulness, emotional coaching, and skills deficit tutoring. In the rare cases where we need help with a poor behavior situation, we work with the child's parents to determine best strategies. In the very rare situations where the camper's continued behavior is deemed disruptive or harmful to the best interests of other campers or to the camp community, we will ask parents to remove the child from camp.

How do you release children on check-out days?

Prior to arrival, Sylvaneers will ask camper parents to provide a list of adults who are approved for pick up. On check-out day, camp staff will confirm that each camper is released only to an adult that was on the list of authorized adults. In the event of an emergency requiring early pick up, Sylvaneers asks that parents call ahead as possible so camp staff can prepare the child for pick up.

How do you supervise in the cabins?

At no time may a camper be left without qualified supervision. Sleeping quarters of the counselors must be

within sight or hearing distance of the sleeping quarters of the children whom they supervise. Camp staff are trained not to ever be alone with a child and have access to a radio to call for assistance should they need support from nearby camp staff.

What is the weather like?

Colorado is famous for blue skies and plenty of sun. At an elevation of over 8,000 feet, the camps' average daytime temperature in the summer is about 80 degrees F. Evenings are cool, usually 50-55 degrees F. Occasionally, we have an afternoon rain shower. It is best to be prepared for all types of weather.

How do campers choose what they want to experience?

Campers will have an opportunity to try all of the activities available at Camp Santa Maria, and week-long campers will be given a chance to rank their favorite activities for an All Day experience on the last full day of camp.

Do the camps have a religious affiliation?

No. Campers and staff of many faiths and beliefs attend Sylvaneers.

How is your food?

Our cooks prepare well balanced meals from fresh ingredients. We provide a vegetarian option at each meal and are able to make accommodations for most food allergies. Please contact a director if you would like access to our menus.

Does Sylvaneers offer tuition assistance?

Yes! The goal of providing tuition assistance to attend Sylvaneers is to ensure that camp is financially accessible to all children (both new and current campers) through support generously donated by our Camp Family each year. Tuition assistance (full or partial tuition) is awarded to campers who might not otherwise be able to attend Sylvaneers programs at Camp Santa Maria. The purpose of the program is to eliminate financial barriers and expand access to the full Sylvaneers experience.

Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness

We have highly developed emergency plans for adverse weather conditions that may impact us in the Colorado Rockies. We monitor the weather closely and adjust our program as needed. Our location protects us from extreme heat—our daytime temperature rarely exceeds 80 degrees F. We train our staff and campers on how to stay safe during occasional thunder-lightning storms and extremely rare severe wind events.

We have robust protocols if a camper or staff member should become lost, however, with our 1:6 staff to camper ratio, these situations are highly unlikely. Parents will be notified in a timely manner if their camper is missing. We have active shooter plans which are shared with staff and campers although we have never had an incident of this nature, as well as communicable disease protocols and plans.

Along with drills, on-site sirens, and relationships with all of our local and regional emergency responders, campers will place one complete outfit (shirt/shorts/underwear/socks) into the living unit "ready bag" which will be grabbed in the case of an evacuation from camp. Staff members have lists of additional items (backpacks, sleeping bags, dopp kits, etc.) which campers will also pack prior to departure.

What Makes The Community at Sylvaneers So Unique?

Our camp families span the range of different races, cultures, religions, values, family structures and belief systems. Our campers leave home and come to camp to have new experiences, build character and gain skills—from teamwork to resilience to communication and beyond. Our staff members are outdoor educators, leaders and community builders—they have a wide variety of skills, backgrounds, education and beliefs— but are all similar in their deep commitment to helping children grow in confidence and competence in the outdoors. At Sylvaneers, we want every child to have the opportunity and means to attend camp, despite any/all barriers (e.g. financial, developmental, dietary restrictions).

We value our campers and staff of all backgrounds and experiences and are excited to have your camper/s join us this

summer!

If you have questions about any of our practices or policies, one of our directors will be happy to help you. You can reach us at csn@sylvaneers.camp