

## Belvedere Family Church: Camp Aurora is taking registrations for summer 2023

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Camp Aurora Families,

Greetings! We're thrilled to announce registration for Camp Aurora 2023 is officially open! We are so excited to spend time with your children, connecting in nature and building lasting relationships. We can already hear your children's laughter and singing as if we are gathered in the beautiful barn just like last year!

Here is a little peek at last year's camp.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm3O3nHHq5A&t=4s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm3O3nHHq5A&t=4s)

Below you'll find the details of the camp - save the date!

### **Camp Aurora 2023**

**Date:** Sunday, July 2nd, at 2pm - Saturday, July 8th, at 10am

**Location:** Geneva Point Center in Moultonborough, NH

**Early Bird Price:** \$510 - payment must be made in full by May 31st, otherwise you'll be charged the regular price.

**Full Price:** \$600

Payment can be made through Zelle or you may send a check made out to HSA-UWC.

**Address to send check:**

Heather Thalheimer  
[1011 Montalona Rd. Dunbarton NH  
03046](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1011+Montalona+Rd,+Dunbarton+NH+03046)

Zelle payment instructions: Submit payment to: 603-340-8585 (HSA UWC) List your name and Camp Aurora in the description.

Register for camp using [this link!](#)

Please reach out if you have any questions. You can visit our website at [campaaurora.net/](http://campaaurora.net/) We have enclosed the Camp report from last year to give you a little taste of what is to come!

### About Camp Aurora

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We're excited to see you at camp!

The Camp Aurora Team

Virginia Orman, Tamami Okano, and Heather Thalheimer

[Camp Aurora 2022 Report](#)



## Camp Aurora 2023 Registration

Dates of Camp: Sunday, July 2nd - Saturday, July 8th



\* Required

First Name \*

Camper's First Name

Your answer

Last Name \*

Camper's Last Name

Your answer

T-shirt Size (Adult Mens Sizing) \*

Camper's T-Shirt Size.

- Child Small
- Child Medium
- Child Large
- Child X-Large
- Adult Small
- Adult Medium
- Adult Large
- Adult X-Large

Gender \*

- Male
- Female

Date of Birth MM/DD/YY \*

Camper's Date of Birth. (ex: 03/14/98)

Your answer

Grade in Fall School Year 2023 \*

Your answer

Which camp are you registering your child for? \*

- Youth (Entering grades 4th, 5th, & 6th in Fall 2023)
- Middle School ( Entering grades 7th, 8th, and 9th in Fall 2023)
- High School (Entering 10th, 11th, 12th, Freshman year of college in Fall 2023)

E-mail Address

Camper's E-mail Address (if applicable)

Your answer

Address \*

Your answer

City \*

Your answer

State \*

- MA
- CT
- NH
- RI
- VT
- ME
- NY
- NJ
- MD
- PA
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \*

Your answer

Home Phone (Best Phone number to reach you) \*

Your answer

Parent's E-mail Address \*

This should be the e-mail address of the parent(s) who should receive information via e-mail from the camp. More than one address may be listed.

Your answer

Father's Name

Your answer

Father's Cell

Your answer

Mother's Name

Your answer

Mother's Cell

Your answer

Emergency Contact 1 Name (If different from parent) \*

Your answer

Relationship to Camper

Your answer

Best Phone Number to Reach Emergency Contact 1 \*

Your answer

Friend 1

Please list a friend that the camper might like to be in a group with at camp.

Your answer

Friend 2

Please list a second friend that the camper might like to be in a group with at camp.

Your answer

Photo Release

I grant to Camp Aurora, its representatives, volunteers and employees the right to take photographs of my child while at camp and authorize Camp Aurora, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish said photographs of my child with or without his/her name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I agree

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# CAMP AURORA

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## Camp Aurora 2023 July 2nd - July 8th

Youth Camp – completed grades 3 – 5 (\$510\*)

Middle School Camp – completed grades 6 – 8 (\$510\*)

High School Camp – completed grades 9 – 12 (\$510\*)

\*\$510 is our early-bird pricing – Payment must be made in full by May 31st. Pricing after May 31st is \$600.\*

### Experience Camp Aurora



#### Build Meaningful Relationships

Spend quality time with other campers and staff members throughout the fun-filled event.



#### Grow Your Faith

Bond with awesome role-models and discuss important matters of faith.



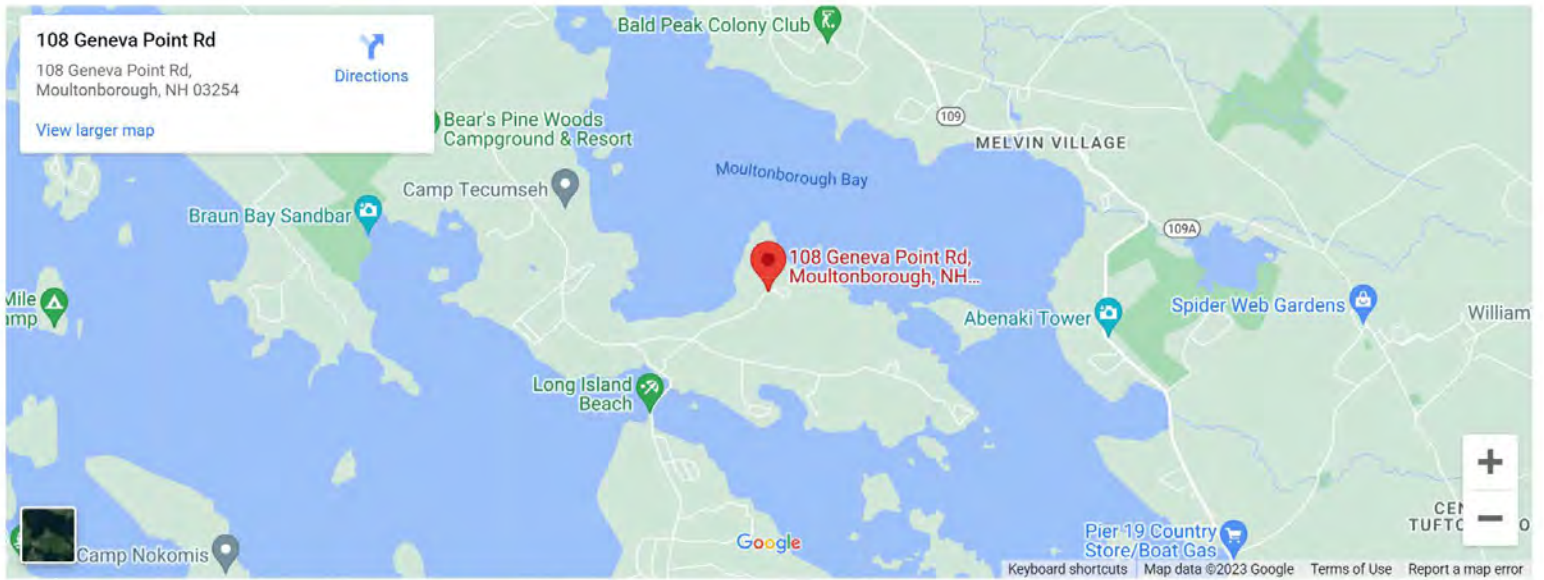
#### Freedom in the Outdoors

School's out! Celebrate by experiencing the fresh air of a blessed and open environment.

## Location

Geneva Point Center in Moultonborough New Hampshire





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## The Camp Grounds

Established in 1919 with the motto "From this place go forth and build a better world," the Geneva Point Center is a perfect setting for Camp Aurora and a great atmosphere for campers to explore their faith and build lasting friendships.

# Embark on your adventure today

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The place to be

## Camp Aurora 2022 June 26 – July 2 Set Free

74 campers and 22 staff from multiple states returned to Camp Aurora's longtime home, Geneva Point Center, on beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire for a fun filled week to rekindle friendships, build our amazing community, discover more about their personal value, and go deeper with God. This year's theme was **Set Free**. Campers asked important questions and set about releasing themselves from limitations they place upon themselves, to discover their unique potential as a child of God.

In the months leading up to camp, staff met via zoom weekly to plan the theme, educational content, and activities. We are incredibly grateful to the entire staff for their investment and long-term commitment to this important youth ministry.

The video below will give you a little taste of camp.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm3O3nHHq5A&t=4s>

### Learning together

Through discussion and drawing on inspiration from our Heavenly Parent and True Parents we invested in building a community where participants felt safe to be themselves and share openly about the questions they have as they develop an authentic faith.

We explored what it looks like to set ourselves free of self-judgment and all the things that hold us back from fulfilling our potential. We encouraged campers to set themselves free during the week by trying new things, making new friends, and set themselves a goal to do it!

In high school camp, directors focused on speaking about our relationship with God and asking questions such as: do you feel God? Which relationships do you feel God in the most? The high schoolers had deep and introspective answers, sharing where they felt God the most and where they wanted to create more space for God in their lives.

Each day emphasized a different aspect of the theme Set Free. We communicated through morning services, age appropriate, interactive morning educational sessions, team building



activities, and camp theater. The camp theater built younger campers' understanding of the theme. Youth Camp prepared a skit about Moses who set his people free! A number of the children didn't know who Moses was, so this was an ideal way for them to gain an understanding of an important champion for God.

One Middle School skit explored the early church and True Father's efforts to share the message of the Divine Principle to set people free. It was great to get youth to engage with what life was like in the Unification Church of the 50s and 60s. The costumes were incredibly creative and brought the skits alive!

Older campers asked important questions about their faith, our teachings and lifestyle through Q&A sessions and discussion groups. Directors and group leaders invested in preparing interesting and practical presentations to help campers understand how the Divine Principle is applied in real life.



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**Set Free**

Campers wrote reflections about their experience. The following statements reflect multiple very similar answers. Responses are too numerous to detail!

“I learned that living for the sake of others also means living for yourself and making sure you have space and not burning out.” This is key to a healthy life of faith. Campers learned that it’s important to have ways to replenish yourself. Our power to keep loving and giving comes from our connection to God’s love.

Another camper shared, “We don’t need to care about the negative things people say about you.” We explored how connecting to your essential eternal value rather than relying on the perspectives of others is critical to healthy self-esteem and emotional stability that all feed into a balanced life of faith.

One camper wrote, “My favorite talks were about how True Parents always love us.”

“I loved the Q&A.”

“All the content for High School because it made me think more about community.”

“I love learning about Spiritual Styles – I discovered I feel God through nature and contemplation, which I had never thought about before.”

“I got so much out of the Boys Night talk.”

“Learning about True Father’s life. Father said, ‘I have no enemies’. That really made me think”

Campers explored what it means to be there for each other. “I learned that we should walk with people rather than judge them.” Everyone is learning and growing. They also learned, “Don’t be afraid to push yourself.”



The Principle of Creation contains so much wisdom. As campers learn more, they can naturally respect and see the relevance of our faith-tradition and teachings.

**Experiencing genuine relationships in community**

The ties that bind us run deep, and Camp Aurora is one of the spaces that foster development of relationships that keep us connected as a Unificationist community. An important part of Camp Aurora is buddies! We pair high schoolers with middle and elementary school campers so that older campers can experience caring for and being a role model



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for younger campers and younger campers can experience the care and love of an older brother or sister. While the buddy “system” is intentional, the relationships and joy that occur is spontaneous, and shows up in beautiful and unexpected interactions during camp and in the subsequent school year. This allows our campers to practice the Divine Principle in daily life.

### Having fun together

Camp activities included Song Fest, sports, arts and crafts, kayaking and fun at the beach. Making bracelets is always a hit regardless of age and gender! Special thanks to our energetic sports coordinators who organized the games and activities, including the popular and creative game, Gladiators. John, a new member of our UC community, and Patrick spared no effort in creating camp wide activities, slip and slides, and games too numerous to mention. Our Activities Coordinators were on the go 24/7!

Camp Aurora Idol showcased the incredible talent in our community from music to stand-up comedy, martial arts displays and the incredible juggling, light display from a talented High Schooler.



**A special thank you to ALL of our dedicated staff and group leaders.**

We also appreciate the support of the parents. Your support lets us know we are on the right track and shows us how important the work we are doing is to families. We heard from many of you after camp was over and truly appreciate your words of encouragement. For example, one parent wrote, *“I hope you are well and enjoying your summer. My daughter has been keeping in contact with her new Camp Aurora friends and is looking forward to seeing them at Sports Fest next week. Going to camp and being in a very accepting environment has helped introduce her to the larger church community.”* Supporting campers in their journey to gain a sense of belonging is a huge focus at camp because being rooted in community is something we carry with us wherever we go.



We heard from many parents including one who told us, *“Being at Camp Aurora was really important for my son as there is no-one in his community of the same age. Being at camp allowed him to find BC friends and have fun.”* Camp Aurora is committed to embodying a culture of heart that our youth can bring back home into their own communities. It has been a treasure to grow and create a powerful future with each person who attended Camp Aurora this year. Thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us.

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We look forward to next year! In the meantime, if you have any thoughts or questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

Our best to your family,

Tamami Okano, Virginia Orman and  
Heather Thalheimer and the entire  
Camp Aurora team.

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