

To: Students, Parents, and Guardians
From: CAES 5/6 Teachers
(Mrs. Hamblett, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kelloway, Mrs. Ramsdell, and Ms. Schwartz)
Re: Keewaydin 2024 – Update #1

February 13th, 2024

We have been working on Keewaydin 2024 for the last two years. Our collective efforts will all pay off early on the morning of Monday, May 20th, 2024, when two buses loaded with Keewaydin campers and their gear head out of the CAES parking lot. The buses will head north to the Keewaydin Environmental Education Center (KEEC) on the shores of Lake Dunmore in Salisbury, VT. We will stay there for a week of investigations, reflections, community explorations, and personal growth. When the buses return on Friday, May 24th, 2024, the students will have created a set of unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime.

This update will provide a basic overview of the Keewaydin experience and address some basic questions folks may have about Keewaydin.

What is the goal? The goal of the Keewaydin experience is for the students to learn, explore, and grow in the natural world while staying in a residential camp setting with counselors and teachers.

Who goes? All 5/6 students and teachers go for the week. The Keewaydin staff are the primary instructors with the CAES staff assisting and helping keep everything under control.

Where will everyone eat, sleep, and hike? The Keewaydin campus has a beautiful dining hall where we will have meals, served family style. The Keewaydin cabins are assigned to males and females, with bathroom facilities nearby. The investigations, our classes for the week, will take us all over the Keewaydin campus, along the shores of Lake Dunmore, and up onto the flanks of the Green Mountains. The cabins are supervised by KEEC staff and CAES staff.

What will my Keewaydin camper need? The three most important things students will need are sturdy footwear, a sleeping bag, and raingear. Everything else is basic clothing and gear that the students probably already have. A detailed equipment list will be provided.

How will I know if my child is having a good time? We will post updates to the Keewaydin blog (<http://caesatkeec.blogspot.com/>) on a daily basis which will show how much fun the students are having. The students can receive mail and send letters as well.

How much will it cost? We have worked hard over the last two years to fundraise the money needed so it will cost the students nothing. If you would like to contribute to the general Keewaydin account, we would welcome your contribution. We will be having another Keewaydin Spaghetti Dinner in April.

When can we learn more? Tim Tadlock, Keewaydin Director, will be at CAES on Thursday, March 28th, 2024 at 6:30PM to give a short presentation about the program, answer questions, and meet with parents.