



Diamond Cove Summer Day Camp is offered to the children and grandchildren of Great Diamond Island homeowners and renters in Kindergarten thru 6th grade. It is a thematically based program that meets from 9:00am-12:00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. DCSDC runs for five weeks and starts the first Tuesday after the 4th of July. The director, an accredited teacher, and her assistant deliver the program to a maximum of 16 children. Diamond Cove offers a rich environment for exploration, learning and fun. Children hike, play games, go on scavenger hunts, make crafts, share songs and poetry and learn about their island home.

Session 1: July 7, 8 & 9, 2015 Mostly Medieval

“Mostly Medieval”: We love the idea of bringing light and understanding to a period of time considered the “dark ages”. We will make dyes out of plants/vegetables and then dye a shirt, make a catapult and launch marshmallows, “antique” paper into a scroll and transcribe a poem each camper creates him/herself, and create personalized/family crest shields from paper mache. We will have fun with a variety of lawn games, with a foundation in medieval times, and our hunt will be based on a topographical map of the island in which we will explore it as if it were ancient times.

Session 2: July 14, 15 & 16, 2015 Let's Be Dramatic!

“Let’s Be Dramatic”: We will assist in the camper’s exploration of their specific talents and help them to bloom. Our main event is a theatrical rendition of the book, *The Circus Ship*, in which the campers will each have a roll in the play, create set design, create costumes, and learn about theatrical terms. The week will culminate with a play performed by the campers for all on the island who are able to attend. We will have a vaudeville experience in which the kids will try to perform vaudeville-like acts, i.e. juggling scarves, stand up comedy, slap-stick comedy, etc.; we will have a variety of improv opportunities throughout the week. We will talk about animals not native to Maine, as a reflection of the *Circus Ship* theme. Our sport/games will be fun and silly, involving balloons and other props.

Session 3: July 21, 22, & 23, 2015 Mammals of Maine/Chewonki Foundation

“Mammals of Maine”: The week will involve learning about the mammals living on the island, in contrast to the *Circus Ship*, which focused on animals not native to Maine. We will explore a variety of ways to track animals in the wild, find tracks and make plaster of Paris casts of the prints, look for habitats and create our own animal that would live and thrive on an island in Maine. We will make a mural, practice face painting, and make origami animals. Our games will be focused around animal movement, and our treasure hunt will bring us into the animal habitats. The week culminates with a visit from The Chewonki Foundation. The naturalist educator will bring a few wild mammal specimens and examples of their habitats to the island. This fascinating program is both interactive and entertaining, allowing children to safely

explore wild animals first-hand.

Session 4: July 28, 29 & 30, 2015 ExplorA-Pond

“Explor-A Pond”: We will make small boats and explore life in and around the pond. We will make individual water filters and discuss drinkable water versus water with microbes. We will make a water scope, have a pond themed scavenger hunt, and talk about the history of the pond on the island. Our games would be water themed, and our island hunt will involve water sources.

Session 5: August 4, 5 & 6, 2015 Imagine, Create, Invent!

“Imagine, Create and Invent”: One of the campers from last year wrote in that he would like to learn more about inventors and inventions, and we thought it was a great theme! We will briefly talk about amazing inventors and inventions that impacted the way we lived from early days to present times. We will also include the 6 steps of the scientific method, which will be a recurring message throughout the week. The kids will have an opportunity to create their own invention and use salesmanship, as if we were a board of directors, and attempt to sell us on the “idea of mass producing it”. We will make simple versions of well-known inventions, and use a compass for our treasure hunt. Our games and activities will be what the campers “invent”.

Please contact Carolyn McGoldrick at repooc830@gmail.com for more information or to request a registration form. Camp is \$100.00 per session. Early registration is recommended.