



We're looking forward to having you and your students at Maine Huts & Trails! We are enjoying a busy season at the huts. This means that your group will likely share space at the huts and on the trails with other guests of all ages and group sizes. We think this is part of what makes each trip a unique and fun experience but to ensure this experience is the best it can be for all of our guests we need to ask for your help as youth group leaders.

**Here are a few ways you can do that:**

- **Please plan to have a hut briefing with a hut staff member as soon as your group arrives at the hut.** If each group leader introduces themselves at check-in, hut staff will have a chance to review basic, useful information with the entire group. Although hut crew is not responsible for monitoring your group, they are happy to answer any questions you or your students may have.
- **Create space for those who are NOT part of your group.** For example, please allow other guests to enjoy the "comfortable" furniture near the woodstoves and in the libraries. Students are welcome and encouraged to bring games and materials from the library into the dining room or bunkrooms allowing other guests to enjoy a smaller, quieter space. Of course, please return and put games away when you're finished. It's also a great idea to plan outdoor activities after you arrive and get settled. There are plenty of fun side trips to each hut and hut staff will gladly share ideas with you.
- **Please remember that when the huts are busy, noise levels inside the huts will rise accordingly.** Remind your students that they can help by keeping voices down when inside the huts and particularly at meal times when the dining room is filled.
- **Help keep the hut as neat and organized as possible during your stay.** If students can store their "outdoor footwear" neatly in the mudrooms, this will make it possible for everyone to travel in and out of the huts safely and comfortably. Areas around the bathroom sinks can be overwhelmed by toiletries when there are numerous guests. Please ask your students to tidy up before leaving all common spaces, including the dining room, living room and bathroom.
- **Hut staff appreciates help when there are many guests!** Check to see if your group can help with simple tasks at meal times such as bussing tables for guests or wiping tables down after meals. Setting tables is a big help especially if your group has been using the table for playing games before a meal.
- **Quiet hours are from 9:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.** Hut staff and guests alike need their sleep! Please be courteous to your neighbors and observe the quiet times. Students may enjoy quiet activities in the hut or in bunkrooms after 9:30 but please be aware that others nearby are trying to sleep. Of course, courtesy does not end when quiet hours do, so keep in mind that others are sharing the common area and see that your fun does not get in the way of other people's fun.

**Please share these guidelines with your students before your trip. Let us know if you have any questions and thank you in advance for helping us make sure all of our guests enjoy the very best experience at Maine Huts & Trails.**

*We appreciate all you do!*