



## The Leadership School at Kieve

### Preparing for A Leadership School Program

Students can expect from us:

- Kindness, Respect, Safety, Fun

We expect students to come prepared to be engaged, make positive contributions to the program, gain new skills, and have fun. The following ground rules ensure that can happen.

- The Leadership School's #1 Rule: Everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect.
- The Leadership School is a school program. All school rules apply.

**Packing:** Unlike a traditional classroom, while at the Leadership School, we spend a lot of time outside. Plan for the season and use the following as a guide.

- **Pillow and sleeping bag** (or 3 blankets and 2 sheets)
- **Clothing appropriate for the season and the length of your stay.**
- **Closed toed shoes:** You will be on the ropes course, and there are woodchips.
- **Rain gear:** Unless there is thunder and lightning, we DO go outside.
- **Cold weather gear:** Gloves, hats, scarves, coats, winter boots, etc.
- **Socks, socks, socks:** If you get wet or cold, you are going to want warm feet.
- **Personal items.** Tooth paste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, towel, chap stick, sunscreen, bug repellent, etc.
- **Miscellaneous Gear:** water bottle, flashlight, cameras (but not in the classroom)
- **Medications:** Must be in the **original** bottle, with the label indicating name and dose. All medications will be delivered from school staff to Kieve's infirmary upon arrival and will be divided into cabins for cabin educators to distribute according to your instructions. She will also be on duty throughout the week.

**Things occasionally get lost and left behind. While we make every effort to return lost and found items, it isn't always possible, so please leave your favorites at home!**

Dear Parent and Guardians:

We are pleased to be going to The Leadership School on the shores of Damariscotta Lake. The mission of the Leadership School is to empower young people and the adults who affect them to contribute positively to society by providing a wide range of experiential educational opportunities.

Please help your child prepare by:

1. Reviewing the Leadership School Expectations and Packing List and helping your child pack clothing that is appropriate for the weather and indoor and outdoor activities.

2. Completing the Participant Information Form and returning to school prior to  
June 15<sup>th</sup> 2018. If your child will take medication during the Leadership School program, please also complete the Medication Administration Form and turn it in with the necessary medication to the school by  
September 5<sup>th</sup> 2018.

3. Attending a Parent Information Night (PIN). We will have a PIN at school on:  
August 28<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Please visit The Leadership School website at [www.kieve.org](http://www.kieve.org) for pictures, answers to frequently asked questions and some examples of the activities your student will be engaged in while they are at the Leadership School. And please don't hesitate to call Patricia Cochran at school, or contact the Leadership School at 207.563.6212 or [leadershipschool@kieve.org](mailto:leadershipschool@kieve.org).

Thank you!

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## **The Leadership School at Kieve FAQs**

### **What kind of facilities does Kieve have?**

Comfortable, heated cabins with plumbing and showers with hot water. We have various classroom spaces, an extensive ropes course, soccer, ultimate frisbee and football fields, a basketball court, a heated dining hall, a heated main lodge, and indoor and outdoor climbing walls.

### **Does The Leadership School accommodate food preferences or restrictions?**

Yes! Our goal is to make our programs as inclusive as possible. The Leadership School provides three hot meals and three snacks every day to every child. Each meal and snack is nutritious, fresh and delicious. We don't want dietary restrictions to prevent anyone from joining us. We have a **peanut-free campus** and when appropriate, our meals provide a **pork-free, vegetarian, gluten-free or dairy-free** alternative and alternatives such as sun butter instead of peanut butter. Our food service staff does an exceptional job providing several yummy choices that the participants devour at each meal.

### **Can my child pray at The Leadership School?**

Most definitely. If your child needs to take time away from the group to pray, please let us know so we can make appropriate accommodations. There are several quiet spaces on campus available and we will arrange for one of our Educators to assist your child to one of those spaces when it is time to pray.

### **What if my child does not speak fluent English?**

We often have students who are not fluent in English. Because our classes are more hands-on than a traditional school setting, students who might struggle due to language differences in a typical classroom quickly feel comfortable here. If a student's understanding of the English language is severely limited, we try to provide additional support through staffing and pairing with individuals who may know some of the native language.

### **What if my child does not have a sleeping bag or other materials?**

We have a collection of clean warm clothing, raincoats, sleeping bags, and pillows that we are willing to loan to students. We also have spare toothbrushes and flashlights if needed. If you anticipate that your child will need a sleeping bag (or sheets and blanket), please let us know in advance so we can be sure we have enough to share with everyone.

### **How does The Leadership School accommodate various levels of ableism (mental and physical challenges and handicaps)?**

We recognize that all people have strengths and limitations. We work to place all students in positions to succeed during challenges by providing them with appropriate tools. We often modify activities to ensure that all members of the group can participate, regardless of specific mental or physical challenges. If students need help with activities of daily living, we work with the visiting staff to provide additional support to students. Feel free to contact us to discuss the specific needs of your child if you are concerned about their ability to participate in the programing.

### **What happens in case of a medical emergency?**

The Leadership School educators have excellent emergency medical training. In the event of a medical emergency, Kieve-Wavus makes any medical decisions that must be made to assure the safety of the child. Kieve is served by the Nobleboro Fire and Rescue and Central Lincoln County Ambulance. Miles Memorial Hospital is approx. 10 minutes away in Damariscotta. Parents are contacted in the event of a medical issue.

### **How are medications given at The Leadership School?**

At The Leadership School, "medication" is any substance a person takes to maintain and/or improve their health. This includes vitamins and natural remedies. Every medication that a child takes while under our care is handled very seriously for the safety of the child. Oral medication will be dispensed into individual pill envelopes that are distributed during meals or before bedtime by a student's Cabin or Classroom Educator. All medications are stored in either the infirmary or in the cabin first aid kits. Campers are NOT allowed to carry and dispense their own medication unless it is an emergency medication. If your child carries and administers an emergency medication, such as an inhaler or Epi Pen, we need permission from the doctor and parent on the medical form.