

Dear Campers and Families:

Greetings and salutations from Laura and Dave, co-Deans for your week of camp at “Horton Center goes to Vermont”! We are looking forward to meeting you and spending our week together. We both live here in Vermont and are educators in local communities. We have a great week planned, with time on the water on the beautiful campus of Rock Point. Rock Point is situated just north of North Beach in Burlington, Vermont; visit <http://www.rockpointvt.org/about> to find out more.

Our theme this summer is *Branching Out: Connecting Through Christ*. We'll be discovering all the ways we connect with God and with others all around us. Through activities and games, challenges and spiritual practices, engaging the Bible and engaging each other, we will come to learn that living together as a community is not just a means to an end or a basic human need for relationship.

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

We have two jobs as branches: to stay connected to the vine and to bear fruit. This week you will explore ways to deepen your faith in Christ. We're hoping to include opportunities to not only connect with each other at camp, but also to others in the Burlington community through service work.

So, on to the practical stuff. For a packing list of all the essential gear you will need, visit this [link](#) and go to page 8 of the “Youth Camper/Parent Guide 2017.”

Some items to bring to camp beyond the basics listed on the camping list:

- Water shoes
- White t-shirt for tie-dying
- Colored t-shirt you don't wear anymore

As we get closer to camp, we will send additional information as needed.

We ask that you arrive at camp on Sunday, July 30 at 3:00pm. Please don't come before that because we need time to get everything ready for you. If you are going to be late (arriving after 3:30) please call Dave at (802)522-0148 and let us know. We'll be there to greet you and get you checked in. You'll receive your cabin assignment and meet your counselors when you settle into your cabin. Then it will be time to say your farewells and remind your family member that pick up is on Friday, August 4 at 4 pm.

The mailing address for Rock Point Camp is 20 Rock Point Circle, Burlington, VT 05408.

If you have any questions before camp, feel free to call Dava at the number above or email Laura at lauralabrie@yahoo.com or Dave at davemacgowan@comcast.net. We can't wait to see you at the end of July!!

Laura and Dave

