



Christodora-Manice Education Center  
Summer Program 2008

## Student Information (Q & A) and Responsibilities



### Common Questions and Answers

**Q Can I telephone home from Manice?**

**A** No, please do not expect to call home. The phones at the Center are reserved for business and emergency calls only.

\*Parents\* please contact the New York Christodora office at (212) 371-5225 after 2:00 p.m. to find out about the group's safe arrival at the Manice Center. Please only call the School or Christodora-Manice Education Center if there is a family emergency or urgent situation that your student must be made aware of prior to his/her return home. We want to make sure our time is spent providing safe and enriching experiences for the participants. You may write letters to you child at:  
68 Savoy Road, Florida, MA 01247

**Q Are there wild animals living around Manice?**

**A** Yes, maybe you'll be lucky enough to see some (squirrels, deer, frogs, or even a bear, etc.!) but they are often afraid of larger animals (like YOU) and may try to stay out of sight.

**Q Can I keep any food (candy, gum, soda, etc.) in my tent?**

**A** No, because bugs and other small animals might come inside looking for it!

**Q Should I bring sheets or a sleeping bag?**

**A** Yes, either will be fine. Please closely follow the suggested clothing list. We will provide blankets, pillows and beds. (P.S. Don't forget your pillowcase, second pair of shoes and rain gear!) We can provide rain ponchos if you don't have rain gear. Please don't bring both sheets and a sleeping bag, one or the other will be fine. Help us save room on the bus!

**Q Do I have to buy items on the clothing list if my student doesn't have them?**

**A** No, this is a suggested list. Please send only what your student has and only what is on the list. Remember we need to save room on the bus. What your student wears on departure should not be separate from what's on the list. For example, don't pack 2 pairs of shoes. Instead, wear one pair and pack the second. Remember, we need to save room on that bus!

**Q Can I take a shower while at Manice?**

**A** Yes, summer program participants have the opportunity to take a shower before and after each overnight hike.

### Student Responsibilities

We expect all students to be respectful of each other, the staff, and the environment just as they usually do at home. Remember that you represent yourself, your family, your school and your community when you are on a school field trip. Manice Education Center (MEC) reserve the right to restrict a student's participation in activities at MEC for a student's knowingly active participation in any of the unacceptable behaviors listed below.

The following is a list of particularly unacceptable behavior:

- ◆ Use or possession of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or weapons of any sort (including knives)
- ◆ Boys visiting girls' tents or girls visiting boys' tents: each bed is person's personal space and each tent is that tent group's private area, no visiting tent to tent.
- ◆ Fighting, stealing, foul or rude language: these all 'pollute' our environment!
- ◆ Walking into the forest or onto the dam without adult supervision
- ◆ Rock/stick/stone/food throwing: think about it.
- ◆ Keeping food, medications, radios, walkman, MP3 players, cell phones, or video games, etc. in tents. Why? Food will invite bugs and animals into your tent, other items may get lost or broken. There is no cell phone coverage at the Manice Education Center.
- ◆ Vandalism, graffiti & littering: it is our shared home
- ◆ Leaving Manice Education Center or assigned areas without supervising adult accompaniment
- ◆ Repetitive disregard for Manice Education Center rules, we strive to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants