



Are you interested in summer sleepaway camp but have never tried it?

- **The camps of the Aloha Foundation, in Vermont, are offering scholarships to new campers currently in grades 5th through 7th to come to our camp this summer for free.**
- **The scholarship is for a 3½ week sleepaway camp experience. All interested students can enter into a lottery for the scholarship (30 eligible students will receive the scholarship). To be considered for both the lottery and the camp, applicants must complete the camp application, which includes permission from a parent or guardian.**
- **Camp scholarships are part of our ongoing research on how camp can improve the well-being of 5th through 7th graders. All students who enter the lottery and their parents or guardians must agree to participate in 3 paid surveys, even if they do not win a scholarship from the lottery. The 3 paid surveys will take place in: 1) Summer 2026, 2) Fall, 2026, and 3) Spring 2027.**
- **Surveys will be conducted by our research partners at Princeton University. They will reach out to you by phone, text, or email (as you prefer), so that one parent/guardian**

and each student can separately respond. Each person, including the student who answers a survey, will be paid \$50 for each completed survey, plus a bonus of \$20 for answering all three surveys (\$170 for each child and each parent).

Frequently asked questions:

What families are eligible? Kids currently in 5th through 7th grade and a guardian (parent or adult living with them) can sign up for the lottery and camp surveys. Those who sign up should be interested in coming to the Aloha Foundation camps in Summer 2026.

What is the camp interested in learning through these surveys? Our camp is interested in the well-being of 5th through 7th graders: how they are sleeping, getting along with others, using time, handling school and home responsibilities, and thinking about the future. These are all aspects of life that camp can enhance—but in order to know how well our camp experience helps with these aspects of well-being, we need to ask.

Will it take a lot of time to participate in the camp feedback surveys? We keep the surveys short—15-20 minutes (or more if you want to tell us more).

What do you do with responses? The research is approved by the Princeton University board of ethics and is strictly confidential: no individual responses will be shared. The research will be used in an academic report on child well-being and in a report to camp on suggestions for improving the camp experience. All responses will be reported as averages, not highlighting any individuals. No names will ever be used.

Why do we need all families to participate in the surveys even if only 30 kids go to camp? We are interested in the well-being of kids and families who do and do not go to camp–this is an important part of our research.

If we don't win the lottery for a camp scholarship this year, can we apply again? Yes, we will prioritize families who do not win a free place at camp in future lotteries, pending ongoing funding for this research.

More Questions about camp?

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About The Aloha Camps



The Aloha Foundation is a nonprofit organization based in Fairlee, Vermont. We offer summer camps and Hulbert, an outdoor education program for schools. Our mission is to inspire people of all ages to learn, explore, grow, and become their best selves. Our programs foster self-awareness, teamwork, respect, and fun.

Children who enter the lottery have the chance to attend one of our summer overnight camps depending on their gender identity and current grade*:

CAMP HIVE a girls' camp for 3rd through 6th grade graduates

CAMP ALOHA a girls' camp for 7th-10th grade graduates

CAMP LANAKILA a boys' camp for 3rd-8th grade graduates

*Children must be 5th, 6th, and 7th grade graduates to enter the lottery



DATES: Campers chosen in the lottery will have the opportunity to attend our second session of the summer, which runs from **July 21st-August 12th, 2026**

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

- ACA accredited
- Less than 3:1 camper to counselor ratio
- Campers live in spacious platform tents or rustic cabins, with showers nearby
- Campers wear uniforms, which will be provided for each member of the research study

ACTIVITIES: Swimming, arts and crafts, archery, land sports, canoeing, sailing, tennis, farm & garden, woodworking (and so much more!)

For more information, or to apply to the research lottery, visit alohafoundation.org/research_study



QUESTIONS about our camps? Reach out to [Elisabeth O'Neal](#)