

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lithuanian Heritage Family Camp in English



ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

You are welcome to arrive at camp Saturday morning, June 24th. The official opening will be at noon starting with flag raising and announcements. Camp will promptly end with flag raising after breakfast on Thursday, June 29th.



THE 2017 PROGRAM

Once you have registered for Camp Neringa, a confirmation email will be sent to you. More details regarding the 2017 program specifics and how your family can prepare for this year's festivities will come in June from coordinators Jūratė Blume, Rebecca Booth, and Christina Heerey.



PARENT INPUT

Lithuanian Heritage Family Camp is based on family participation and parental cooperation / initiative. We encourage families to become part of the coordination of camp activities, making it a richer experience for all. If you would like to volunteer to lead an activity (teach the group your favorite Lithuanian song, prepare a craft with the children, lead a discussion with parents, etc.) please indicate this in the space provided on the registration form.



FOR CHILDREN 12 AND UP

Similar to last year, if there are any children 12 and up at this camp, they may be paired up with one of the younger groups during the morning/afternoon lessons in order to develop their leadership skills. They will participate in all other activities and will also enjoy a separate evening activity designed for the older children at camp. Ačiū for your understanding.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Women who participate in the annual Women's Weekend have set up „**The Vainikas Family Fund**“: Please do not let finances deter any Family from attending Neringa. Send a request for financial assistance by April 1st with registration materials to: Camp Neringa, c/o 4 Johnson Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.



DIRECTIONS

I 91 to Vermont exit 2. Follow Rt. 9 west for 7 miles until you see the sign for Neringa. Turn left onto MacArthur Rd. and in less than a mile you will see the Neringa driveway on your right. Address: 147 Neringa Rd. Brattleboro, VT 05301. Telephone: 802-254-9819 or 802-254-8090.



INFORMATION

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas, suggestions, or inquiries regarding program and kitchen employment opportunities, please contact camp director Regina Kulbis regina@neringa.org



REGISTRATION REMINDER

Acceptance is determined by postmark, so do not delay in sending in your registration! The coordinators have requested a return of forms by April 1st to facilitate better planning.



Neringa offers camps for children, adults, youth, and families in Lithuanian and English.
For information on other sessions contact the Director or refer to: www.neringa.org

Volunteer Opportunities 2017

February 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

We're really looking forward to another fantastic camp experience! As you know, parent involvement allows us to keep the camp affordable and maintain the communal spirit (while keeping us from being too overwhelmed!) AND we were all in agreement that any additional responsibilities not be required, but truly volunteered. We want people to experience Neringa as "a well to come to for refreshment and rejuvenation" as stated in our vision statement- and for some, (especially those with young children), doing "extra" may not support that intention. For others, helping out may be a way to engage in service to others, have fun, and/or express your talents and gifts at Neringa. As you can see, there are many jobs during camp.

They say that many hands make for light work; please let us know if and how you'd like to contribute.

It would be great to have as many parents adding to the program as possible, as it creates a very special bond between the children and the parents.

For the past few years, our program have been based on the calendar seasons. Last year, we celebrated a traditional Lithuanian Wedding/Vestuvės. We have learned so much about Lithuanian customs, traditions, holidays. This year, we are going back in time, to an era when Lietuva was ruled by kunigaikščiai (Grand Dukes)! We will also learn about and celebrate the centenary year of the apparitions in Fatima. There is so much to prepare – we will learn dances, songs, customs and so much more... And of course, there will be nature classes, swimming in the Prūdas, cooking classes, sports, crafts, laužas...

Warmly,

Jurate Blume, Rebecca Booth and Christina Heerey

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Please print this page and include with your registration form.

Please choose an activity that you could lead or assist, and write your name in the space provided. One of us will contact you once the registration forms are all processed. Ačiū!

Meal Flow Support Coordinator – help organize other volunteers to ensure the efficient flow of lunch, dinner and snacks each day. _____

Parent Volunteer Organizer – remind parents to sign up for laužas (bonfire), šūkis, and other parent help for skits, etc as needed. _____

Mišios (Mass) Planner – helps decide and lead hymns, helps vadovai (counselors) organize the procession, coordinate with the priest, assign readings and intentions, makes sure the altar is prepared and helps decide how families will participate. _____

Camp Photographer – coordinates getting pictures from parents – the taking of the camp photo and making it available to the campers. Most of the other camps have someone who oversees this job, and it would be helpful for Neringa marketing if there were some good digital photos from our camp. The idea is to either
1) find someone who is interested in being the camp photographer- and take pictures throughout the camp.
2) have a volunteer who would like to compile the “best of” photos that everyone submits to that person and then each family gets a CD to take home. S/he explores with other parents whether there is a desire for a more formal posting of camp pictures or other ways to share camp memories. _____

Camp Newspaper – help put together some of our favorite memories of this year’s camp. It need not be a huge thing, just songs, recipes, etc. – a creative opportunity! _____

Adult Programming

Oversee adult programming (help with program design, coordinate session leaders): _____

Lead a program for adults _____ Idea: _____

Organize the Kepta Duona (Fried Bread) celebration on the last night _____

Assist with the adult evening program (for example: discussions, table games, hobbies, movies, night game: _____ Other Idea: _____

Misc Daily Housekeeping

Heavy mover coordinator: coordinate the guys to move things such as picnic tables, etc. _____

Organize daily tidying up of youngest children’s toys _____

Craft Coordinator: helps coordinator think of craft ideas, buys materials, and helps vadovai so they know how to do the craft before their session: _____

I would like to help with Evening or other camp programs:

Get to know you games: _____

Laužas: _____

Talent night: _____

Lithuanian Wedding: _____

Cooking:

Help coordinate the children’s cooking classes: _____

Help coordinate and prepare the adult and children’s cooking classes: _____

Other – If you see a need that you could fill that we haven’t mentioned- please let us know.

Idea: _____ Name: _____

Last minute help: Willing to jump in to help if anything comes up during camp. _____

REGISTRATION FORM - 2017

Family Surname: _____

Total number of people coming: _____

Names of Parents and Relatives Attending: _____

Would you like to share a cabin with someone? If so, with whom? _____

Names of Children: _____ Age at Camp: _____ Grade in Sept: _____



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Address: _____

Home Tel: _____ Work Tel: _____ Cell: _____

Email(s): _____

How did you hear about Neringa (for new campers)? _____

Please let us know of any serious allergies in your family we should be aware of: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time: By 9am 9am-12pm 1-3pm 4-6pm 6pm-later

Departure: _____ Time: By 9am 9am-12pm 1-3pm 4-6pm 6pm-later

****Camp will promptly end with flag raising after breakfast on Thursday, June 29th.*

****As indicated above, registration acceptance is determined by postmark, so do not delay sending in your forms and payment! Please be sure to do so by April 1st to help our planning team.*



Please refer to the volunteer opportunities document to sign up for program and preparation help. You may use the space below for any other comments you may have:

CAMPING FEES

Please complete this box:

Family Surname: _____

TOTALS

Registration Fee:.....\$50/family..... _____ \$50 +

Adult Fee:.....\$288/adult (session flat rate) _____ +

Children's Fee:.....\$180/child (session flat rate)
(Children 4 and over) _____

TOTAL:..... = _____

Downpayment - 50% of total cost... _____

Balance – **due by mail June 10**..... _____

REGISTRATION POLICY: Complete both pages of the registration form, the volunteer form, and send with your down payment made payable to **Camp Neringa, Inc.** by April 1st: CAMP NERINGA, c/o 4 JOHNSON STREET, NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950. The second payment is due by mail by June 10, 2017. **Payment will not be accepted on opening day.** Registrations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis determined by post-mark, so do not delay in sending in your registration.

CANADIANS: Please mail your payments in US funds drawn on a US bank. If you note so on the registration form, you may submit your second payment in cash on site.

CONDITIONS: The registration fee is non-refundable. Camping fees are not refundable less than two weeks prior to the beginning of camp or once the camp session has begun.

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I hereby authorize Camp Neringa, Inc. to use my family's pictures for advertising, website, and other promotional purposes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NERINGA'S FUTURE: Camping fees do not cover Neringa's operating expenses. We strongly urge you to consider making a tax deductible donation to Neringa. Checks can be written to **Camp Neringa, Inc.** and included with your registration. **“Ačiū!”**

Enclosed is a \$ _____ donation for Neringa.

For administrative use only:

Total camp tuition: _____ Down payment received: _____ Ck#: _____

Balance Due: _____ Invoice#: _____

Balance paid: _____ check Ck# _____ cash Received by: _____
amount

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