



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to welcome your child to The Ecology School's Residential Overnight Program! Below are some important areas of The Ecology School's policy & procedure I would like to highlight:

Packing & Equipment

Please pay careful attention to The Ecology School Packing List. (Visit www.TheEcologySchool.com/school-resources for the full Packing List.) Packing the right items can make a big difference to your child's comfort during their stay. Keep in mind that you do not need to go out and buy lots of new equipment for this trip. Since students sometimes get a little bit muddy or wet during lessons, pack older, more comfortable clothes that you will not mind your child getting dirty. Lots of layers (including waterproof clothing) are the most important things to send along with your child. We recommend packing *with* your child so that they know what they are bringing. This way you can help ensure they bring the necessary items! While The Ecology School provides a safe learning and living environment, we are not responsible for any student property that is lost or stolen.

Communication with Your Child

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to send their child mail during their stay! Send your letters (in advance to assure they arrive in time!) to:

Name of Your Child
(Name of Child's School)
c/o The Ecology School
184 Simpson Road
Saco, ME 04072

Unless there is an emergency, students are not permitted to use the office phone at The Ecology School. Additionally, students are not permitted to have cell phones while participating in The Ecology School programs.

Health and Safety

The health and safety of all our participants and staff is of the utmost importance. We strictly adhere to CDC guidelines for COVID safety, including remaining masked except for eating and sleeping, minimizing time indoors, and keeping socially distant. If your child has recently had COVID/COVID

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symptoms or been in close contact with someone who has recently had COVID/COVID symptoms they should plan not to attend. Your child's school will be managing medications and student health while at The Ecology School and we will all work together to provide a fun, safe, and enjoyable experience! For a full version of our COVID policy for Residential Overnight Programs, please visit www.TheEcologySchool.org/school-resources.

Supervision of Students

All students participating in The Ecology School program have 24-hour supervision. The Ecology School staff are in charge of lessons, classroom teachers oversee the recreation fields and the Dormitory at night, and classroom teachers and The Ecology School staff share the supervision of students during meal times. Any removal of students from The Ecology School programs (due to appointments, illness, family emergency, etc.) must be arranged with the classroom teachers. Without the express permission of custodial parents/guardians, students are not allowed to leave the The Ecology School program.

On behalf of the entire staff at The Ecology School, we hope your child has an incredible experience with us!

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Alexandra Grindle, Director of Programs

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P.S. If you would like more information about how your child can continue the fun of The Ecology School, check out our [Overnight Summer Camps!](#)