



## YMCA Camp Chingachgook

One of the oldest resident camps in the country, Camp Chingachgook (we pronounce it *chin ja cook*) welcomed its first campers in 1913. Originally established by the Schenectady YMCA on 200 acres rich in natural and cultural history, camp began simply: there was no road access, no electricity, and campers slept on straw mattresses in canvas tents. Over the decades Chingachgook's operations have grown, and today over 10,000 children, families, and adults participate in summer camp, school outdoor education, and retreats each year.

Chingachgook is year-round and offers various large and small meeting and activity areas. Winter guests lodge in cozy, heated cabins with a centrally located shower house, or in the dormitory, Rockwell Lodge, which sleeps 22 and features a kitchenette and a common area. The dining hall offers spectacular views of Buck Mountain and Pilot Knob.

Facilities include 35 cabins or yurts each sleeping eight to ten people, hot showers, a central dining hall accommodating 450, a large program center with a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace and an environmental library and learning center, and an open-air pavilion on the waterfront.

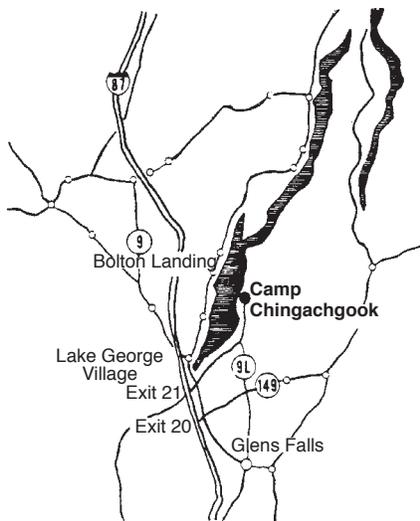
With over 1,300 feet of Lake George shoreline, two 80-foot docks, and a fleet of 90 canoes, rowboats, sailboats, kayaks, and waterski boats, Chingachgook features a wide variety of waterfront activities.

Other recreational and educational facilities include tennis courts, basketball courts, soccer and softball fields, art and wood-working studio, photography darkroom, rifle and archery ranges, 30-element high- and low-ropes courses, a six-route climbing tower, and a bouldering wall.

Chingachgook offers immense recreational and educational opportunities, with diverse ecological habitats, access to thousands of acres of *forever wild* state forest in the Adirondack Park—the largest state park in the U.S.—and access to over 75 square miles of one of the most pristine lakes anywhere. Add to that professional, highly skilled staff, and your visit and program are sure to be rewarding.



## Users' Guide



YMCA Camp Chingachgook is conveniently located just 20 minutes from Glens Falls and one hour from Albany, NY. From the Northway (I-87) take Exit 20 and follow Route 149 east for five miles. At the second traffic light take Route 9L north (left). In four-and-a-half miles 9L reaches Lake George; take the Pilot Knob Road, which bears right. Camp Chingachgook is four miles down the road (almost to the end) on the right.

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**Capital District YMCA**  
**1872 Pilot Knob Road**  
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**Camp Chingachgook has it all.**  
**And it's for you.**  
**It's your place on Lake George!**



## Be Prepared!

**a** Chingachgook experience is an outdoor experience, therefore preparedness is key for a comfortable and successful visit. Don't bring your best clothing; bring garments that can be layered for warmth if necessary.

### Clothing

shorts  
long pants  
socks  
sneakers  
hiking or work boots  
T-shirts  
long-sleeved shirts  
wool sweaters or sweatshirt  
windbreaker or wind layer  
**raincoat**  
an extra pair of shoes  
long underwear  
hats, mittens and scarf

### Seasonal Gear

day pack  
canteen  
swimsuit and towel  
bug repellent  
camera  
fishing equipment  
tennis racquet  
skis  
snowshoes  
sleds  
skates

### Overnight Gear

sleeping bag and/or several blankets  
pillow  
**flashlight**  
toiletries and towel  
warm pajamas

### Winter Clothing

winter boots  
wool socks  
winter parka  
extra layers

### Rules

- Parking is allowed only in the lot near the camp entrance; wagons are available for overnight guests to use to bring gear to and from their cabins
- In respect for each other as well as Camp's neighbors, we are quiet from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m.
- Swimming and boating are allowed only under the supervision of a camp staff member during prearranged times
- Fishing is not allowed between the docks nor in the Beginners' Bay swimming area
- Damage to equipment and facilities are charged to the responsible group
- No bare feet
- No alcohol
- No pets

## EMERGENCY!

**In the event of an emergency—fire, injury, lost camper—find a camp staff member first. He or she will notify the appropriate responders and activate Camp Chingachgook's emergency plan. Camp is within a 911 area, and a rescue squad is based in North Queensbury, just ten minutes from Camp.**

## Did you know ... ?

The name *Chingachgook* comes from the classic 1826 novel by James Fennimore Cooper, *The Last of the Mohicans*. The adventure details the experiences of Chief Chingachgook, his son Uncas, and friend Hawkeye in the region around Lake George.

Lake George is 32 miles long and in places four miles wide and nearly 200 feet deep. Long regarded as one of the most scenic spots in North America, Lake George is still extremely clean, providing untreated drinking water to many of its residents. Fishing is very popular and common species include salmon, trout, bass, pike, perch, and catfish.

### Telephone

The phone number for business calls or to leave a message for a guest is (518) 656-9462.

