

Dear Parents and Students of the Class of 2023,

We are excited to welcome you to the Upper School and to tell you more about the fall Bivouac program! The information contained within this packet should allow you to begin your preparations. Some additional notes and reminders will be shared with you in early August and in the weeks leading up to the start of the school year, but for the time being, you should find all the information you need contained within this mailing.

This packet contains information about five items to help you prepare for Bivouac:

1. **General Information:** This document describes the Bivouac program in detail, contains important dates, provides emergency phone numbers, and outlines other pertinent information.
2. **Equipment List:** This document provides guidelines for packing; we encourage you to follow our recommendations closely. We do all we can to make the Equipment List financially manageable and believe that most of the equipment needed for Bivouac can be gathered from existing personal belongings or borrowed from friends. Should cost be a factor while gathering the necessary equipment, please contact Bivouac Director David Strodel or the Financial Aid Office.
3. **Consent Form:** This document contains important safety information and also requests information, consent and a waiver, release and indemnity agreement from parents/guardians. Students may not participate in Bivouac without submitting this signed form. Please review and complete this form, and return it to the Upper School Office by June 15 (or contact us by that time if you have any questions).
4. **Electronic Devices Agreement Form:** This document sets forth restrictions regarding the use of electronic devices during the Bivouac program. We fully believe that the value of the Bivouac experience is compromised by the distractions created by electronic devices. Therefore, we place a special emphasis on the rules that prohibit the use and/or possession of cell phones, iPods, and other electronic devices during the Bivouac program. The Electronic Devices Agreement Form must be signed by both the parent/guardian and student, and returned to the Upper School Office by June 15.
5. **Health Forms Online:** Information about BB&N's required medical forms will be sent home electronically in June. These forms are the basis for the student's medical record for the academic year and for the Bivouac program. Once received, they can be accessed on BB&N's website in the Parent Portal in the School Forms section.

If you have any questions about the Bivouac program, we will be available during the summer. For specific questions, David Strodel can be reached by phone at 617-547-6100 or via email at dstrodel@bbns.org. We hope that you are as excited about Bivouac as we are and we look forward to seeing you again in the fall!

Sincerely,

Geoff Theobald
Director of the Upper School

David Strodel
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Bivouac Director