

Dear Parents and Students of the Class of 2026,

We are excited to welcome you to the Upper School and to tell you more about the fall Bivouac program! The information contained here should allow you to begin your preparations. Additional notes and reminders about Bivouac will be shared with you in early August and in the weeks leading up to the start of the school year. For now, you should find all the information you need contained within these documents.

Required consent and online Magnus Health Bivouac medical forms will be available mid-July once your Veracross Parent Portal is accessible. All forms need to be returned promptly for participation. Please note that in addition to the other required vaccinations for school entry, BB&N will require students participating in activities at Bivouac to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Documentation for vaccinations should be completed in the Magnus Health Tracker Form found in your Veracross Parent Portal.

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

1. **General Information:** [Please click here](#) for a document that describes the Bivouac program in detail, contains important dates, provides emergency phone numbers, and outlines other pertinent information.
2. **Equipment List:** [Please click here](#) for a document that 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. **Living Accommodation Form:** [Linked here](#), this form will enable us to place your child in an appropriate living situation at Bivouac. While most living groups (squads) at Bivouac are male or female, we are able to accommodate gender non-binary students with the help of the information from this form. Please complete this form by July 1.
4. **Consent and Agreement Form:** This electronic consent form will be available online in mid-July through the Veracross Parent Portal and contains important safety information as well as requesting information on a variety of important questions, 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 electronically through the Veracross Parent Portal promptly once available (or contact us if you have any questions).

In addition, this same 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 and other similar devices during the Bivouac program. The Electronic Devices Agreement questions must be signed electronically on the Veracross Parent Portal to indicate agreement by both the parent/guardian and the student.

5. **Bivouac Magnus Health Forms:** The required Bivouac medical forms will be available electronically in mid-July on your student's Magnus Health Tracker as noted above. Magnus Health is accessed through your Veracross Parent Portal's homepage. Bivouac Health Forms are in addition to the academic year's required health forms. Detailed guidelines and instructions will be provided for all Bivouac health forms in Magnus Health.

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 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,

David Strodel
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Bivouac Director

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