



## The Leadership School at Kieve

Fall 2010

Dear Parent and Guardians:

The Leadership School is pleased to be welcoming your son/daughter's school to our camp at the shores of Damariscotta Lake. The mission of the Leadership School is to empower young people and the adults who affect them to contribute positively to society by providing a wide range of experiential educational opportunities. While we will primarily be working with your student and his or her peers and teachers, we invite you to be involved too!

Thorough preparation lays the groundwork for a successful experience while the students are here. You can help by:

1. Reviewing the Leadership School Expectations on the back of this letter with your child.
2. Helping your child pack weather and activity appropriate clothing.
3. Completing the Student Application and Medical Form and returning to your child's school prior to the deadline.
4. Attending a Parent Information Night prior to the program if your school is hosting one. Please call the Leadership School or your child's school for date and time.
5. If offered, join us for Visitors Day and a Learning Together Workshop during your student's Leadership School program. If your child's program is shorter than 5 days, the school may not have a workshop and visitors day. If there will be a Visitor's Day during your student's program, information will be sent home separately with dates, times and directions.

Please visit our website at [www.kieve.org](http://www.kieve.org) for pictures, answers to frequently asked questions and some examples of the activities your student will be engaged in while they are at the Leadership School. And please don't hesitate to call your child's school, or call us directly, with any questions!

Thank you!



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## Preparing for A Leadership School Program

**Expectations:** We expect you to come prepared to be engaged, make positive contributions to the program, gain new skills, and have fun. The following ground rules ensure that can happen.

- The Leadership School's #1 Rule: Everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect.
- Any type of harassment will not be tolerated and is grounds for dismissal.
- Alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs are not allowed. Possession of any of these substances is grounds for dismissal.
- Kieve reserves the right to send any student home if his/her behavior is contrary to the best interest of the group. Each student is expected to have prompt attendance at all classes and activities. Each student is expected to complete the program.
- The Leadership School is a school program. All school rules apply. Appropriate dress is required.

**Packing:** Unlike a traditional classroom, while at the Leadership School, we spend a lot of time outside. Plan for the season and use the following as a guide.

- **Pillow and sleeping bag** (or 3 blankets and 2 sheets)
- **Clothing appropriate for the season and the length of your stay.**
- **Closed toed shoes:** You will be on the ropes course, and there are woodchips.
- **Rain gear:** Unless there is thunder and lightning, we DO go outside.
- **Cold weather gear:** Gloves, hats, scarves, coats, winter boots, etc.
- **Socks, socks, socks:** If you get wet or cold you are going to want warm feet.
- **Personal items.** Tooth paste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, towel, chap stick, sunscreen, bug repellent, etc.
- **Miscellaneous Gear:** water bottle, flashlight, cameras (but not in the classroom)
- **Medications:** Must be in the **original** bottle, with the label indicating name and dose. All medications will go to the infirmary upon arrival and will be divided into cabins for your cabin staff to distribute accordingly. Our nurse will be checking all medications and dosage instructions when you arrive. She will also be on duty to help out during the week.

**Things occasionally get lost and left behind. While we make every effort to return lost and found items, it isn't always possible, so please leave your favorites at home!**