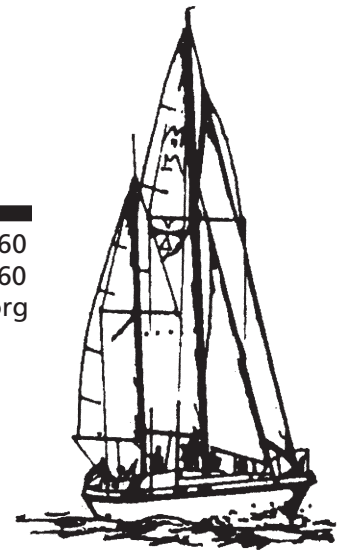


# Chop Point

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Chop Point was organized by a group of Christian men and women who are interested in young people. The work is interdenominational and adheres to a historical Christian faith as expressed in the Apostle's Creed. The Internal Revenue Service recognizes Chop Point as a non-profit corporation. In a well-rounded program of recreation, work and education, integrated with the all-important spiritual dimension, our goal is to guide young people to live life on the highest plane.

Situated in the town of Woolwich, Maine, ten miles from Bath, the camp property includes fifty acres of land at the end of a peninsula, and a mile of shoreline on picturesque and historic Merrymeeting Bay. Much of the land is covered with tall white pines, birch and apple trees. The buildings include a dining hall, two homes, eight comfortable cabins, a library/learning center, a gymnasium, and many other smaller buildings. Chop Point also has a full-size athletic field, tennis and basketball courts, volleyball, and a well-equipped waterfront facility.

## About the Administration

PETER AND JEAN WILLARD started Chop Point in 1967. They have dedicated their lives to working with youth. They have enjoyed watching their children grow up and take an active role in Chop Point.

DAVID AND BETHANY WILKINSON have been involved in camping for most of their adult lives. David is the Camp Director and oversees the daily activities of the staff and campers. Bethany runs the camp store and teaches Science and English at Chop Point School.

ANNIE AND BEN KREBS  
The Krebs both graduated from Chop Point School and have been very active in leadership in our camp programs. Annie is the Assistant Director of the camp and the Office Administrator for Camp and School.

Dear Mom & Dad,

You trust us with your most important possession—your son or daughter. We not only want each one to have a safe and healthy stay with us, but it is our goal to see that each individual has an enjoyable and meaningful time at Chop Point.

Our staff believe peer influence in the teenage years is too strong, and want to do what it can to strengthen family life. We hope to instill in kids a greater appreciation for "Mom and Dad."

Our staff is tops! Each one is well trained in their field and enjoys young people. Certified Red Cross Water Safety instructors and Lifeguards carefully supervise our waterfront program. A nurse has regular hours at camp and a doctor is always on call. Our cabins are comfortable and well ventilated. We have all the equipment needed for an excellent program. Good food is our specialty!

We are dedicated to having a top-notch program, and have been accredited by the American Camping Association since our inception. We welcome you to visit us anytime.

Sincerely,

Chop Point Summer Staff

After breakfast, everyone is involved in informal and interdenominational discussion groups centered on a book in the Bible. While our present Western culture presents the humanistic view of life—with God being irrelevant—Chop Point presents a distinctive Christian view of life and the world. We meet in small groups where the atmosphere is positive and relaxed. Campers are encouraged to state their own views and objections.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARIES

Our **kidsKAMP** and **communityprogram** are reserved for Maine residents. Each program costs \$350. (We have a special rate for Woolwich residents—\$310 if you enroll by March 15th.) A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required with your enrollment form. The balance is due by June 1st (**communityprogram**) or August 1st (**kidsKAMP**).

**SPACE is LIMITED to 40 girls and 40 boys per program. Both fill quickly so please sign up early.**

### Closing Day BBQ

We are holding off on a decision of if we will again be holding a closing day BBQ. We missed the tradition last summer but it was a needed session to being able to run our programs. We will make a decision in Mid May on the BBQ/Pick Up schedule for the programs and contact all those families enrolled.

### Camp Store

The camp store is open daily. We encourage you to deposit spending money in it for safekeeping.

(\$15-20 is suggested.) Campers can buy candy, soda, juice, and other snacks from the store. T-shirts and sweatshirts are also available.

# CHOP POINT SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR MAINE KIDS

Would you like to learn and have fun for several days? Here is your opportunity—come to Chop Point this summer. You will be able to meet new people plus have fun with old friends. The college-age counselors are people who are willing to listen and accept you. They enjoy having fun!

## kidsKAMP

ages 7-11

August 6-10, 2023

Looking for a great way to cap off the summer for your child? Send them to Chop Point's kidsKAMP! Many have asked what we do with 80 kids this age at summer camp? First rule of kidsKAMP is to keep them busy! We pack the day with activities designed to keep them interested and enjoying themselves.

### Daily Schedule

- 7:15 Wake-up and clean cabins
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:15 Chapel and Bible discussions
- 10:15 Morning activities begin
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Rest hour
- 2:00 Afternoon activities begin
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:30 Evening activity begins
- 8:00 Back to cabins/devotions
- 9:00 Lights out

Meals include kids' favorites—hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken nuggets, just to name a few. After each meal we spend time singing songs.

### Activities and Evening Programs

The campers take part in seven activities each day. Campers are grouped by age and swimming ability. Upon arrival each camper takes a swim test to evaluate swimming ability, which determines the extent of waterfront use. They move from activity to activity with their group. A counselor is assigned to be with each group throughout the day. Activities include:

- swimming
- boating/sailing
- field sports
- arts & crafts
- tennis/basketball
- canoeing/kayaking
- lodge/store time

In the evening we have all-camp activities. These vary from year to year but often include favorites such as Capture the Flag, Cabin Skit Night, and Counselor/Camper Hunt.

### Wondering What to Bring?

Bring enough of the following to last your stay...

sheets	sweatshirt	sweater
sleeping bag	t-shirts	bathing suit
pillowcase	jeans	towels
blankets	shorts	toiletries

Optional items include a Bible, tennis racket, camera and flashlight. *Chop Point assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged personal property. Please leave valuables such as cell phones, MP3 players, iPods, PDAs and Gameboys at home.*

## communityprogram

ages 12-17

June 17-21, 2023

Do your teenagers need something to do this summer besides hang around the house? Let them enjoy Chop Point's **communityprogram**!

The schedule is much like our three-week programs. The campers enjoy a variety of in-camp activities. The shortness of the program, however, does not allow for out-of-camp trips. If your son or daughter is interested in those trips, please consider sending them to one of our three-week sessions. See [www.choppoint.org](http://www.choppoint.org).

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### Activities and Evening Programs

Many of our activities are water related. Because of this, campers take a swim test upon arrival. Those that pass are unrestricted in their activity selection. Those who don't are asked to take swimming lessons, along with other land-based activities.

There are seven activity periods during the day and campers have the choice to pick from a number of activities each period. Every camper selects five activities in which they would like to participate for the duration of the program. Activities include:

- swimming
- sailing
- field sports
- arts & crafts
- tennis
- basketball
- canoeing
- soccer
- kayaking
- volleyball
- line dancing
- ultimate Frisbee
- windsurfing
- jogging

The campers have two periods of free time each day. Many spend their free time in the lodge, playing pool or Ping-Pong, or hanging out with friends on the waterfront. Campers may also sign up to waterski or kneeboard during their free time.

Evenings are reserved for all-camp activities. These vary from year to year but often include favorites such as Capture the Flag, Cabin Skit Night, and Sports Night.

## TECHNOLOGY POLICY:

Chop Point realizes the value of modern communication and technologies. We depend on it to communicate with campers, staff, and parents throughout the year. It is integral in how we advertise and communicate with those interested in Chop Point. In the camp setting, however, we find the constant ability for campers to stay in touch with everyone via mobile devices, text messaging, and social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) to be detrimental. We have seen campers so engrossed in what is happening or not happening hundreds or thousands of miles away, that they are unable to make connections with those who share a cabin, meal, or trips with them at camp. To allow campers to unplug, get fully involved, and enjoy their summer experience, we do not allow campers to use mobile phone or other personal communication devices while at camp. We do allow and encourage campers to stay in touch with family and friends via: mail, camp landline phone, or email through camp staff. Campers may call home using a phone in the lodge or receive calls to the camp line during meals. Email can be sent to [camp@choppoint.org](mailto:camp@choppoint.org) with the camper name in the subject line (it will then be printed and delivered with traditional mail). We appreciate your understanding and help with this issue.