

To: Planning Board
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As we think about the situation with the Y camp and “youth camps” we may want to do two things – define a youth camp and then provide performance standards for a youth camp. Here is a start on both based on our very preliminary discussion at the last workshop.

DEFINITION

This definition is taken from the state licensing requirements with a little editing:

Youth Camp:

A combination of programs and facilities established primarily for the purpose of providing a supervised outdoor group experience with social, recreational, spiritual, and/or educational objectives primarily for children under the age of eighteen (18) that is used for five (5) or more consecutive days during one or more seasons of the year.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR YOUTH CAMPS

Here is a start on possible standards for a youth camp:

1. The youth camp shall be licensed by the State of Maine.
2. The camp shall be a “day camp” in which attendees so not sleep over at the facility except as provided in 3.
3. The camp may be used for adult programs and activities provided that such use is accessory and subordinate to its role in serving attendees less than eighteen (18) years of age. Adult attendees may sleep at the facility but such use shall be limited to not more than five (5) consecutive nights.
4. Sleeping and living facilities may be provided for the staff of the camp but may be occupied only during periods when program attendees are present or when training, maintenance, or similar activities are occurring.