

ANNOUNCING THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL  
**GLOVER PIONEER DAY CAMP**

**JUNE 24-28, 2013**

at the PARKER SETTLEMENT, 765 Parker Road, West Glover

Sponsored by the Glover Historical Society

Our theme this year is **A Child's Life in the Wilderness, 1798-1840**

**Each day will start at the Parker Settlement, 765 Parker Road, West Glover at 8:30am**, with games and free play and then our morning meeting, hearing the stories of some of the most outstanding settlers. Morning activities will follow. This year we will concentrate on life in the old settlement, focusing on the church, the school, the brick kiln, doing an archaeological survey map of the settlement and old cellar holes, and making a diorama in miniature of the settlement. After a healthy snack and fortbuilding, we will set off on a local hike with our picnic lunches to an old school in the neighborhood, the cemetery, the original settlement church, the first frame house in town, and to the brick kiln for archaeological digs.

Afternoons will be spent at the Parker Settlement. Campers will work in their focus groups and then end the day with a swim in Lake Parker. They can be picked up at Parker Settlement parking lot at 3pm.

**Choose A Focus Group (Pick first and second choice.)**

**CLAY** - Get down and dirty with clay. Have fun making all kinds of objects from clay. You can even get to try your hand at using the potter's wheel. This year we will be able to fire pieces that can then be picked up after camp.

**PRINTING** – Print a flag, banner, small poster or card with the printmakers at Bread & Puppet. Campers will learn a variety of printing techniques, including linoleum and wood cuts, culminating in a finished product on paper and/or fabric, similar to what you might see in the museum or at a Sunday afternoon performance.

**READING THE WOODS** - Study the flora and fauna of the settlement trails, do some trail work, identify trees, plants and wildflowers as well as animal tracks and scat, look for signs of past human presence, and learn good forestry practices and land stewardship. Because the old settlement is a rare historic treasure and the Hinman Road will soon be a designated historic recreational walking/biking/skiing path, we will enhance our trails with informational and nature identification signage. We will also lash a bench along a trail in the woods for observation and reflection.

**DIARY OF AN EARLY AMERICAN CHILD with ERIC SLOAN** - Learn about the way America was in 1805, the landscape, the trees, tools, shelters, occupations, farming techniques, and survival skills, using Eric Sloan's famous books as inspiration. Work on a variety of hands on projects that kids would have experienced back in settlement times.

**A CHILD'S LIFE IN THE WILDERNESS** - Experience the everyday life of children in old settlement times...crafts, chores, family life, seasonal work, holidays, farm work, school, and nature. Especially designed for our youngest campers (first through third grade).

The program is open to **children who will be attending first through eighth grades next year**, including summer residents. Focus group choice is on a first come, first serve basis, so **get your application in early to be assured of your first choice.**

We will be spending most of our time outside, weather permitting, and will hike to a spot for a picnic lunch each day, so be sure your child has a backpack (**not too heavy!**) with the necessary gear -- sweat shirt, rain gear, water bottle, sun screen and extra socks. **We will provide Deet free bug repellent.** Campers must wear sturdy shoes and socks, with long pants tucked into their socks! (Parents, please inspect your children for ticks at the end of every day.) After the program, there will be an opportunity to go swimming, weather permitting, so your child should bring a towel and a bathing suit. (It will save time if they wear their bathing suit under their clothes, although we will have changing areas.) We will have lifeguards on duty. Our camp staff includes at least three emergency medical personnel. If your camper has specific allergies or medical issues, please let us know in advance.

**You must provide your child with a bag lunch every day. We will provide a healthy snack in late morning.**

**We welcome volunteers to help with the programs and projects.** If parents can be involved any day, please let us know. With more helpers the kids can get more individual attention and have an even better experience.

**The cost of the program this year is \$85 for the first child, and \$60 for additional children in the family.** If the fee is a problem, please note that on your registration form. Scholarships are available, thanks to the generosity of the Lake Parker Association and the town of Glover.

If your child wants to participate, please return the registration form with payment by June 17, to Cleopatra Jones, 2575 Glover St., Glover, VT 05839 or register online at [gloverpioneerencamp.org](http://gloverpioneerencamp.org). Make checks payable to "Glover Pioneer Day Camp."

We are still looking for a few junior counselors and also adult staff, volunteer or paid. **We need some new energy!**

Contact Betsy at 525-4051 or Cleo at [cleopatra@glovervillage.com](mailto:cleopatra@glovervillage.com) or [gloverpioneerencamp.org](http://gloverpioneerencamp.org) for more information.