

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ADMISSIONS

How To Apply

Please complete the application in this catalog (or download an application from our website, overlandsummers.com), enclose a \$795 deposit and mail it to us at Overland, P.O. Box 31, Williamstown, MA 01267. In a rush? Overnight your application and check via UPS or FedEx to: Overland, 63 Spring Street, Williamstown, MA 01267. Sorry, we are unable to accept applications by fax and we do not take credit cards. Applications are reviewed in the order in which they arrive at our office; we cannot hold spots over the phone.

When To Apply

Most programs fill in January & February. Some programs fill earlier; and others may have space available until later in the spring.

When We Receive Your Application

If your first choice is available you will receive a confirmation letter. If your first choice is not available we will call you to confirm that your second choice is acceptable. If neither your first choice nor your second choice is available we will call you to discuss options.

Our Screening Process

Every enrolled student is required to submit the forms below. In our review of these materials we screen for students with poor discipline records and significant physical and/or psychological health issues.

1. Detailed medical history and discipline record (completed by parents). Due within 10 days of receipt of confirmation letter.
2. Health Record. Due April 1.
3. School Reference and Physical Fitness Reference. Due April 1.
4. Language Study Reference (for L&E and L&S students only). Due April 1.

PAYMENTS & REFUNDS

A deposit of \$795 is due with the application. Full payment is due on March 1. For applications received after March 1, full payment is due on receipt of our confirmation letter. **Please note:**

- If your child's program choices are not available, your deposit will be returned in full.
- If, within **10 days** of applying, you withdraw your child, your deposit will be returned in full.
- If, upon our review of your child's admissions materials, the offer of a spot is withdrawn by Overland, a **full refund** of all payments to Overland will be made.
- If, at any point in the admissions process we determine that you have provided incomplete, misleading or false statements, we will withdraw the offer of admission and **no refund** of any payments to Overland will be made.
- If you withdraw your child more than **10 days** after applying but before March 1st (notice of the withdrawal must be made in writing), **\$295 of the deposit is refundable**.
- If you withdraw your child more than **10 days** after applying and after March 1st, there are **no refunds** for any reason whatsoever (including, but not limited to: voluntary withdrawal, illness or injury, summer school, security concerns or any other reason).
- If your child leaves a program after it starts, there are **no refunds** for any reason whatsoever (including, but not limited to: voluntary withdrawal, illness or injury, dismissal due to discipline, security concerns or any other reason). **Parents are encouraged to purchase trip insurance to protect their investment; we will provide a sample policy.**

WAITING LISTS

We will notify all waitlisted applicants of their status on April 1st.

REFERENCES

Please call or e-mail us for a list of references in your area.

OVERLAND GROUPS

We run multiple sections of most programs and take great care in putting together the best possible groups. Please see each program description for grade requirements.

TRAVELING WITH A FRIEND

We encourage students to come on their own. Traveling with one friend is permissible, though. We will allow no more than two friend pairs per group, and these slots will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note

that special requests of any kind must be made in writing at the time of submitting your application.

PREPARING & PACKING

Comprehensive pre-program information is emailed upon acceptance. Packing lists are available on our website.

SUPERVISION, EXPECTATIONS & RULES

Our programs are wholesome, structured experiences with strong leadership and high expectations of students' behavior. Overland students are expected to be enthusiastic, positive, helpful and supportive of each other. Overland students understand that smoking, drinking alcohol or using any drugs (other than prescribed medications) is strictly prohibited.

COMMUNICATIONS DURING THE SUMMER

The Overland office is staffed seven days a week during the summer. Our leaders in the field are in touch with our office regularly; they carry cell phones (and in some cases, satellite phones) for emergencies. Parents can be assured that in cases where it is important that a student talk with his or her parents, we will make sure that they are in touch.

NO PHONE CALLS

An Overland program offers the opportunity to strengthen independence and self-reliance. To maximize these benefits, we do not permit phone calls to or from our students (except in the case of an emergency).

NO PERSONAL ELECTRONICS

An important goal of every Overland program is to engage our students in all that their Overland program offers. To this end, we do not permit personal electronics on our programs (for example, cell phones and iPods). We do, however, allow students who fly to their program to carry a cell phone while traveling; on arrival, Overland's leaders will collect all cell phones for the duration of the program and return them for flights home.

TRAVELING TO & FROM YOUR PROGRAM

Each program description provides start and end locations; families are responsible for making travel arrangements to and from these locations. Overland's program leaders will be on hand at the arrival and departure airports to provide supervision and assistance.

MEALS

Each group buys, prepares and eats all of its meals together. The students, with their leaders' supervision, prepare all meals. While food is always plentiful and nutritious, meals reflect the limitations of group cooking and the students' preparation skills. Please note: preparing meals for a group makes it impossible for us to provide separate meals for vegetarians, students with food allergies, vegans or students with any other eating restrictions. Vegetarians can expect to eat the same meals as the rest of the group, but they can have the meat portion withheld. Students with food allergies need to assess how their allergies might limit their meals. It is impossible for us to accommodate vegan or kosher diets.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Transportation to and from the start and end locations, spending money and personal gear are not included in the fee. Overland provides group gear; students provide all personal equipment including bicycles, backpacks and sleeping bags. Students on bicycle touring trips in New England and Nova Scotia can rent bicycles and panniers from Overland on a first-come, first-served basis. To preview our clothing and equipment lists, please go to overlandsummers.com.

ACCREDITATION & LICENSING

Overland is fully accredited by the nationally-recognized American Camp Association—a distinction earned by few of our peers. The ACA accreditation process reviews our overall program quality and our maintenance of over 300 safety standards. In addition, Overland is licensed by the Williamstown, Massachusetts, Board of Health and complies with 105 CMR 430.000 Chapter IV.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Please don't hesitate to contact us: 800.458.0588 / 413.458.9672