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Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Makes All Summer Camps Pay-What-You-Can In 2021

VERGENNES, Vt. - Earlier this month, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum opened registration for their annual summer camps with a big change for 2021: tuition rates for all camps and expeditions are pay-what-you-can for all families.

Each summer, hundreds of children and teens come to the museum for day camps and overnight on-water expeditions. Rooted in the museum's philosophy of learning from history, archaeology, and ecology to build a better future for Lake Champlain, these summer programs build problem-solving and teamworking skills, give kids a chance to learn with each other, and let all participants experience Lake Champlain. Teen expeditions include a 15-day kayaking expedition, eight-day rowing trek, and an eight-day sailing adventure for teens ages 13 to 16. Day camps for kids in grades two through 12 include favorites such as "The One and Only Fish Camp" and "Heavy Metal Mania," as well as new camps like "Kayak Building Camp" and "Underwater Archaeology Camp."

To make sure that every child has access to these one-of-a-kind experiences, the museum has changed their registration and tuition to a transparent Pay-What-You-Can model. When registering for camp, families will be able to review the total cost for their selected camps and then pay whatever works best for them – from \$0 to full tuition. Families can also opt to help cover the cost for other participants by paying more than their camp tuition.

"We believe that cost should never be a barrier for a child to have a wonderful summer on Lake Champlain," said Director Susan Evans McClure. "By changing our camps to be pay-what-you-can and helping each other, we can make camps and expeditions available to all."

Full details and dates of the museum's 2021 camps and expeditions can be found at www.lcmmm.org/camps. Registration for all summer camps is open until filled. If you are interested in sponsoring camps and expeditions to help the museum off-set costs for all families, please contact Lauren Ross, the museum's director of development, at LaurenR@lcmmm.org.

About Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

Founded in 1985 with the mission to preserve and share the cultural and natural heritage of the Champlain Valley, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is building a healthy future and community for Lake Champlain. Through education, exhibits and historic boats, research, and collections, the museum connects people to the region's history, ecology, and archaeology and creates opportunities for hands-on learning that will last a lifetime. Year-round education programs serve more than 2,500 K-12 students, as well as hundreds of educators locally and nationally. For more information, visit www.lcmmm.org.