The Museum Institute: Leadership, Partnership, and Mentorship

September 28 - October 1, 2021

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Museum Institute?

The Museum Institute is a retreat for museum professionals held at Great Camp Sagamore in the heart of the Adirondacks. Participants learn in collaboration with presenters who use their own experiences, successes, and challenges to start and inspire conversations. In between sessions you will have time to explore the grounds of Camp Sagamore or sit by the fire in the evening.

How will we learn?

The Museum Institute has a tradition of interaction and immersion with a mix of formal presentations, roundtable discussions, reflective time, conversations, and interactive activities.

What is included in my registration fee?

Registration includes housing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night, all meals, a boat tour of Raquette Lake, and other on-site programming.

What time should I arrive?

Check in for The Museum Institute begins at 2 PM on Tuesday, September 28 and Group Orientation begins at 3:30 PM. You are welcome to arrive any time after lunch to enjoy the Camp. Please plan enough time to arrive, check-in, and bring your luggage to your room prior to our Orientation.

What should I pack?

Fall weather in the Adirondacks can be unpredictable. Be prepared for warm, autumn sunshine but pack a couple of outer layers and rain gear in case we encounter a chilly, rainy week. The Institute is casual --jeans and closed-toed walking shoes or hiking boots are recommended as is a flashlight. Bring a travel mug for coffee/tea along with any other toiletries or medications you may require. Please feel free to bring a yoga mat, hiking boots, camera, or book with you.

Where will we eat?

All meals for participants and other residential guests are served in the Dining Room. The dining hall is in a separate building as are all meeting rooms/classrooms.

Should I bring my own bottled water?

No - Sagamore's drinking water is excellent. We do recommend bringing your own reusable water container for refilling, for hiking, or other camp excursions.



Where do we sleep?

Institute participants sleep in single occupancy rooms in Sagamore's historic lodge buildings, all just a few steps from Sagamore Lake. The furthest lodge is approximately 700 feet from the dining hall up a hill with a small grade. Guests must be able to climb stairs because all the bedrooms and classrooms are in buildings that have stair access.

What are overnight lodging rooms like?

This year, 2021, all participants will have their own room and bathroom.

Do you have laundry facilities?

Sagamore does not have guest laundry facilities; however, if you drive to the Town of Raquette Lake (4 miles) you will find a public Laundromat.

Does Sagamore have Internet access?

Limited Wi-Fi internet access is available in a couple of buildings for those who bring their own electronic devices. One guest computer is available for internet access. Guests are encouraged to use the internet during non-business hours. Please note that there is no cell service at Great Camp Sagamore. There are three phones in camp that guests may use to make outgoing calls.

How can my family & friends contact me while at camp?

Between the hours of 9am-6pm: family & friends may leave messages for guests via the office at (315) 354-5311 ext. 1021. Messages are placed on a public phone message board in the hallway near the office for guests to retrieve on their own. Only in the event of an emergency will office personnel locate a guest to take a phone call.

Between the hours of 6pm - 9am: For Emergency Calls ONLY, a staff member will find a quest to take a phone call.

How do I request special dietary needs?

If you have special dietary needs please notify us. We will do our best to accommodate your request, although because of our remote location we may not be able to meet all needs. Please note that we do not have separate food preparation areas to cook allergen friendly items. It is possible for allergens to be introduced before food is provided to us or during the cooking and serving process.

Is there an ATM machine?

No; however, if you need an ATM machine while staying at Sagamore, there are two located in nearby Raquette Lake.

Please note there is no smoking in any of Sagamore's buildings.

Please visit Great Camp Sagamore's website at <u>sagamore.org</u> for more information.