

# Keewaydin Environmental Education Center

## **What To Expect on Monday**

Monday, what a day! It's exciting and crazy all at the same time. We have a fairly simple schedule so just take a deep breath and let it all happen. Here's a little more...

The first priority is to get the students, teachers, chaperones, and luggage off the buses. A KEEC instructor will come onto the bus to welcome everyone and explain what will happen next. We will ask students to unload their luggage and carry it to the porch of their cabins. KEEC instructors will be helping with luggage, introducing themselves, passing out nametags.

Once the students have nametags and have gotten all of their things unloaded from the bus, we will move into cabins. There is a KEEC instructor who serves as Cabin Leader and each cabin will gather to engage in a discussion about life in a cabin and what constitutes an agreeable environment. The students participate in the setting of rules and guidelines for group living. This is a very important process and one that should involve all members of the cabin, including you. We do this before we head into the cabins so that when everyone moves in they do so with a better understanding and sense of community. After this meeting, it's time to check out the cabins and choose beds. The students will have about 10-20 minutes to get settled in.

After cabin move-in, we will have a group meeting. Students will need their KEEC Journals for this. This first meeting will be an introduction and welcoming of everyone into the unique community of Keewaydin. We will introduce the KEEC instructors, teachers and chaperones, as well as other human and non-human members that contribute to this community. We will have a short discussion about dynamics of living in a small community and will give a brief description of our schedule and how the week will work. The most important points at this time, are our "hands-up" signal to have them listen, the sound of the gong and what it means, and that we are excited they are here.

Once in their study groups, the students will leave the meeting for a tour of the campus with their KEEC Instructor Study Group Leader. All adults will subsequently go on a tour with the KEEC director to learn about their roles and responsibilities and receive and review a copy of the weekly schedule. We will end the group tours at the Dining Hall in time for lunch.

After lunch we will explain our emergency evacuation procedure and demonstrate it through a drill. It will be useful to have a list of your students with you for roll call after the building has been evacuated. Once the fire drill has been properly carried out, it's time to head into cabins for some Quiet Time before the start of our first Investigation, Communities. Please help to ensure all students have the items on the "KEEC Basic Needs" poster in their cabins.

So that's it, pretty simple right? Don't worry; we are all here to help. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask!