

# TRAVELING TO CAMP

## TOP TIP...

Most international staff choose to fly in to New York City the day before, and stay the night in a hostel then travel to camp by train the next morning. I know a few staff have used this hostel before: [HI NYC Hostel](#)

All International Staff should fly in to one of New York City's major airports: JFK, LaGuardia or Newark Airport, then follow the train directions. All NEW international staff coming to us through an agency will be reimbursed for basic travel costs from New York to Camp – if you choose to take an uber, or come to camp via a different method, you will only be reimbursed the equivalent of the AirTrain route.

From the airport you will need to go to Grand Central Terminal(GCT) in New York City. For JFK - after getting your luggage follow signs to 'Ground Transportation' and the AirTrain. Take the Red AirTrain towards Jamaica Station. (The Blue train just goes to all the terminals). Take the [AirTrain](#) from JFK to Jamaica Station, it'll cost \$8.25. At Jamaica follow signs for the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) about a 4 minute walk (everyone will be doing this!). Purchase a one-way ticket to Grand Central Station, this will cost between \$7-\$12 depending on the time of day you arrive. (Easiest way to buy a ticket is through the new TrainTime app on your phone: <https://new.mta.info/traintime>)

Once you arrive at GCT, you meet up with other Hazen staff that will get the train with you. There are 3 trains departing from GCT which may have other Camp Hazen people on them, so I highly recommend that you take one of these trains. You would find each other at GCT and take the train together. For each of these options I will create a Slack group the week before so you can communicate and meet up in the city with the people on the same train.

At Grand Central Station you will purchase **a ticket all the way to Old Saybrook, Connecticut**. This will cost \$25-\$30). You will **transfer** at New Haven Union Station and board the Shore Line East train going eastbound to go to Old Saybrook.

Option 1: Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Metro North Train departs GCT to New Haven Union Station at **5:28pm**. We'll be at Old Saybrook Station at 7:56pm

Option 2: Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Metro North Train departs GCT to New Haven Union Station at **8:02am** We'll be at Old Saybrook Station at 11:26pm

Option 3: Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> Metro North Train departs GCT to New Haven Union Station at **7:30am**. We'll be at Old Saybrook Station at 10:26pm

We will pick you up at the Old Saybrook train station – it's very small – wait on the platform and we will have no trouble finding you – look for someone wearing a shirt that says Camp Hazen YMCA.

Once you have your flight booked, email the details to [kdavies@camphazenyumca.org](mailto:kdavies@camphazenyumca.org) so we have an idea of when you will be arriving.

**By Car:** From the North, Take Route 9 South to exit 8. Make a right at the bottom of the exit ramp and Camp is 1.4 miles on your right hand side. From the East or West, take Interstate 95 to exit 69 which is a connector to Route 9 North. Take Route 9 North to Exit 8. Make a left at the bottom of the ramp and camp is 1.5 miles on your right hand side. Due to limited parking, please notify us if you are going to keep a vehicle on camp this summer.

**End of the Summer:** We will finish early afternoon on the Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> after Sampler – see your contract for date, or email me for confirmation. Return flights from New Haven, Hartford or Providence MUST be after 5:00 PM or from NYC or Newark after 9:00 PM on that day.

Be sure to call us at 1 (860) 526-9529 or contact us via Facebook messenger when you arrive at Grand Central so we know you are on your way!

## WHEN TO ARRIVE

Your arrival date is dependent upon your position and if you will be participating in Skills Week or not. If you are not sure of when you should arrive, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Leadership Staff Training:**  
9am Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>

**Skills Week:** runs from June 8<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a week to learn the hard skills needed for camp and gain lifeguarding, ropes, and archery certifications.

**2pm Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Day Camp

- Adventure
- Lifeguards

Overnight Camp

- Outdoor Pursuits
- Water Sports
- Ropes Staff
- Quest Staff
- Support Staff

**9am Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
LGT Recertification

**2pm Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Overnight Camp

- Creative Arts
- Land Sports

**2pm Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Staff Orientation

- Assistant Counselors
- This is the arrival time for all staff not already here for Skills Week.

## RETURN FLIGHTS

We will finish early afternoon on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Return flights from New Haven, Hartford or Providence MUST be after 4:00pm and flights from NYC or Newark after 9:00pm on this date!