

Children at Maine Fiddle Camp Policies:

All children are welcome at MFC.

Children 2 years or younger are free. Children must be 11 years or older to attend without a parent or guardian.

A child must be 6 or older to attend classes without parental supervision, although these guidelines can be flexible under specific pre-arranged circumstances.

Any child with special needs should indicate the situation on their registration form and must have a parent or qualified attendant with them at all times.

Anyone 17 years or younger must follow all rules, stay on site, attend all organized activities, obey the curfew, and expect to behave as a responsible person needing minimal guidance.

Parents attending MFC with children must be responsible for supervising and monitoring all their children's activities. This is especially true of youths under 6 years old. The fee is the same for all attendees and parents, even if they just camp and don't take classes. Everyone is expected to eat the meals, pitch in, volunteer, participate in the concerts and dances, and be a supportive audience and community member.

The MFC guidelines for minors attending without their parents is that they need to be accompanied and supervised by an appropriate adult that serves as a parent substitute if they are not bunking under the supervision of a cabin parent.

The intent behind "parent substitute" is that this be a person of appropriate "parental" age to the minor, such as an older couple or family unit with children of similar ages. The guardians must be tenting and if the minor is in their own tent, this tent must be within sight and hearing distance of the guardian's tent.

We do not allow minors to tent with older siblings that are under 21 years of age as guardians, and really discourage young adults (21-28) from taking on this responsibility when possible.

We are striving to maintain a consistent policy concerning minors and "guardians".