



## Lithuanian Heritage Children's Camp in English *August 2-15, 2020 for ages 7-16*

## Lithuanian Heritage Youth Camp in English "Third Week" *August 15-22, 2020 for ages 12-16*

### **What is Neringa?**

In 1969 the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary relocated Camp Immaculata from Putnam, CT to the rolling hills of southern Vermont and created Neringa. For over 50 years Neringa's mission has remained constant: to provide a nurturing experience rich in Lithuanian heritage and Christian faith that encourages the positive character development of campers, counselors, staff, families and all participants.

### **Neringa Fosters:**

**Lithuanian Heritage** Campers are actively involved in a creative program which focuses on Lithuanian culture: folk art, songs, dances, history, geography, literature, current events, and basic language skills. The cultural program, which emphasizes a hands-on experience, affirms and develops children's understanding and love for their Lithuanian heritage.

**Christian Values** Surrounded by the grandeur and peace of a beautiful natural environment, campers participate in liturgy (Roman Catholic) and various forms of prayer, partake in faith value discussions, and other activities that foster spiritual growth. The spiritual program is reinforced by the values lived out in the day to day activities within a Christian atmosphere.

**Character Development** Living away from home, assuming responsibility for one's self, participating in group activities and being challenged by creative programs all foster individual character and social development. Each child's growth is encouraged within a safe, supportive, stimulating environment.

### **Daily Life at Neringa:**

**Living Arrangements** Up to 10 campers, grouped by age, live together in one cabin. At least one counselor lives with the campers in the cabin. There are sinks and toilets in each cabin and shower facilities situated nearby.

**Staff** The staff members are chosen for their experience in working with children as well as their knowledge of Lithuanian culture and Neringa values. Cabin counselors are at least 18 years old and work together with the program team, specialists and all staff members.

**Daily Schedule** Each day begins with prayer, breakfast, and clean up. After the flag raising ceremony, the campers are involved in various activities (mentioned below) until noon. After lunch, there is free time followed by swimming in the Neringa pond, snack, and further group activities. Dinner and flag lowering are followed by an evening program which varies according to the theme of the day; sometimes the program is serious, sometimes humorous and playful, but, as with all Neringa activities, always meaningful.

**Activities** Daily activities include Lithuanian dancing, singing, folk art, and basic cultural understanding as well as nature study, hikes, camp newspaper, art, woodworking, sports, swimming, games, drama, and character development discussions. Campers are involved in daily activities with their own cabin mates, as well as in appropriate mixed groups of children.



Camp Neringa, Inc. offers camps for children, adults, youth, and families in Lithuanian and English.  
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