



Welcome to...

# 2026 Combined Youth Camp

## Youth Camp (ages 12-16)

August 15 (Saturday) - August 22 (Saturday) 2026

Program Coordinators: **Jolita Segur** ir **Dr. Gabby Walsh**

*We recognize that this is a new experience for everyone. We are committed to ensuring that this week is a successful, engaging, and meaningful learning experience for all participants. The program will continue to reflect and uphold Neringa's mission while placing a strong emphasis on expanding and deepening the children's understanding of Lithuanian culture. In addition, this week will focus on strengthening our Lithuanian community and broadening participants' awareness of worldwide resources and educational opportunities.*



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# The Mission and Vision of Neringa

The mission and vision of Neringa were established by the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in 1969 when they brought the camping experience from Putnam to Neringa. Priorities and guidelines emerged for 'the way,' 'the how,' and 'the why' of living the mission. It is our responsibility to continue to stay true to the mission and vision of Neringa today, and into the future.

**THE MISSION of Neringa is to provide a nurturing experience rich in Lithuanian heritage and Catholic faith that encourages the positive character development of campers, counselors, staff, families and all participants.**

## Lithuanian Cultural Heritage

Neringa serves those who want to provide a Lithuanian cultural immersion experience for their child, family, or themselves. All camp sessions and programs include components of Lithuanian culture, (i.e. language, history, literature, customs, folk dancing, songs, music, art, and cuisine) and are adapted to the level of the participants.

## Catholic Faith

The heart of Neringa's mission is to embrace and celebrate God and God's merciful love, and to acknowledge that each person is created in the image and likeness of God. The Roman Catholic faith tradition is the core structure for expressing the faith. Faith is taught not only through daily prayer, but also through activities fostering a faith experience. Christian values are the norm in daily routines and interpersonal relations, e.g. love your neighbor as yourself.

## Positive Character Development

Activities strive to engage the whole individual – mind, body, and spirit. A positive and cooperative environment is created to enable campers and participants to be their natural selves, share skills, attempt the unknown, learn from mistakes, and appreciate everyone's contribution which ultimately fosters growth and a positive self-regard.

**THE VISION is that Neringa will provide a nurturing, natural, and supportive community where campers, counselors, staff, family members and all participants can express and experience their Lithuanian heritage and Catholic faith, thereby enhancing their personal, cultural, and spiritual growth.**

## Nurturing

All activities aim to be meaningful alongside being fun. The teaching method is to create a lived experience e.g. drama/plays/reenactment, experimentation and/or discussions, which at the same time develop character.

Reflection moments and activities fostering self-knowledge are an integral part of a program. Every individual, regardless of their responsibilities at camp, participates in the mission and contributes to the lived experience. Everyone is a role model.

## Natural

Surrounded by the natural beauty of Vermont, activities foster appreciation, stewardship and care of the natural environment. Camp inventory is kept simple and uncluttered and the elimination of city sounds and technology help to absorb and be inspired by nature.

The greatest resources are the natural skills of the individuals at camp. People, not things, are the key to identify what is truly valuable and meaningful; personal interaction is a priority.

Technology is used only to acquire information and is used minimally. Camp is the perfect opportunity to experience the treasures of the world without the screen.

## Supportive

Each participant is addressed with respect, valued for his/her uniqueness, and supported by a safe environment.

Central to daily life at camp are collaboration, mutual support, and team work, which counterbalance the competitiveness and individualism encountered in society.

## Community

All activities, programs, and events should help build an inclusive community and foster healthy friendships and relationships.

Family values and habits of healthy relationships, i.e. love, respect, communication, empathy, understanding, sensitivity, sharing, tolerance, honesty, hard work, forgiveness, truthfulness, flexibility, and similar traits are constantly affirmed and reinforced.



*The šūkis "EINAM, DAROM!" (Let's go! Let's do it! Together!) encourages everyone to participate – together we create the dynamics of Neringa camp life.*

# Know Before You Go

## **Neringa Fosters**

Camp Neringa is a Lithuanian cultural camp founded by the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in 1969. For more than 55 years Neringa has served thousands of children and families with the mission to provide a nurturing experience rich in Lithuanian heritage and Catholic faith that encourages the positive character development of campers, counselors, staff, families, and all participants.

## **Daily Schedule**

Each day begins with prayer, breakfast, and clean up. After the flag raising ceremony, the campers are involved in various activities 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.

## **Language Structure**

This session will bring together youth from across the Neringa community into one shared experience. The week will be structured as one unified camp, where campers will participate together and share the core activities. At certain moments, they will gather in smaller groups where activities will be led in Lithuanian or English, depending on their session background.

This structure will allow campers to better get to know one another and share their different Neringa experiences, while ensuring that each camper is fully included and part of one unified camp community.

## **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 (local and from Lithuania) and all staff members.

## **Living Arrangements**

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.

Each child's growth is encouraged within a safe, supportive, stimulating environment.

## **Pre-camp Parent Town Hall**

We will invite parents to virtual pre-camp Parents Town Halls closer to camp start date to meet program coordinators, answer questions, and provide all relevant information.

## **Arrival**

- Arrival for Combined Youth Camp (ages 12-16): **Saturday August 15th, 3-5pm\***.
- Families arriving for this session are encouraged to join us earlier in the day for the Lithuanian Summer Festival at Neringa.

Please note: Neringa is unable to transport children to camp from the airport. If you are unable to find transportation you may call the Camp Director for suggestions.

## **Departure**

- Departure: **Saturday, August 22nd, 10am (after flag raising ceremony).**

## **Camper Parent Introductory Meeting and Neringa tour**

We invite all parents to attend a meeting on August 15th at 5:00 pm, following which there will be a camp tour geared towards parents and campers who will be at Neringa for the first time.

# Know Before You Go

## Registration Information

- Registrations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis, so do not wait!
- Camp registration is done through the UltraCamp platform.
- Camp Neringa’s summer camps are in high demand, and some sessions fill up quickly. If a session is close to reaching capacity, you may be placed on a waiting list even if spots are still available. This is because we reserve about 30% of spots in each session to ensure a balance of campers across all cabins. The waitlist is processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Please know that while being placed on the waiting list may seem concerning, we are typically able to accommodate most, if not all, campers who register. However, if a session does become fully booked, being on the waitlist could mean a longer wait for a spot. To stay informed about your status, please check your email (and spam folder) regularly. All waitlist updates will be sent to the email address you’ve registered with in Ultra Camp. When the camp is officially full, we will make an announcement via Neringa News.
- Questions about UltraCamp/Finances, please contact [ultracamp@neringa.org](mailto:ultracamp@neringa.org).

## Camping Fees

- \$30 registration fee (non-refundable)
- Siblings discount: \$30 for the second child, the third child, and each additional camper from one family.
- Youth Camp special activity fee: \$25.00/each camper.
- **Camping fees are non-refundable as of May 1<sup>st</sup>**, nor once the camp session has begun (including instances of camper dismissal)
- **Payment in full/final payment - is due no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

		One camper	Two campers	Three campers
<b>Base</b>	Registration fee	\$30	\$60	\$90
	One week	\$665 + \$5 laundry + \$25 trip	\$1,300 + \$10 laundry + \$50 trip	\$1,905 + \$15 laundry + \$75 trip
<b>True Cost of Camp</b>	Registration fee	\$30	\$30	\$30
	One week	\$775 + \$5 laundry + \$25 trip	\$1,520 + \$10 laundry + \$50 trip	\$2,235 + \$15 laundry + \$75 trip
<b>Sustaining</b>	Registration fee	\$30	\$30	\$30
	One week	\$985 + \$5 laundry + \$25 trip	\$1,940 + \$10 laundry + \$50 trip	\$2,865 + \$15 laundry + \$75 trip

*The camp has new washing machines – the laundry fee is listed in the fee table above, and no additional payment is required on site.*

Neringa uses a three-tier camp fee system (base, true cost, or sustaining) to ensure accessibility and sustainability. Camp fees are subsidized through donations, grants, and rental income, as they typically do not cover the full cost of operating the camp. Important to note: the selected fee level is not considered a charitable donation.

- **Base** – covers the basic costs of having a camper at Neringa (e.g. food, supplies, counselors), but doesn’t cover the many other costs of maintaining Neringa, like administrative salaries, repairs, fees and necessary infrastructure improvements.
- **True Cost of Camp** – allows us to break even on camp operational costs. Includes administrative salaries, repairs, fees and necessary infrastructure improvements.
- **Sustaining** – this fee helps offset overall camp operating costs and supports the camp’s long-term financial stability.

Based on the information provided above, families may choose the option that best fits their needs. This structure is intended to provide flexibility for our community while supporting Neringa’s long-term financial sustainability.

# Know Before You Go

## Financial support

Our commitment to accessibility remains unwavering, and we continue to provide scholarships for campers whose families may face financial obstacles. **Please do not let finances deter anyone from attending Neringa!** Financial assistance (big or small) is available from various foundations, including The Blessed George Matulaitis Fund, The Adamski Family Foundation, Knights of Lithuania/Vyčiai and others. Fill out your request with the registration package. **The financial aid request deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.** Decisions announced by **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Please contact Dana Vainauskienė: [dana@neringa.org](mailto:dana@neringa.org).

## Updates from the administration to parents/guardians

Every week, parents/guardians will receive an email sharing program highlights and reminders of what's to come.

## Letters

Everyone loves getting mail at camp! Address letters to: **(Child's name), CAMP NERINGA, 147 Neringa Rd. Brattleboro, VT 05301**

## Packages

Neringa does not allow any care packages. Any packages sent will be held back and returned upon departure.

## Telephone

We ask for your cooperation in refraining from calling your child during the session. Phone calls disrupt the day, can increase homesickness, and take away from the full camp experience. Campers are not encouraged to call home and may do so only if necessary, with the program coordinator's permission, from the administration building. Parents are likewise asked to call only for serious reasons (such as emergencies or significant family events).

## Cell Phones

Cell phone use is not allowed during children's camps. Camp is viewed as a time to escape from modern distractions and campers often express that freedom from cell phones is the best part!

## Clothing & Laundry

Camp is equipped with washing machines and dryers. Please pack a small amount of laundry soap (*do not pack detergent pods*).

## About Meals

There are three meals daily and two snacks plus an afternoon ice cream treat. We are conscious of serving nutritious meals and vigilant of children with food allergies. This is one reason we ask you not to bring food or candy to camp.

## What to Bring

✓ summer clothing for daily wear	✓ sleeping bag	✓ pillow and pillowcase
✓ mattress cover	✓ towel	✓ regular hygiene items
✓ soap	✓ toothbrush & toothpaste	✓ comb/brush
✓ laundry bag & detergent*	✓ underwear	✓ warm pajamas
✓ bathing suit	✓ raincoat	✓ rain boots (optional)
✓ sneakers	✓ sweater	✓ jacket
✓ flip flops	✓ insect repellent lotion**	✓ sunscreen
✓ warm clothes for cool evenings	✓ set of nice clothes for Mass	✓ fishing net and beach bucket

*\*no detergent pods \*\*no aerosol* **Names should be clearly marked on all clothing and personal items.**

✓ **BRING:** All of your special talents and anything you need to share them, e.g. musical instruments. Also, letter writing paper, envelopes with stamps, pens and pencils, as well as any other items that would enhance program participation.

✗ **DO NOT BRING:** *Leave all electronic equipment at home* (cell phones, computers, MP3 players, iPods, video games, etc.). This is a rare and wonderful opportunity for your child to be technology-free, and it creates a better camp session for all. Any electronic items brought to camp will be taken into the summer manager's care until departure (*see About Electronics*).

**Important:** In recent years there are more and more children with **severe food allergies**. We ask that you do not bring food or candy to camp as that puts campers with allergies at risk. Food/candy also attracts rodents. The kitchen staff prepares rich, healthy, and delicious meals every day.

# Guidelines for Neringa Campers: Camper Life & Responsibilities

## WHAT IS NERINGA?

### **Lithuanian Culture**

Neringa is a Lithuanian camp. We come to Camp Neringa specifically to learn as much as we can about our Lithuanian culture and heritage.

### **Faith and Spirituality**

Neringa is a Catholic camp. We believe we are all created by God and are brothers and sisters to each other in Spirit.

### **Personal Experience**

God has created us with various talents and gifts. Life at camp gives us a different opportunity to explore these gifts and who we are.

### **Community Living and Cooperation**

We live together and form a community like a large family. We learn to appreciate the gifts of everyone; we learn self-giving by helping, encouraging, working together, and being responsible for one another. When we disagree or have problems with each other, we learn how to communicate, understand and forgive each other.

## YOUR ROLE AT NERINGA

- All campers must participate in all camp activities.
- You are not allowed to hurt other campers with your hands or with your words. You may be asked to leave camp if you hurt people.
- Stay in your cabin from bedtime until the morning bell. Do not wake up other campers or leave your bed if you wake up before the morning bell.
- You will be expected to keep your things neatly, to complete chores in the cabin, and to help clean places that everyone at Neringa uses.
- Respect Neringa by not writing on walls, damaging buildings or furniture, throwing sticks or rocks into the field, peeling birch bark, or hurting our camp in any way.
- Be respectful during flag ceremonies.
- Ask a counselor if you do not know where your activity is.
- You may go to the pond only during swimming time and only with a counselor. Follow pond rules; you may swim in the deep end only if you have passed the swimming test with the camp lifeguard.
- Please quiet down when you see a counselor's raised hand.
- These are places where you go only with a counselor: the main building basement, second floor, and library; the sisters' house; the cooks' house; the caretaker's house; the woods; the pond; the work shed; other campers' cabins; counselor rooms; the art house.
- If you need help washing your clothes, please ask a counselor.
- Be polite while eating. Eat together with your cabin and help clean up afterward. Don't take cups, plates, forks, or anything else from the dining room.
- The Chapel is always open to use as a quiet place of reflection and prayer. You can visit the chapel during your free time if you like. Do not go to the chapel without telling a counselor.
- Do not chew gum.
- Do not make phone calls without permission.
- Remember to use the proper shower house: girls on the hill, and boys near the soccer field.
- You need to be appropriately dressed at camp. If it is determined that a camper is not dressed properly, they may be asked to change.
- Tell a counselor right away if you do not feel well. Do not go to the nurse without telling a counselor.
- You can send letters by putting them in the mailbox, which is in front of the Lizdas.
- Electronic devices like cell phones, laptops, or video games are not allowed at camp. This will help you focus on all camp activities. If electronic or music devices are brought to camp, they will be taken away and returned at the end of camp.
- If you damage something at Neringa, you will be asked to fix it. If you cannot fix it, your parents will have to pay for what you have broken.
- Campers are not allowed to bring weapons or knives, to smoke, drink alcohol, or use drugs.
- ***Don't forget to smile and enjoy camp!!!***

# Guidelines for Parents: Neringa Camper Life & Responsibilities

## NERINGA VALUES

Camp Neringa's mission thrives when its values of Lithuanian culture, faith, personal growth, and community are embraced not only by campers but also through your support at home. Encourage your children to review the values, guidelines and expectations. Make sure they are prepared to enjoy learning about Lithuanian heritage. Foster spiritual growth by discussing their camp experiences of faith and the importance of God's presence in daily life. Finally, model the community spirit by teaching cooperation, understanding, and care for others – essential skills that build on the lessons learned at Neringa. Together, we ensure these values endure and flourish.

## RESOURCES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTS

### **THE DAILY ROUTINE**

For the fun and safety of all, participation in all activities is required of campers.

#### **Morning**

- Each day begins with morning prayer, followed by breakfast, cleanup and flag raising ceremonies.
- The morning is spent in various classes and activities. These are always a combination of a spiritual component or prayer, lessons in Lithuanian culture, singing, folk dancing, history, literature, nature, art, drama, sports, games, discussion groups, etc. A schedule of activities is posted in each cabin; each counselor also has a copy for campers to check if they are not sure where to go.

#### **Afternoon**

- Lunch is followed by free time.
- After receiving an ice cream snack, children go to the pond with counselors. Campers may not go to the waterfall or any area beyond the beachfront without a counselor. Boat use also requires counselor supervision. Swimming in the deeper end is allowed for those who have passed the swimming test with the camp lifeguard.
- After swimming there is some free time and an afternoon snack, followed by the afternoon classes and dinner.

#### **Evening**

- Dinner is followed by some free time, evening program preparation, a flag lowering ceremony, and an evening program.
- An evening prayer and a night snack conclude each day.
- After evening snack, campers are supervised in returning to their cabins for bedtime. It is understood that campers will remain in their cabins until the wake-up bell rings in the morning. Leaving the cabin at night is strictly forbidden.



# Guidelines for Parents: Neringa Camper Life & Responsibilities

## SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

**Respecting Fellow Campers** – Bullying or hurting other campers (physically or verbally) is never acceptable. Such behavior is grounds for dismissal from Neringa.

**Keeping Neringa Clean** – Everyone is responsible for cleanliness at camp. Campers are expected to participate in a schedule of chores for their cabins as well as for common areas. Campers are also expected to respect Neringa's natural surroundings, equipment, and facilities by not writing on any walls, not throwing sticks in the field, not peeling birch bark, and the like.

**Dining Room/Food at Neringa** – Campers eat with their counselor and cabin mates following a common prayer. Campers are expected to clean up after meals as instructed, and to participate in camp-wide dishwashing responsibilities if required. Dishes, cups or utensils are not to be taken out of the dining room.

We ask you not to bring food or candy to camp as that places campers with allergies at risk. Food/candy also attracts rodents. Campers receive three meals and three snacks daily.

**The Chapel** – The Chapel is always open to use as a quiet place of reflection and prayer. Campers can't visit the chapel without telling a counselor.

**Areas Off Limits** – Various cabins and areas on the grounds are private property or considered unsafe to use without supervision, and campers do not enter these areas unattended: the main building's basement, second floor, and library; the pond; the woods; the art house; the Lithuanian house; the work shed; the sisters' residence; the caretaker's home; the chaplain's cabin; the cooks' cabin; counselor rooms; other campers' cabins.

**Shower House** – Girls and boys have separate shower houses. Younger campers have scheduled shower times, while older campers are expected to shower during free time.

**Appropriate Dress** – Campers should be dressed in clean, modest attire with sensible footwear. Inappropriately dressed campers will be required to change. Clothing displaying alcohol, drugs, sexual references, or other inappropriate sayings, graphics, or symbols, as well as low-hanging pants or shirts that expose underclothing or skin of the upper thighs, torso, chest, or back are not appropriate at camp. Supporting underclothing must be worn when age appropriate.

**Washing Machines and Dryers** – Campers may wash their clothes while at camp. Clothing for younger campers will be washed by their counselors, and older campers may do their laundry during free time. Laundry detergent (please do not pack laundry detergent pods) is required for campers who foresee needing to do laundry while at camp.

**First Aid** is available for camper health issues. More serious injuries or illnesses may be referred to local physicians upon consultation with parents. No medicine is kept in the cabins, except with the permission of the camp nurse.

**Chewing Gum** is not allowed.

**Telephone and Visiting** – The experience of being away from home and independent from parents builds character. Campers are not encouraged to call home but may do so if necessary. They ask the program coordinator's permission and call from the administration building. Parents are also asked to refrain from calling unless there is a serious reason for doing so (family celebrations, etc.). Similarly, visiting can instill homesickness in your own child or in the other campers. While parents have the right to have access to their children, we urge parents to consider issues of homesickness and activity disruption before contacting their children by telephone or visiting. Rather, the experience of getting letters is exciting so we encourage parents to write letters to their children. Mail is delivered and mailed daily! We usually share updates on camp with parents and guardians through an e-newsletter twice a week.

**Mail** is delivered to and posted from campers daily. Parents should pack stamps and envelopes for children who intend to send letters.

**Packages** will not be delivered to campers, as these instill unhealthy competition among campers. Any package received at camp will be withheld from campers and returned at the closing of camp.

**Electronic Devices** – Electronic devices, such as cell phones, laptops, or video games, are prohibited. Music devices are also prohibited. If electronic or music devices are brought to camp, they will be taken away and returned at the end of camp.

**Money** – There is no need for campers to have cash at Neringa. Neringa cannot assume liability for money brought to camp.

**Damage** – Campers are responsible for any damage that they have caused. If they are unable to fix the damage, for example, sanding or cleaning off graffiti, their parents must reimburse Neringa for any related expenses incurred.

**Substances** – Campers are not allowed to smoke, drink alcohol, or use drugs at camp. Doing so is grounds for dismissal.

**Weapons** – Do not bring weapons of any kind, including hunting knives, utility knives or guns.

# About Electronics

Dear Parents,

Spending time away from electronic devices is healthy for everyone, adults and children. Camp is the perfect opportunity to experience the treasures of the world without the screen.

Neringa has a no electronics policy. Nevertheless, we know some campers manage to have their phones at camp. It is unfortunate because campers who have their phones at Neringa can miss the joy of being in the moment with real live friends, hands-on creativity, nurturing adults and the beauty of Vermont. Texting, checking social media, tuning in to events outside of camp detract from a full experience of what Neringa has to offer.

Once again, we ask for parental cooperation: please have your children leave their devices with you (as this is our policy) so that neither your child nor the staff need to struggle.

We can guarantee that the experience of being without their phone/device for a week/two is to their benefit. Make this a positive challenge for them and for you! Give them the opportunity to unplug!

The experience away from home and parents help the children grow and mature. Perhaps you are thinking, "I want to be able to be in contact with my child while they are at Neringa," You can! Remember the joy of receiving a handwritten card or letter? It may be a new experience for your kids! If there is a real need to contact your child, camp administration will be glad to facilitate communication. Simply call or email the Summer Camp Director or Summer Manager.



When speaking to children about not bringing their phones to summer camp, focus on the positives and emphasize the unique opportunities camp provides. Here's an example of how you could frame it: "Camp is a special time to disconnect from screens and connect with nature, new friends, and fun activities. Leaving your phone behind gives you the chance to fully enjoy all the adventures and create amazing memories without distractions. Plus, you'll get to do so many cool things – like games, crafts, and exploring the outdoors – that you won't even miss it! Don't worry; we'll keep in touch with you in other ways if needed, and your phone will be waiting for you when camp ends."

We want to help your children be fully engaged. Help us to help them have this experience!

We ask you that you respect our policy and help your children to leave their electronic devices at home. If campers would like to take pictures they should bring a traditional or disposable camera. There will be a camp photographer who will take photos which will be shared with everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Iki pasimatymo at Neringa! / See you at Neringa!

*Neringa Team*



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# General Information

## Other Camps

Throughout the year, Neringa offers a variety of camps and events: in Lithuanian and English, for children, adults and families. For more information about children's summer camps, please contact Lithuanian-language Summer Camp Session Director Audra Maciunas-Lafferty: [audra@neringa.org](mailto:audra@neringa.org) or English-language Summer Camp Session Director Christina Heerey: [christina@neringa.org](mailto:christina@neringa.org) or refer to [www.neringa.org](http://www.neringa.org).

## Would you like to be a part of the Neringa Team this summer?

We are looking for kitchen staff, first aid providers, summer managers and program specialists for all camp sessions. If you are interested, please contact Christina or Audra.



### Lithuanian Summer Festival (Putnam Picnic) – August 2, 2026

The Putnam Picnic, a cherished tradition organized by the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception at their facility in Connecticut for over 80 years, was taken over by Camp Neringa, Inc. (CNI) in 2019. A big thank you to all the volunteers who contribute to the Mass, food, parking, clean-up, and event organization. We look forward to another great Lithuanian Summer Festival this summer! More details will be shared soon.

#### *Interested in helping?*

Visit Neringa's website or contact the event Chair, Vida Strazdis, at [strazdis@comcast.net](mailto:strazdis@comcast.net), or Community Engagement Manager, Jonas Jankauskas, at [jonas@neringa.org](mailto:jonas@neringa.org).



### Lithuanian Summer Festival (Vermont, Camp Neringa) – August 15, 2026

We are very excited to announce the third annual "Lithuanian Summer Festival" at Camp Neringa in Vermont. Modeled on the festival in Putnam, CT, everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy a singing and dancing program performance by the campers, Mass, food, music, vendors and more! Bring your relatives and friends to enjoy this festival – it is open to all! A full schedule will be shared soon.

#### *Interested in helping?*

Email Community Engagement Manager, Jonas Jankauskas, at [jonas@neringa.org](mailto:jonas@neringa.org).

### Neringa always welcomes donations

If you are able to donate beyond the highest tuition rate, checks can be written to "Camp Neringa, Inc." or you can donate through PayPal. For more information, see our website. Ačiū! Ačiū! Ačiū! Thank you in advance to those who are able to make a tax-deductible donation.

## Membership

If you're interested in our governance, you can become a Member of Camp Neringa, Inc! Members of CNI elect the Board of Directors from CNI's membership and make essential decisions for Camp Neringa at the annual Members' meeting. Membership forms will be available on Neringa's website. If you have any questions, contact Jonas Jankauskas at [membership@neringa.org](mailto:membership@neringa.org).

## Neringa News & Social Media

Neringa shares news on our website at [www.neringa.org](http://www.neringa.org), through the Camp Neringa Facebook and Instagram, and through our e-newsletter, Neringa News. You can email [news@neringa.org](mailto:news@neringa.org) to subscribe. You can also get a taste of camp life by following Neringa on social media at:

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## Directions to Neringa

I 91 to Vermont exit 2. Follow Rt. 9 west for 7 miles until you see the sign for Neringa. Turn left onto MacArthur Rd. and in less than a mile you will see the Neringa driveway on your right. Address: 147 Neringa Rd. Brattleboro, VT 05301.