



"Kismet has been and will continue to be an extremely important part of my life. It has helped me create more meaningful connections with other people and grow as a person. My whole Kismet experience has been filled to the brim and sparked my passion for climbing and learning. A wonderful feeling of safety, stability, and acceptance."

- 2021 Graduate



CELEBRATING THE 2021 SUMMER PROGRAM:

45 TOTAL STUDENTS

29 FIRST YEARS

16 GRADUATES

160 HOURS OF CLIMBING EDUCATION

7 CLIMBING AREAS EXPLORED

1000+ FEET OF CLIMBING PER
STUDENT/WEEK

25 EVENINGS OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SWIMMING, THE PARK, FARMERS
MARKET, BBQS, ICECREAM, THRIFT
SHOP





THE CIRCLE OF KISMET

The thrill of the 2021 season can be credited to a triad of factors. First, anticipation that had been bubbling over for this season since spring of 2020, as the in-person program was canceled because of COVID-19. For nearly a year and a half twenty nine students anxiously waited to join Kismet for the first time unsure of what they were getting themselves into. Meanwhile, 16 returning students sent their Kismet peers messages expressing their disappointment of not being able to see one another. Secondly, as alluded to above, 29 of this season's students were brand new to Kismet. For them, every day was a first, from driving over a notch to a climbing cliff, to meeting a professional guide and hearing of their adventures, to learning a new climbing technique, to climbing up a wall of stone, to swimming in the Saco River, and for some, eating dinners in a family environment. Lastly, this season we had 16 students return for the final time, their 4th year. These students completed their climbing curriculum and rounded off their Kismet education with a 500-foot climb to the top of Cathedral Ledge and a graduation ceremony attended by community and board members. This season was a beautiful example of the cyclical nature of Kismet Rock Foundation. New students were embraced, while goodbyes were celebrated to students turned rock climbers, all with hopes that some will return as staff and contribute yet again to the circle of Kismet.



MISSION: Kismet Rock Foundation nourishes the physical, intellectual and emotional development of rural and urban children throughout New England before they enter their perilous teen years. Our success in redirecting the path and supporting the potential of children is accomplished by providing scholarships for a comprehensive education in technical rock climbing within the context of a stable and loving family-like atmosphere.

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1st Year Group



Graduate Group

"KISMET IS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE I DID THINGS I NEVER THOUGHT I COULD DO. I MADE FRIENDS AND BECAME PART OF A FAMILY THAT I FELT LOVED IN. MY MENTAL HEALTH HAS IMPROVED AND I FEEL AMAZING." - 1ST YEAR STUDENT 2021



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