

SummerTYME Camps



Camper & Parent Handbook

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome! Thank you for choosing TYME OUT/SummerTYME Camps for your child's summer camp experience! Your camper will make lifelong friends and learn from exceptional staff. They will acquire and strengthen activity skills and develop fair, value-based social skills. They will learn acceptance and appreciation of all people, while interacting and living with children and staff from diverse backgrounds. Most of all, they will have FUN in our safe environment!

We have designed this handbook to help you prepare your child for their camp experience and to answer a wide range of frequently asked questions. We encourage you to read it and become familiar with camp. Please complete and return the enclosed forms with detailed, accurate information by June 1st. If you have enrolled after the June 1st deadline, please return all forms as soon as possible.

New in 2009:

- We are asking all families that are applying for Financial Assistance to complete the Summer Food Service Program Form. This form will help us determine eligibility of each camper to receive federal funding to help contribute towards each camper's meals cost. Please see more information on **page 4**.
- We will be offering bussing to and from camp during the following weeks of camp: Leaders-In-Training, Theatre, Creative Writing, Dance, Art, and Soccer. Please contact us if you would like to get your child on the bus. More information can be found on **page 16**.
- Please do not send Camp Store money prior to camp. Money will be collected on first day of each camp week.

Once again, thank you for choosing TYME OUT/SummerTYME Camps. We look forward to seeing you at camp very soon!

Sincerely,

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ABOUT OUR CAMPS and OUR MISSION

SummerTYME Camps is a program of the TYME OUT Youth Center, a non-profit retreat center founded in 1980.

This year we will begin our 18th summer of our camp program. For 18 years, SummerTYME Camps have brought kids from diverse backgrounds together to a safe and fun environment about 30 miles outside Milwaukee.

Our camps provide middle school youth (entering grades 6-9) with a six day, five night residential camp experience. SummerTYME Camps create an environment which fosters **Character, Confidence and Community** through focused, themed instruction as well as recreational activities.

GETTING READY FOR YOUR WEEK AT CAMP

CAMPER HEALTH FORM

Please complete this very important form, and send back as soon as possible. This parent-completed form assists us in providing safe and appropriate health care for your child. All information on this form is confidential and stored in a separate, locked file. The Camper Health Form is reviewed **ONLY** by the Camp Health Director and Camp Administration. This form must be completed and signed annually by a parent/legal guardian of any camper.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP) FORM

New for the Summer of 2009: The TYME OUT Youth Center is receiving federal reimbursement for our meal program this year to help subsidize our food service cost. To document eligibility for these funds, statements of household size and income must be obtained from parents or guardians.

If you are asking for Financial Assistance to help cover, it is **REQUIRED** that you fill this form out completely. For help in filling the form out, please contact us.

FORM/PAYMENT DEADLINES

Enrollment Forms	ongoing
\$50 Deposit	due with enrollment application
Camper Health Form	due by June 1st [ASAP if enrolled after June 1st]
SFSP Form	due by June 1st [ASAP if enrolled after June 1st]
Enrollment Balance	due by start of camp week

PAYMENT INFORMATION

DEPOSIT and BALANCE OF FEES

A \$50 deposit is required with each registration form. The balance of the camp fee is due on or before the first date of camp. The balance may be paid in installments if so desired, but must be discussed with Camp Administration, prior to the summer.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Our belief is that a child who wants to come to camp should have the opportunity; no child should be turned away because of financial limitations. Full and partial fee assistance are available to those who qualify. If you feel that your camper may qualify, please contact the camp office. Note: We do ask that a family pay as much of the balance as possible. A helpful question to ask might be: ‘What is the most I can pay before I wouldn’t send my child to camp?’

All families applying for Financial Assistance **MUST** complete the Summer Food Service Program form as well, even if you think you are not eligible. See **page 4** for more information.

REFUND POLICY

- A \$50 deposit is required for each session.
- If a cancellation is made prior to June 1, all money except for the deposit will be returned.
- If a cancellation is made after June 1, we will only offer a refund if there is verifiable medical excuse from a doctor.
- In the event of cancellation due to misconduct or homesickness, SummerTYME Camps will retain the session fee.

We must have all refund requests in writing including the appropriate documentation from the family physician.

CAMPER ADJUSTMENT

Parents and first time campers (and some returning campers) experience a wide range of feelings as the first day of camp approaches. Along with the excitement and anticipation of all the wonderful new experiences ahead, there may also be anxiety about these new, unfamiliar encounters. The following suggestions for first time campers will help you and your child make the most of this important transition.

AN INVITATION FOR PRE-CAMP VISIT

Sometimes when a camper knows where they're going—knowing the surroundings, where they'll sleep, etc.—they feel a bit more at ease and comfortable. If you would like to schedule a visit, please call our office at (262) 966-1800 and schedule a tour. Tours are available most weekdays and weekends, however our office is open only Monday-Friday in the off-season.

HOMESICKNESS

Missing home and homesickness are natural feelings experienced by many campers. Of the two, missing home is traditionally more common. For most campers, these feelings pass after a day or two. If your camper is homesick for a consistent 24-hour period, the Camp Director will call home to update parents on the situation and to collaborate on a plan. The Camp Director will check-in with the Camp Staff and let you know how your camper is progressing. Camp Staff are trained to keep campers busy and engaged with activities as a strategy to keep homesickness under control.

OPENING DAY GOOD-BYES

The transition from home to camp can be awkward and the sooner campers can jump into camp life the easier the transition will be. Allowing your child to unpack their own belongings and make their own bed is an important step in developing confidence in their ability to care for themselves. Frequently, parents feel guilty about leaving so quickly, but our experience shows that short and sweet goodbyes are easiest on everyone.

DRESS POLICY

Life at TYME OUT/SummerTYME Camps is informal! Send typical play clothes (the kind that you don't mind getting dirty). All campers are expected to dress and groom themselves neatly in clothes that are sensible and suitable for camp activities. All campers are expected to dress in such a way that his/her appearance or dress does not endanger the health or the safety of others, damage property or disrupt others in participating in activities. It is hoped that all campers would dress in a manner becoming to themselves and camp. Revealing bikinis, halters, short-shorts, cut off t-shirt tops, clothing with offensive language and/or logos, bare feet, and tank tops are not suitable for camp.

CAMPER ADJUSTMENT (continued from page 6)

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Use positive messages about camp such as, “You’re going to have such a great time!” or “What a great opportunity to meet new friends!”
- Avoid promises to come pick them up or phone calls home if it doesn’t go well. Instead, show your faith that they will enjoy themselves and have a positive experience.
- Realize that even though this separation may be difficult for you, it is a wonderful opportunity for your child to build confidence and a sense of self-reliance.
- Pack for camp together. By doing this, campers know what they are bringing to camp and where everything is packed, thereby making them feel responsible and capable. Packing together is also a special time to discuss all the wonderful opportunities ahead. Some campers may want to try living out of their suitcase/duffle bag for a couple of days at home to practice organizing their belongings. Resist the urge to pack for your child, as they will need to start practicing the independence that is expected of them at camp. **For a suggested packing list, please see page 8.**

BEDDING and LAUNDRY

We provide bunk beds, mattresses (covered with twin size fitted sheet), and pillows in all of the dorms. Your camper may bring whatever bedding is most comfortable for them. We suggest including an extra blanket or fleece, even a sleeping bag.

Laundry service is not regularly offered. Exceptions are made for emergency situations such as bed-wetting or illness.

PACKING LIST

The following packing list is intended to help you and your camper pack for a one week stay at camp.

PERSONAL GEAR/NAME TAGS

Please clearly label all of your camper's belongings with their initials or full name. Lost & found will be sorted at the end of each session and is available for campers and parents to check before leaving camp. All Lost & Found items are kept at camp until August 31st, at which point any unclaimed items are donated to charity. Please check the Lost & Found before you leave. *All personal gear is brought at your own risk. TYME OUT/SummerTYME Camps is not responsible for lost or broken items.*

BRING*

- 3-4 pairs of shorts
- 1-2 pairs of pants
- 6-9 t-shirts
- 1 Sweatshirt, jacket or fleece
- 1 pair of sneakers/closed-toe shoes
- Sandals/shower shoes
- Swim suit
- 1 pair of pajamas/sleep wear
- 6 pairs of underwear
- 6 pairs of socks
- Rain gear
- Sleeping bag (or other bedding)
- 2 towels (one for swimming & one for bathing)
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, hairbrush, soap, etc.)
- Laundry bag

OPTIONAL

- Water shoes
- Pillow
- Flashlight
- Baseball cap/hat
- Labeled water bottle
- Camera
- Baseball/Softball glove
- Reading books
- Insect repellent
- Sunglasses
- Chapstick
- Sunscreen

DO NOT BRING

- Knives and weapons**
- Lighters/matches or fireworks
- iPod, music players, or travel TVs
- Food, snack items, gum & candy
- Controlled substances**
- Electronic games
- Cell phones or pagers

These items will be confiscated! Please, leave them at home!

* Some camp weeks may require additional items, which will be included letter sent prior to that camp week.

** Campers found to be in possession of weapons (including, but not limited to knives and/or guns), drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products will be asked to leave camp. Parents will be notified to pick up their camper immediately.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

ACCIDENT/ILLNESS & EMERGENCY TREATMENT

We take camper health and safety very seriously. You or your emergency contact will be notified immediately if your child has an accident or illness that requires medical treatment by a physician or requires more than 24-hours of confinement in the Health Center. Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital is minutes away from camp.

We will make the necessary travel arrangements and implement follow-up care in our Health Center. However, medical expenses incurred (doctor, hospital, prescription, etc.) are your responsibility. **Please be sure to provide your insurance information** and sign the *Authorization for treatment section* of the Health History and Examination Form.

EMERGENCY, MEDICAL, and HEALTH POLICY

Each year, we must have new Indemnity Agreement/Health History and Examination Form completed and signed by a parent/legal guardian prior to the session your child is attending. The form will give permission to attend camp, be transported to off-site locations by bus, be photographed and possibly have such photographs be used in promotional materials, and list pertinent medical information that our Health Director and Camp Administration should be aware.

MEDICATION

All medications must be turned in to the Camp Health Director during the Opening Day screening. This includes prescriptions, vitamins, and over the counter medications. No prescription medication will be accepted unless it is in a properly labeled container which includes:

- Camper's name
- Identification of the medication
- Date it was dispensed
- Prescribing doctor's name
- Prescription number
- Proper dosage
- Complete instructions for use

These measures are in place to ensure that each camper receives the proper medication at the proper dosage. All unused medications can be picked up on Closing Day. Please do not discontinue a camper's medication "to see how they get along" at camp. In most cases, the result is disappointing.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

On the Health Form, please include any dietary restrictions your camper may have. It is important for us to have this information so that we may inform the kitchen of any special menus that need to be prepared. Please include information for vegetarians as well. It will also be helpful to remind the Camp Staff on Opening Day.

HEALTH AND SAFETY (continued)

ALLERGIES

Please notify us on Health Form if your child has any insect, food, or other allergies. If your child takes allergy medication, please make sure to bring medication on Opening Day.

HEALTH REMINDERS

Summer is a time for fun, but also a time for heat, sun, and bugs! We would like to make you aware of a few things that you can pack to help avoid health issues we have encountered in the past. Our staff will constantly be encouraging their campers to drink plenty of liquids and protect themselves from bugs and the sun. Some of the following items are completely optional.

Bug repellent (non-aerosol only)

It can get pretty “buggy” at times. Bug repellent will make life at camp more comfortable!

Sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)

Your camper will be spending time outdoors. We ask that you pack sunscreen to keep him/her from getting uncomfortable sunburn that could ruin their week at camp.

Water bottles, hats and sunglasses

These are all very helpful items for beating the heat and protecting your skin.

As a final note, please help keep camp healthy bringing your child to camp only if he or she is in good health. If your camper is sick on Opening Day, please contact the office at (262) 966-1800 for information about late check-in.

CAMP LIFE: WHAT TO EXPECT

At home, each child has their own unique routine depending on their family traditions and their own individual likes and dislikes. At camp, we have our own traditions and daily routines, yet try to give campers choices allowing them do what they enjoy and to try new things. The transition from home can be a challenge, but is very rewarding. We have included the following information to help ease this transition.

DORMS and FRIENDSHIPS

TYME OUT/SummerTYME Camps' communal living model is one of the areas that makes us unique. Campers sleep and reside in a dorm, which sleeps 15-20 people, with all campers of the same gender. This communal living model allows campers to develop deep relationships with other campers of all ages. It also gives older campers the ability to become leaders and role models for the younger campers.

We encourage our campers to tell their friends about us. The transition from home to camp is easier when you know someone else there. Though going to camp with a friend is great, meeting many new friends is a valuable experience that will last a lifetime.

CREW ASSIGNMENTS

A crew is a group of campers and Camp Staff who are a “family” for the week. Each camper is assigned a crew by the Camp Director (or designee) on Opening Day, and will stay in that crew for the entire week. Each day there will be times when each crew will get together and do activities together (ie. Arts & Crafts, a basketball game, challenge course).

LEADERSHIP and TIPPING

The most important part of a positive camp experience is the camp staff. We are very proud of our outstanding staff that provide leadership and serve as role models in the dorm and program areas! Each year, we select young men and women who have displayed a sincere interest in and concern for the well-being of children and our environment. All Camp Staff have a background check completed before they begin work with the children. A period of intense training provides our staff with the skills and techniques of mentoring, group work, and program activities. We ask that you complete the Camper Information Form to share with the Camp Staff. Information on the form may include behavior challenges, medical concerns, and/or significant family issues. **(Note: We use the term ‘Camp Staff’ instead of ‘Camp Counselor.’)**

Our staff cannot accept monetary tips. However, donations on behalf of a staff member are most welcome. If you wish to donate, consider a gift to our campership fund. Homemade cookies and brownies are never refused!

CAMP ACTIVITIES

Each camper will attend two sessions of the camp week focus (ie. Art, Dance, Theatre, etc.) each day. The other activities are crew activities, all-camp activities, or self-selected activities. All activities emphasize skill development, appreciation of the activity, non-competitive instruction, and fun!

A well-rounded camp experience includes being exposed to a variety of educational and recreational programs. We feel that an important part of a camper's experience is to have a choice of activities that meets the abilities of a variety of children. It is our goal to offer many fun, creative, and safe programs.

TYPICAL CAMP SCHEDULE

Our daily camp schedule will keep the campers busy and happily engaged! The daily schedule is subject to change due to weather and/or any unforeseen circumstances.

7:30am	Wake-Up // Dorm Clean-Up
8:15am	Breakfast
9:00am	Morning Specialty Session
12:00pm	Lunch // Rest Period
1:00pm	Afternoon Specialty Session
3:00pm	Free Play // Camp Store Open
3:30pm	All Camp Assembly
4:00pm	Crew Time #1 (or Hobby Time or Lake)
4:45pm	Crew Time #2 (or Hobby Time or Lake)
5:30pm	Dinner
6:15pm	Free Play
7:00pm	All Camp Activity
8:00pm	Crew Time #3
8:45pm	Crew Time #4
9:30pm	Bed Prep
10:00pm	Lights Out

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

BANQUET & FINAL CAMPFIRE

Thursday night is a special night at camp culminating with a special BANQUET and FINAL CAMPFIRE. The night is full of laughter and fun, and it allows the campers and staff time to reminisce about their week together.

SHOW/PERFORMANCE

Each camp week ends with a final show/performance (to highlight what was learned during their week at camp) on Friday at 11am. Parents and other guests are invited to attend the show/performance, followed by lunch.

CAMP ACTIVITIES (continued)

CAMP THEME WEEKS

Leaders-In-Training (LIT) Camp: This camp is a two-week experience geared towards those who are entering grades 10 through 12 with an emphasis on leadership skills and experiencing camp from a leader's perspective. LIT Camp will run June 21-26 and one other week of camper's choice.

Theatre Camp: Theatre Camp encourages young people to explore their many "characters" through the exciting world of stage theatre. Theatre Camp will run June 21-26, simultaneously with Creative Writing Camp.

Creative Writing Camp: Budding novelists, playwrights, poets and others who love to write will gather this week to write, share stories and explore new mediums. Creative Writing Camp will run June 21-26, simultaneously with Theatre Camp.

Camp PraiseTYME: St. Augustine said, "When you sing, you pray twice." There are many ways to pray and give praise to God. Come and explore some of the different methods of praising God with a joyful heart. Camp PraiseTYME will run July 5-10, simultaneously with Young Catholic Stewards Camp.

Young Catholic Stewards (YCS) Camp: Service to others and Earth spirituality will be the emphases of this camp experience. Campers will meet new friends and work as part of a team to serve others and explore creative new ideas of stewardship. YCS Camp will run July 5-10, simultaneously with Camp PraiseTYME.

Dance Camp (for girls): Love to dance! This week focuses on the art of dance. An opportunity to experience a variety of dance forms will be given to the young ladies who attend this week of activities. Dance Camp will run July 12-17.

Art Camp: Those with a special interest in art will be given the opportunity to experience a variety of art media. The diversity of artistic expressions will be explored. Individual and group art activities will enhance the week. Art Camp will run July 19-24.

Soccer Camp: This camp is for soccer players who want to strengthen skills, learn new moves and play rousing tournament games with fun coaches and staff. Soccer Camp will run July 26-31.

Camp Brainbusters: Talented and gifted youth are invited to participate in this exciting week of discovery. Programs designed to celebrate creativity, critical thinking, and a love of learning will be the emphases of this week. Camp Brainbusters will run August 2-7.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

1. Check-in

Check-in is between **3:00 PM and 4:00 PM** on the opening day of each session. **Please do not arrive early, as you will be required to wait until 3:00 PM.** You may park in any space in our parking lot, and proceed to the Registration Room. While checking in, please let us know whether or not you will be joining us for lunch on Friday and the number of guests attending.

We are offering transportation for campers to camp from three locations around Milwaukee for some of our camp weeks. **Please read page 16 for more information about Camp Transportation.**

2. Health Screening

Our camp health screening is located in the Registration Room. Please turn in any medications and discuss any special needs regarding your camper with the Health Director.

3. Dorm & Crew Assignments

The Camp Director or designated staff member will give each camper a name tag and assign them to a crew for the week. You will then be directed to the dorm to meet your child's dorm mates and Camp Staff. Beds are picked on a first come, first served system. If bunk location (top or bottom) does not matter to your camper, arrival between 3:30 – 4:00 is recommended for minimal wait.

4. Quick Good-Byes

As previously mentioned (page 6), quick good-byes are encouraged. Camp Staff will be ready to work with the campers immediately upon the campers' arrivals. We ask that all parents/families leave camp by 4:00 so that we can officially begin our camp session.

Please Note

Please be certain that the following items are on file at the camp office prior to arrival at camp.

- * Summer Food Service Program Form
- * Health History Form
- * All fees paid in full

Failure to do so will require longer waits in the Registration Room.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES (continued)

DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

1. Final Show/Performance/Event

The final show/performance/event will start at 11am (unless informed otherwise). We will not be able to hold the event for anyone arriving late. If you do arrive late, please be conscious that the event will have started.

2. Join Us For Lunch

Following the final event, all campers and guests are invited to eat lunch with us. Please notify the camp office by Thursday of your camper's week at camp if there are any changes in your plans to attend.

3. Check-Out

The Camp Director will close the camp session with final announcements and a slide show, following the event. Each camper needs to check with their assigned Camp Staff member. The Camp Staff will have a "gift" for each camper. If you need to pick up any remaining medication, camp store money, pay any remaining balance, and/or purchase anything from our camp store, please see Camp Director or designate in the cafeteria. **Please do not forget to check your child out of camp in the cafeteria.**

We are offering transportation for campers from camp to three locations around Milwaukee for some of our camp weeks. **Please read page 16 for more information about Camp Transportation.**

4. Store Money Refund

Any money remaining in your camper's store account can be picked up at the Check-Out Table. Unless other arrangements are made in writing prior to August 31, uncollected store money will be used to pay any parts of your remaining camp balance or be considered a donation. The TYME OUT Youth Center is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

5. Pet Policy

For the safety of others, please do not bring pets to camp. If you find it necessary to bring them, they will have to remain in the car.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

All Camp Staff participate in an intensive training program that prepares them to deal with all aspects of camp life. We emphasize positive, age-appropriate discipline techniques that guide and encourage children, and at the same time establish clear behavior guidelines and expectations.

At all times, Camp Staff are guided by the principle that all children and adults deserve to be treated in a respectful and caring manner. Campers are expected to treat fellow campers and staff with respect and to abide by all camp rules. These rules, and the consequences for not following them, are shared before dinner on the first night. At that time campers are encouraged to ask questions to ensure clear understanding of the rules. Individuals are held accountable for their actions. Camp Staff support campers by clearly defining and enforcing expectations and responsibilities.

When behavior problems continue to arise, parents will be consulted and a plan for behavior management will be developed. In the event that a camper's behavior does not improve after all avenues of intervention have been explored or when one camper's actions are detracting from the experience of others, the camper will be sent home.

Some actions require immediate dismissal from camp. These actions include, but are not limited to smoking or use of tobacco products, consumption or possession of alcohol and/or illegal drugs, or endangerment of self or others (or threats of endangerment to self or others.) Campers sent home because of behavior problems will not be entitled to any refund of fees. Parents will be responsible for all transportation from camp or the trip site.

The staff of SummerTYME Camps are not trained to handle campers who have severe emotional/behavioral disturbances, demonstrate violent/aggressive behavior or who routinely violate rules and policies.

CAMP TRANSPORTATION (on First and Last day of each camp week)

In the past, we had received much interest in camp transportation to and from camp. To register for camp transportation, please call camp. There is currently no additional charge for campers using this service. The following are pick-up and drop-off locations for the summer of 2009:

- St. Adalbert (St. Adalbert is located at 1913 W. Becher Street in Milwaukee.)
- Northcott (Northcott is located at 2460 N. 6th Street in Milwaukee.)
- Mother of Good Counsel (MGC is located at 6924 W. Lisbon in Milwaukee.)

The following is the schedule, which is subject to change:

SUNDAYS

(6/21, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26)

1. Bus will arrive at St. Adalbert by 1:45pm
2. ETD @ St. Adalbert is 2:00pm
3. ETD @ Northcott is 2:30pm
4. ETD @ MGC is 3:00pm
5. ETA @ TYME OUT is 3:45pm

FRIDAYS

(6/26, 7/17, 7/24, & 7/31)

1. Bus will leave TYME OUT at 1:00pm
2. ETA @ MGC is 1:45pm
3. ETA @ Northcott is 2:15pm
4. ETA @ St. Adalbert is 2:45pm

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

OUT-OF-CAMP TRIPS

Anytime that our campers leave camp, all our Camp Staff and at least one Camp Administrator will also leave camp with them. Campers will have the opportunity to go swimming at Lake Nagawicka. Lake Nagawicka is NOT on our property and is a public-access beach. Life-guards are employed and trained by the Waukesha County Parks system.

Some of our camps may include additional “field trips.”

PHOTOGRAPHS and VIDEOS

We enjoy taking many pictures of our campers enjoying their time at TYME OUT/ SummerTYME Camps so that everyone can remember the special times they have shared. Often, these pictures are used in camp promotional pieces or placed on our website. If you **do not** want your camper in photos or videos, please DO NOT sign that section of the Camper Health Form. If someone in your family has taken a picture he or she would like to share with us, please let us know and send us a copy! We always enjoy hearing from our campers!

MEALS

Meals are a popular time at camp. Delicious, well-balanced, hearty meals feature plenty of camper favorites, fresh fruits, vegetables, and more. A vegetarian option is can be available at each meal. If your camper has special dietary needs (such as severe allergies) please contact the office so that we can prepare appropriate meals for your child.

BIRTHDAYS

We will be happy to recognize your child's birthday if it occurs while s/he is at camp. We ask that you do not send food to your child for his/her birthday, as s/he will be well fed. We will have a special dessert for your child on his/her birthday and sing HAPPY BIRTHDAY (camp-style).

TELEPHONE

Telephone calls are not encouraged to or from the camper. Often a call to a camper may result in homesickness or a desire to leave camp earlier than scheduled. Camp is a great place for a child to grow as an individual. You may call the camp and speak with a Camp Administrator to check on your child's progress. If your child has a problem, illness or urgent message for you, we will not hesitate to call you. **Please have campers leave cell phones at home!**

CAMPER BANK and CAMP STORE

Your camper may want spending money for the week for use in the Camp Store. It is difficult to determine the appropriate amount since each camper has different needs and/or wants; however, we recommend \$15 per week. Any money remaining in camper accounts is returned on closing day or it can be donated to camp. The Camp Store is open every afternoon for snacks, TYME OUT/camp apparel and more.

WHEN YOUR CAMPER RETURNS HOME

What happens when your child returns home from their camping experience? In just one week, there is a good chance that they have grown and developed in new ways during their time away from home. Give your camper a chance to exercise the kind of responsibility he or she assumed at camp. Let them know how much you think they have grown (not just physically, but in all aspects). Encourage your camper to continue the interests stimulated in camp through hobbies, extra-curricular activities at school, etc.

The away-from-home experience does much for developing independence and self-confidence. Please do not be concerned if your camper seems to require more sleep for several days after camp. A stimulating, active experience may account for the need for extra sleep.

WEBSITE

We try and update our website as often as possible. Check out our website frequently to find updates on enrollment, special events, TYME OUT and/or SummerTYME programs and events, donation opportunities and photos. Our photo gallery is fun to look at and provides reminders of memories for the campers when they return home. Please sign our guest book with a testimonial of your child's week. Tell your friends about our website and our camp. Our website is www.tymeout.org. (Some of the items mentioned are currently available, others will be added in time.)

NEW FOR 2009: Until we get all the items listed available directly from the TYME OUT website, we are using a secure site for our campers to do some social networking with each other during the school year. The site was designed by a Camp Director, so access is controlled and the site is monitored by our staff. Campers can message friends, staff, or even me or take a look through photo galleries. To gain access to the site, you need to sign-up by going to www.smorecamp.com and then click 'Campers Sign-up' and fill out the information. (Our camp will be listed as 'SummerTYME Camps'.)

DIRECTIONS TO TYME OUT/SUMMERTYME CAMPS

FROM THE EAST

- A) Take I-94 West to the Hwy. 16 exit. Follow Hwy. 16 until you reach Hwy. C exit. Turn right onto Hwy. C and continue approximately three miles. Our entrance is located on the right, just before the intersection of Hwy. C and Hwy. K.
- B) Take I-94 West to Hwy. C exit. Turn left onto Hwy. C and continue approximately seven miles. Our entrance is located on the right, just before the intersection of Hwy. C and Hwy. K.
- C) Take Capitol Drive west (towards Pewaukee) to Hwy. 16; the on ramp is just before the bridge. Continue on Hwy. 16 until you reach Hwy. C exit. Turn right onto Hwy. C and continue approximately three miles. Our entrance is located on the right, just before the intersection of Hwy. C and Hwy. K.

FROM THE WEST

Take I-94 east (past Oconomowoc) to the Hwy C. exit. Turn left onto Hwy. C and continue approximately seven miles. Our entrance is located on the right, just before the intersection of Hwy. C and Hwy. K.

FROM THE NORTH

- A) Take Hwy 175 south until it intersects with Hwy. P (This intersection is just outside 'Theresa.')
- Take Hwy P south to Hwy K. Turn left onto Hwy. K and continue east approximately three miles. Our entrance is located on the right, just before the intersection of Hwy. C and Hwy. K.
- B) Take Hwy. 43 south to I-94. (Then follow directions *A* or *B*—*From the East.*)
- C) Take Hwy. 41/45 south to Capitol Drive. (Then follow directions *C*—*From the East.*)

FROM THE SOUTH

Take Hwy. 83 North. (Then follow one of these routes.)

- A) Continue on Hwy. 83 until it intersects with I-94. Take I-94 west to Hwy. C (then follow directions *B*—*From the East.*)
- B) Continue on Hwy. 83 until it intersects with Hwy. 16. Follow Hwy. west to Hwy. C (then follow directions *A*—*From the East.*)
- C) Continue on Hwy. 83 until it intersects with Hwy. K. Turn left onto Hwy. K and continue west approximately three miles. Our entrance is located on the left, just before the intersection of Hwy. K and Hwy. C.

HOW TO CONTACT CAMP

It is as important for us to learn about your camper prior to his/her arrival as it is for you to learn about our camp. Please contact us with specific information that would help us to make your child's stay here more enjoyable or with any questions that you may still have regarding camp policies, procedures, registration, billing, etc. Our Camp Director and administrative staff are available to answer your specific questions and to help ensure that all aspects of your child's camping experience run smoothly.

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