

CAMP TAKAJO

BULLETIN #5

March 2010

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Because of airline restrictions, NO BAGGAGE MAY BE CHECKED ON OUR GROUP FLIGHTS. Only a small carry-on bag is permitted. **No tennis rackets, lacrosse sticks, hockey sticks, etc. may be checked on planes.** (Our chaperones will escort the group straight to the bus and not even stop at baggage claim.) If necessary, you may ship these items to camp at the last minute so your son has everything he needs. (NOTE: there is underneath storage for these items on the coach buses from Westchester and Newton.)

Dear parents,

Only **THREE** months 'til camp! I trust (*hope!*) by now you've taken care of the following:

- Arranged your son's travel
- Purchased the camp uniform
- Made an appointment for your son's physical exam
- Filled out the parent section of the Health History
- Filled out the Medical Insurance and Prescription Information and **INCLUDED** a copy of your insurance card, front and back
- Registered with KidsMedPacks if your son will be taking any medication or vitamins *in pill form* during the summer
- Arranged your Visiting Day travel and accommodations
- Signed up for Father/Son Weekend, August 13-15 (Dads, the weekend begins Friday at 12:30pm, and ends Sunday, mid-morning after brunch)

If you still need to make travel arrangements....

Please fill out our on-line Travel Reservation Form. Visit www.campதாகაჟო.com. Under Parents menu, click on Bulletins/Forms. Under Bulletin #2, click on Travel Reservation Form. Fill out and submit. You'll receive email confirmation and we'll invoice you by mail.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

For your convenience, we have filled out the Emergency Contact with information currently in our database. Please make any necessary changes, fill out thoroughly and mail **IMMEDIATELY** in the envelope provided. **This information is extremely important in case we need to reach you during the summer.** (You can always add to this information with a phone call to camp.) We also want to confirm your son's travel and baggage arrangements and begin planning for our visiting days.

CAMPER INFORMATION

The Camper Information Sheet is very helpful for our group leaders and counselors to begin familiarizing themselves with your son even before he arrives at camp. Please take a few moments to fill in the information requested and drop it in the mail in the envelope provided. Please attach a recent photo of your son where indicated.

CAMP TRUCKING and COOPINO: Depending on your area, you will receive information by mail directly from Camp Trucking or Coopino Baggage Service. If you do not receive anything by May 1, please call Camp Trucking directly at 888-599-4036. If you are in the Baltimore/Washington area, call Coopino at 410-653-2596. **WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO USE THIS SERVICE. THEY ARE EXTREMELY RELIABLE** and deliver within 2 to 4 days of pick up.

It is not necessary to put locks on baggage being shipped via Camp Trucking or Coopino. Just make sure baggage is secured properly. If shipping via UPS or Fed Ex, put locks on baggage and send keys to camp. (Make sure keys have identifying tag with camper's name!) If you *do* put locks on baggage, please send a duplicate set of keys **WITH YOUR SON** to camp.

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE: The best way to ship baggage if you are outside the areas served by Camp Trucking or Coopino is via UPS. They come into camp every weekday. If you ship baggage to camp via UPS, **WE WILL RETURN IT THE SAME WAY** at the end of camp and bill you. Make sure to check with UPS regarding size and weight restrictions. We strongly advise you to insure contents as UPS has a \$100 limit on lost contents if not insured. **IMPORTANT: INCLUDE A LABEL WITH NAME, CAMP ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER "INSIDE" EACH BAG!** If baggage is misplaced, this will help UPS identify it and deliver it to camp. **Address baggage for UPS as follows:**

**Your Son's Name
CAMP TAKAJO
60 TAKAJO ROAD
NAPLES ME 04055**

Be sure to put your son's name on each label (and an identifying label **INSIDE** each bag). **CAMP TRUCKING and COOPINO WILL SUPPLY YOU WITH THEIR OWN LABELS. Parents NOT using Camp Trucking or Coopino SHOULD MAKE THEIR OWN LABELS and ship as indicated above.**

If your son is attending Father/Son Weekend, we will ship one duffel home and keep one duffel at camp with blankets, pillow, clothing and equipment necessary for the weekend. We'll send the second duffel home with dad at the end of the weekend, or we'll ship it via UPS and bill you, if you prefer.

SHIP EVERYTHING POSSIBLE. Keep carry-on baggage for plane and bus travel at a minimum. If you have misplaced the Camper Packing List, please request another one.

DO NOT SEND VALUABLES TO CAMP.

Please make sure your son's bags arrive in camp by Friday, June 18.

Your son should arrive at camp with everything necessary for the summer. If he needs something during the season such as a new pair of sneakers, please arrange through Warren.

Electronic games and devices are not permitted in camp. We will provide plenty of appropriate games. We are trying to improve communication skills and to help boys learn to relate better with one another.

We will send out a special bulletin regarding the use of electronic devices, iPods and the like. This will reach you as part of Bulletin #6.

The following are NOT PERMITTED at camp:

- **CELL PHONES**
- **TELEVISIONS, LAPTOPS, PALM PILOTS**
- **ELECTRONICS with wireless or video capability**
- **WALKIE TALKIES**
- **WATER GUNS, SILLY STRING**
- **ELECTRIC FANS, SKATE BOARDS**
- **KNIVES, MATCHES, LIGHTERS**
- **POKEMON CARDS (or whatever the latest fad is!)**
- **EAR RINGS, NOSE RINGS, OR THE LIKE**
- **BODY BUILDING SUPPLEMENTS (such as Creatine)**
- **HAIR DYE, HAIR CLIPPERS**
- **EGG CRATES FOR MATTRESSES**
- **ARM REST PILLOWS**

REMEMBER—2010 VISITING DAYS are Friday, July 23, and Saturday, July 24. Please explain to your son or sons that parents (*and* other relatives) may visit on **ONLY ONE** of the visiting days.

Grandparents and relatives are welcome to visit on either day. We anticipate having many more visitors on Saturday. If you can come on Friday, you will have a more relaxed visit.

As in the past, we will use the four golf carts in camp to run a taxi service and help those who need assistance get around the camp grounds. *Please advise grandparents and older relatives of this procedure.*

YOUNGER BROTHER EXTENDED STAY. If your son has a younger brother age 6 or older (must be at least entering 1st grade this fall) who would like to stay for dinner and an evening activity on Saturday, please indicate on the Emergency Contact Information.

Parents will pick up younger brothers at 8:00pm. Please *make sure* to fill out the information requested on the Emergency Contact Information sheet if a younger brother is staying with us Saturday evening.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have questions or need any assistance preparing your son or sons for camp. We can be reached through the Armonk office until June 1 and at camp after that.



REMEMBER: You can access all bulletins on our web site, **www.camptakajo.com**, under the Parents menu.