



CAMP NELLIE HUCKINS

OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CARROLL COUNTY YMCA

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Dear Parents:

We are looking forward to celebrating our 82nd season with your daughter, old friends, new campers and parents. The following information will help as you prepare for the 2009 season at Camp Huckins.

CAMP DATES:

1st Session: **June 27 to July 11**

2nd Session: **July 11 to July 25**

3rd Session: **SUNDAY July 26 to August 8**

4th Session: **August 8 to August 22**

All campers **Arrive** between **2:00 and 4:00 PM**
All Campers **Check Out** between **9:00 and 11:00 AM**

PAYMENTS: PAYMENT OF TUITION IN FULL IS REQUIRED BY MAY 1, 2009.

Your invoice indicates the amount needed for Camp Tuition. Please notify the office if payment is an issue. Full and partial scholarships are available based on financial and emotional need. If we do not hear from you by the May 1st deadline, your daughter's place will be given to someone on the wait list.

FOREIGN CURRENCY: To avoid Bank Charges for exchange of foreign currency, we recommend that you purchase American Currency Money Orders or pay by check showing "U.S. Currency" preprinted by your bank.

CAMP BANK: Please review your 82nd season information sheet under **Other Expenses**, which lists suggested spending money amounts. Each camper account will be charged \$25.00 for: canteen fee, cabin picture and a yearbook. Add to this amount: horseback riding, water skiing, crafts, and store purchases. Campers usually ride or water ski only once a week. A check will be mailed to you for any remaining balance. **Please be sure to cash these checks** promptly. All uncashed refund checks will be void after 90 days and monies will be donated to the Camp Huckins Scholarship Fund.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURE: Please do not arrive prior to scheduled times. We are sorry, but we cannot make exceptions. If you have 2 girls who are attending different sessions (one leaving in the morning and one arriving in the afternoon) please contact the office prior to change day to make arrangements for dropping off luggage. You will be greeted at the front gate and directed to your daughter's cabin. As soon as you have unloaded her belongings, **Please return your car to the parking lot.** After moving your vehicle, we suggest you tour the camp, meet the Camp Director and visit the camp store. Our Camp Director, Jody Hutchinson Skelton, will be at the Program Lodge from 2:30-4:00 pm on Change Days. Please bring your daughter to the Lodge so you can introduce her to Jody. Cookies and juice will be provided. The counselors will have your tuition receipt in the cabin. **We do not mail these receipts in advance.**

BED/BUNK ASSIGNMENTS: Campers draw their bed assignment (upper or lower Bunk) upon entering the cabin. **There is no need to arrive early**, as the gates do not open until 2 pm.

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS: All cabin assignments are made in the best interest of camp and your daughter. Girls are assigned to cabins **by grade**. Your daughter may request ONE cabin mate, of the same grade. We cannot guarantee the request, but will make every effort to accommodate your request when **both campers** request each other. **Please do not ask for exceptions** -consider your requests carefully. **Changes in cabin requests** must be made at least one month prior to your daughter's attending camp. Changes in cabin assignments will **NOT** be made on Incoming Day. Please remember, **we try not to put more than two girls from the same town in one cabin.**

MEDICAL INFORMATION: We recommend that a **Yearly Physical** should be given each spring, before coming to camp. If your insurance only covers physicals once every 2 years, please have your doctor sign a note stating that the camper is in good health. Parents please be sure the health form is completed and signed. **Health Forms need to be received at camp no later than 10 days prior to your daughters arrival. No camper will be allowed to enter camp without a completed and signed health form.** Medications must be in the **original container**, labeled with the drug name, dosage, camper's name, and taken to the Health Center as soon as you arrive. **Our nursing staff must** administer all medicine, **this includes vitamins.** No medication or vitamins are to be left in the cabin. **-Do not bring "over the counter" medications.** The Health Center has plenty of Tylenol, ointments, etc. **Any health concerns** that require special attention should be discussed with the Director before your daughter comes to camp. If your daughter becomes ill and is confined to the Health Center for 24 hours, you will be called.

ALLERGY SHOTS; please discuss arrangements with the nurse. The doctor's fees for these shots will be charged to Camp Bank.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Our health and accident medical policy provides basic limited coverage for all campers for routine office visits, prescriptions and outpatient hospital care. This restricted policy is not designed to cover the more serious accidents or sicknesses, so parents will be responsible, through their insurance carrier, for all charges incurred if the camper requires medical care beyond the limits of the Camp policy. Our policy does not cover pre-existing illnesses or accidents. **Insurance carriers and policy numbers are required to be on file at the Camp office.** A place for this information is provided on the Health form, so please make sure the form is completed.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: It is imperative that camp has a list of alternate persons to contact in the event you cannot be reached. **This space is not for parents' names**, but should include a relative AND a friend or neighbor, all of whom you authorize to remove your daughter from camp. **If you plan to be away from home during your daughter's stay at camp, please let the office know, in writing, where you will be, the dates you will be away, and how you may be reached.**

TRUNKS: If shipping your daughter's trunk, please use UPS or another carrier who will come into camp. **Please - no oversized trunks!** Ship your daughter's trunk early enough to arrive in time for her session. Please make plans for shipping trunks home, prior to shipping the trunk to camp. UPS will need the measurements and weight in order to issue a "call tag". Pick up should be the Monday after your daughter leaves camp.

CAMPERS ARRIVING BY PLANE: Camp will only provide transportation to and from Portland, Maine. There will be a \$25.00 fee, each way, for each person with luggage. Please call the office prior to buying airline tickets to verify that we will be available for that date and time. The office will need a copy of the flight schedule, along with a signed permission form, giving us authority to pick up your daughter.

BUS SERVICE: There is a \$5.00 fee per person with luggage, for transportation to or from the West Ossipee bus station. Please check with the Concord Trailways Bus Lines for scheduling and trunk information.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURE: Check out is from **9 Am to 11 Am**. Please drive directly to your daughter's cabin to meet her and pick up her belongings. Check the rafters, clotheslines, under beds, etc. Each camper will have a notice if her bank account is overdrawn. Please stop at the office to take care of this. Remaining monies will be mailed to parents the following week. **Please cash these checks promptly as they are void after 90 days.**

WHAT NOT TO BRING Electronic toys and games, TVs, cellular phones, IPODS, etc. are not appropriate and will be collected and returned to the camper at the end of the session. Battery operated Walkmans may be used during rest hour. A favorite stuffed animal is very comforting and acceptable!

"LETTER TO MY COUNSELOR": Enclosed is a form for you and your daughter to fill out. We suggest your daughter fill out her section first. The more we know about your daughter, the better we will be prepared for her, so it is imperative for us to receive this letter prior to her arrival. **This type of information is most helpful to us and we request your cooperation.** If you have any private family issues or other concerns that you wish only the Director to know about, please send a letter or call the office. We will do our very best to handle your daughter's particular needs, but we cannot do so without your confidence and help.

LETTERS: Campers love to receive mail! Write to your daughter often, and keep it cheerful to prevent homesickness. If you receive an unhappy letter from your daughter, please do not get upset. Children's emotions change rapidly, and the letter you receive today may reflect a moment long forgotten. You may call us any time you are in doubt. Should your daughter become ill, or experience adjustment difficulties, her Division Leader will contact you. Please do not fax or e-mail letters to your daughter.

We get TONS of mail at camp! Please limit your packages to large envelopes only, **No boxes.** All boxes will be kept in the office until your daughter leaves camp. Please send reading materials, writing supplies, t-shirts, puzzles, games etc. **No food or gum.** "Sealed With A Kiss" Camp Care Packages and "Camp Pacs" have an agreement with camp to send fun items in envelopes rather than boxes.

CAMP UNIFORM: Camp Huckins does not have an official uniform. The camp colors are dark green and white. Our store carries sweatshirts, sweatpants, shorts and t-shirts. On check-in day, we urge parents to take their daughter to the store to oversee clothing purchases. Be sure to pack a light colored top and dark shorts for the cabin picture.

"STORE POLICY: **Campers in the Junior Division may only purchase clothing with a parent/guardian present.** This limits clothes shopping to check in and check out days. **Please do not send notes giving authorization to do otherwise.** Campers may go daily for supplies such as stamps, batteries, soap etc. All store items are charged to Camp Bank.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS: Please bring one dress-up outfit for special occasions. All sorts of fun "dress-up" outfits, wigs, etc are fun to bring for our special lunches.

LAUNDRY SERVICE is available for 4 week campers with a minimum charge of \$10.00. The laundry will be returned in two days. Charges for laundry will be deducted from Camp Bank.

HORSEBACK RIDING REQUIREMENTS: **Long pants and shoes with a heel are required.** We will provide hard hats for all riders. Instruction is given on Western saddle. The Riding Director will check the girls' shoes before signing up to ride. Any leather shoe with a distinct heel is suitable, **no sneakers.**

PETS: For sanitary reasons pets are **Not** allowed on camp property.

CAMP TELEPHONE: The camp telephone numbers are **603-539-4710** and **603-539-6357**. Parents wishing information about their daughter may call the office or e-mail us at any time. Campers are not allowed to use a telephone. If there is an emergency or a serious problem, please call and we will make every effort to deal with the situation. The office is closed during meals, and the phone is not answered. Meal times are 8-8:45 AM, 1-1:45 PM, and 6-6:45 PM. Please make going home and visiting day plans well in advance, in order to prevent changes in these arrangements while your daughter is at camp.

WAITING LIST: We have many, many girls on the waiting list for this summer. If you have a change of plans, please notify us promptly, so another girl may have the opportunity to attend Camp Huckins.

We look forward to meeting you this summer on the Shores of Lake Ossipee and anticipate a most enjoyable summer full of fun, adventure, and new learning experiences for your daughter. Do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions.

REMINDER

3RD SESSION JULY 26, 2009 - Campers **arrive on Sunday from 2 - 4 PM** and leave on Saturday August 2, 2008 between 9-11 AM!

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP HUCKINS

From Boston Area: Route 95 North to Exit 4 in Portsmouth NH onto the Spaulding Turnpike. Follow signs for NH Lakes, White Mountains, Conway, Ossipee. Follow **Spaulding Turnpike /Route 16**, North to West Ossipee. * (follow directions below)

From Manchester Area: **Route 93 North** to exit 23. Turn Right onto **Route 104** and continue to stop light in Meredith. (McDonald's will be directly in front of you.) Turn left onto **Route 3 North**. Follow down hill to Light at intersection of **Route 25**. Turn right onto Route 25 East. Follow to **Route 16** in West Ossipee, turn Left onto Route 16 North. * (follow directions below)

From West Ossipee: Turn onto Route 41, at White Lake House of Pizza. Go about 1 mile and take a right onto **Ossipee Lake Road**. Go approximately 5 miles to **Pequawket Trail** on right, with Camp Huckins sign. Turn right and immediately BEAR LEFT. Camp Huckins entrance is 1 mile down on left.

From Portland Area: **Route 25 West** through Cornish, Porter to Effingham NH. Turn Right at the blinking yellow light, onto **Route 153 North**. Go approximately 1 1/2 miles to road on left marked by large pine tree loaded with signs. Turn left and proceed to stop sign. Bear left at stop sign and continue past Ossipee Lake Marina. Continue to next left (**Pequawket Trail**) with Camp Huckins sign. Turn left and immediately BEAR LEFT. Camp Huckins entrance is 1 mile down on left.