

PARENT'S GUIDE



**FOR THE SUMMER
OF 2017**

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Experience the Adventure!



WELCOME TO CANADIAN ADVENTURE CAMP!

We are pleased to present our Parent's Guide for the summer of 2017, our 43rd Great Summer Season! Please take a few minutes to look through it - there is much important material needing your attention now, along with information to help you prepare your child for a great stay at camp this summer.

If you have any questions, do give us a call.

Here's to a super summer of fun for all of our campers!

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CHECKLIST

This checklist will be helpful to keep track of the necessary steps in preparing for camp:

2 easy options to complete Camper Forms

The First Option: For those who completed their camper registration using our online enrollment tool via our website, simply log back in to your account and select **Complete Camper Follow up Forms!** Parents who completed their registration using a hard copy application form can still complete the camper forms online by creating a user account and also selecting **Complete Camper Follow up Forms.**

The Second Option: Parents still have the option to complete the forms manually and return them to us via mail, email or fax, but you must request these forms to be mailed or emailed to you to do so.

Coming Up:

- Pay balance of camp fee on May 1, 2017.**
Please call us to update any new credit card information
- Advise camp of any extra tuck deposit.**
- Pay final balance on May 31, 2017.**

Note: All payments will be automatic unless advised otherwise.

TRANSPORTATION

CAMPERS TAKING OUR CHARTERED BUSES - Those taking our supervised buses begin their camp fun in Toronto! These buses (washroom and video equipped) leave **Home Depot Yorkdale**, Highway 401 and Dufferin St. (**90 Billy Bishop Way, on the North Side of Highway 401 across from Yorkdale Shopping Centre**) at **10 am each opening Monday**, returning at **4:00 pm on closing Sundays** (traffic permitting). Cost is \$185 round-trip (\$135 one-way). Pick-ups and drop-offs can be arranged for Gravenhurst - see page 12 in this guide for full details! (Some Ohio, Michigan, New York and Quebec parents are able to take advantage of a weekend in Toronto and also put their campers on the camp bus). *International (inc. US) campers will need a passport physically at camp in case of emergency medi-vac return.* **Chartered bus campers will need funds for a McDonald's lunch in Gravenhurst.**

CAMPERS ARRIVING IN TORONTO BY AIR - Campers travelling by air from Quebec, Eastern Canada, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and North-Eastern US - please plan a flight arrival in Toronto *well* before 9 am for transfer to the camp bus. C.A.C. ground services will meet all flights and transfer campers directly to camp buses. (\$100 each way). Campers from Europe, the Middle East, South East Asia, South America, far USA and Western Canada - along with those from closer centres with no early Monday morning flights - C.A.C. will meet all flights and accommodate your camper, with full supervision, on the Sunday night at each end of the camp stay, as necessary (\$125). *International (inc. U.S.) campers will need a passport physically at camp in case of emergency medi-vac return. Campers with electronic tickets must supply a photo copy or E-mail of the confirmation/receipt to the camp office. (If travelling by plane, campers are permitted to carry cell phones but are expected to turn them in for safe keeping upon arrival at camp)*

RETURN FLIGHTS - Do not book return flights from Toronto on Sunday leaving before 7:00pm (transfer to Toronto airport and check-in cannot be completed properly before that time). All campers under the age of 12 and others also requesting Unaccompanied Minor status on the flight from Toronto, must provide a deposit of \$100 against possible airline costs demanded from the C.A.C. rep. at the Toronto airport. *(Credit Card info is sufficient)*

CAMPERS ARRIVING IN TEMAGAMI BY PRIVATE CAR - Campers arriving by car **MUST** be at the Lake Temagami Access Road (Manito) dock on opening Mondays by **3:30 pm** (Please note that we are unable to receive visitors at camp on opening days). Driving instructions to the dock can be found on page 8 of this booklet. **RETURN** - Campers travelling home by car are to be picked up at **9:15 am** on closing Sundays (some parents come to our Saturday Visitors Day, spend the night in the area, then meet their campers Sunday morning for the drive home together - see page 9 for Visitor Day information).

MISCELLANEOUS

Water transportation will be provided to all campers from the Lake Temagami Access Road dock to Adventure island at \$30 per camper (round-trip) including luggage (This charge will be indicated on your final statement of account sent to you for May 31st payment).

Please let us know if you have any difficulty with travel arrangements - we have a great amount of information and are always ready to help. Our Spring communication also includes a Special Note from the C.A.C. Tuck Shop and some very helpful Final Words.

SPECIAL PREPARATIONS

- ✓ All clothing and personal items **MUST** be marked with at least your camper's LAST name (using permanent marker or laundry-proof name tapes).
- ✓ Do not send expensive clothing, heirlooms, jewellery, etc. to camp. We cannot be responsible for any personal items which are lost or damaged.
- ✓ All medicines that your child brings to camp must be in their original packaging and must be kept in our medical centre and dispensed by our health staff. For children who use inhalers, please send one or two extra (to be kept in the medical centre), also eyeglasses for contact-wearers in case of loss. Insect repellents should be of the **non-pressurized** variety and have a Deet concentrate of 10% for ages 11 and under and 30% for all others.
- ✓ Follow Kit List on next page carefully - it is not necessary for campers to bring anything more than the items listed - all 4, 6 & 8 week campers receive laundry service at no charge!

KIT LIST FOR ALL CAMPERS

THESE ITEMS MUST BE BROUGHT BY EVERYONE!

◆ **Travel to camp wearing:** windbreaker, T-shirt, shorts, socks and running shoes (or other **SOFT** soles, sandals, etc.) AND carry (or pack on TOP of bag) a **PROPERLY** fitting **GOVERNMENT-APPROVED LIFE JACKET** or **PFD**.◆

- Life Jacket or PFD
- Swim wear
- 8 prs of socks
- 1 pr extra footwear (soft soles, please)
- 10 prs of underwear
- Several t-shirts/sweatshirts
- Sport shirts
- 2 sweaters
- 3 towels and face cloth
(2 towels should be bath size)
- 4 - 5 prs of camp shorts
(cut-offs & athletic shorts are fine)
- Special event outfit - For Awards Banquet
(BOYS: sport shirt and WHITE or light colour tennis-type shorts;
GIRLS: skirt or dress (sundress/minis, etc. are fine)
- Knife/fork/spoon; Bowl (for hikes/trips)
(A clip-together cutlery set prevents loss; bowl should be unbreakable)
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow (Packed to stay clean and dry)
- Extra blanket
- 2 sheet liners for sleeping bag (can be bought or easily made by folding
and stitching regular sheets into bag shape)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Toothbrush/paste, shampoo, brush, etc. (Shampoo **MUST** be
biodegradable)
- Insect Repellent (ages 11 and under with 10% Deet, others 30%)
(NO PRESSURIZED SPRAYS please!)
- Sun screen (consult your pharmacist for most suitable product)
- Amusing camp hat
- Paper, pens, pencils, etc.
- Rain wear
- Campfire blanket (See instructions Page 11)

PACKING TIPS

Weekly Laundry service is provided for all 4, 6 and 8 week campers at no charge.

Pack everything in **SOFT** dunnage or **Medium** hockey bags
(No trunks, suitcases or goalie bags please!)



OPTIONAL ITEMS



Gym shorts / gym leotard
Hair elastics, ribbons, etc.
Gymnastic footwear and handgrips
Warm-ups (sweats)
Extra swim wear (water skiers/wake boarders)
Wet Suit (water skiers/wake boarders)
Camera
Compass
Fishing tackle
Swim mask/ fins/ snorkel
Song book and musical instrument
Stuffed animal

**PLEASE DO NOT PACK BAGS THAT CHILDREN OVER 9
YEARS OF AGE CANNOT CARRY FOR THEMSELVES!**



DO NOT BRING

Please leave these items at home!

IPads/Tablets / iPods / Electronic Games
Two Way Radios
Cell Phones
Nutella or similar products
Chewing Gum/Food/Candy
Jewellery / Makeup

HOW TO REACH TEMAGAMI BY ROAD

Ontario Provincial Highways 11 or 17 will take you to North Bay. The Town of Temagami is situated on Hwy. 11 at a distance of 98 km (59 mi) north of North Bay. (You will pass a prominent C.A.C. billboard on the east side of the highway about 80 km (50 mi) north of North Bay.)

Three miles south of Temagami (or 93 km (56 mi) north of North Bay) you will find the *Lake Temagami Access Road*. (A 2nd C.A.C. billboard is visible on the east side of the highway opposite the Access Road). The Access Road (rough & dusty!!) runs west from Hwy. 11 for a distance of 20 km (12 mi) - travel to the far end of the road, passing Boat Line Bay Marine. Turn right at the fork in the road towards the Manito Landing. Our water craft operate from this point directly to Adventure Island. Boats leave for camp *on Visitor Days* from 9:30-10:30 am (reminder - boats leave for camp *with campers* on session-opening Mondays at 3:30pm!) Boats return from camp *on Visitor Days* from 4:30-5:30 pm (reminder - boats return from camp *with campers* on closing-Sundays at 9:15 am!) Driving time from Toronto or Ottawa is approximately 5 hours.

Places To Stay For Visitor Days

Island Resorts on Lake Temagami

Ketchuneny Lodge 705-237-8952

Loon Lodge 705-237-8918

In Temagami (Hwy. 11)

Temagami Shores Inn & Resort 705-569-3200

In North Bay (70 minute drive)

Best Western Inn 800-528-1234

Comfort Inn 800-668-4200

Clarion Inn 800-461-9592

Holiday Inn Express 705-476-7700

Travelodge 800-667-3529

Provincial Parks

Marten River Park (40 mins) Marten River

Finlayson Point Park (20 mins) Temagami

VISITOR DAYS 2017!

TO ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS - This is your personal invitation to attend one of our Visitor Days, meet our camp staff and enjoy the camp activities, along with our famous Northern Buffet Lunch! See campers involved in regular camp activities. Bring your swimsuit and sample the joys of C.A.C. (But due to the fragile natural environment and the allergic reactions of some children, we ask that you *please don't bring your dog* or other pet when you visit camp!)

We will welcome you to Adventure Island from 10 am to 4:00 pm on any of our Visitor Days - every other Saturday: July 15, July 29, Aug. 12 and Aug. 26. Water transportation to camp on these days leaves from the **Manito Dock** at the end of the Lake Temagami Access Road between 9:30 & 10:30 am. Boats return to the dock between 4:30 & 5:30 pm. Please note! There can *sometimes* be a considerable wait for boats at the dock to travel to camp (it is a 16-mile round trip, after all!) ... consider bringing a book, relax, unwind, enjoy the scenery, we will not start our program until everyone has arrived at camp! Special water transport rate, at these times, is \$30/person round trip for adults, \$28 for children (11 yrs and under); Northern Buffet is \$16 for adults and \$10 for children! Please consider the expenses ahead of time and come prepared - all fees are payable on arrival at camp in cash (sorry, no credit cards are accepted at camp).

Many of our visitors enjoy staying in the area whilst visiting camp, so we have listed on page 8 some island resorts right on Lake Temagami, a nearby highway inn in the town, and several hostelieries in North Bay. The city of North Bay (just south of us) offers a variety of accommodation, dining and entertainment facilities.

Visitor Days are NOT the last day of a camp session! Please do not plan to take campers with you when leaving! Last nights are very special to cabin groups and it is unfair to your camper and the rest of the cabin to mar the experience by premature departure.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Telephoning us During the Summer

☛ If you need to contact us at camp. Please phone during mornings or evenings at 705-237-8906. We have an answering machine to cover times when we are not available. Please don't expect city efficiency from our camp phone system - it is a near miracle that we have one at all!

☛ Regular messages concerning your camper or other camp business should be made to the Toronto office at 905 886 1406 until June 22 and the office at camp from June 23 - September 7 (Anytime you are leaving a message on our answering machine, please remember - we can get back to you quicker if you leave numbers and times for us to call.) Please note that our telephone at camp is not in the camper area and there is **NO TELEPHONE AVAILABLE TO CAMPERS AT CAMP** - please use mail for contact with your camper!

POSTAL SERVICE

☛ Speaking of mail...**DO** remember to write to your camper!

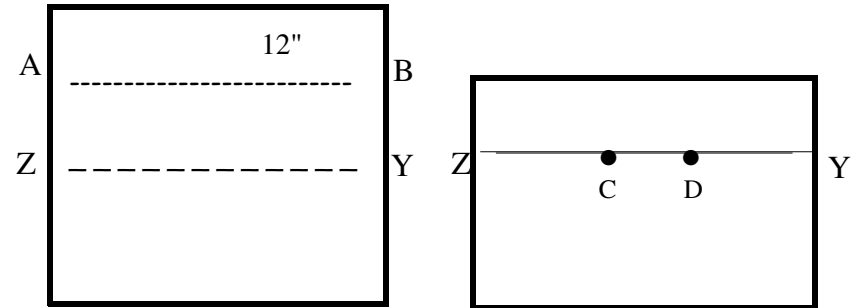
Address letters to:

“Name of your Camper”
Canadian Adventure Camp
260 - T1104
Temagami, Ont.
POH 2H0
Canada

☛ We recommend positive, bright, newsy letters to support your camper (ask questions of younger campers to give them an idea of things you would like to hear about). **NO FOOD PARCELS, PLEASE!** Please note that Special Delivery, Priority Post or Courier services will **DELAY** your letter as it must be picked up in the town of Temagami.

☛ If you get a letter from your camper written in a less than enthusiastic manner, perhaps describing some terminal illness, personal trauma or near fatal experience (!!), **DO NOT OVERREACT!!** (Remember - children know how to pull your string - the situation probably cleared up long before the letter left the island!) We would contact you, of course, if there was need. If you get **several** negative letters and feel there may be a real problem, then, of course, let us know and we will take action.

HOW TO MAKE A CAMPFIRE BLANKET



Fold blanket down at A-B (approximately 12" from top edge). Stitch securely at point Z and point Y (makes arm holes.) Supply Toggle & Eye fastener or lacing at C/D to close comfortably around neck. If the blanket is too long, turn up and sew bottom. Exterior of blanket can be decorated with badges, coloured patches, etc.

This is just one simple way of making a campfire blanket. There are other methods including cutting a hole in the centre of a blanket for the head and providing lacing or the most common choice, a simple fleece blanket.

CALENDAR

DATES FOR 2017

2 wk sessions :	July 3 - July 16	July 17 - July 30
	July 31 - Aug 13	Aug 14 - Aug 27
4 wk sessions :	July 3 - July 30	July 31 - Aug 27
6 wk sessions :	July 3 - Aug 13	July 17 - Aug 27
8 wk sessions :	July 3 - Aug 27	

Visitor Days: July 15 July 29 Aug 12 Aug 26

All children's camp sessions start on Mondays and end on Sundays!

All Visitor Days are on Saturdays!

(Last day of camp is Sunday, August 27, 2017)

NOTES

SPECIAL CHARTER BUS PICK-UPS AND DROP-OFFS!

Camp bus pick-ups and drop-offs can be arranged as follows:

TO CAMP

Toronto (Home Depot Yorkdale - 90 Billy Bishop Way) 10:00am

Gravenhurst (McDonalds) Lunch 11:45am

FROM CAMP

Gravenhurst (McDonalds) Lunch 1:15pm

Toronto (Home Depot Yorkdale - 90 Billy Bishop Way) 4:00pm

Please Note:

C.A.C. will pick-up/drop-off campers exactly according to the Travel Planner received from you *If your plans change, you must advise our office and your camper (if at camp) in writing.* Please note that times for pick-ups and drop-offs are **dependent upon traffic conditions.** Arrive on time at each location - buses are, of course, unable to wait for you if you are late! Look for C.A.C. staff at Home Depot Yorkdale (Sundays at 4pm) to get updates on arrival time for each bus.