

PARENT GUIDE – OVERNIGHT CAMP

CHECK-IN

Registration for overnight campers is 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Pavilion on Sunday. Please DO NOT arrive early. Please do not bring your pets to check-in or checkout. To speed up check-in process, make sure you have all items from your checklist.

CABIN BUDDY REQUESTS

Cabin assignments are made by age. If you requested a buddy on your registration form, the request should be mutual and made in advance. Camp tries to meet all buddy requests, but there is no guarantee all requests can be made. Changes to assignments CANNOT be made upon arrival and requesting a specific cabin is not possible.

WHAT TO BRING

Cabin space is very limited and parents are strongly encouraged to economize on the amount of luggage brought to camp. Please refrain from bringing large storage units, electric fans, or more clothing than needed for the 5 day stay at camp. The following is a suggested list of items to bring.

**Sleeping Bag or
Blankets & Sheet(s)
Pillow(s)
Shorts
T-Shirts
Pajamas
2 pair Shoes/Sneakers
Towels: Bath, Beach, Wash
Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Stamped envelopes/pens
Soap/Shampoo**

**Rain Jacket
Sunscreen
Water Shoes
Long Pants
Sweater/Sweatshirt(s)
Bathing Suit(s)
Soap, Comb or Brush
Socks
Flashlight
Writing paper**

***Please note:** Campers should have at least one pair of sneakers to ensure their safety during some recreational activities such as archery, sports and games.

***Optional Items:** Fishing gear, disposable camera, favorite book for rest, musical instrument.

*Horseback Riders

Camp will provide protective headgear, but campers signed up for riding must wear long pants and a pair of hard-soled shoes/sneakers.

HELPFUL PACKING HINTS:

Make sure everything is marked with your camper's name. You will be picking up your camper's luggage at the Pavilion on Friday evening and there will be a "sea" of luggage. IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU LABEL/IDENTIFY ALL OF YOUR CAMPERS BELONGINGS SO YOU CAN FIND THEM.

Other suggestions include packing pillows inside sleeping bags, attaching a colorful ribbon to bags, and instructing your child to bring a list of what they brought (and have a copy of this list with you). Camp is not responsible for lost items. All abandoned belongings will be donated to local charity if not claimed.

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

To thoroughly enjoy the camp experience please avoid bringing any electronic or expensive personal items to camp. Items deemed inappropriate for camp will be held for the camper in the camp office and be returned the day they leave camp. Camp will not be responsible for any lost valuables.

CELL PHONE POLICY

We can appreciate the desire, but **respectfully request campers do not come with cell phones** in order to ensure the safety and well-being of all campers. If a camper feels that they need to call home, they should speak with the Childcare Specialist.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Writing cheerful letters, e-mails and sending care packages are great ways to keep in touch and campers look forward to receiving these items. Please address your items to:

CAMPER NAME
c/o CAMP FARLEY
615 ROUTE 130
MASHPEE, MA 02649

EMAILS TO CAMPERS:

Pre-paid family members can send up to 5 emails/week directly to campers for \$3. The email address will be provided at registration or obtained thru our web site www.campfarley.com. Simply click on the link located on our homepage.

VISITING YOUR CAMPER

For security reasons, we cannot allow parents, relatives or friends to visit when camp is in session. This can also disrupt the camper, as they are busy with their activities. If you feel you must see your child, please contact the Camp Director.

CHECK-OUT & DEPARTURE

Departure for residential campers is on Friday evening. Parents should arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 pm to pick up luggage, medication and check out with an assigned staff member. Then proceed to Council Grove for the closing award ceremonies at 7:00 pm. The weekly camp group picture will be available for purchase at that time.

All campers leave Friday evening, even those who will be returning the following Sunday. Parents typically arrive Children must be picked up no later than 8:00 PM.

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HOMESICKNESS - *Please take comfort knowing your child will only be away for 5 days, and Camp Farley has been operating a safe and successful camp since 1934. Camp Farley staff are seasoned professionals who take pride in taking excellent care of your child(ren) and making "camp" a successful experience for your child.*

One of the most beneficial aspects of the camp experience is for children to feel a sense of independence and self-confidence that is fostered within the camp environment. Some campers may need time to adjust to camp and being away from home, and may become homesick. Our staff has been trained to closely monitor children for signs of homesickness and to help them deal with these feelings.

Parents can inadvertently or unknowingly contribute to a child's feeling of homesickness by encouraging them to call home. Based on extensive experience, it has been found that children calling home during the first days of camp usually promotes homesickness, rather than alleviates it. You can help your child (and us) by not telling them that you will pick them up if they are not having fun and re-assure them they will love camp and meet lots of new friends.

It is camp policy to discourage phone calls, especially during the first few days of camp. Exceptions to this policy are made on a case by case basis by the Childcare Specialist and, when deemed appropriate, notify parents whenever there are any potential concerns

GENERAL INFORMATION - OVERNIGHT CAMP

HEALTH FORM- OVERNIGHT CAMPERS

State law requires that Camp have on file written verification by a licensed health care provider that overnight camper's immunizations are current and the camper has had a physical examination within 24 months prior to arrival at camp. If you have a different health form signed by your doctor, please attach a copy (not the original) to our completed health form.

If a camper requires an Epipen for allergies, parents must provide one.

HEALTH CARE POLICY

Unless otherwise specified, you will be notified of non-routine illnesses or injuries only. You will not be notified of routine infirmity care such as treatment of non-infected bug bites, bumps, scratches or bruises.

Parents of campers with a significant illness or injury (that precludes them from participating in the camp program) will be notified by phone to arrange timely pick-up. When appropriate, and through consultation with the camp nurse, children may return to camp after they recover from their injury or illness. Under usual circumstances, day campers who are mildly ill or injured will be held in the camp's infirmary until the end of the day (5:00 PM) and discharged accordingly.

Parents of campers with a serious injury or ailment will be notified immediately. When appropriate, campers may be transported – either by staff vehicle or ambulance – to the Falmouth Hospital in Falmouth, or the Falmouth Urgent Care Medical Clinic in Sandwich. Camp Farley operates under the standing orders of Cape Cod Pediatrics in Sandwich. The Health Care Supervisor as per these orders administers camper medication.

FEES, CHANGES & REFUNDS

The balance on your account is due and payable the day your camper arrives at camp. If you have a camper signed up for multiple weeks, only the balance for that week is due. We accept cash, checks, money orders and credit cards. There is a \$30 fee for all returned checks.

Cancellations before May 2nd will receive a full refund, minus a \$30 handling fee. After May 2nd, all deposits are non-refundable. Also, there are NO refunds for early departures or late arrivals. If a camper must leave due to medical reasons, a pro-rated refund for the balance of their stay (minus the deposit) is made based on the number of whole days missed. (A signed doctor's slip must be provided)

Thru June 1st, there is no charge for changing registrations. However, after June 1st a fee of \$10 will be assessed for EACH change. Also, after June 1st deposits are non-transferable.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP FROM ROUTE 6

Proceed over the Sagamore Bridge and take Exit 2 (Sandwich/Mashpee) off Route 6. Take a right at the end of the exit onto Route 130 and follow for approximately 7 miles. Look for the big Camp Farley sign on your left. If you go by the "Anchor Storage" facility on your right, you just passed us!

Questions? Please contact us –

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