

2021 SUMMER CAMP



FAMILY HANDBOOK

*Please read the contents thoroughly.
This handbook is updated each year and it is very
important for returning families to be aware of any changes.*

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PREPARING FOR CAMP

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS & POLICIES

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW!

1. Camp is going to be great this Summer! We can't wait to welcome your camper to Wenonah.
2. We've got it! We've figured out our programs, activities, food service, health care, and how to have a lot of fun at Camp in 2021.
3. To help us keep COVID-19 out of Camp, campers and staff are required to have a negative COVID-19 PCR test and limit their exposure to others prior to their Camp Period.
4. Cohorts are the centrepiece of our approach at Camp this Summer.
5. Families are encouraged to drop off their campers at Camp on the first day of their Camp Period, and have them return home on the Camp bus if possible.
6. If your camper needs to leave Camp for COVID-19 reasons, we require families to arrange to pick up their camper that same day. Please make sure your main contact can be reached at any time.

As we count down the days to the first day of Summer Camp, we can feel the anticipation of all our campers to be at Camp, playing with a group of friends, and spending time with their cabinmates without masks on!

Summer Camp is a bridge to the return to normal.

Those returning to Wenonah this Summer are coming back to a very familiar experience. Our mission remains the same, the feeling of Camp remains the same, and overall, the experience remains the same one we have carefully developed over the past 25 years. Our staff team continues to be hard at work planning to welcome your camper to Wenonah for this **very special season at Camp**.

The way we do some things will be different this year to meet Ontario's overnight camp guidelines (that we have now received) and to manage the risks of COVID-19. With every person on site having been tested prior to arrival at Camp, the centrepiece to our approach is the *cohort*. Each group (for example, a cabin or a couple of cabin groups) is a 'household'. When people are in their 'household' group, they are maskless and their time together will be very normal. For one-month ROOTS, POLARIS and WCITs, we hope to expand the size of the cohort in the second half of the month.

WHAT CAN WE LOOK FORWARD TO AT CAMP?

- Your **favourite Wenonah programs** are running this Summer! We are already planning for another great season of Wenonah Games, campfires, cabin-based programs, evening programs, and so much more.
- **All of our main activity areas** are offered this year, including sailing, canoeing, swimming, kayaking, archery, climbing, mini golf, arts and crafts, stand-up paddle boarding, tennis, and some new surprises!
- As always, one-month and two-week cabin groups have **optional overnight canoe trips** on our back lakes. We also plan to run the **POLARIS canoe trips** to Algonquin Park as usual.
- The **ROOTS program** gives campers opportunities to enjoy those same activities and programs that interest them, including a three day overnight canoe trip program on our back lakes.
- The **POLARIS program** highlights are exactly the same. The canoe trips, certification in swimming, canoeing, and sailing, and so much more will be part of the POLARIS experience, as they always have been.
- **WCITs** are developing the same great leadership skills. They can expect to participate in internships, provide leadership at Camp, and experience tremendous personal growth.

GETTING READY FOR CAMP

- Please review this **Family Handbook**, and complete our **Final Forms & Details** by **Friday, June 18** (July Camp families) or **Friday, July 16** (August Camp families).
- We **encourage all eligible campers and staff to become immunized** against COVID-19 as soon as possible. Please visit [@camp.vax](#) on Instagram for daily updates.
 - We ask about immunization status on the Medical Form; however, COVID-19 immunization is not a requirement and campers will have close contact with others who may not be immunized.
- In the 14 days leading up to their first day of Camp, we ask that campers and staff **take reasonable measures** to limit their exposure to COVID-19 (i.e., reduce the chances of becoming infected by limiting contact with others outside of your immediate household).
- Camper families will provide us with **printed proof of a camper's negative COVID-19 PCR test** taken within four days prior to their arrival at Camp.
 - Campers and staff can get these tests from [participating pharmacies that offer PCR testing](#).
 - For campers and staff going to an overnight summer camp in Ontario, **these tests are free**.
 - July Camp families should book your tests for these dates:
 - **June 30** (for those arriving on July 4)
 - **July 7** (for those arriving on July 11)
 - **July 14** (for those arriving on July 18)
 - If any camper has previously tested positive for COVID-19, please let Director of Health & Wellness Nancy Vandenberg know (nancy@campwenonah.com) as soon as possible to determine if testing is needed.
 - The proof of a negative PCR test result can be emailed to testing@campwenonah.com **no later than by 4:00 pm on the day before** your camper arrives at Wenonah
 - If an emailed copy of the negative PCR test is not received the day before by 4:00 pm, your camper **must bring a printed proof of the negative PCR test** with them to Camp or to the bus stop.
 - We **CANNOT admit** any camper who does not provide proof of a negative PCR test
- Campers should come to Camp understanding basic ways to keep themselves safe at camp.
 - Families may want to use Public Health Ontario's [Preventing COVID-19: Tips for children attending school](#) as a basis.
- Please send your camper to Camp with a **supply of at least four non-medical (i.e., washable cloth masks – with at least two layers) or at least one medical mask (i.e., disposable) for every day of your stay** that they can wear in larger group settings beyond their cohort, based on the guidelines in Public Health Ontario's [Preventing COVID-19: Tips for children attending school](#).
 - If your camper is unable to tolerate mask wearing, please contact the Camp Office to arrange an accommodation.
- On the first day of Camp, please **bring proof that your camper has passed the screening tool / questionnaire we will send you**.
 - This screening process will ask you to confirm that your camper:
 - does not have new or worsening symptoms or signs in any of the following: Fever or chills; Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; Cough; Sore throat, trouble swallowing; Runny nose/stuffy nose or nasal congestion; Decrease or loss of smell or taste; Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain; and/or, Not feeling well, extreme tiredness, sore muscles.
 - has not been identified as a "close contact" of someone who currently has COVID-19.
 - does not live with anyone currently waiting for COVID-19 test results and/or experiencing any new COVID-19 symptoms.

- has not been told by a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit that they should currently be isolating (staying at home).
- has not received a COVID alert exposure notification on their cell phone within the last 14 days.
- has not travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days.
- If your camper does not pass this screening, please contact the Camp office to arrange an alternate arrival date.
- We encourage you to review this screening process early to avoid surprises.

GETTING TO CAMP

- We are encouraging families to **drive to Camp** on the first day rather than using the bus this year to minimize contact with others outside their cohort before arriving at Camp. The bus, however, is available at the start of Period 1/1A, Period 2, Period 3/3A, and Period 4/4A for those who need it.
- If you are driving to Camp, please **minimize stops along the way**.
- We will have a staggered start for those driving to Camp on arrival day, and your family will be **assigned an arrival time** the week before the first day of your Camp experience.
- Please be patient with us. We anticipate there may be **more cars on site than usual**, and drop-off may take longer as a result.
- Unless invited by Camp Wenonah staff, **family members should stay in the car** during the drop off. Washrooms are not available for family members.
- If you have medications to drop off, or wish to speak with the Health Centre staff, please let us know during drop off. The Health Centre staff can visit you at your vehicle upon request.
- **Wenonah staff will:**
 - screen campers (for symptoms, travel and recent exposure to someone who may have a SARS-CoV-2 infection)
 - help with camper belongings.

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AT CAMP

- Camp uses a range of strategies to manage the risks associated with COVID-19:
 - Campers, ROOTS, POLARIS, and WCITs are **organized into cohorts** where campers and staff have close contact with those who are in their cohort (for example, a cabin or a couple of cabin groups). **Within the cohort group, campers can be maskless.**
 - Campers in different cohorts, including siblings, do what we have all done over the last year, including **physical distancing** and **wearing masks** when they spend time with one another.
 - Executive Chef Cody Rector is finalizing a terrific Summer Camp menu. **Cafeteria-style service** is featured during meals at Camp this Summer.
 - We screen everyone in Camp for COVID-19 symptoms daily.
 - Indoor spaces are ventilated, and we spend time outside as much as possible. As always, hand hygiene and disinfection of commonly touched surfaces are part of our protocols at Camp.
 - **Instead of a Visitor's Day** for one-month campers, ROOTS, POLARIS, and WCITs we have a day of fun programs planned during the changeover between two-week Periods.
 - Everyone at Camp may be tested for COVID-19, based on the discretion of our health care team or as directed by Simcoe Muskoka District Public Health.
- We may require an individual or group of people to leave Camp for COVID-19 reasons:
 - A camper tests positive for COVID-19
 - Campers become symptomatic and require testing that is outside the scope of what Wenonah can offer

- Someone at Wenonah tests positive with whom an individual has had close contact
- A person with whom an individual has been in close contact with (for example, a cabinmate) has a high risk exposure to COVID-19
- Due to public health requirements (for example, staff requiring isolation) we could be unable to maintain suitable supervision of campers, ROOTS, POLARIS or WCITs
- Other requirements as determined by Simcoe Muskoka District Public Health
- If your camper needs to leave Camp for COVID-19 reasons, **we require families to arrange to pick them up that same day**. We will ask for specific contact information for who to contact if this were to occur.

COMING HOME FROM CAMP

- Bus service is available at the end of Period 1/1B, Period Two, P3/3B, P4/4B to Vaughan Mills Mall. **We encourage you to consider having your camper, ROOTS, POLARIS, and/or WCIT leave Camp on the bus** to help us manage the number of vehicles on site on the last day of Camp. Because of the isolated nature of Camp, we are also comfortable that it is safe for everyone to leave Wenonah by bus.
- For those who do pick up their campers from Camp, we will share a pick-up schedule with you.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

We do not accept responsibility for any clothing and/or equipment that is lost or broken while at Camp, or during transit by bus.

Below is a suggested packing list based upon a one-week stay at Camp. Please adjust accordingly based upon length of stay and whether or not laundry service has been requested.

CLOTHING	EQUIPMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5-7 T-shirts ▪ 3-4 Pairs of shorts ▪ 1 Pair of pajamas ▪ 2-3 Sweaters ▪ 3-4 Pairs of long pants ▪ 2 Bathing suits ▪ 7-10 Pairs of underwear ▪ 7-10 Pairs of socks ▪ 2 Pairs of running shoes ▪ 1 Pair of sandals / water shoes ▪ 1 Jacket ▪ 1 Hat ▪ 1 Rain Jacket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ at least four non-medical masks (i.e., washable cloth masks – with at least two layers) regardless of the length of your camper’s stay, or at least one medical mask (i.e., disposable) for every day of your camper’s stay ▪ Sleeping bag ▪ Pillow ▪ Fitted sheet (to cover mattress) ▪ 2 Beach towels ▪ 1 Bath Towel ▪ Flashlight and extra batteries ▪ Insect repellent ▪ Toiletries (<i>comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, kleenex, sanitary needs</i>) ▪ Shampoo & soap (<i>phosphate & nut free</i>) ▪ Sunscreen (<i>minimum SPF 30</i>) ▪ Personal water bottle (<i>labelled with camper’s name</i>) ▪ 1 pair of rubber boots
CANOE TRIP NEEDS	OPTIONAL
<p>For POLARIS participants. Some senior two-week / one-month campers may also participate in optional canoe trips with their cabin cohort. Please consider bringing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30 Litre Dry Sack ▪ Wool socks ▪ Hiking footwear ▪ Fox 40 Whistle ▪ A compact & light-weight Sleeping Bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Camera ▪ Stuffed animal ▪ Fishing rod ▪ Self-addressed, stamped envelopes/writing paper (<i>for letters home</i>) ▪ Tennis racquet ▪ Acoustic guitar ▪ Books/comics ▪ Deck of cards/board games ▪ Personal Flotation Device (PFD) <i>(We do have a full inventory at Wenonah but appreciate those that can bring their own so we can maintain proper sizing for each child. If you do choose to send one along, please make sure that it is well labelled.)</i>

***** Some shampoos, conditioners, and other toiletries contain nut products. Please screen all toiletry items to ensure that no nut products are present, as per our Nut Aware Policy.*****

PACKING NOTES

There is no need to pack anything beyond those items listed on our Packing List. It can be damaging to the Camp experience when other items are sent. Camp is one of the few places where a child can be free of inequities. The more “stuff” that campers bring, the more inequity can be present in a cabin group.

Help us create a positive experience for all campers by **NOT** sending the following items to Camp:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Laptops / tablets | <input type="checkbox"/> Gaming Devices | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair dryers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Portable music players | <input type="checkbox"/> Expensive clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Expensive jewelry | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walkie Talkies | <input type="checkbox"/> Curling irons | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighters or matches |

***** Please visit Page 13 for more information about mobile phones at Camp.**

PACKING TIPS

1. **Please label all items.** We recommend all equipment be labeled (adhesive tape or waterproof marker is best). Never assume that your child will recognize an item, no matter how unique it is! Please include full name (vs initials).
2. Don't buy new clothes for Camp! Send clothes that are comfortable and well-used.
3. Do not send anything to Camp that you are not willing to risk losing.
4. Keep packing simple and realistic. Please don't overpack! Space in cabins and tabins is limited.
 - Luggage is stored under bunk beds. There is between 8-12 inches of space under the bunks.
 - Suitcases, duffle bags, and low Rubbermaid containers work well. Trunks do not fit under a bunk bed
5. Include your camper in the packing process. This helps to reduce lost and found items because your camper may be able to recognize what is theirs. It helps the camper's sense of independence.

To keep packing reasonable, consider using our laundry service. However, please do not send any clothing that will not stand up to commercial laundering or that requires delicate care.

LAUNDRY

We offer an optional laundry service through Fabricare Cleaning Centre of Bracebridge. Campers receive a personal bag for them to fill with items to be laundered, clean laundry is returned 24 hours after pick-up.

A fee of \$16 per bag is charged for every laundry date selected. Laundry is available for campers attending for 2 weeks or longer – picked up every Monday and returned on Tuesdays. Lost or unreturned laundry bags are charged to your family account at \$20/bag.

PROMOTIONAL PICTURES

Many pictures are taken at Camp for promotional purposes. **If, for any reason, your camper should not appear in these pictures, notify us in writing by the start of Camp.** We share some of our best photos on our website, and on social media.

Please note that campers bring their own cameras and may photograph each other. We have no control over how those pictures are used.

CABINMATE & TABINMATE REQUESTS

Many campers attend Camp with a friend they hope to share a cabin or tabin with. We are committed to doing the best we can to accommodate cabinmate and tabinmate requests.

There are some things to keep in mind so we can accommodate your cabin or tabin mate request:

- Campers must be **within 18 months in age**.
- Requests must be **mutual** (i.e. requests should be made by both campers).
- Campers must be attending for the **same session** and for the **same length of stay**.
- We can only accommodate **two requests** per camper.
- We **cannot make any changes** to cabinmate requests on the first day of any Period.

In the rare case that a request is made for two campers *not* to be together, you **must** notify the other family. We cannot play any role in these dynamics.

**** NEW FOR 2021:** Given that campers, ROOTS, POLARIS, and WCITs are in cohorts based on their cabin and tabin placements this Summer, we are happy to accommodate requests from everyone attending including, for the first time, POLARIS and WCIT participants.

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

CODE OF CONDUCT

We believe that every person has the right to feel safe, both physically and emotionally, at Camp. When the behavior issues arise and/or challenges present themselves, we resolve them on an individual basis. Camp staff are trained to work with understanding, care, and patience.

All campers are asked to agree to a Code of Conduct to show that they understand the rules and the potential consequences.

We reserve the right to withdraw any camper without warning who, in their opinion, compromises the physical or emotional safety of any person at Camp, or who is an immediate hazard to the safety of themselves or others.

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS GIVEN FOR CAMPERS WHO ARE SENT HOME DUE TO VIOLATION OF BEHAVIOUR POLICIES OR THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

JJ (jj@campwenonah.com) is pleased to discuss this policy if it requires further clarification

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Problem Area	Description	Potential Consequence				
Alcohol	Consumption or possession of alcohol on Camp property or while in the Camp's charge				X	X
Bullying	Physical assault or aggression, threat of physical aggression, ongoing and deliberate exclusion, emotional abuse and/or harassment	X	X	X	X	X
COVID-19 Protocols	Refusal to comply with all COVID-19 protocols, including not wearing a mask and/or not practicing physical distancing when not in cohort, and/or other directions given by Camp staff.	X	X	X	X	X
Defiance	Refusal to comply with persons in authority	X	X	X	X	
Disorderly Conduct	Persistent opposition to authority, behaviour contrary to the positive moral tone and stance of the Camp	X	X	X	X	X
Drugs - legal	Use of non-prescription or prescription drugs not administered or approved by a Health Care professional (including the Camp Nurse or Administration)	X	X	X	X	X
Drugs - illegal	Use or possession of illegal drugs on Camp property or while in the Camp's charge				X	X
Harassment	Repeated comments or conduct that is known or ought to be known as unwelcome, including discrimination based on one's race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, ancestry, ability, or sexual orientation.	X	X	X	X	X
Cannabis	Use or possession of cannabis on Camp property or while in the Camp's charge				X	X
Profanity	Swearing, or the use of obscene or foul language	X	X	X	X	
Sexual Activity	Engaging in sexual activity which compromises the physical or emotional safety of self or others	X	X	X	X	
Smoking / Vaping	Use of any tobacco or vaping products (not limited to cigarettes) on Camp property or while in the Camp's charge				X	X
Theft	Taking or possessing property without the permission of the owner			X	X	X
Vandalism	Acts of vandalism include graffiti and the willful destruction of property	X	X	X	X	X
Weapons	Possession, use of, or threat of use of a weapon (including but not limited to a firearm or knife)				X	X

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Please be sure to double-check and confirm the start date and pick-up and drop-off time for your camper, as well as which mode of transportation you selected. [Start dates can be found on our website](#). Drop-off and pick-up times will be confirmed with you in an email.

All Periods start on a Sunday and end on a Saturday, with the exception of:

- **WEEnonah #1** ends on a Tuesday
- **WEEnonah #2** begins on a Tuesday & ends on a Thursday
- **WEEnonah #3** begins on a Thursday

Any changes to transportation plans must be made with at least one week's notice.

We assume all families are arranging transportation for their campers to / from Camp, either by car or by bus transportation. For any out-of-province campers requiring assistance getting to Camp, please contact our Camp Office at info@campwenonah.com.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

We are **encouraging all families to drive to Camp on the first day** rather than using the bus this year to minimize contact with others outside their cohort before arriving at Camp. The bus, however, is available at the start of Period 1/1A, Period 2, Period 3/3A, and Period 4/4A for those who need it.

Bus service is available at the end of Period 1/1B, Period Two, P3/3B, P4/4B to Vaughan Mills Mall. We encourage you to **consider having your camper, ROOTS, POLARIS, and/or WCIT leave Camp on the bus** to help us manage the number of vehicles on site on the last day of Camp. Because of the isolated nature of Camp, we are also comfortable that it is safe for everyone to leave Wenonah by bus.

**** NEW FOR 2021:** The bus picks-up and drops-off at:

**VAUGHAN MILLS MALL
1 Bass Pro Mills Drive
Vaughan, ON L4K 5W4**

Vaughan Mills Mall is located north of downtown Toronto, at Highway 400 and Rutherford Road, just south of Canada's Wonderland.

The bus meets at the Vaughan Mills Mall **entry #3** between **Posts 3D and 3E**.

Please note:

- Bussing must be selected when you submit your Final Forms to guarantee a spot. Space is limited on the trip to Camp.
- Cost for bussing is as follows: **\$45** (One-Way), **\$90** (Round-Trip)
- COVID protocols are to be observed by campers and staff while on the bus. This includes appropriate physical distancing while checking in at Vaughan Mills, and the use of masks for the duration of the trip.
- Buses are air conditioned and have washrooms on board.
- Bus service is **not** available for these Periods:
 - o Trip home at the **end of Period 1A**
 - o Trip to Camp **to start Period 1B**
 - o Trip home at the **end of Period 3A**
 - o Trip to Camp **to start Period 3B**
 - o Trip home at the **end of WEEnonah #1**
 - o Trips **to Camp and home at the end of WEEnonah #2**
 - o Trip home at the **end of Period 4A & WEEnonah #3**

COVID-19 protocols:

- Campers are required to **bring proof that your camper has passed the screening tool / questionnaire we will send you** (see questions on page 4) completed on the first day of Camp and, if you did not email proof of your camper's negative COVID-19 PCR test result to us the day before by 4:00 pm, you must also provide **printed proof of negative COVID-19 PCR test** taken within four days of the start of the Camp Period in order to attend Wenonah. These must be provided upon arrival at the bus stop. Without this, campers are not permitted to board the bus.
- Campers, parents/guardians, and staff are asked to **wear masks at all times** at the bus stop and on the bus. Please follow **physical distancing protocols** while boarding the bus.

Additional notes about the Wenonah bus service:

- Plan on arriving **at least 30 minutes in advance** of departure time. [The full bus schedule can be found on our website.](#)
- When you arrive, please observe COVID-19 protocols
- Buses depart at their scheduled time. We do not wait for those who are late.
- Campers may bring a nut-free snack (first meal at Camp for those arriving by bus is an early lunch).
- Camp staff will be standing at the bus door to take attendance.
- Designated Camp staff will be at a table to take your child's medications.
- We ask for your patience when traffic is slow and buses from Camp are delayed.

CAR TRANSPORTATION

We are encouraging families to **drive to Camp** on the first day rather than using the bus this year to minimize contact with others outside their cohort before arriving at Camp.

If you are driving to Camp, please minimize stops along the way.

We have a staggered start for those driving to Camp on arrival day, and your family will be **assigned an arrival time** the week before the first day of your Camp experience. Generally, WCITs, POLARIS and their siblings can expect their assigned drop-off time to be between 10:30 am - 11:30 am. All other campers and ROOTS can expect their assigned drop-off time to be assigned between 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

- **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLIER THAN your assigned drop off time**
- **For Car Arrivals:**
 - o Follow instructions from Camp staff
 - o Parents/guardians and others **may not leave their vehicle during dropoff**, unless invited by a Wenonah staff member. Our staff will help unload luggage and accompany your camper to their cabin / tabin.
 - o **Washrooms are not available** to parents/guardians.
 - o Please be prepared to **provide proof that your camper has passed the screening tool / questionnaire we will send you** (see questions on page 4) completed on the first day of Camp and, if you did not email proof of your camper's negative COVID-19 PCR test result to us the day before by 4:00 pm, you must also provide **printed proof of negative COVID-19 PCR test** taken within four days of the start of the Camp Period in order to attend Wenonah. Campers are not permitted to arrive at Camp without a successful screening and PCR test.
- **For Car Departures:**
 - o Please arrive at your **assigned departure time**.
 - o Parents/guardians and others may not leave their vehicle during drop off. Our staff will bring your camper(s), with their luggage, to meet you in your vehicle.
 - o Washrooms are not available to parents/guardians.

DURING CAMP

COMMUNICATION DURING CAMP

FIRST TIME CAMPERS

- For all first time Wenonah campers, we provide a check-in phone call to let you know how your camper is acclimatizing to life at Camp.
- You will receive this phone call sometime after their first 48 hours at Camp.
- If we are unable to reach someone directly, a message will be left. (Feel free to be back in touch with us if you'd like more details).
- Please note: phone calls are not made for campers in the WEEnonah program.

CONTACTING US

Year-Round Office (905-631-2849)

- Open regular hours during the Summer months.
- Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Senior Director Mike "Stewy" Stewart is available to help you

Muskoka Office (705-645-6163)

- Open every day during Summer Camp
- We do our best to answer all calls; however, based on the Camp schedule we cannot guarantee someone will be in the office at all times.
 - If your call is not answered, please leave a detailed message and we will return your call as quickly as possible.

THE WENONAH OFFICE CONTACTING YOU

Camp may be in touch with you for a number of potential reasons (don't be alarmed, as it is often just an administrative question.) However, other reasons for contact may include:

- Continued struggles adjusting to Camp life
- Ongoing behavioural issues
- To obtain further details from you to help your camper with any struggles – we are often in touch to seek some tips and tricks from parents/guardians to best serve their campers while at Camp if they are facing some level of struggle or adversity.
- If your camper has had to make a trip to the Hospital or Medical Clinic
 - We try to contact you - first at your home or main number, then at work, then at any other numbers you have given (cell phone, cottage, etc.).
 - If we can't reach you, we call the person you listed as the emergency contact.
 - It is important to make your wishes known to any person acting as your emergency contact.
 - In the case where a decision is necessary and direct contact has not been made, the Camp Director or Nurse will make a decision on your behalf, in your child's best interest.
- Please Note: We do not automatically contact you if your child visits the Health Centre during the day or has typical camper problems.

**** NEW FOR 2021:** If your camper needs to leave Camp for COVID-19 reasons, **we require families to arrange to pick them up that same day.** We will ask for specific contact information for who to contact if this were to occur.

COMMUNICATION DEVICES AT CAMP

First and foremost, we view time at Camp as the ideal opportunity for children to disconnect from technology, especially the internet and social media (and the pressures and expectations that come along with that).

It is for that reason that we strongly discourage campers from bringing any personal communication devices (phones, tablets, etc...) to Camp.

Campers are best able to live in the moment and enjoy and appreciate their Camp experience when they are free from the expectations and pressure associated with social media and the technological aspects of life.

If families decide that they do want to send their child to Camp with a device of this kind, we have in place strict rules and regulations with regards to their use:

- All devices must be handed in on the first day of Camp – all devices will be locked-up in the Office.
 - If a device is not handed in and found after the first day it will be taken by staff and locked away until the end of that Camper's time at Camp or returned to the family.
- There will be designated Talk & Text times, based upon age groups (roughly once a week per camper)
- Campers will only be able to use their devices at the given time, in the designated area under supervision of staff. Devices must be signed back in after each use.
- Devices will not be allowed for use for additional purposes (i.e. listening to music, etc...)

Any urgent information that needs to be passed along to families will be done so by the Camp staff, so there is no need for a camper to have a device to be in touch with their home. We encourage campers to write home as a form of regular communication with their families and/or friends (more information below).

For the same reasons listed above, campers will not have access to the Camp phone system. ***Please do not promise your child the opportunity to call home while at Camp.***

EMAIL

Reach your camper quickly by sending an email to campers@campwenonah.com

- ✓ Include your child's name and cabin name in the subject line.
- ✓ Limited to one email per camper per day.
- ✓ Our emails are checked once a day (early in the morning or late at night to allow time during the day for sorting) and are delivered to cabin mailboxes each day. Staff will then deliver to Campers on a daily basis.
- ✓ Limit emails to text only. We do not print animated greeting cards or digital photos.

Please don't:

- ✓ Put us on any lists of forwards or mass emails.
- ✓ Give the Camp email address to anyone outside of the household
- ✓ Send inappropriate content. We do not read emails, but they are not private when printed. We do not pass along anything obviously inappropriate.

In the case that any information has changed (updated transportation information, update to emergency contact, etc...) please contact the Camp Office directly versus sending this information to your campers as this information is rarely passed along.

INCOMING MAIL FOR CAMPERS

Please address any letters to:

Your Camper's Name / Period(s) Attending / Cabin Name
Camp Wenonah
1324 Bird Lake Road, RR #3
Bracebridge, Ontario P1L 1X1

- Mail is delivered to Camp each weekday.
- Incoming mail takes a few days to arrive at Camp (about four days from Toronto).
- Mail that arrives after your child has left for Camp is "returned to sender."

OUTGOING MAIL FROM CAMPERS

- Mail is put in an outgoing mailbox each weekday (please note outgoing mail often takes longer to travel than incoming mail).
- We encourage parents/guardians to include pre-addressed, pre-posted envelopes for their children to simplify the letter writing process.

Sometimes, parents/guardians may get a letter that is sad or upsetting. Keep in mind that the letter was written a few days before you got it, during a settling-in period or during what your child perceives to be a difficult time. Most often the problem will have been resolved by the time you read the letter. However, if you notice a pattern or receive news that is worrisome, please contact the Camp and speak with one of the Directors.

CARE PACKAGES

- We strongly discourage families from sending care packages to Camp – please plan ahead and pack all necessary items for a Camper's arrival.
- Care packages can create undue competitiveness, feelings of exclusion or disappointment and can lead to negative cabin dynamics. Time at Camp is best spent away from the pressures of material possessions.
- We do allow families to send packages in the case of a camper's birthday, in this case:
 - Please ensure the package does not contain food.
 - Try and keep packages as small as possible for ease of transportation and storage.
 - We also encourage any families dropping their children off by car to leave packages in the office to be delivered on a certain date. This avoids involving the postal system, which is easier for all.
- In the case of your child requiring any "emergency" items that were forgotten, please let the Camp administration know and post the package to the Camp vs. the Camper, we will then ensure the items are delivered to your child.

VISITOR'S DAY / DAY IN TOWN

**** NEW FOR 2021:** Instead of a Visitor's Day and/or Day In Town for one-month campers, ROOTS, POLARIS, and WCITs we have a day of fun programs planned during the changeover between two-week Periods.

FOOD SERVICE

Under the direction of Executive Chef Cody Rector, three meals, plus snacks, are prepared each day.

In consideration of COVID-19, meals are served cafeteria-style and meal timing is staggered to allow for physical distancing. We have established outdoor dining areas around the Main Lodge to accommodate cohorts eating together outside.

We have many campers and staff who require a special diet while at Camp. We ask for any information or instructions regarding special diets to be included when completing the Final Forms. Any changes made, need to be communicated to the Wenonah Office at least **three weeks in advance** of that camper's arrival at Camp.

Alternative Menus can be accommodated based upon:

- Allergies and/or medical reasons
- Religious Beliefs
- Well established / long-standing personal lifestyle choices
- Parental preference for their children

We do not accommodate based upon:

- Individual taste and/or preferences
- Diets or dieting without advanced written notice.

Once a special diet has been selected and an alternative menu has been made, it is the expectation that campers will remain on that alternative menu for the remainder of their time at Camp.

If your child has a **food allergy**, please indicate this on the Medical Form in detail so that Chef Cody can make accommodations.

- If your child's food allergy is life-threatening and may require Chef Cody to make extensive modifications, please notify the Director of Operations (tito@campwenonah.com) directly to make arrangements.
- Some restrictions may require supplementary food to be sent by parents for the kitchen to prepare.

The prevalence of **eating disorders** among adolescent children is increasing dramatically. Campers sometimes decide to "experiment" with disordered eating at Camp (away from parents' supervision). As part of our commitment to keeping children safe, we do not allow dieting or experimentation at camp. That is why we ask for advance notice of (and your consent for) specific dietary requirements.

NUT POLICY

Our entire Summer camping season is designated as "nut aware." We welcome many people to Camp who have life-threatening nut allergies. We will not compromise their safety during their stay at Camp. Our Summer Camp menu is created with this in mind. All food served through the kitchen and on out-trips is carefully screened so that nothing is labelled as containing or "may contain" any nut products.

Any food items sent by families should be cleared in advance of Camp with our Director of Operations, and **MUST NOT** contain nuts, nut products or traces of nuts; have come in contact with nuts (like bulk food); or be made in a facility that also processes nuts.

BIRTHDAYS AT CAMP

Our food service staff prepare birthday cakes for all campers for their special day at Camp. It is not necessary to request or send a cake. If your camper has a birthday at Camp, you can leave or send a birthday package, but please do not include any food.

FOOD POLICY

PLEASE **DO NOT** BRING FOOD ITEMS TO CAMP. There are plenty of snacks available, and we ask you NOT to send food with your camper.

HEALTH SERVICES

We need all parents/guardians to fully complete the Medical Form by June 18 (July Camp) or July 16 (August Camp). All information is due online.

If you need to update health information after you submit it, please do one of the following:

- Send a written note on the first day of Camp.
- Email Nancy Vandenberg (Director of Health & Wellness) at nancy@campwenonah.com with the details.
- Call the office at Camp (705-645-6163) and provide details to our office staff team

If you have any additional questions or concerns about health and wellness while your child is at Camp, you may contact the nurses (nurses@campwenonah.com). They do their best to respond in a timely manner; however, please be aware that due to the pace of Camp life nurses may not be able to respond immediately. Any urgent matter should be expressed by phoning the Camp Office (705-645-6163).

We have a Camp Doctor who is not onsite; there is often a Nurse Practitioner on site who can diagnose and prescribe. If your child needs to visit the clinic or hospital in Bracebridge, this decision is made by the nursing team, in consultation with the Camp Doctor. We will, of course, let you know about any steps being taken to care for your child.

MEDICATION

If your child brings any prescription medication to Camp:

- **Medication MUST be brought to Camp in the original container.** It is not legal for our nurses to dispense medication from any other container, including weekly pill organizers. Your child will not receive their medications if they are not in their original containers. We will ask you to get a new prescription from your pharmacy if your child's medications come in any other container. All dosing instructions must be readable on the label.
- **All instructions for dosage and dispensing MUST be translated into English** if they are in another language, and included with the medication. International campers bringing medication to Camp must also ensure that it is in its original container.
- **Medication is dispensed after each meal and before bedtime.** If your child's routine medication time cannot fit into this schedule, or any breach of the routine could result in serious health consequences, a letter of explanation is required before Camp.
- **Send clear instructions in writing** for the administration of medication (s), including the reason for taking it and usual timing. Camp staff cannot accept verbal instructions.
- **Send enough medication to last the full Camp Period attending.**
- **Camp is not the time to 'trial' your child off medications or take a 'medication vacation'.** Please DO NOT expect camp staff/nurses to manage your child while they are off their normal medications. It is not fair to the child and can negatively affect their camp experience.

Upon arrival at Camp, please indicate to our staff if you have medications to drop off or if you wish to speak to the Health Centre staff; they will visit you at your vehicle upon request. All medication is stored (and locked) in the Medical Dispensary. Nursing staff (or, during out trips - Cabin Leaders) are responsible for dispensing the medication as per the prescription and your instructions.

Campers should know why they take their medication and when to take it. Understanding helps them remember to take it. Be sure to discuss this with your child.

We provide most common non-prescription medications, including:

- TYLENOL (acetaminophen)
- ADVIL / MOTRIN (ibuprofen)
- Junior versions of TYLENOL and IBRUPROFEN
- ALEVE (naproxen)
- BENADRYL (diphenhydramine)
- CLARITIN (loratidine)
- REACTINE (cetirizine)
- GRAVOL (dimenhydrinate)
- cold/sinus medication (Tylenol or Advil Cold & Sinus)
- Vitamin C
- throat lozenges
- antacids (TUMS)
- laxatives (Restorolax)

PRESCRIPTIONS

If, at any time, a prescription needs to be filled or medication has been prescribed, Camp pays the up-front costs and put the charge on your child's account. If the medication is not covered by OHIP+, or you do not live in Ontario, you will receive the original receipt and can proceed for reimbursement from your personal drug plan. Under no circumstances can we submit receipts to an insurance company for medications or treatments on behalf of a camper or staff.

Non-Ontario residents (or anyone without a health card) are charged a fee to see a doctor (either in a walk-in clinic or at a hospital). Camp pays this up-front fee and charges are added to your family account.

CAMPER CARE BEFORE CAMP

We encourage all eligible campers and staff to become immunized against COVID-19 as soon as possible. Please visit [@camp.vax](#) on Instagram for daily updates of vaccination appointments that may be available in your area.

In the 14 days leading up to their first day of Camp, we ask that campers and staff **take reasonable measures** to limit their exposure to COVID-19 (i.e., reduce the chances of becoming infected by limiting contact with others outside of your immediate household). Families will be asked to confirm that they have followed this directive when they drop off their camper. Those who have not been able to follow this directive should alert the Camp office; a member of our medical team will assess on a case-by-case basis.

Families are to provide proof of a camper's negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within four days upon their arrival at Camp.

- Campers and staff can get these tests from [pharmacies that offer PCR testing](#).
- For campers and staff going to an overnight summer camp in Ontario, **these tests are free**.
- If any camper has previously tested positive for COVID-19, please let Director of Health & Wellness Nancy Vandenberg know (nancy@campwenonah.com) as soon as possible to determine if repeat testing is needed.
- Please bring printed proof of your camper's negative PCR test result when you drop off your camper
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Campers should not come to Camp with known communicable diseases or health issues (such as COVID-19, chicken pox, lice, viral infections, rashes, athlete's foot, impetigo, etc.). If your child has been exposed to anything communicable within two to four weeks of the start of their Camp Period, you must alert the Camp Office. Together, we will determine whether to consider keeping your child at home for some extra time. In the event that a camper arrives at Camp unaware that they have a communicable illness, we will let families of campers in that child's cabin know their child has been exposed. Campers may be asked to leave Camp immediately in this case.

It is a good idea for campers coming for one month or longer to visit the dentist before Camp, especially if they have braces or retainers. Ensure that orthodontic work is in good shape. In the case of emergency dental work, most dentists in Bracebridge only do temporary work to make the camper comfortable, and require payment

up-front, which is charged to your account.

Ensure that young female campers know about and understand menstruation and have appropriate feminine hygiene products. It is not unheard of for the onset of menses to begin at Camp.

HEAD LICE

Please check your child thoroughly for head lice/nits within three days of their first day at Camp.

Campers are checked for head lice on the first day of arrival at camp. Campers found to have head lice (as deemed by our medical team or a professional lice checking company) are treated following the guidance of the Lice Squad.

We will attempt to contact you once either by phone/text or email prior to treatment to give you the option to come and pick up your camper, but we will proceed with treatment if we cannot get in touch with you after this attempt. There is a cost associated with the treatment that you will be expected to pay (this is a fee paid to Lice Squad, and is estimated to be up to \$350).

At Wenonah, we understand and respect religious observance of head coverings and a private space for checks and if necessary, treatment, will be provided.

While head lice is not uncommon for children, it can be a very distressing experience for your child to have lice discovered at Camp. Please avoid this by checking for it or treating it at home.

SUN SAFETY

All staff are trained to promote sun safety for your child:

- Sunscreen is available at the Health Centre and all program areas should campers run out.
- Water taps can be found around camp.
- Campers are encouraged to wear light clothing that covers shoulders and arms, when not doing water activities.

Help us by packing

- a hat with a brim and sunglasses
- sunscreen for your camper (minimum SPF 15, but SPF 30 or higher is preferable)
- a water bottle with your child's name on it

EPI-PEN POLICY

If your camper requires an Epi-Pen, they should come to Camp with at least two Epi-Pens. If your camper is attending a two-week or one-month period an extra Epi-Pen must be brought to Camp for the out-trips. Please send a fanny pack to Camp with your child to carry their Epi-Pen.

Any camper who requires an Epi-Pen for a food, bee, or insect allergy may go on an off-site trip, with written permission from a parent. Some risk of coming into contact with nuts or nut products, although a very remote possibility, could take place on a trip or out-of-Camp activity. We ask families to keep these risks in mind when making decisions about off-site excursions for their camper.

LYME DISEASE

We follow the guidelines and recommendations of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, the Ontario Camps Association, and the Public Health Agency of Ontario with regards to surveillance, assessment and management of tick bites. At present, Wenonah is NOT located in an area where Lyme Disease is a concern but we are vigilant in our follow up of tick bites or any insect borne concern.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Camper immunization history is requested on the Medical Form because the safety and well-being of all campers and staff at Camp Wenonah is very important.

We **encourage all eligible campers and staff to become immunized** against COVID-19 as soon as possible. If your camper has received a COVID-19 vaccination, please share this information on the Medical Form.

We know that, because of COVID-19, your camper may have missed some regularly scheduled immunizations. Please share your camper's most recent vaccination information on the Medical Form.

Parents and/or guardians must be aware that campers who have not been immunized for any given contagious condition may be sent home immediately if there is a suspected case of that condition (including COVID-19), in order to prevent transmission and to ensure everyone's health and safety. In this case, parents/guardians are responsible for any expenses incurred when they bring their camper home.

On the Medical Form, please let us know your if your child's immunizations are up-to-date according to the following schedule and give the last date of immunization for each:

For campers under 13 years of age:

- A primary series (4 doses usually given at 2, 4, 6 & 18 months) of Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio and Hib
- 2 doses of Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccine – one dose after their first birthday and a second dose at 4-6 years (given as MMRV vaccine which also protects against varicella/chickenpox)
- 2 doses of varicella/chickenpox vaccine – one dose routinely given at 15 months and a second dose at 4-6 years given as MMRV vaccine
- Meningococcal (Men-C-C) vaccine (usually given at one year of age)
- 4-6 year booster for tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis and polio (Tdap-IPV) (Adacel Polio)

For campers 13 years of age and older:

In addition to the vaccines highlighted above, they should also have:

- Hepatitis B vaccine (2 doses offered at school in Grade 7)
- Meningococcal (Men-C-ACYW) vaccine (1 dose offered at school in Grade 7)
- Between 14-16 years of age, should receive booster for tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap)

For more information, please see [Ontario Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules](#).

Any parents with questions about whether their child's immunizations are up-to-date should contact their health care provider or [local public health unit](#).

DAILY SCREENING / HEAD-TO-TOE CHECKS

Cabin Leaders continually monitor a camper's health while at Camp. To ensure that each camper is healthy throughout their time at Camp, Cabin Leaders complete daily screening of each camper for COVID-19 symptoms and other concerns.

A visual "head-to-toe" check, overseen by the Camp Nurses, is also completed to ensure that there are no ongoing issues and/or irritations which could lead to more serious health issues (scrapes, bumps, bug-bites, etc.).

Recommendations for follow-up with your family physician or a clinic in your home area could be made by the nursing team based on these checks.

STAFFING NOTES

FEMALE CABIN LEADERS WITH YOUNGER MALE CABINS

We continue our longstanding policy of, on occasion, placing a female Cabin Leaders with our younger male camper cabins (10 years and under). We have had great success with this in the past. Many of our younger campers appreciate having an older female figure with their group and, for many, it helps the transition to Camp from home. A male staff member lives in the cabin.

STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

We have high expectations of every staff member, which are reflected in our hiring policies.

- Each staff member completes an interview and a background check.
- Many staff members are returning, and have participated in both levels of leadership development programs (POLARIS and WCIT).
- Staff must have a minimum qualification of Bronze Cross, and many have NLS.
- Staff must possess a Standard First Aid & CPR-C certification.
- We also look at qualifications in other program areas which means that counselling and program staff are able to teach in a variety of areas.

PROGRAM NOTES

SWIM CHECKS AND COLOUR CORDS

In accordance with Ontario Camps Association Standards, we check the swimming ability of every camper (and staff member).

- On the first day of Camp, every camper must complete a swim check.
 - We use this as an assessment as opposed to a test (there is no pass or fail), the assessment allows our staff to track the ability and comfort level of all campers in the water.
- Campers then wear colour-coded wrist bands so that staff members can tell at a glance whether a camper is a weak or non-swimmer, or a strong swimmer.
- Some water activities may be restricted for campers who are non-swimmers or weak swimmers.

OVERNIGHT CANOE TRIPS

All campers staying for a minimum of two weeks may participate in an optional overnight canoe trip with their cabin group on our back lakes. Canoe trips are supervised by their Cabin Leaders.

WENONAH GAMES

In the last three days of Period 2, Period 4 and Period 4B we hold the ever-popular Wenonah Games. During Wenonah Games campers participate in a wide variety of activities (at all levels of competition) to earn points for their team.

- All campers are placed in one of three Houses: Aki (Green), Dawaa (Red & Yellow) or Zibbins (Blue)
 - Campers new to Wenonah are placed on Houses before their arrival at Camp.
- Members of the same family are automatically placed in the same House. If you are related to someone at Camp (past or present) who has a different last name, please make us aware so that all relatives can be on the same House team.
- Please note that campers may not request a House and may not switch between Houses unless in the case of the Camp's oversight in splitting family members into different Houses.
- Once you are on a House team that is your team for life!

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

We offer opportunities for youth taking part in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award program to achieve components of their Bronze, Silver and Gold Levels while at Camp. These components include both the Adventurous Journey and Residential Project.

Please contact Director of Leadership Eoin "Woody" Wood (woody@campwenonah.com) if you'd like more information.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

POLARIS

Personal Opportunities for Leadership, Awareness, Recreation, Instruction & Skill Enhancement

Canoe Trip

As a part of the program, Polaris participants take part in a 7 day trip to Algonquin Park.

- The trip will focus on Canoe Tripping skills (paddling, portaging, navigation, wilderness safety).
- Each POLARIS has a turn as Leader of the Day.
- Camp Wenonah will provide most necessary materials and items for the trip; however, we ask that POLARIS Participants bring the following personal items to Camp for their trip:
 - o 30L Dry Sack (MEC, Sea Line or Baja are recommended brands)
 - o Wool Socks (warmer and dry faster than cotton)
 - o Sturdy Rain Gear (ponchos and windbreakers are not sufficient)
 - o Sturdy Footwear – Hiking boots, walking shoes or sturdy running shoes
 - o Lightweight Synthetic Sleeping Bag (lighter and pack up much smaller than bulky cotton/flannel sleeping bags)
 - o Fox 40 Whistle

Please Note: If a POLARIS participant comes to Camp with a pre-existing injury it is at the discretion of the Director of Leadership and Wenonah Management, in consultation with the Camp Nurses, to determine whether that camper is able to participate in the Algonquin Park canoe trip. We want to ensure the safety of all of our participants and will not jeopardize the safety and/or well-being of anyone under our care.

Instructional Programs

POLARIS participants spend extensive time both in canoeing & sailing, working towards ORCKA and CANSail certification levels respectively.

Participants also work towards Bronze Medallion/Bronze Cross and Emergency First Aid Lifesaving Society levels.

Participants have additional opportunities to receive advance level instruction in other Camp program areas, including climbing, kayaking, and more!

TRANSITION YEAR

It often happens that children arrive at Camp, excited about finally being in the POLARIS program, only to be shocked at what is expected of them. No longer are they care-free campers who are at Camp just to have fun and to be with their friends. While those aspects are certainly important to the POLARIS program, it is also a highly structured experience with far less personal choice, and a certain amount of leadership and maturity is expected from each participant. Please discuss these expectations as well as your child's goals for the program, and help them understand their new role and purpose at Summer Camp.

Participation in the POLARIS program does not guarantee a spot in next year's WCIT program. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

WCIT

Wenonah Counsellor & Instructor Training

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The focus of the WCIT program is the further development and enhancement of individual leadership skills and abilities through direct interaction with campers and staff members in a variety of program areas, support roles and workshops (active and theory-based).

Leadership Workshops

WCIT participants spend time with the WCIT Directors and other Wenonah staff in sessions that aim to enhance individual leadership skills and abilities.

Internship

WCIT participants provide leadership to the Camp community in a number of ways. This provides the unique opportunity for hands-on experience and allows WCITs to develop as program and activity facilitators.

WCIT participants may also be given the opportunity to shadow staff members in a variety of roles at Camp. WCITs can be fully immersed in cabin life, programming and can choose to shadow staff members in some of the various support roles available at Wenonah.

Upon completion of the Wenonah Counselling & Instructor Training program, WCITs are prepared to use their skills in a variety of recreational and camp settings. Some may wish to apply for an open Staff positions for the next season at Wenonah while others may wish to consider other opportunities in camping.

FEEDBACK

WCIT Directors provide feedback to all WCIT participants on an ongoing basis throughout the month. This includes formal mid-month and end of month one-on-one feedback sessions. Staff who mentored WCITs in roles around Camp will also provide feedback for WCITs. Your participant should leave Camp knowing exactly how they did in the program.

WCIT vs. STAFF

WCITs take on a much higher level of responsibility than other campers, and may enjoy certain benefits that they share with the staff. However, it is important to remember that WCITs are not staff members. WCIT participants work closely with staff members, where it is easy to blur the lines into believing that they are doing the same job as a staff member. However, our staff have been trained in PreCamp and have been given a much higher level of overall responsibility for the campers.

The program is an experience that allows WCITs who may want to apply to be staff in the future to learn and gain a better understanding of what a job at Camp really entails. WCIT is therefore not just a training year, but also a “tryout” year. The WCIT program offers participants a chance to show what they have to offer as a staff member, and also to learn from mistakes in a safe way.

We hope that each WCIT leaves the program with a sense of accomplishment, responsibility, independence, a close bond of friendship, having had the opportunity to make a positive impact on campers’ lives.

LEADERSHIP CLOTHING

Each month, the POLARIS & WCIT groups each design a piece of clothing specific to their program and their month at Camp (in most cases a sweater). This is a practice in teamwork, compromise and cooperation, while also providing participants a token of their month in the program.

- The purchase of this item is optional, and can be selected and paid for by families when completing the Final Forms.
- The style, design and colour of the clothing is decided by the groups, with oversight from staff.

- Orders are placed within the first week of the month so that participants can receive them before leaving at the end of the month.

POLARIS / WCIT TO STAFF TRANSITION

Completion of the WCIT and/or POLARIS programs does not guarantee anyone a job at Camp Wenonah the following year. Anyone interested in working at Wenonah must complete an application and go through our interview process. Every year we have significantly more applicants than we have available staff positions. Candidates are assessed based upon: performance in the leadership programs, staff applications, resumes, interview, group interview, Camp skills, as well as general attitude and work style. All staff are required to possess a minimum Bronze Cross certifications (possessing an NLS certification will help in our assessment of a candidate) as well as a Standard First Aid & CPR-C certification.

Anyone interested in applying to Camp Wenonah for a staff position in 2022 should contact the Senior Director (Experience) sometime in September to obtain a Staff Application, which must be submitted by the stated deadline to be considered for a position. Decisions and job offers are made in early January.

AFTER CAMP

We strive to make the experience at Wenonah better and better, and we are always grateful for your feedback. Senior Director Jennifer "JJ" Jupp is always available to discuss any concerns that may arise once your child has returned home from Camp.

LOST AND FOUND

We do our best during the Summer to return any lost items to their rightful owner (properly labelling all items greatly helps this process). However, every year there are a number of items that are left at Camp at the end of every Period. We make an attempt to return any and all labelled items to families.

- Lost and Found is kept at Camp for two weeks after the end of your Camp Period.
- We will phone you once and let you know of any found items.
- If you wish items to be sent by mail, appropriate postage charges are added to camper accounts.
- After being kept for two weeks, unclaimed lost and found is donated to a local charity.

2022 REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2022 Summer Camp season begins in September 2021. Look for more information about 2022 registration to be sent by email.

Registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis, and opens on:

- Monday, September 20 (2020 Wenonah Champions Circle families)
- Monday, October 4 (current 2021 registered families)
- Monday, October 18 (2021 waitlisted families)
- Monday, October 25 (open registration for all)