

CAMP KAWAGA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Below are the updated and revised Camp Kawaga Policies and Procedures for the 2009 camping season.

These apply to all campers and all parents, and are also covered in the Parent/Camper Guidebook. We ask you please respect Camp, Dewey, Matt and the Fisher family by following these policies and procedures at all times. We thank you in advance for doing so, and keeping Kawaga the #1 Camp in the Northwoods.

CONTACTING CAMP DURING THE SUMMER

Camp Phone – (715) 356-6262 – (this is the number to call in case of emergencies as well)

Camp Fax – (715) 356-5484

Camp Email – braves@kawaga.com

Specific questions to Matt at matt@kawaga.com or Dewey at dewey@kawaga.com

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or email us anytime. We spend most of our time at camp with the campers, which is why we feel confident reporting back to you on how your son is doing. Email us at the above email addresses or call as needed. If Dewey or Matt are out, leave a message with our office assistant, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If you should call while everyone is out of the Pineneedle, please leave a detailed message and we will get back to you promptly. We place updates, photos, and camp newspapers on our website www.kawaga.com.

CONTACTING CAMPERS

There are two ways to contact your son – mail and our one way email. Phone calls are only allowed for Birthdays and family emergencies. Please contact us at least one day in advance to schedule birthday calls so we can have your son available to talk.

MAIL

The mailing address for letters should be addressed as follows:

Camper's name

Camp Kawaga

Cabin #

PO Box 90

Minocqua, WI 54548

Campers will ONLY receive packages sent in a 9x12 flat envelopes via US Mail. *Please understand and respect this Policy, as there are NO EXCEPTIONS.* All other packages of any size, shape or form will be confiscated and the contents donated to Camp for public use and consumption. Food, candy, etc. is absolutely prohibited, and Camp does not allow additional toys or gadgets to be accepted once your son is already at Camp.

ONE-WAY EMAIL

You are able to purchase one-way emails through your online Kawaga account

LUGGAGE

You can ship your luggage directly to camp at 10000 Kawaga Road, Minocqua, WI 54548. Make sure your son's name is readily identifiable on the luggage. It is helpful to mark the bag in some manner that your son will remember since many bags look alike. We suggest colored tape or distinct bag tags.

If your son forgets anything at home, please mail it to Dewey's attention at 10000 Kawaga Rd., Minocqua, WI 54548. It will be delivered to your son once the contents are confirmed.

MEDICATIONS – www.kidsmedpacks.com

Please refer to the kidsmedpacks information in your Packet. All medications must be registered with kidsmedpacks this summer. Kidsmedpacks will take care of having your son's medications properly and safely labeled, packaged and mailed to camp before your son arrives.

The registration is in addition to filling out all required health and history forms.

HOMESICKNESS

If your son does express or present signs of homesickness, Dewey, Matt and the rest of the staff will work with him until he feels great about being at camp. We train our staff to be aware and how to handle all homesick campers. We are available 24 hours a day to help your son adjust to camp and have the best summer of his life. It is important to tell your son to communicate with his counselors, Dewey or Matt about his concerns and needs. We keep the campers very busy which helps reduce homesickness a great deal. Remember that if you remain positive about the camp experience and do not make any type of deals to pick him up from camp, your son will feel much more confident going into summer.

We will always let you know if there is any reason to be concerned. If you receive a letter home that is negative, remember it can take up to a week for mail to arrive home, and things are most likely completely fine, but feel free to contact us to discuss any concerns. However, you will not be permitted to contact your son by phone, nor will he be permitted to call you. If necessary, we will contact you and of course are available to discuss your concerns should you feel it necessary to call Camp.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Cell Phones and Electronics

It is very important that you help us maintain the Northwood's camp environment by following these rules regarding prohibited items. If you allow (or in some cases, even encourage) your son to sneak or hide any of these items, you are undermining our authority. It also will teach your son that it is ok to break or stretch the rules when it is something that they want despite the clearly defined nature of the rules.

Camp does not permit and will confiscate the following items:

- **Cell phones or video recorders.** Cameras are permitted. However, if a digital camera is brought to camp (which we do not recommend), it will be confiscated if any video recordings are taken using the camera. In short, only photographs are permitted.
 - If your son is traveling by plane to and/or from Camp, he is permitted to have a cell phone for his travels. The cell phone must be turned in upon arrival. We will charge the phone for the return flight if a charger is provided.
- **All handheld games** (e.g. PSPs, Gameboys) or **anything with video capabilities.** This includes laptop computers, Palms, Treos or video iPods. A video iPod can be brought to camp, but your son will be required to demonstrate that all videos are erased or it is confiscated.
- **Weapons.** Anything that may be considered a **weapon** is prohibited at camp.

Anything confiscated by Camp will be locked in the Camp safe until the end of camp. However, Camp Kawaga does not take responsibility for any confiscated items.

FOOD POLICY

No outside food is permitted at Camp. All candy, chips, food, etc. brought to Camp or sent to your son by mail/package will be confiscated.

Your son is fed three full meals every day, along with dessert after lunch and dinner. Snacks are provided in the evenings, and fruit is available throughout the day. The Hydration Station is open every open area and contains juice, Gatorade/Powerade, and pop. Pop consumption is limited to 3 cans per week.

Your son is **permitted to bring up to 24 bottles** of bottled water or Gatorade to camp, although we do not recommend this. The water at Camp Kawaga is great. If anything, we recommend your son bring powdered packets for Gatorade, juice, iced tea, etc. **All other bottled liquids are PROHIBITED.**

VISITING CAMP

If you plan on visiting Camp during the summer, we strongly encourage all visitations to be during Visiting Weekend. However, we understand in some situations (divorced family, vacation) there is the need for some exceptions. If you intend to visit Camp Kawaga, you are **required** to contact Camp no less than 2 weeks ahead of time to schedule your visit. We will schedule a specific visiting time that works with the Camp schedule.

Visiting parents (or other relatives) are PROHIBITED from taking your son off Camp grounds. You are welcome to visit the Camp and are invited to enjoy a meal with your son at Camp.

If you are bringing a prospective family along with you, please be sure to schedule a visiting time with Matt so a camp tour can be arranged.