

the AGAZINE

May 2018



Important Reminders:

- Schedule Required Lice Checks see pg. 4
- Travel information has been added to your forms. Please make sure to complete.
- Send all medications early by mail and register at Walgreens. See page 2.
- Camp duffels must weight less than 70lbs!
- Remember NO food, gum, electronics, eggcrates, 3M strips/hangers, duct tape, plastic storage bins to name a few.



Hmmm...I wonder

Should I call camp if

- ⇒ My daughter is a first time camper and I want to see how her first week went? Sure. The office staff is happy to give you the scoop.
- ⇒ My daughter hasn't written me in 2 days? Doesn't warrant a call but mention it in your next letter to her.
- ⇒ It's my daughters birthday? No need to call, we will call YOU! This is the ONLY phone call a camper may have. Specific time will be set up with the office.
- ⇒ I haven't seen my daughter in a picture all week? Maybe. Rest assured we have not lost her, but some campers are as elusive as Big Foot for the camera and are too busy having fun to stop for pictures.
- ⇒ I received a letter telling me she never wants to come home? Probably not unless she's a rookie camper. Revel in the fact that she is having an amazing summer and you are an amazing parent for sending her. Don't worry, camp does come to end and she'll be home before you know it.
- ⇒ We said we were picking her up from camp and now we need her to take the bus home? Absolutely! Once your travel information is submitted on-line you can only change it by calling the office.
- ⇒ We are going to be out of the country? Yes, please make sure we know this and how to reach you if necessary.
- ⇒ It is before 8:00am? Only if it is an emergency. Our office is staffed 24/7 for emergencies, but non-emergency calls should be made during regular office hours. Mon-Sat 8am-8pm Sun 10am-8pm. Thank you!

Director's Note:

Did you know that 95 percent of children experience at least a bit of homesick feelings when they are away from their parents at summer camp? Homesickness is completely normal! If a child has a good home, why wouldn't she feel some longing for mom, dad, the dog and the comforts of home? The interesting thing about camp is that even though our campers sometimes report high levels of homesickness, they often rate themselves as very happy in their activities during the day.

You can do some preparation to help your camper before she heads off to camp. Make sure you tell her that homesickness is normal. It means that she has a home that she loves. Please empathize with your daughter's fears but do not get infected by them. It's important that you express confidence in her ability to be away from home. If you have doubt she will pick up on it. Express to her that you are confident she will do well at camp and reassure her that she will get help from her counselors, myself, the nurses and the office staff should homesickness set in. Make sure you tell her that you want her to have loads of fun. It's really important she goes off to camp with your blessings, NOT your anxiety.

Remember it's our goal to provide your daughter with a positive camp experience. Homesickness is not something we want your daughter to experience but chances are if it's her first overnight camp experience she will experience it to some degree. Not only will we turn any frowns upside down but we'll help guide her successfully through it and she'll return home a much more independent and confident person.

I can't wait for the gates to officially open June 18th. Get ready for lots of memorable camp moments. See you real soon.

Smile on,
Mary 

Full season campers!

We understand that there are rare circumstances where parents are unable to come up for visiting weekend. We will allow full-season campers to go home only if it's absolutely necessary. Please call Mary for approval no emails please. If your camper must ride the bus home and back for visiting weekend the standard bus fee of \$125/each way applies.

Flights for campers going home and back visiting weekend are NOT an option. We will not provide transportation to any airport for flights home and back on visiting weekend.



Remember — SEND IN YOUR CAMPER'S MEDICATION EARLY!

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YOU MUST REGISTER AT YOUR LOCAL WALGREENS

Can you imagine 200 girls in a clinic waiting room? Well, that is about how many campers our infirmary must see on the first day of camp to do check-in physicals. To help our nurses streamline the process, **PLEASE PLEASE** send in your camper's medication no later than 10 days prior to camp. This gives our staff the opportunity to review and call you with questions before seeing your camper. Feel free to send in as soon as you can, ie. now would be great. We have already received one package, Way to go! Let's give our infirmary staff a hand & get those meds into camp soon!

Please remember to register at your **LOCAL WALGREENS!** You will need to provide them with your insurance information and credit card so if a prescription is filled for your camper the billing will go directly to your insurance or your card rather than your daughters Spending Money Account.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Mothers hold their child's hand for a short time, but their hearts forever!

Hello New Campers!

It is exciting to announce another wonderful group of new campers!

Savaii Paris—Chicago, Illinois

Marlo Matakla—Hinsdale, Illinois

Sari Miller—Bethesda, Maryland

Andrea Zurita Gavidia—Cancun, Mexico

Hailey Glaser—Chicago, Illinois

Aubriah Primack—Chicago, Illinois

Danielle Primack—Chicago, Illinois

Kailah Lopes—Little Elm, Texas

Jane Gelwix—Wilmette, Illinois

Ellen Tvishor—Chicago, Illinois

Anna Theis—Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Melanie Cornwell—Goldvein, Virginia

Nyah Watson—Lake Bluff, Illinois

Charlotte Drake—Waunakee, Wisconsin

Sophia Drake—Waunakee, Wisconsin



Cabin Corner

Just a quick mention of some strict cabin policies that will be enforced this summer.

- * Absolutely NO eggcrates. Our landfills are crying at the end of each camp season as way too many eggcrates are dumped. Please pack a padded mattress pad and/or use your sleeping bag for extra cushion.
- * NO food or medications in the cabins for either campers or staff.
- * NO electronics! This isn't just for the cabin it's AT CAMP. Nothing with screens!
- * NO 3M Command strips or hangers and duct tape. Contrary to advertising they DON'T come off easily and do damage our brand new walls.

SHELVING REMINDER

Each camper will have space on 1 set of shelves for their personal belongings. Each set are 4 Shelves, 3 feet wide and 8 inches deep. Each shelf is approximately 11" high. Look right to see an example. Your daughter must be able to keep all of her clothing on this set of shelves— and keep it tidy! **May we strongly suggest —Pack LIGHT!**

ALL CONTAINERS/SHELVES/DRAWERS MUST BE SOFT SIDED
HARD-SIDED PLASTIC CONTAINERS ARE NOT ALLOWED!!



Example of soft collapsible cubes

If I hear the word forms one more time!



Trust me, the office staff feels your pain but forms are very important to staff in many areas at camp.

- It is key that the infirmary staff know of any health concerns, medications, allergies, and have permission to administer medical attention if necessary.
- Our head chef keeps track of all food allergies and dietary restrictions with a picture of each camper and their particular dietary needs on hand in the kitchen.
- The office collects camper travel information, consent for participation and verifies that rules have been read and understood by camper and parents.
- Our counselors are your camper's "Go To" person. Before camp, counselors study any allergies, parent concerns, personality traits and your daughter's photo (please make sure to upload). Trust us, the information provided on the camper & parent questionnaires helps our counselor prepare to give your camper the best summer!

So from all of us at camp, THANK YOU! We really do appreciate your time and effort!

To stop the "missing forms" email, SIMPLE just turn in all your forms! 😊

Say NO to Lice!



Lice checks are required by all campers prior to arrival at camp (no earlier than 10 days). Camp Agawak suggests using a reputable lice company. Below are a few companies in the Chicago area.

Two Lice Moms-Bonnie Fischhoff / Danielle Moustakis 847-984-0556

Lice Detectives-Tami Levy 847-529-3434

Happy Hair-Jamie Malitz 847-715-9700

Lice Mobile-Debbie Pressar 312-731-7890

Lice Clinics of America-Jill Leshtz 847-282-4226 (Lice Clinics of America have offices in many cities)

Please email a note or receipt from the lice company to fun@agawak.com before your camper session begins. Campers arriving at camp with lice will be charged a \$225 exposure fee. Treatment at camp is \$250. Let's all just say NO to lice and get those heads checked before camp!



May Birthdays



Camper Birthdays:

Adi Zilberman- 5/1
Emma Zurek- 5/1
Jenna Harris-5/2
Abby Mervis-5/2
Chloe Fuhrmann-5/2
Leah Gray- 5/3
Savannah Weingardt- 5/4
Maxine Manchik-5/5
Vivienne Joseph-5/5
Audrey Kahn-5/5
Anna Brady- 5/6
Drew Sauer-5/9
Lucy Okmin- 5/9
Ellie Polen- 5/10
Grace Engleby- 5/11
Logan Borre- 5/12
Maya Walczak-5/13
Shaylee Roth- 5/15
Sydney Reiner-5/15
Genevieve Kilgore- 5/16

Caroline Skok- 5/17
Maya Karlov-5/17
Hattie Wong-5/18
Ava Friedman- 5/19
Liv Ludwig- 5/21
Bella Mauer- 5/21
Cara Satyr- 5/21
Gabiella Behar-5/22
Alexis Maurer- 5/24
Alexis Haschke-5/26
Natalie Lesch-5/27
Lucia Seiden-5/27
Annabel McAnally-5/27
Jessica Schlossberg-5/28
Melanie Cornwell-5/29
Sophia Abrahams-5/30
Candy Gialamas-5/31
Sophie Salinas- 5/31

Staff Birthdays:

Aurora P Bravo- 5/4
Taylor Warren-5/10
Shoshana Kaplan 5/11
Kaitlin Fisher- 5/17
Madison Geary-5/20
Nicole Schmitt-5/20
Alexis Maurer-5/24