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SUMMER PREP BULLETIN 2019

DEPARTURE INFORMATION: All New York City, Westchester, Long Island, Connecticut, and New Jersey campers are to meet in the Mamaroneck High School parking lot, on Friday, June 28th. Please arrive punctually between 8:15AM and 8:45AM, as the buses will leave for Maine promptly at 9:00AM. Kindly pack a non-perishable lunch, as the buses will not be making any stops on their way to camp. **Please remember that some campers may have NUT ALLERGIES so DO NOT pack anything along containing NUTS or NUT BY PRODUCTS!!** Campers should be allowed to have with them: an ample supply of: snacks, drinks (no glass bottles, please), books, travel games, etc., to make the bus ride more enjoyable. Obviously, let us know if your travel plans have changed, otherwise we will assume that he will be with us on the bus. Campers getting to camp other than by camp bus will be notified separately. Parents driving their children to camp please let us know by June 1st.

The Address of MAMARONECK HIGH SCHOOL For GPS Users:

1000 West Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck N.Y. 10543

The trip, on an early Sunday morning from the NYC area, generally takes about 40 minutes.

RETURN DATE: All return plans have been confirmed for Thursday, August 15th. Travel plans for boys returning home will be sent to you in early August.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE: This form must be completed and mailed to the office by **June 9th**. **This is required and no exceptions will be made. Any camper whose health certificate is not sent in WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL TO CAMP WITH THE GROUP.** If your son has been exposed to any infectious diseases prior to arrival at Wildwood, please let us know.

MEDICATIONS: Please remember to register with **CampMeds** (link found in the CW Families section of our website) for any medications or vitamins your son(s) may take throughout the summer.

PARENT NOTIFICATION: It is our policy to notify parents or guardians in the event that a camper is taken ill or injured requiring an overnight stay in the infirmary or a visit to a physician.

SUMMER PHONE CALLS: This year we are going to once again implement an **"ON-LINE PHONE CALL RESERVATION" system.** Campers staying for seven weeks may receive three phone calls, two prior to Visiting Day (July 20th/21st) and one more before camp's end. Those boys staying for four weeks may receive two phone calls prior to Visiting Day. We will explain the details of logging on and reserving your phone calls in early June. Parents of Seniors need not reserve calls as the boys will be allowed to connect with you after staff meetings, TBD.

MAIL FROM HOME: Please try to have a letter waiting for your son upon his arrival at Wildwood; this is especially important for first time campers!! Mail can be slow both to and from camp, so please send that first letter well in advance. Mail is such an important link to home and the letters can impact strongly on a child. We ask that you keep the letters frequent and very cheerful, with a letter arriving perhaps once a day. Please remember prolonged interruption in the flow of mail, may cause your son some anxiety, so please have them arrive as regularly as possible. **Pictures from home, either sent, packed, or brought along with your son, can possibly cause some extended periods of homesickness. We kindly ask you to please refrain from sending them.**

CARE PACKAGE POLICY REMINDER –

1. Only **one** per summer, please tell grandparents & friends
2. Can be no larger than a normal size shoe box and not a Winter Boot Box!!
3. **PACKAGES CANNOT CONTAIN ANY FOOD ITEMS!! Please no Silly String, Smoke Bombs or any “joke toys” that can cause another boy to become upset .**
4. Birthday packages and any emergency package with sporting goods, glasses, etc., are ok but should be addressed to either Mark or Peter and we will make sure your son receives them.
5. Magazines, books, newspapers will not be considered packages as long as they can fit comfortably in a 9”x12” manila envelope. Please do not take advantage of our policy and fill envelopes with contraband.

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED AT WILDWOOD: Absolutely no knives, fireworks (including sparklers), lighters or matches, large fans, or televisions large or small. **ABSOLUTELY NO CELL PHONES, LAP TOPS, TABLETS, INTERNET ACCESSIBLE DEVICES, DIGITAL CAMERAS OR MARKERS!!!**

DIGITAL SCREENS: Junior campers (Current 2nd graders - 6th graders) are not permitted to bring any screens to camp. Please make sure you have secured all possible devices.

So for all of our **Cedar/Pines, Hemlocks, Oaks & Sycamores**, which comprises Junior Camp, you can still bring a music source (like a Nano/Shuffle) that can be used for time spent at W.I.L.D, our radio station. They must have ZERO ability to play games, watch movies, etc...only play music!!

As far as our Senior Campers, **Sequoias, Maples and Seniors**, (7th graders through 9th graders) they may bring a **small** digital source, but it is restricted to evening bunk use and for one hour only. To eliminate any confusion regarding cell phones where music is stored, please store your music in another source as **cell phones are strictly prohibited!! SENIORS ONLY (entering 10th) MAY BRING FOR FRIDAY NIGHT USAGE.** Please make sure that you have your son’s cell phone BEFORE they get on the bus in Mamaroneck.

CAMPER E-MAIL: Parents and relatives may e-mail the campers as well as sending the old fashioned stamped mail. Parents of returning campers may continue to use the personalized username and password you have been using all year to view the upcoming summer’s Daily Diary as well. Parents of new campers will have theirs issued shortly. All camper emails can be sent directly to office@campwildwood.com all summer long.

TRAVEL ITINERARY: Please let us know where we can get a hold of you at all times. This includes weekend vacations, business trips, etc. Before you depart be sure to fill out and submit to us a Parent Itinerary Form, in the “CW Parents” section of our web site. In the event of an emergency, and we are unable to reach you, we will use the emergency numbers that you have provided for us on your son’s medical form.

WHAT TO MARK AND LABEL: Please be sure that all clothing and sports equipment is clearly labeled with your son’s first and last name. In years past, parents have diligently labeled clothes but forgot to label such items as: baseball caps, baseball gloves, hockey sticks, hockey and lacrosse gloves, helmets, tennis racquets and covers, NANOS, books and magazines, rainwear, all shoes and sneakers. IN OTHER WORDS, DON’T FORGET TO MARK AND LABEL EVERYTHING.

CONTACT LENSES AND GLASSES: Please make sure to send an extra pair of glasses and do not forget to write your son's eyeglass prescription on the medical form.

VISITING DAYS AND FOUR WEEK CAMPERS: Parent's visiting days are scheduled for either **Saturday, July 20th or Sunday, July 21st** from 9:00AM to 4:30PM. Please notify the office in Maine by July 17th, which day you plan on attending, so that our food and scheduling arrangements will be accurate. Grandparents and siblings are welcome to spend the day at Camp Wildwood as well.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: Each boy needs a good supply of the following items: two flashlights with spare bulbs, soap, shampoo, two toothbrushes, toothpaste, nail clippers, combs and brushes. Stationary wise, plenty of pencils and pens, stamps, and especially for our little guys, a generous supply of stamped self-addressed envelopes. Roller blades and sticks can brought onto the bus. During the past few summers, tie-dying while at arts and crafts has come back in vogue; therefore perhaps a plain white tee shirt can be brought for this activity.

We want to assure you how deeply we appreciate the trust and confidence you have placed in us. We shall do everything within our power to care for your son and to see that he has a healthy and happy summer experience. In order to meet that responsibility, we must have your full and unhesitating cooperation in abiding to Camp Wildwood's common sense policies. We know we can count on you.

We are looking forward to a joyous 2019 camping season, and would like to take this time, to wish each and every one of you, a wonderful summer as well.

Sincerely,
Louis, Teddy and Mark