

Dear Campers,

It has been a wonderful fall in our winter office! We have been busy hiring incredible staff, attending conferences with other camp professionals across the country, brainstorming new programs and trips, and planning for what we know will be an amazing summer!

Please review this newsletter as there is always new and important information to help you prepare for camp. We continue to be so grateful to have your family as part of our camp family. Don't ever hesitate to call or email us if there is anything we can do to help you between now and camp.

Counting down the days!









IMPORTANT DATES!

December 1: Cancellation Deadline



We hope you don't have to cancel, but if you do, unless you are enrolled in CAP (Camper Assurance Program), December 1st is the last day to cancel without losing your deposit. There is a \$200 non-refundable application fee included in the deposit for all programs. This is also the deadline to change from 8 weeks to 4 weeks without financial penalty.

February 1: Second Tuition Installment

An additional payment in the amount of \$1,000 is due on February 1. You will receive an email in the New Year with instructions on how to make this payment online through CampInTouch.

March 3: Global Camp Apparel Day

Wear any of your camp swag and show off your camp pride!

April 30: Camp Forms and Final Tuition Payment Due

All forms, with exception of the Physicians Examination Form, are due no later than April 30th. The final tuition payment is also due.

May 1: Camp Clothing Order

Order all logo'd camp clothing from <u>www.THECAMPSPOT.com</u>. Reminder that we require one official camp t-shirt for trips and picture day.

June 1: Medical Forms Due

Each camper is REQUIRED to have a completed physical examination within 12 months of her 2022 camp arrival date. The form must indicate clearance from a physician/PA/NP needs for Physical Education/sports, and include immunization history.



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SEPTEMBER

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1... Blake D 1... Campbell M 1... Jordan C 1... Noah J 1... Paige W 1... Parker W 1... Ryan G 1... Zacary S 2... Wright A 3... Callie V 3... Maeve H 3... Olivia F 4... Maddie S 5... Ariya D 5... Chevin R 5... Gianna F 5... Grace L 5... Henry E 6... Laia T 6... Sam S 7... Chase W 7... Evie D 7... Jeronimo B 7... Lola B 7... Nora M 7... William M 8... Stella C 9... Charlotte H 9... Haylie G 9... Mia G 9... Sam C 9... Sydney F 9... Zoe M 10... Archer B 10... Ben K 10... Brandon S 10... Liam S 10... Paige H

10... Jonathan F 10... Lexi L 10... Samantha G 11... Amaia B 11... Eva B 11... Sabrina S 12... Kaitlyn Z 13... Scott L 14... Heather L 15... Arielle M 15... Avery M 15... Gabrielle R 15... Mia P 15... Rory S 15... Sloane L 15... Wynn S 16... Alex P 16... Aria E 16... Eli S 16... Ethan K 16... Juan Pablo M 28... Reese E 16... Kamren G 17... Brandon G 17... Charlotte R 17... Haley G 17... Madeleine T 18... Caylie K 19... Annabelle S 19... Lukas E 19... Mack H 19... Rachel A 20... Josh S 22... Nathan G 23... Anne-Marie F 23... Paxton W 23... Tahlia L 24.. Grayson B 24... Joshua C

24... Mabel F 24... Mia F 25... Ari R 25... Asher S 25... Blake M 25... Ceres F 25... Charlotte C 25... Charlotte W 25... Ellie K 25... Sameea P 25... Valentino O 25... Zachary K 26... Charlie R 27... Kennedy P 27... Noah J 28... Blake C 28... Jaylen L 28... Karl W 28... Lilah R 28... Max S 29... Ainsley S 29... Madeleine S 29... Paige W 29... Taliah A 30... Cleo B 30... Jacob B 30... Whitney L 31... Ashlyn F 31... Benjamin B 31... Maddie G 31... Nathaniel B 31... Phoebe L 31... Rohin M 31... Saul T



18... Brady W

18... Dylan W



NOVEMBER

18... Daisy R

18... Soren G



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19th

DRESS WARM!

Skokie Playfields 540 Hibbard Road

Glen and Grove: 1:30-3:00pm LWC and GWC: 4:00-5:30pm

CATCH UP WITH SOME STAFF!



Marie Aldrete, Mexico

"Since returning from camp I haven't stopped talking about my experience there. 2022 has been an unforgettable year. Since camp I got an internship on a project I love. I also signed my contract to go back to camp, I'm so excited!! But the best in yet to come, I even have camp friends coming to Mexico to visit me in December! The best thing that I got from camp were the friendships I made all over the world."



Jacob Keene, Illinois

"Camp 2022 was my best summer yet and I'm excited to make Summer 2023 even better. Since camp ended I started school at Western Michigan University, studying Business Leadership & Strategy. My counselor when I was a camper graduated and was the one who showed me around the university. One cool thing I am looking forward to is my trip to Australia! I'm going to visit a co-counselor I worked with over the New Year's holiday break. I hope everyone has a great off season so far, and I can't wait to get back to 49045 for summer 2023!"



Eve Bailey, England

"Since leaving camp at the end of the summer I returned home for a long needed catch up with friends and family before heading off in my van to drive up and down the UK. I headed to Cornwall for the beaches and then up to Scotland for the mountains. I returned home to start working hard so I can get back to camp next summer!"

F.A.Q's

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What if my camper gets homesick?

Camp is a growth experience for kids. It's a place to develop a sense of independence and self-confidence. Feeling a little homesick is a normal and healthy part of this process (and for families it's normal to feel camper-sick too). We have a whole team of people to help campers with these feelings. It's important that campers tell someone how they feel. It's important to know that campers can miss home and still have the best time at camp.



What do we need to bring to camp?

We provide all equipment for activities with the exception of riding boots for horseback riding. You are welcome to pack equipment such as a tennis racket, baseball glove, riding helmet, etc. However, these items are available at camp at no additional charge. **Please be sure to label any equipment brought to camp with your camper's first and last name.** The parent handbook contains an entire packing list, and it is also available on our website. Remember, we have a no electronics policy at camp. Leave cell phones, tablets, kindles, and smart watches at home. Looking for a music player? We recommend the Spotify Mighty.

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How are campers grouped into cabins?

Campers are grouped in cabins according to their school grade. We place new and returning campers together and do our best to create a diverse group with campers from a variety of cities, states and even countries!

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How do we make sure that our camper selects the activities they want?



Campers choose the activities they think they want to participate in prior to arriving at camp by filling out an Activity Selection Form in the spring. This helps us get to know each camper's interests before camp starts. We allow campers to make changes to their activity schedule during the first week of camp. There are over 50 different activities to choose from.

Former Grove Camper and Staff Member: Charles "Michael" Reilly.

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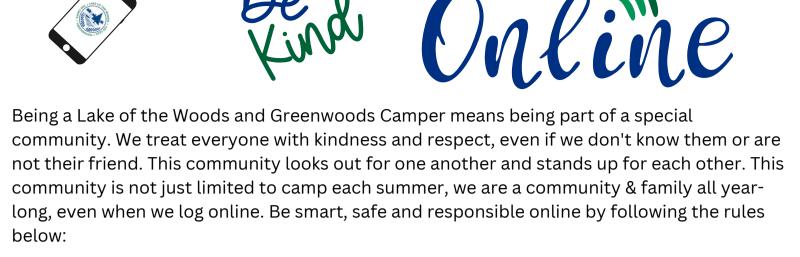
SPOTLIGHT

TO CAMP

MONTHS

Michael's majors at UT at Austin are: Technology Management and Chemical Engineering. Last year during his Junior year at University of Texas at Austin, Michael competed in a NASA competition to design a 2050s Airport in response to Carbon-neutral aviation and won best presentation and infographic! He was also invited to present to the C-suite executives and directors of the Houston Airport System as they look to improve their terminals and operations.

We are so proud of our campers and staff for all that they go on to do!!



RULE Never post or send anything on social media that you wouldn't want the whole world to see. Nothing online is private. Nothing. People can take screenshots or photos of the screen. They can pass their phone around and show your message to others. They can simply talk about what you sent.

RULE Never talk negatively about others in text messages or on social media. If you wouldn't say it to their face, do not say it on social media or in a text message. Remember that once something is posted online, it cannot be taken back completely, even if you delete it.

RULE If you are part of a conversation where someone breaks rule #2, leave the conversation. Do not let yourself become guilty by association, even if you are not the one saying the negative things.

RULE Never have an argument over text or social media—work out your differences in person. It is much easier to be misunderstood online. Your words can be twisted and shared with others, causing a simple disagreement to blow up into something much bigger and involving more people. If you have an issue with someone, work it out face to face.

RULE 5 Don't post gatherings or get-togethers if you have left someone out! You don't need to be best friends with everyone in your cabin, but if you are hosting a get-together where more than half of the cabin is invited, you should include everyone. If you are getting together with just a few camp friends, it is OK to post as long as you stop and ask yourself if anyone would be hurt that they were not invited.

RULE Before you text something unkind or post something on social media, ask yourself, "WWDD?" This stands for What Would Dana Do? Stop and ask yourself...what would Dana say if she saw what you said/posted? Do you think Dana would feel that it aligns with our camp values? If there is any doubt- don't do it!























