

Camp Kawaga 2022 Parent Guidebook



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Important Dates

April 3	New Camper Orientation
April 1–30	Order Required Kawaga Apparel
May 1	Web Forms Due
May 6	Final Tuition Payment Due
May 15	Medication Registration Due
June 1	Paper Forms Due
June 1	Parent Input Videos Due
June 6	If Mailing Baggage to Camp, Arrange for Delivery by June 17 Ship Camps: https://shipcamps.com/campkawaga
June 16–18	First Session and Eight Week Camper Baggage Pickup CHICAGO AREA ONLY Camp-Laundry: camp-laundry.com/bag-transportation
June 20	First Session Starts
July 13–15	Second Session Camper Baggage Pickup CHICAGO AREA ONLY Camp-Laundry: camp-laundry.com/bag-transportation
July 15	First Session Ends
July 15–17	Visiting Weekend
July 17	Second Session Starts
August 12	Camp Ends



Forms Checklist & Details

Please review and complete all camp Forms by following the directions below. Once in the form screen you will be able to leave and come back and your documents will be saved as you go.

TO ACCESS, COMPLETE, AND SUBMIT ALL CAMPER FORMS:

1. Go to www.kawaga.com. Click "[Login](#)" (upper right corner)
2. Log into your account
3. Click on "Forms and Documents"
4. Follow directions for each form as directed on each form link

FORMS CHECKLIST

WEB FORMS DUE MAY 1ST

- Transportation Form
- Cabinmate (Bunk) Request Form
- Camper Confidential Form
- Camper Questionnaire—filled out by camper
- Health History Form
- Camper Photo

MEDICATION REGISTRATION DUE MAY 15TH

- Register camper medication through www.CampMeds.com by May 15th

PAPER FORMS DUE JUNE 1ST

- Immunization Form
- Insurance Card/Parent Authorization Form
- Physician Examination Form (can use doctor's own form)—to be completed within 12 months of campers' arrival to camp
- Participation Agreement



Packing for Camp

Your son should arrive with everything necessary for the summer. Please use our comprehensive Pack List to ensure your son has everything he needs for camp.

KAWAGA PACKING LIST

The Kawaga Packing List can be found by clicking here: <https://kawaga.com/packing-list/>.

REQUIRED LOGO GEAR

There are a few required Kawaga logo Items on the camp Packing List. Campers wear these during special events at camp such as photo day and team activities. All these Items are available for purchase at: <https://www.everythingsummercamp.com/camp-kawaga-clothing>.

1. 1 gray Kawaga t-Shirt
2. 1 white Kawaga t-Shirt
3. 1 reversible Kawaga basketball jersey

LABELS

- All clothes, shoes, towels, and equipment including water bottles must be labeled with the camper's full name. DO NOT INITIAL ONLY!
- Sew-on or iron-on name tags work best. Click here for label options: <https://everythingsummercamp.com/collections/iron-on-labels>
- Please help us reduce the amount of lost clothing by labeling with your son's FULL NAME.
- Include an additional label with camper's name, address, and phone number INSIDE each duffel bag.

PACKING NOTES

- Your camper will be moving around outdoors in all kinds of weather. Many days in the Northwoods require a warm jacket in the morning, shorts and t-shirt by noon, and blankets at night!
- Sleeping bags are not suitable replacements for blankets in the cabins. They are for overnight tent camping.
- Waterproof rain gear that will keep your son really dry is ESSENTIAL!
- The boys always seem to need more socks, towels, and swimsuits but fewer t-shirts.
- Kawaga does not provide linens, blankets, or pillows. Nights in the Northwoods can get chilly; we recommend that each camper brings 2 warm blankets to camp as noted on the packing list.
- Exceptions to the No Screen Policy include: E-readers & Screenless MP3 players such as an iPod shuffle.



Travel Information

Choose from one of three transportation options to get to and from camp;

1. Take the bus
2. Fly
3. Drive to/from camp

Once you have identified which way your camper will get to and from camp, please confirm your arrangements by completing and submitting the Transportation Form by May 1st.



1. BUS

PICK-UP LOCATION IS AT THE **Embassy Suites 1445 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield, IL 60015**

- First Session Pick-Up: Monday, June 20th @ 9:00am
- 2nd Session Pick-Up: Sunday, July 17th @ 9:00am

Please arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 for a 9:00 am departure. Bring a bagged lunch with a drink. Remember nut free please.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS AT THE **Embassy Suites 1445 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield, IL 60015**

Buses will arrive at approximately 2:00pm. Parents will receive updates If anything changes regarding the arrival time.

- First Session Drop-Off: Friday, July 15th Approximately 2:00pm
- Second Session Drop-Off: Friday, August 12th Approximately 2:00pm



2. FLY

RHINELANDER(RHI), & CENTRAL WISCONSIN AIRPORT(CWA)

- Families of all campers are required to land no later than 11am the day before their session begins.
- If your camper flies to camp, we will have staff waiting at your airport of choice to pick up your camper and bring them to camp.



3. BRINGING YOUR CAMPER TO AND FROM CAMP

ONLY AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES LIVING IN WISCONSIN OR MINNESOTA

- Any family considering dropping off and picking up their son at camp must receive prior approval from the camp office no later than June 1st.
- We will only allow drop-offs for special circumstances.



Baggage Information

We have found large duffel style bags work best for campers' baggage. Here's what to expect when it comes to getting your campers' baggage to camp:

CHICAGO-AREA CAMPERS

ALL BAGS ARE PICKED UP/DROPPED OFF USING [CAMP LAUNDRY](#)

- Suburban families' bags will be picked up from your home.
- City families will have a central drop-off and pickup location (see below).
- The fee is \$70 (each way) for 2 duffels plus a sleeping bag.
- All families must personally arrange for pick-up of duffels directly with [Camp Laundry](#). They will contact you by June 1st for all sessions. If you do not hear from Camp-Laundry by June 1st reach out to Ty at ty@kawaga.com.

SESSION	PICKUP LOCATION	PICKUP DATE	DROP-OFF DATE
8 weeks	Suburbs	June 16 or 17	August 13
	City	June 17	
1 st session	Suburbs	June 16 or 17	July 16
	City	June 17	
2 nd session	Suburbs	July 13 or 14	August 13
	City	July 14	

CITY DROP-OFF/PICK-UP AREA

2100 N Elston Ave,
Chicago, IL 60614
From 4-7pm
Contact Camp Laundry: camplaundry@gmail.com

OUTSIDE THE CHICAGO-AREA CAMPERS

SHIP YOUR DUFFELS DIRECTLY TO OUR ADDRESS THROUGH [SHIP CAMPS](#)



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To schedule your campers baggage shipment online or over the phone visit the Camp Kawaga Ship Camp website at: <https://shipcamps.com/campkawaga>

Label your baggage as follows:

Camper's Name
Camp Kawaga
10,000 Kawaga Rd.
Minocqua, WI 54548



Healthcare & Medication Information

The health and safety of our campers is our first priority! Our infirmary known as Crow's Nest, is staffed by 1 full time Nurse Practitioner and 2 full time nurses. We are 5 miles from the nearest hospital and health clinic, [Howard Young Medical Center](#) and [Marshfield Clinic](#).

GENERAL HEALTHCARE

- The nurses are available at camp 24 hours a day. If a camper is not feeling well in the middle of the night, a counselor will bring him to Crow's Nest for care.
- Designated hours are set aside each day for non-emergencies - after breakfast, lunch, and the evening program. If a camper needs outside medical attention, we will take him to Howard Young Medical Center or Marshfield Clinic.
- If you have any health-related questions about your son, please email nurse@kawaga.com and ask to speak with the nurses. We will contact you directly if your son suffers from an Injury or illness requiring anything more than basic medical services or is being scheduled for a visit to the clinic or hospital.
- Campers undergo a health check by our camp nurses upon arrival at camp, after any camping trip, and again prior to departure.

MEDICATION - MUST BE ORDERED THROUGH CAMP MEDS BY JUNE 1ST

- Please notify us via the online Health History Form AND register at www.campmeds.com if your son has medication that should be taken at camp. Any changes to your son's medication after the Form is completed and submitted to the Health Staff must be communicated to us in writing to nurse@kawaga.com.
- If your son requires regularly scheduled medication, visit www.campmeds.com to register no later than 30 days prior start of session.
- CampMeds will send all pre-packed medications directly to camp once you're registered and have provided the necessary prescription and paid fee.

CAMP MEDS FEES

****Please note there is a cost for this service but this fee goes directly to the CampMeds Pharmacy and Kawaga does not profit from this. ****

- Fees are per camper, not RX, and do not include the cost of medicine.
- Fee for campers attending up to 30 days of camp is \$55 including shipping.
- Fee for campers attending over 30 days of camp is \$65 including shipping.
- **THERE IS A \$100 FEE CHARGED TO FAMILIES WHO DO NOT ABIDE BY OUR MEDICATION POLICY. THIS FEE IS CHARGED PER MEDICATION**



CAMP MEDS REGISTRATION

- Deadlines: 30 days prior to your campers Start Date
- A \$25 late fee will be applied if any of the items above are received after deadlines.

How is medication handled during camp?

- ALL camper medication is kept In Crow's Nest and is administered by the camp nurses.
- Regularly scheduled medication is dispensed prior to meal times and also before bedtime.
- Crow's Nest is well supplied with common over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Benadryl, Pepto Bismol, Sudafed, etc. Do not send these medications to camp. All prescriptions, other over-the-counter medication, inhalers, and as-needed medications, must be registered with CampMeds.com.
- The ONLY exception to using CampMeds is for rescue inhalers, other inhalers or spacers, Epi-Pens, any medication that needs to be refrigerated.

TICKS, MOSQUITOS, AND HARMFUL PLANTS

We have partnered with a public-health company called Ivy Oaks Analytics for insect, tick, and pest control. Their staff surveys our property to build a perimeter to deter rodents and help us identify where and what types of ticks we have on our property. Prior to campers arrival we spray each building, cabin and surrounding areas to protect against harmful insects. Our staff is well trained to identify ticks and reduce exposure to ticks and mosquitos. We also conduct inspections for ticks at times when the boys will be in the woods and on camping trips.



Parent Input Video

We invite all parents to email us a video message about your son. We will sort these by cabins and share them with your son's counselor. The personal connection achieved through hearing and seeing you speak about your son will enhance our staff's ability to connect even better with your son (2 Minutes Max length).

SUGGESTIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL VIDEO:

- **Find a quiet, private space without distractions and background noise and we find it better if the boys are not aware of this video.**
- **Hold the phone LANDSCAPE**
- **Share your son's common behaviors and demeanor.**
- How do you think he will adapt to camp?
- Is your son nervous about anything specific regarding camp?
- Does he have any habits you think would be good for us to know?
- Is there anything specific you would like us to work on or achieve with your son this summer?
- What do you do to soothe him in times of stress?

EMAIL YOUR VIDEO TO OUR ADMIN TEAM AT:

parents@kawaga.com

Subject line: "camper's name": Parent Input Video



Covid-19 Protocols

As we plan for the summer, we do not anticipate COVID-19 impacting the day-to-day camper experience. We plan to have an elective activity program, trips off campgrounds, and visiting day for 8-week campers.

Camper Vaccinations: We strongly recommend and encourage all campers to come to camp fully vaccinated. Based on our vaccination rate for eligible campers from last summer, we anticipate a high vaccination rate for our campers this summer. Protocols for a positive case at camp may differ depending on vaccination status. Please upload a copy of your child's COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card in your camper's CamplnTouch account.



Kawaga Policies

To ensure your campers get the most out of their summer camp experience and to provide a safe environment, Kawaga takes their policies very seriously. Should prohibited items be found, they will be confiscated.

FOOD

Food, candy, gum, etc. is absolutely prohibited. Camp does not allow care packages, additional toys or gadgets to be accepted once your son is at Camp. Food in the cabins creates problems with bugs and other “critters” from the woods!

ELECTRONICS & DEVICES

WE ARE A SCREEN-FREE ENVIRONMENT!

Cell phones of ANY TYPE are not permitted at Camp Kawaga. Campers traveling via plane may bring a phone for safety reasons, and those phones must be turned in immediately upon arrival to camp.

Cell phones are NOT allowed on the bus ride up to camp. All campers' personal phones must be turned in at check-in at the bus.

Campers found with phones in their possession at camp after checking in will have their device taken away for the remainder of camp and will not be invited to return the following summer.

The following are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** and will be confiscated:

- Cell phones of any kind or any device that can connect to the internet.
- iPods, iPads
- Bluetooth speakers
- Gameboys, PSPs, Nintendo Switches, & all handheld video game devices
- Walkie talkies
- Laptops

Permitted Electronics & Devices:

The following devices are allowed and encouraged at camp, which can be used in the cabin during rest periods and bedtime. Every cabin has electricity, so if your son comes to camp with these items, please provide him with the necessary charger.

- Screenless MP3 players (e.g., iPod shuffle)
- E-readers for books and magazines
- Headphones are especially helpful for early risers



PEANUTS & TREE NUTS

Kawaga is peanut and tree nut aware. This means that we make a conscious effort to keep them out of camp. Please remember this applies to the bus ride to and from camp.

RECORDING DEVICES

All cameras used for recording are prohibited at camp. This includes action cameras such as GoPros. Disposable and Polaroid cameras are allowed.

PACKAGES

PLEASE ADHERE TO OUR PACKAGE POLICY! THIS POLICY IS STRICTLY ENFORCED!

Packages are allowed only in flat envelope size. This is for books, magazines, newspapers or other work materials. **NO CARE PACKAGES!**

TELEPHONE

Telephone calls to campers are permitted on birthdays or emergencies only. Under no other circumstances is a camper permitted to call home. Please do not tell your son he can call you.

If you have any questions or concerns about your son, please call the office. We will discuss your concerns directly with you, but you will not be permitted to speak with your son.

Please understand that camp is an extremely busy place and our first priority is to be out with the campers. Non-urgent calls will be returned as soon as possible. We will aim to return all calls within 24 hours.

OTHER PROHIBITED ITEMS AT CAMP

Pocket Knives, Firearms, Fireworks, Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, Tobacco, E-cigs, and Vaping Materials are not allowed at camp. Should any of the above items be found at camp we reserve the right to send your son home.

Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items.



Miscellaneous

TUITION

Camp tuition covers all normal camp expenses for room, board, snacks, laundry, memory photo album, and special event t-shirts. If your son misplaces a needed product, like his toothbrush or toothpaste, for example, he can buy replacements at our camp store. Any replacements are billed back to parents accounts.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

We charge additionally for bus transportation, baggage shipping charges, travel expenses, camp apparel, medication, camp store essentials, returning lost and found items, and birthday parties. The charges are billed at the end of camp and must be paid in full by September 1st.

SPENDING MONEY

Additional spending money is neither required nor necessary this summer. If a camper arrives with any cash, it should be turned into the office and kept in the camp safe until departure.

LAUNDRY

Laundry is done weekly by a professional service. It's sent out on Monday and brought back on Tuesday. A one day turnaround! Laundry uses VERY HOT water in an effort to remove grass stains and dirt; so please choose clothing accordingly. Do NOT send clothing that needs dry cleaning.

Helpful tips about laundry:

1. Make sure your son's name is CLEARLY printed on his laundry bags.
2. Pack 2 large laundry bags and 2 smaller mesh laundry bags for socks.
3. Each laundry bag must have a drawstring or zipper.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are a special occasion at Camp Kawaga! Not only do we allow exceptions for your son to receive a birthday package and for him to call home, but he also has the opportunity to have a small celebration with his cabin mates.

Here is what a birthday at Kawaga includes:

- Your camper may receive one birthday package.
- He also is allowed one birthday call home. We aim to have these phone calls during rest hour which is the hour directly after lunch. Typically between 2-3pm CST. A Kawaga staff member will reach out to you to coordinate a time that works best.
- With your approval, he may choose to order a meal from a local restaurant for his cabin. Pizza and Culver's are popular choices. Costs for the meal are billed to his account.
- His Counselors bring him a birthday cake during an all camp meal in the mess hall while the entire camp sings Kawaga's version of Happy Birthday!



VISITING WEEKEND

Visitor's weekend is a special time at camp for our campers and their families. At Kawaga the values of family surround us, and we welcome all family members to come and enjoy the beauty of camp and see it in ACTION.

Kawaga's gate will open starting at 3:30 pm on Friday, July 15th. Lauren and Ty will be there to welcome you and hope to spend time with you all. We invite you to spend time in camp, meet your son's counselors, check out his cabin, meet his cabin mates, and meet other Kawaga families.

Further details about Visiting Weekend regarding registration and a schedule of events will be emailed to you in May.

LOST & FOUND

At Camp Kawaga we make every effort to help guide your camper to keep track of their personal belongings. On occasion items are left behind which is why it is very important to label everything. We have a Lost & Found at camp where all of these lost items are kept. Campers can visit the Lost & Found if they are missing anything. The camp staff encourages campers regularly to take a look through the Lost & Found for any items they have misplaced. Items with names are more likely to be delivered accordingly. At the end of the full session, larger, labeled items are mailed home and all shipping charges are billed to their parent's account.

Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items.



Keeping In Touch

Below you'll find great ways to follow along with the action taking place on The Shores! Camp Kawaga has partnered with Bunk1, a camp parent portal for families to easily keep in touch with their campers and get the latest news from camp including photos!

Bunk1 makes it easy for you to communicate with your camper and receive handwritten responses directly to your Bunk1 account. In the Kawaga Bunk1 portal you'll also have access to the private photo gallery, camp videos, and you'll get real-time camp updates. The Kawaga community, through Bunk1, is private to only Kawaga families and controlled by camp administrators. Camp parents can access Bunk1 both online and through Kawaga's custom Bunk1 app. The Kawaga app is coming soon! We will communicate all app information with Kawaga parents when it's ready and with links to download!

Parents can ALWAYS communicate directly with Camp. This includes nurses, administration staff, Lauren and Ty—via phone calls or emails. We will return all calls and emails within 24 hours.

KAWAGA CONTACT INFORMATION:

- The Camp Line (715) 356-6262
- For Quickest Response: parents@kawaga.com
- Ty's Email: ty@kawaga.com Lauren's Email: lauren@kawaga.com
- Crow's Nest Email (Health Questions): nurse@kawaga.com

HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED WITH BUNK1:

1. Go to the **Kawaga Bunk1 Portal** by clicking here: www.bunk1.com/en/i/2081/login
2. Click the REGISTER HERE button under "Need an account?" and complete the basic form
 - a. The invitation code for Camp Kawaga is: **KAWAGA2022**
 - b. Check the "Receive SMS Notifications?" box if you would like to receive a text message when something new has been posted to the Kawaga Family Portal Page.
3. Once you have created your account, take a look around at the blog-style dashboard (also known as the home-page) that will keep you up to date with the latest news, highlights and session recaps at camp! The dashboard also has tabs for action items such as sending Bunk Notes, inviting family members, saving favorite photos and more.
4. You will be prompted to select either a bundle to access your Parent Portal or if you **ONLY** want access to the private photo gallery, click on the "Choose Photo Gallery Access Only" button for no cost. You can purchase credits for Bunk Notes, Bunk Replies, and stationary enhancements at the standard rate later. Bundles include credits for you to send Bunk Notes, receive Bunk Replies and enhance your notes with borders, photos, sports scores, and puzzles. Bundles also allow for Facial Recognition of your camper when viewing through the Kawaga private photo gallery.



COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR CAMPER

Parents, family, and friends can send letters to their campers by either using digital Bunk Notes through the Kawaga Bunkl portal or by mailing a letter through a mail carrier. Your camper is required to write to someone during rest hour 2 times per week.

Bunk Notes

Bunk Notes are an easy way to communicate with your camper and to receive handwritten responses directly to your Bunkl account. You can send a Bunk Note day or night! To write a letter, log in to the Camp Kawaga Bunkl portal at: www.bunkl.com/en/i/2081/login or download the Camp Kawaga App as soon as it's available. You can customize your Bunk Note with fun borders, pictures, and puzzles to make your own special note from home. Bunk Notes are delivered to camp within 24 hours and are handed to your camper with the traditional mail after lunch. Invite family members to send Bunk Notes by clicking on the "Invite Family Members" tab on the right side of the Camp Kawaga Bunkl portal dashboard.

Bunk Replies

Bunk Replies are the fastest way to hear back from your camper while they're away. Your camper will receive a piece of stationery that has a unique barcode on the bottom. Once your camper handwrites their letter, the camp faxes the note to Bunkl and the letter immediately appears in your Kawaga Bunkl account!

How to get Stationary for Bunk Replies:

1. You can add Bunk Reply stationery to a Bunk Note for 2 credits. The stationery will be printed along with your Bunk Note and the camper will be able to write back. If you've requested a Bunk Reply, your camper will receive a blank page with a special barcode on it. They hand write a reply in the blank space. Camp staff will collect the Bunk Replies and send them to Bunkl. Bunkl will then scan the barcode and send the reply to your account under the Bunk Replies Tab. As a parent, you will receive a handwritten note from your camper in your Kawaga Bunkl account.
2. Purchase stationery before camp through the Camp Kawaga Bunkl portal and print out as many copies as you need. Choose blank stationery or fun replies, print out enough to last the summer, and pack them with the rest of your camper's belongings.

What are Credits?

Credits allow you to send Bunk Notes and receive Bunk Replies. Each Bunk Note uses 1 credit and additional credits can be used for stationery for Bunk Replies, or to customize your Bunk Note with borders, pictures from home, and puzzles. Credits are purchased either in a Bundle when you first create your account or they are available to purchase individually throughout the summer.

How much does a Bunk Note Cost?

With Bunk Notes and Replies, you can send and receive messages to your camper for less than the price of traditional mail – and faster, too! You can choose a bundle of credits at the beginning of each summer for the greatest value or purchase them later starting at 10 credits for \$10.

Are you able to invite other family members to access the Kawaga Bunkl Portal?

Yes! You are able to invite family members by clicking on the "Invite Family Members" tab on the right side of the Camp Kawaga Bunkl portal dashboard. When you invite a family member, they



will be prompted to set up their own account. For security purposes, invited family members do not gain access to your account, your purchases, or any Bunk Note credits in your account. They will be setting up their own account and will need to purchase their own credits.

BUNK NOTE EXPRESS

You don't need to log in to write a Bunk Note if you've purchased Bunk Note Express. Bunk Note Express is a separate option from bundles and is found on the right hand side of the dashboard. With Bunk Notes Express, each camper will have a unique email address, allowing you to send messages right from your email. You will need to purchase credits in order to be able to send Bunk Notes using Bunk Notes Express, but you can share your camper's email address with friends and family who haven't purchased Bunk Note credits. Any messages sent to the email address you purchased will deduct credits from your account. If friends or family want a reply, the camper uses Bunk Replies through your account or from the Bunk Reply printouts they bring to camp ahead of time, and the replies come to you. From there you will send them to the appropriate individuals.

EMAILS SENT TO CAMPERS VIA THE STANDARD KAWAGA EMAIL ADDRESS WILL NOT BE DELIVERED EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

MAIL

TO SEND MAIL THROUGH A MAIL CARRIER, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS

Camper's Name
Camp Kawaga
10,000 Kawaga Road
Minocqua, WI 54548

CAMP PHOTOS

TO VIEW CAMP KAWAGA PHOTOS VISIT THE KAWAGA BUNKI PORTAL

Each day camp photos are uploaded to the Kawaga Bunkl portal Photo Gallery found in the top menu bar of the dashboard under "GALLERY". Only family members of current campers are granted access to view, share, download, and purchase high resolution digital downloads, prints, or photo products such as coffee mugs, t-shirts, and coasters. If you've opted to purchase a bundle, the facial recognition feature will automatically notify you when photos of your camper are uploaded. Be sure to upload a profile photo of your camper when prompted in order for Facial Recognition to detect your camper.

Save Favorite Photos for easy access to pictures of your camper all year-round. Select the heart icon to favorite.

Upload a Profile Photo of your camper to enable Facial Recognition. Our facial recognition will scan all the uploaded photos and notify you when a photo of your camper is detected. We suggest an up close picture or "selfie" type photo with a non-distracting background.

Share Photos to social media or email a photo to family.



If you do not want to pay for the facial recognition feature, you can still access all our photos through the photo gallery and share digitally to social media or email photos to family!

KAWAGA BLOGS & NEWSLETTER

VISIT KAWAGA BLOGS & NEWSLETTER AT WWW.KAWAGA.COM/NEWS

- **Daily Blog** – Summary of what happened each day.
- **Ty's Take** – Reflective and relevant stories of the magic we get to see at camp.
- **Lauren's Letters** – Camp through the eyes of our camp Mom!
- **Saturday Sermons** – Written sermons from our staff delivered during our Saturday service.
- **Weekly Pineneedle** – Kawaga newspaper written by campers, edited by counselors sent electronically on a weekly basis and in print at camp.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We would love for you to follow us across our platforms to stay up to date while camp is session and year round with the latest from Kawaga.

FOLLOW US ON:

- Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/campkawaga>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/campkawaga>
- Twitter <https://twitter.com/CampKawaga>
- Vimeo <https://vimeo.com/kawaga>

KAWAGA VIDEOS – www.vimeo.com/kawaga Video updates will be published on our Vimeo page and cross posted on social media.



Helping Your Camper Succeed

Whether this is your child's first time at camp or he is a veteran Kawaga camper, we want to do all we can to help assure he has a wonderful camp experience. Parents can help by taking time in advance to fill out the Camper Confidential form completely and honestly, communicating any special concerns or needs. Please have your camper fill out the Camper Questionnaire.

Please help us prepare your child for a successful experience and let us help you relieve any concerns you may have about the camp experience for your child. Below we discuss some common situations you and your son may be concerned about. In all of these situations counselors will work discreetly with your child to manage the situation so it does not interfere with your son's camp experience.

HOMESICKNESS

Bring a favorite stuffed animal or photos of the family. Pre-addressed, stamped envelopes and paper to write home are another great thing for campers to help them stay connected. If you send emails to your camper using the one-way email, your camper will also be able to reply via writing back to you through this system. Please do not tell your camper he can call home or you will come get them if he is homesick. This is a very natural feeling for campers, and most cases are managed easily by our well-trained staff.

BED WETTING

Our staff works diligently to keep this private matter just that for your camper. Please be certain to inform Lauren or Ty before summer and in the health forms if this is something we need to help with. Counselors can help be sure your child does not drink for a time before bed and work one on one to ensure accidents are handled without any unnecessary attention. Please share with us any management techniques you use to help keep this from being a concern for your son.

BEHAVIORAL ISSUES

Our staff is well trained in managing children's behavior and works closely with campers if needed to handle difficult situations. If you have specific concerns about your child, please contact Ty or Lauren before camp to discuss. We work very hard to ensure campers learn and live within our guidelines while at camp, but extreme behavior may require parent involvement. Bullying, physical violence, or destructive behaviors are not tolerated, and may lead to dismissal from camp. If you have any special concerns regarding your son, please contact Ty or Lauren before camp.



Thank You

We view our relationship with you as a partnership; together, we can provide the type of summer experience for your son that we all want. We thank you for carefully reading and following the guidelines outlined in this document. Please call or email us if you have any questions concerning anything within this guidebook. We look forward to a summer of growth, fun, learning, and new experiences and lasting friendships for your son. Thank you for the trust you place in us. We want Kawaga to hold a special place not only in your son's heart, but also in yours.

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