

Transportation

Each summer, families choose the transportation option that works best for them to get their camper safely to and from Camp Kawaga. Whether traveling by bus, car, or plane, our goal is to ensure arrival and departure days are smooth, well-supported, and predictable for both campers and families. To help us do this, all transportation plans must follow Kawaga's approved dates and time windows, and families are asked to carefully review the information below before completing the Transportation and Luggage Form.

Families may choose from three transportation options when planning their camper's travel to and from Camp Kawaga. Each option is outlined below, and families are asked to review all guidelines carefully before submitting the Transportation and Luggage Form. Campers may travel by bus, by plane, or be driven to and from camp by car.



Bus Transportation

Departure & Arrival Location:

Deerbrook Mall, Outside "The Dump" Furniture Store, 110 S Waukegan Rd, Deerfield, IL 60015.

Departing for Camp

- First Session: Monday, June 15, 2026 @ 9:00 AM
- Second Session: Sunday, July 12, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

Please arrive between 8:30 AM - 8:45 AM for a prompt 9:00 AM departure.

Campers should bring a **bagged lunch and a drink**. The buses will not make a stop for food.. All food must be nut-free.

Cell phones and electronic devices are NOT allowed on the bus ride to camp. Any phones or electronic devices brought for travel must be turned in to staff at bus check-in. Only campers with pre-approved permission, or those travelling by plane, will be allowed to turn their devices in to our staff to bring to Camp. All other campers will be required to leave their devices with their parents/guardian at drop-off.

Returning from Camp

Buses will arrive at approximately 2:00 PM. Parents will receive updates if arrival times change.

- First Session Return: Friday, July 10, 2026 @ 2:30 PM
- Second Session Return: Thursday, August 6, 2026 @ 2:30 PM

Camp will provide campers with a packed lunch for the ride home.

Billing for Bus Transportation

All bus transportation fees will be charged at the time of selection, before the start of the session, and are non-refundable.



Car Transportation

Families choosing to drive their camper to and from camp may do so at the following times. Please notify the camp office of your estimated arrival.

- First Session:
 - Drop-off: Between 11:00 AM–1:00 PM on the first day of the session
 - Pick-up: Between 9:00 AM–10:00 AM on the final day of the session
- Second Session:
 - Drop-off: Between 10:00 AM–12:00 PM on the first day of the session
 - Pick-up: Between 10:00 AM–11:00 AM on the final day of the session

All arrivals to camp by car must arrive no later than 1:00 PM.

It is important to note that our staff will meet you and your camper in the parking lot. They will help to unload any bags you may have and will then walk your camper into Camp and get them involved in activities. Parents will be expected to say their goodbyes in the parking lot.

Air Transportation

To ensure smooth, well-supported travel days for both families and camp staff, we strongly encourage families to book flights through our official camp travel partner, Travel One, whenever possible.

Our Preferred Travel Partner: Travel One

Travel One specializes in coordinating camp travel for hundreds of camps and manages all flight logistics. Using Travel One allows us to streamline arrival and departure days while providing families with expert support before and during travel. Travel One will aim to work with your preferred airline whenever possible.

Why we strongly encourage Travel One:

- Flights are booked specifically within Kawaga's approved arrival and departure windows
- Real-time flight monitoring for delays, cancellations, or missed connections
- Assistance with rebooking in the event of disruptions
- Coordination of unaccompanied minor travel requirements
- Shared itineraries with camp staff so we know exactly when and where to meet your camper
- Significantly reduced stress for parents on travel days
- In the event of weather issues, airline delays, or last-minute changes, Travel One is often able to intervene immediately and resolve issues faster than families can on their own

Travel One Contact Information

- Phone: (844) 803-9683 (ask for a camp advisor or for Sheila Sigel)
- Email: camps@traveloneinc.com

Travel Guidelines (Applies to All Air Bookings)

Arriving at Camp

Travel is supported only on the following dates and within specific time windows:

- Monday, June 15, 2026 (First Session)
- Sunday, July 12, 2026 (Second Session)

Approved arrival airports and windows:

- Central Wausau Airport (CWA): arrivals between 10:00 AM–1:00 PM (CST)
- Rhinelander Airport (RHI): arrivals between 10:00 AM–1:00 PM (CST)

Flights arriving outside these windows cannot be accommodated for pickup by Kawaga staff.

Departing from Camp

Friday, July 10, 2026 (First Session):

- CWA or RHI: departures between 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

Thursday, August 6, 2026 (Second Session):

- CWA or RHI: departures between 8:00 AM–12:00 PM
- Minneapolis (MSP): departures after 3:00 PM

Families will receive advance communication with the name and contact information of the staff member responsible for accompanying campers to the airport.

Special Travel Options (Atlanta, Detroit, & Milwaukee Campers)

For first session campers arriving from Atlanta or Detroit, we are able to accommodate pickup from Milwaukee (MKE):

- Flights must arrive by 9:30 AM
- Campers will be transferred to camp with Kawaga staff
- One carry-on only (checked luggage must be shipped directly to camp)

Booking Flights Independently

Families may choose to book flights independently; however, we strongly recommend confirming all details with Travel One before finalizing any independent bookings to ensure compliance with camp travel windows.

Families booking independently are responsible for:

- Selecting flights that fall strictly within approved arrival and departure windows
- Managing airline delays, cancellations, or rebooking
- Coordinating unaccompanied minor services directly with airlines

Important Travel Notes:

- Layovers under one hour are not advised
- We strongly recommend shipping luggage using ShipCamps
- Families requiring unaccompanied minor assistance must email parents@kawaga.com