

# PREPARING FOR CAMP

Camp life is simple! When it is time to assist your camper in the packing process, please keep in mind that personal space in the cabins is limited. Remember that more is not better and shipping costs are high. Please have a conversation with your daughter before she packs. Examples of how to reduce the volume of personal gear are listed below:

- One stuffed animal is acceptable; more than one is clutter
- *Crazy Creek* type folding seats are useful; blow up plastic chairs are not acceptable
- Small sets of drawers, crates etc. will not be permitted. Campers have a single shelf in their cabin in addition to their trunk (footlocker)
- Laundry goes out weekly and is returned within 24 hours. Wyo provides a net laundry bag.
- Camp provides bedding and pillows.

**Packing List** should be taped to the interior of the footlocker and used as an inventory and reference list for items brought to camp.

**Mark all** clothing with name tapes. Items, such as flashlights, disposable camera, toothbrush, *crocs*, bathing cap, day pack, use name tapes covered by scotch tape or write with a black permanent ink pen.

**White swim caps** are required for safety in the water. Campers prefer the Lycra caps sold by *Amerasport* or your local sporting goods store. Please bring two white caps.

**Insect repellents** in the form of lotions, creams or sticks are acceptable. ***Aerosol sprays are not permitted.*** Some campers have had some success with the *Insect Shield* clothing line. Visit their website at [www.insectshield.com/camp](http://www.insectshield.com/camp); please be sure to purchase colors that are appropriate Wyonegonic uniform colors (white, green, or tan khaki).

**Sunscreen** is encouraged as we continue to educate our campers about protection. In camp, we are shaded by pine trees but excessive time on the water and trips exposes campers to nature's sunshine. Please pack a hat and UV protection. You may consider purchasing UV protective swimwear at [wyonegonic.gruvywear.com](http://wyonegonic.gruvywear.com). Our swim docks and boat docks are all stocked with UV protective lotion.

**We encourage** good reading, diaries, musical instruments and music. Kindles, tablets, ipods are not permitted.

**We discourage and ask you NOT to bring:** Candy, gum, food, make up, comics, electronics of any kind, cell phones, game boys, i-pods, tablet readers. Also, do not bring valuables: jewelry, money or digital cameras (disposable cameras are great for camp).

**Colored Baggage Labels** - The colored baggage label needs to be adhered to your daughter's footlocker, whether shipped ahead or brought by auto. The extra label is for a second piece you may choose to carry. On arrival day, our work crew delivers baggage to cabins by color code so it is important that ALL BAGGAGE is coded for accurate delivery.

Senior Unit – blue tags  
Intermediate Unit & ACs - white/black tags  
Junior Unit & CITs – green tags

(8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade)  
(5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade; plus ACs)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade; plus CITs)

**Traveling to camp** – We suggest you send your camper with a small duffle bag or backpack which contains a set of camp clothes, toilet articles, a bathing suit and sweatshirt, in case her footlocker is delayed in shipping.

**Transportation Form:** Please make sure we have received your form by June 1 indicating arrival and departure. Our transportation master plan is coordinated with our brother camp, Winona, and needs advance planning. *This includes those of you traveling by auto.*

**Chaperone Service:** The prearranged chaperone services have limits on numbers. Space is held on a first-come-first-serve basis. *Please have your camper wear a camp shirt for easy identification by the chaperone at the airport security gate.*

**Luggage:** Be aware that many airlines now have additional charges for baggage. Please check limitations with the airline you are using. Campers involved in our chaperone service must ship the footlocker (trunk) to camp via UPS or another carrier. We have arranged with a service providing UPS service with both one way and two way options. Go to ***mailingctr.com*** to set up your own account.

**Cabin assignments** - The unit directors and Carol will be making cabin assignments in June. Efforts will be made to have girls live in a cabin group with peers close to her grade level. When possible, we mix returning and new campers; 7 week and 3.5 week campers; campers from different geographic areas. *As explained earlier, some Junior 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be living in an Intermediate Duplex. They have been contacted in advance and will find white baggage tags in this mailing.*

**Health form, updates and Health Center Policies** - We would like all health forms received by June 1. Our nurses are coming to Maine in early June to review and enter necessary information. If any health related information needs updating since you mailed in your daughter's health form, please report that new information prior to camp. Please (please) thoroughly check your child for head lice just days before departing for camp. All campers will be screened upon arrival before reporting to their cabin. It is our policy for the nurses to inform you about any illness or accident that requires *more than a one-night stay* in our camp Health Center.

**Emergency communication** – As requested before, please assist us by providing cell phone numbers and best summer email address.

**Weekly newsletters** - We hope to continue with weekly newsletters, photos and ongoing communications to parents by email this summer. In order to succeed we need to have your preferred summer email on file. *If you prefer a different email than the one you listed on the registration, please send a message to **info@wyonegonic.com**. It is important that **info@wyonegonic.com** is in your contact list or address book. This will ensure that the newsletters do not get blocked by your spam filter.*

**Camp scholarships** - Wyonegonic is involved in three programs that help bring a diverse population to camp from Atlanta, New York City and Maine. If you know of anyone who would like to sponsor a child from these organizations, or contribute funds toward tuition expenses, a gift of any level is tax-deductible and gratefully welcomed. Email **info@wyonegonic.com** for more details.

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