

Camp Huntington – ***Camp Items and Instructions...important***

'To Send and Not To Send'...yes-music, no-cameras, yes-movies; when-communication, what-food and more....

Parents, please take care of how certain items are sent, or whether to send them at all...

Cell Phones: Campers will not be allowed to use cell phones at camp, and they may not keep them in their possession. We have had far too many incidents with them to control adequately. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the director, who will aim to return your call with a 24-hour period. We only allow calls into camp on Sundays by parents or relatives and friends. Please remember to limit call times to 5-8 minutes so we can accept calls for the other 80 children attending. Any cell phones found in a camper's possession will be stored in our main office until they leave camp.

Please take care to send only age-appropriate **music, movies** and **printed materials/magazines, photos, games, and toys** to camp that children can view. Remove any music from an iPod or similar device you may be sending that has any explicit lyrics. Often for talent shows, campers plug their music devices into our sound system. If your child loves a particular song, then please replace any explicit lyrics with the clean version from iTunes or similar music download site. We will have to store any explicit items in the main office until you return to pick your child up, and your child will not have access to them during camp.

Cameras: We will use our photo site to share camp photos with you through a secure server system using supervisor-approved photos. No camper cameras are advised to be sent and if sent, the camp is not responsible for any damages. Cameras are not allowed to be kept in cabins. Campers bringing cameras will be told by our staff that they are to be stored in the program office. If a camper refuses, the camera will be sent home immediately. If this will be a problem for your child, do not send a camera with them. Stored cameras will be used only at scheduled activity times under close staff supervision. We've had too many incidents of campers taking inappropriate photos. If you send a camera, make sure your child's name is etched into it. Any unlabeled items may get lost. We use our film program cameras to involve campers in photo-taking and processing, filmmaking and editing.

Communications: Only authorized staff (directors and senior supervisors) will be able to email or call you during your child's stay at camp. If you currently have friendly contact with a staff member here, they will be receiving notice during our training week about this new communications policy and will be asked to cease any communications with you during a child's stay, and to relay information to a supervisor or director. On occasion, due to time demands, certain junior supervisors will be authorized to email or contact you. Please do not solicit information from them, as supervisors aim to manage communications with you personally. All communications must be approved by a director or program supervisor and any emails copied to them. Unauthorized staff emailing or contacting you (or you contacting them) outside this policy will receive a warning and the staff may be dismissed, and your child sent home, so please do not circumvent this policy. Communications from unauthorized staff do not represent supervisory staff observations, and cause misinformation and inaccurate incident reporting. We appreciate your cooperation with communicating only with supervisory staff while your child is at camp.

Food and other mailed gift-related item/care packages: Please do not send any high-sugar or unhealthy snacks; as a program, we are serving only healthy choices and teaching these options to campers. Also, for visiting day, please do not bring food-related items to camp as gifts that contain high-sugar levels or unhealthy ingredients.

Clothing: Please make sure to label everything you send to camp; our laundry ghost eats up all unlabeled clothing!

Our staffs are enthusiastic for your child's arrival. See you soon at camp!