

Kids Med Packs - Letter to Camp Huntington families: Summer 2011

Dear Parents,

After careful consideration and reference checking, we have chosen kidsMEDPACKS as our prepackaged medicine provider. The staff, pharmacists and Pediatrician at kidsMEDPACKS specialize in working with special needs camps and we are confident that they will efficiently package our campers' medications, meticulously following all your physician's directions, and courteously answer all your questions.

All campers who will take medication during their time at camp must have their prescriptions filled and packaged by kidsMEDPACKS . kidsMEDPACKS will provide a simple, safe and efficient medicine delivery system using personalized dosage packets designed to assure that your child receives the right medicine at the right time. This simple system will assist our medical staff when administering medication. It is certified by the Board of Pharmacy, and is used in residential schools and assisted living facilities, and is in compliance with strict state regulations regarding medication dispensing for summer camps.

If your child will take medication this summer, here's what you'll do...

Step One: REGISTER

Go to www.kidsmedpacks.com. Visit the "Parents" section to read all about kidsMEDPACKS and the service they provide, and then continue to "register now." You will be asked to type in "Huntington" and then the registration page will come up. Complete all the required fields. You will be asked for your credit card information since there is a \$55 one-time fee for this service, regardless of the number of medications.

Step Two: FORMS

On the kidsMEDPACKS website you'll see that there are two items that you are asked to print. One is a letter to your physician with details about writing and dating your child's prescription. Please take this letter to your physician on the day of your scheduled camp check-up visit.

The MEDICATION REQUEST FORM is also in this section. It asks you for every detail about your child's medication, dosage and time of delivery. When filling your prescription, kidsMEDPACKS will refer to this form to make sure that the information provided by your physician is exactly as you say it should be. Please print this form and complete it carefully.

Step Three: PRESCRIPTION

At your camp check-up visit, obtain prescriptions for any medications your child will take while at camp (see exceptions below).

Step Four: MAIL

After you've completed steps 1, 2, and 3 please take:

- 1) **original copies of your child's prescription(s)**
- 2) **completed Medication Request Form**
- 3) **photocopy of the front and back of your prescription card**

and mail it to: **kidsMEDPACKS**
 P.O. Box 568
 Scarsdale, NY 10583

ALL PRESCRIPTIONS, MEDICATION REQUEST FORMS AND PRESCRIPTION CARD PHOTOCOPIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY kidsMEDPACKS 30 days BEFORE your camper's start date. You will be charged a late fee if you miss this deadline. kidsMEDPACKS needs time to fill, package and ship your child's prescription to camp.

Step Five: RELAX!

kidsMEDPACKS will take it from here. When kidsMEDPACKS receives your child's prescription, they will check it against your Medication Request Form, call you with any questions, fill the prescription two weeks before your child arrives at camp, and package it in personalized dosage packets for easy and accurate delivery by our medical staff. These packets are individually labeled, making it abundantly clear which medications are to be delivered to whom and when. kidsMEDPACKS will ship your child's medication to camp prior to Opening Day so that our medical staff will have ample opportunity to call you if they have any questions about your child's medication and prepare for their arrival.

Step Six: DOUBLE CHECK

When you drop your child off at camp or at the camp bus pickup location on Opening Day, your child's Medication Record will be available for you to double check. This way you can be certain that all medications are exactly as your child should receive them.

The kidsMEDPACKS system will insure accurate delivery of medication to hundreds of campers this summer. We know that there is extra work and expense to you, yet we are so confident that kidsMEDPACKS is in the best interest of your children that we make this mandatory request proudly. Please avoid any and all extra fees, and abide by the deadline.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact kidMEDPACKS directly at info@KIDSMEDPACKS.com or by calling 866-585-8746. In anticipation of some of

your questions, we've included some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) and answers!

Camp Director

FAQ's...

PLEASE VISIT THE KIDSMEDPACK WEBSITE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What if my child takes “over the counter” (OTC) medications daily or “as needed”?

OTC Daily - If your child takes OTC medications such as vitamins or supplements, Claritin, or Zantac, these must go through kidsMEDPACKS so that they are placed in bubblepacks. This way, our Medical Staff will deliver these pills to your child each day, without exception or error, as they would a prescription medication.

OTC Only As Needed - If your child takes commonly used OTC medications only “as needed” such as Tylenol, Advil, Tums, Lactaid, Metamucil, Claritin or Zyrtec you do not need to bring these medications to camp. Our Health Center has an abundant supply of these and many other commonly used OTC medications. For these OTC medications taken only as needed, you do not need to register with kidsMEDPACKS. Please make sure you note on your child's Health Form which OTC medications he/she sometimes takes, how much, and when.

What if my child needs an injectable medication such as an allergy shot?

Bring the injectable medication to camp with you. You do not need to register with kidsMEDPACKS.

What if my child uses an inhaler such as Albuterol?

If your child uses an inhaler of any kind, we ask that you bring two to camp. One will remain in your child's cabin for emergencies, and the other in the Health Center for daily or as-needed use. kidsMEDPACKS will certainly fill your inhaler prescription for you, but if you have two full inhalers at home already, you may bring them to camp on Opening Day.

What if my child needs an epi-pen?

If your child has an allergy that might require the use of an epi-pen, please bring one to camp for safe storage in the Health Center. Extra epi-pens are always on hand in the Health Center and Dining Hall. You do not need to register with kidsMEDPACKS.

What if my child's prescription is only taken “as needed”?

All prescription medication whether taken daily or “as-needed” must be filled by kidsMEDPACKS prior to your child arriving at camp. **This includes medication in pill form, liquid, nose sprays, eye drops, creams and ointments.** “As needed” prescription medications will be placed in personalized dosage packets and clearly coded as PRN or “as needed”.

What if I have questions about my insurance prescription plan?

See the frequently asked questions on the kidsMEDPACKS website www.kidsmedpacks.com.