

**PARENT HANDBOOK FOR INTRO CAMPERS
HURONTARIO'S 2018 SEASON
"Celebrating 72 Years of Camping"**

**INSIDE THIS PACKAGE IS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

Table of Contents

Page	1.	a) Table of contents b) Map to Marina
	2 (a)	Methods of Payment
	(b)	Fee Payment Schedule
	3,4.	General Information / Summer Address, Summer Phone number Lost & Found Food Parcel Policy
	5.	Travel Arrangements
	6.	Clothing and Equipment
	7.	Camp Store Account Sun Protection Policy

Packages for parents who registered on line will contain ONLY the following (parents who registered online need to go to the online site to fill in their final details – see Page 3 for details).

- a) Mabel's Labels forms (order online per their instructions on their form, thanks)
- b) An invoice showing remaining balance of fees owing which will be applied on May 1st. to the credit card used to register your camper

Packages for parents who registered by mail will contain the following forms (return with payments by May 1st, please)

- a) FINAL CONFIRMATION FORM (yellow)
- b) CAMPER INFORMATION FORM (yellow)
- c) MEDICAL FORM (peach)
- e) Mabel's Labels forms (return to Mabel's Labels, please - Their address is on the form).
- f) Credit Card Authorization form

Some packages may also include :

- a) An invitation to the New Camper's Party, Sunday, April 22nd (families included)
- b) A letter to parents from outside Canada

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Page 2(a)

For your convenience, there are several means whereby you can pay the fees owing on May 1st. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed invoice, please email hurontario@sympatico.ca.

Online Registrations:

- 1. Your May 1st fee payment as per your invoice (enclosed) will be processed on May 1st on the Card used to register your camper(s).**
- 2. If you wish to pay the final invoice by cheque (not by the Card on file), please be sure to email notification along with payment within 5 days of receipt of the final invoice.**

For those parents who registered by mail: Please be sure that fee payment accompanies all forms.

A: Payment by cheque:

Payment of fees can be made by cheque payable to Camp Hurontario. If the name on the cheque is different than that of the camper attending, please ensure that the camper's first and last name is also on the cheque or it becomes difficult to track payments. Thank you.

B: Payment by Visa or Master Card:

- 1. Enclosed in this mailing, please find an authorization form for Visa or MasterCard payments. Please sign and return this form with the other forms.**
- 2. If you wish to pay both the fees due on May 1st, and the final invoice which will arrive after your son returns home from camp by the Card on file, please be sure to indicate this in the space provided on the form.**
- 3. If you wish to pay the final invoice by cheque (not by the Card on file), be sure to email notification along with payment within 5 days of receipt of the final invoice.**

General notes re payment of fees on May 1st :

- 1. Please do not pay for any clothing, biodegradables etc. at this time as the boys make their purchases at camp and these charges will be added to the camper account at the end of the session.**
- 2) If you are attending the New Campers' Party, you may wish to keep your forms (& payment) until after this informative afternoon. Please DO NOT bring forms & cheques to this event, but mail after April 22nd, to arrive on or prior to May 1st as it is a busy afternoon. Thank you.**
- 3. Camp Hurontario accepts funds in Canadian and US dollars. Fees are set in Canadian dollars. Cheques should be made payable to Camp Hurontario.**
 - 1. If a camper must be withdrawn from the camp for medical reasons (supported by a doctor's letter), a partial refund will be made up to June 1st. After June 1st, the Camp reserves the right to retain final payment. However, the camp will endeavor to minimize a family's financial loss in such circumstances.**
 - 5. There will be no refund for campers withdrawn for misconduct.**

FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

For campers registered for the 5 day Intro Camp (starting July 10th/August 7th)

<u>Fee Structure</u>	<u>H.S.T.(13%)</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>	<u>Deposit Paid</u>	<u>Due May 1st</u>
\$1,045.00	\$135.85	\$ 1,180.85	\$300.00	\$880.85

For campers registered for the 9 day Intro Camp (starting July 6th /August 3rd)

<u>Fee Structure</u>	<u>H.S.T.(13%)</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>	<u>Deposit Paid</u>	<u>Due May 1st</u>
\$1,920.00	\$ 249.60	\$ 2,169.60	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,869.60

FINAL CONFIRMATION DETAILS

FOR THOSE WHO REGISTERED ONLINE:

1. Please go to the Registration tab on our website.
2. Login with your existing username and password (If you forget your password this is not a problem. Call our office and we will reset your account).
3. NOW go to the section online titled 'Final Confirmation Details'.
4. Careful. Do NOT re-register your son.
5. SELECT your son's name. It is already there as he is registered.
6. Fill in ALL the questions (this is very important).
7. All questions must have an answer. Type N/A for a 'mandatory' space.
8. Hit SUBMIT.
9. If all information has been inputted, the completed form will be sent to us. If there are still missing fields, they will be highlighted in red. We will not see any of your son's information. Please go back and fill in what is highlighted in red. Then click submit when all spaces are filled in, thank you.

Payment of the fees owing on May 1st, as reflected in the (enclosed) invoice will be applied to the credit card used to register your camper(s).

FOR THOSE WHO REGISTERED BY MAIL:

Enclosed please find three forms: a final confirmation form, a camper information form and a medical information form. Please fill out these forms in full detail as soon as possible (along with any other pertinent forms) and mail all forms to the Toronto office along with payment of the amount shown on the (enclosed) invoice. Please avoid faxing forms as they do not come through clearly, thank you.

MOOSE DEER POINT MARINA: Except in special cases, all boys will be moved in and out of Camp from Moose Deer Marina on Twelve Mile Bay Road. This Marina is six miles from the Camp and offers quick, safe access to Hurontario. To reach the Marina take Highway #400 to Twelve Mile Bay Road, about 100 yards south of the Moon River Bridge on Highway #400. Take the exit ramp for Twelve Mile Bay Road. Follow the road to Moose Deer Point Marina which is about 15 minutes in from Highway #400 (see map).

TORONTO OFFICE & GEORGIAN BAY SUMMER OFFICE DATES:

Our Toronto office (416 488 2077) will remain open until June 15th, 2018. It will be closed for the summer on June 15th (no answering machine, fax, or email after June 15th). During the weekend as we move north, there will be no office communication.

The Georgian Bay office (705 375 5306) will open up at camp on June 18th & close Friday, August 24th. The Toronto office will reopen Wednesday August 29th

SUMMER ADDRESS: Camp Hurontario, Mactier Post Office, Box 251, Mactier, ON P0C 1H0

Please use this address for all mail. Summer mail service is slow and a week should be allowed for a letter to get to Camp. **E MAIL/FAXES:** Please note that emails and faxes to campers are not available at camp due to limited telephone service at the island.

SUMMER PHONE NUMBER: Mactier (705) 375-5306. The phone is monitored from 9:30am to 11:30 am and again from 1:45 pm to 3:00 pm. Campers are not permitted to call home and parents should not phone and request to speak with a camper. If there is an emergency, please call and ask for a Director, one of whom is always on the island. The best time to call is from 1:45 pm to 3:00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: As all Hurontario staff are on a break out of camp, the camp office will be **CLOSED** from the evening of July 24th until July 27th after lunch. The camp phone will not be answered at this time.

POCKET MONEY AND TRAVEL EXPENSES: All travelling expenses, purchases while at camp, etc. will go on the camper's account. Campers can charge for fishing tackle, clothing, etc. If a camper requires a trip to Parry Sound for medical or dental care, a charge to cover costs will be indicated on the camper account. **There is no need to bring cash to Camp. Hurontario is not responsible for money brought to Camp.**

PACKING FOR CAMP: Please pack all items into a hockey or sports bag (please avoid bags with wheels). Sleeping bag, pillows, bulky items should go in the hockey bag. These types of bags are the easiest for us to transport.

BAGGAGE TAGGING: It is very important that each piece of baggage has a securely attached name tag on it regardless of how a boy is coming to camp. Please use tags which the camp has provided in this mailing (NON-PLASTICIZED) so further Camp information can be added. Also, please tag everything including paddles, fishing gear and life jackets. If you require more tags, they can be purchased at business supply stores.

CONFIRMATION, HEALTH AND CAMPER FORMS: This only applies to parents who mailed in registrations. Parents who registered online will fill in all these details online as there are no forms to fill in. Please indicate cabinmate preferences. Pro and con requests, if applicable, are helpful. Be sure to indicate the number of years your son has attended Hurontario, including this summer. Please return these forms with the Health form by May 1st.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: To assist the counselling staff in assuring your son an excellent camping experience, a letter which briefly outlines your son's personality and interests is very useful. Our counsellors benefit from these anecdotal accounts of your son's personality, so please write us a short note and send to the Toronto office. Thank you.

VALUABLES: Any personal items such as iPods, video games, watches, etc. will be left at the camp office. However, the camp recommends such valuables should be left at home. Hurontario is not responsible for the loss of such items.

LIFEJACKETS: Wearing a life jacket is compulsory for all campers and staff during all boating activities. Each camper should have his own clearly identified lifejacket. We recommend they also be a bright color for maximum visibility. Please be sure that these fit properly.

FOOD PARCELS: PEANUT, NUT AND OTHER ALLERGIES. Hurontario is unable to accept any parcels by mail. Letters included with a food parcel risk being lost. The camp is unable to hold or return any parcels. Please assist us in this issue of potentially life-threatening importance.

THE CAMP STORE ACCOUNT: In addition to stamps, the Camp Store is stocked with biodegradable toiletries, insect repellent, flashlights, batteries, sweatshirts, tackle, etc. This account will be billed along with travel expenses at the end of each session. A reasonable Camp Store limit (excluding clothing purchases and travel costs) would be \$100.00. Campers should not bring cash to camp.

LOST & FOUND:

Lost and Found is such a problem at camp. The boys simply do not recognize their clothing or are having too much fun while we are trying to find out who owns what item!! What would make this so much easier would be if there were clearly labeled names on all items, even sleeping bags that come to camp. Please use our enclosed name tag form, send it to Mabel's Labels address (not to the Camp office) and be amazed at how many items will return with your son. Many thanks.

BAGGAGE LEFT AT CAMP: Baggage which has been left behind will be taken to the camp's Toronto address where it will be tarped and left in a secure corner of the backyard for parents to pick up. If an item has been found, it is noted on the camper's invoice, which arrives shortly after your son arrives home.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

For all intro camp parents whether your son is coming for the 5 or 9 day stay, the travel plans on the applicable dates will be the same unless you are bringing your son by private boat. Also, Visiting details are included on this page.

ARRIVING AT CAMP BY CAR:

**FRIDAY, JULY 6TH / TUESDAY, JULY 10TH
FRIDAY, AUGUST 3RD/TUESDAY, AUG 7TH**

- Parents will meet Hurontario staff at Moose Deer Marina (see the map in the Handbook) at 10:30am. There will be a health screening station set up for all campers.
- Please be sure all bags are tagged with tags on which we can write further cabin information.
- **Please keep out your son's lifejacket as he will wear this on the boat into camp.**
- The campers, with their baggage, will be boated into camp.

ARRIVING AT CAMP BY PRIVATE BOAT:

**FRIDAY, JULY 6TH / TUESDAY, JULY 10TH
FRIDAY, AUGUST 3RD/TUESDAY, AUG 7TH**

- Please plan to arrive at 10:30 am – 11:00 am at the camp dock where a staff member will be there to greet you and your son.
- A screening station will be set up for all campers arriving by private boat.
- Please remember that this is just a drop off as it is important that our parents realize there will not be a visit to their son's cabin, etc. at this time.

LEAVING CAMP BY CAR:

SATURDAY, JULY 14TH /SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH

- Parents will meet camp staff members at the Marina at 9:30 am. There will be a screening station set up for all adults and siblings coming to camp for a visit.
- Camper's baggage will be placed into cars at this time.
- Parents will then be taken into camp for a visit with their tour guide, their son. Everyone will head back to the Marina around 10:30 am. **If you are unable to visit, it will be important for the camp to know so that your son may be brought to meet you at the Marina at 9:30.**

The cost for family members to travel to camp by boat is \$20.00 (plus HST) per person round trip.

LEAVING CAMP BY PRIVATE BOAT:

Private boats should plan to visit and pick up campers between 9:45 am and 10:30 am.

TRAVEL COSTS

TRAVEL COSTS (HST excluded) for ONE WAY: (except private boat)

- The one way charge for travelling by car is \$40.00 one way (to cover boat, baggage barge costs).

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Pg.6

Mabel's Labels has labels for everything including shoes, sandals, and toothbrushes! Be sure to name socks, underwear, towels, sleeping bags, etc. with these excellent labels (see enclosed order form) so that lost & found can be easily identified and returned to its rightful owner. Thank you.

Many boys come to Camp with more items than are needed. Camp is a good place to wear old clothes. These should be selected for warm sunny weather and also with rainy and cool days in mind. Also, light-colored, long-sleeved clothes to repel mosquitoes are recommended.

PLEASE PUT NAME TAGS ON ALL CLOTHING AND CAMP ITEMS.

- 1 sleeping bag
- 1 other sleeping bag (if son tends to wet bed)
- 1 30 litre dry bag(not for 5 day) to keep clothing, sleeping bag dry on 9 day overnight **Very important!**
- 1 single blanket (added warmth)
- 1 pillow
- 2 pillowcases
- 6 pairs socks (please send dark ones)/3 pair for five day
- 6 pairs underwear/3 pair for five day
- 5 pairs shorts (best if quick dry material- Mountain Equipment Co-op has these)/3 pair for 5 day
- 6 t-shirts in dark colors /3 pair for five day
- 2 pair long pants - ***cotton*** is preferable - jeans are hard to dry
- 2 bathing suits
- 1 sun hat, sunscreen SPF 30 (minimum), 1 lip balm with sunscreen
- 2 lightweight long sleeved shirts, quick dry material, light-colored for bugs
- 2 warm sweaters/1 for five day
- 2 pairs of pyjamas
- 1 Government-approved PFD (brightly coloured & **clearly labelled**)
- 1 two piece rain suit. Please label clearly as they look alike
- 2 bath towels (*** Hurontario towels are terrific - not too large, dry easily- please label all towels)
- 2 pairs rubber soled shoes (please put names inside using Mabel's Labels)
- 1 pair Teva type Sandals (please put names inside using Mabel's Labels)/five day do not need
- Flashlight and rechargeable batteries (with name label)
- Camera (optional)
- Writing paper, pens, addressed envelopes
- 1 water bottle (can be purchased through the camp) essential to have
- A rod and reel/ nine days (and five days can borrow from the office)

SAVE OUR ENVIRONMENT

Please note: **New for 2018 – Camp Hurontario will provide biodegradable shampoo and soap for each Intro group.** Please do not send unless you wish your camper to have his own, labelled personal supply. Biodegradable toothpaste should be provided for each individual camper.

- 1 toiletry bag (very helpful)
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol) (DEET 12%)
- 1 toothbrush

AGAIN FOR 2018 - PURCHASE AMAZING HURONTARIO CLOTHING ONLINE

Again this year we are pleased to provide our ONLINE STORE for our camp clothing. The Hurontario Online Clothing Store is so simple and the clothing is made for camp life!

URL: www.hurontariostore.com (no password required)

SHOP: Our catalogue is complete with the hottest items of the season. Click through our custom designed clothing and purchase your Hurontario summer wardrobe!

CHECKOUT: Please fill out all the checkout fields to ensure that your son receives his clothing. Your credit card will be charged at the end of your son's session.

The Online store will be open from March 19th to May 11th. **Any clothing purchased online by families living in the Greater Toronto Area** must ** be picked up at the Toronto office, 1 Ridge Drive Park on any of the following days: Monday, June 4, Tuesday, June 5, and Thursday, June 6 between 9:30 and 2:30. It is not possible to transport all ordered clothing to camp.**

Any camp **clothing ordered by families from outside the Great Toronto Area and out of country**) will be picked up at camp by the campers. The campers will sign their clothing order sheet when they pick up their order at camp. Ordered clothing will be labelled with indelible ink at camp before handing out. The ordered clothing will be handed out in the first days of camp sessions.

NEWHurontario intro campers will arrive home with a gift of an Intro tee shirt and Intro baseball hat. Only INTRO BOYS will have the fun of wearing this special logo! Wear with pride!**

SUN PROTECTION for CAMPERS and STAFF:

- With proper information, correct sun protection and watchful supervision by our staff, campers will be protected from the sun's harmful rays. Sunscreen will be used at Camp Hurontario for all campers and staff whether a sunny or cloudy day, and especially near water and after swimming.
- Please be sure the SPF 30 also contains DEET to repel mosquitoes. SPF supplies will be available at the Camp Store and each counsellor will have a supply.
- Protective clothing, such as Hurontario's baseball hats, plus a lightweight long sleeved T-shirt will be available to buy at camp.
- None of these recommendations are new to Hurontario's approach to avoiding sunburns, sun rays and mosquitoes, and a concerted effort will be made by all again this summer.
- Be sure to talk about sun protection with your camper.

ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF YOUR CAMPER

Hurontario's program is creative, flexible, energetic and full of opportunities to learn new social and sporting skills. The best part is that it is organized by the campers in a democratic process guided by our capable staff. There is really no such thing as a typical day in a camper's life! However, here is a sampling of what a day might be like!

7:00 am	Up early with our counselors and off to catch frogs while the rest of the camp still sleeps
7:30 am	Head to the water to wash and get ready for breakfast.
8:00 am	The rush to flagpole for morning announcements and skits
8:15 am	A charge to the dining hall for awesome breakfasts
8:45 am	Back to cabin for clean up; pick up lifejackets, hats, bug spray and off to session
9:00 am	Sessions begin: a morning of sailing on the Bay; art at an island; swim lessons; catching frogs and turtles for the bug house
11:45am	Morning sessions over, free time to climb ropes, see what came into the bug house, a game of turtle races outside the office
12:30am	Thank goodness it's time to eat- I'm starved
1:15 pm	Time for the post office to buy a new toothbrush; head to the cabin to get our gear ready for an afternoon in the sun (remember our hats and sun block)
1:45 pm	Afternoon activities: kayaking to a sandy beach; play on the windsurfing boards; tie dye a shirt to take home
4:45 pm	Free time; a game of catch; jumps from junior tower; build sand castles at staff beach
5:30 pm	Dinner Time!! A crazy theme meal with special food to celebrate.
6:15 pm	Counsellors head to the post office for mail for the group
6:30 pm	Time to dress up for campfire night; get bug repellent; warm shirt. Long slacks on and when the bell rings head to the campfire site
7:00 pm	An amazing evening of songs, skits, stories, and special snack of ice cream bars
8:00 pm	Time to head to the cabin with our counselors, pick up toothbrush, paste and soap. Wash up before settling into our beds
8:15 pm	Continue reading our book from the camp library
8:30 pm	We are tired, had a big day, and it's definitely time to hit the hay and get a good sleep ready for another fun day at Hurontario

Mom, the food is amazing! Here is a day sampling of the best food for a hungry group of campers and staff.

Breakfast:	Orange juice, hot and cold cereal with milk, Yogurt, Bananas, Pancakes and syrup
Lunch:	Chicken Noodle soup, homemade bread, tossed salad, Homemade Lasagna Fresh fruit salad and homemade brownies, water, juice
Dinner:	Mixed vegetable salad, Roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, fresh green beans, Butter tarts, water, milk
Snack:	Pizza on the point with a sing song to wash it down

