



Parent Handbook For Intro Campers

This handbook contains very important information - please read carefully!

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Methods of Payment & Final Confirmation

For all Registered campers, the date when final fee payment will be requested will be set as soon as Hurontario has received confirmation from the Public Health authorities that overnight camps are opening. Further, the dates for filling in final confirmation detail for travel, health, cabin requests will also be sent to our parents as soon as we have our opening time frame.

1. Camp Hurontario accepts funds in Canadian and US dollars. Fees are set in Canadian dollars. Payments may be made by cheque. All fees and charges quoted in our literature do not include HST.
2. Please do not pay for canoe trips, clothing, or biodegradable toiletries at this time as the boys make purchases at camp. These charges will be added to the account at the end of the session.
3. If a camper must be withdrawn from the camp for medical reasons (supported by a doctor's letter), a partial refund will be made up to June 1st.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 endeavour to minimize a family's financial loss in such circumstances.
4. There will be no refund for campers withdrawn for misconduct or for breaking camp policy

Fee Payment Details

See invoice included in registration confirmation, or access on your son's online account page (personal login and password required)

1. Your fee payment as per your invoice is to be paid by cheque. (Only initial registration fees are paid by credit card).
2. Any charges incurred will be included on the final invoice sent at the end of your son's stay at camp, including camp store, travel etc.

Online Forms

All camper registration and forms should be completed online. If you cannot complete the forms online, a printed package will be mailed to you upon request.

1. Please go to **Registration** via our website: <https://camphurontario.campbrainregistration.com/>
2. Login with your existing username and password (If you forget your password this is not a problem. Press "Password reset" and you will be sent a reset email.
3. Go to "View My Registrations" and then to the blue "View Details" button
4. Fill out **Medical** and **Final Confirmation** forms
5. If your son is arriving by air and needs to be picked up at the airport, please fill out the **Airport Form**.
6. Please note that **you must fill out all mandatory fields before the forms can be completed.**
7. Make sure that you **SUBMIT** the completed forms.

Directions to Camp Hurontario

Driving directions from Toronto to Moose Deer Point Marina

Except in special cases, all boys will be moved in and out of Camp from Moose Deer Point Marina on Twelve Mile Bay Road. This Marina is six miles from the Camp and offers quick, safe boat access to Hurontario. To reach the Marina take Highway 400 to Twelve Mile Bay Road (Exit 185), 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).

Directions by Boat:

Turn east into Twelve Mile Bay (North of O'Donnell's Point); look for camp sign on north side of Twelve Mile Bay. GPS coordinates for Camp Hurontario: 45.1049833 -80.0769269



General information

Toronto and Georgian Bay Summer Office Dates

Our Toronto office (416-488-2077) will remain open until mid-June. Our Georgian Bay, Camp Island office will open a few days after. We may experience a day or two without phone or computer communications, but we will respond to emails as soon as we open. Please note that the answering machine in our Toronto office will not be available during the summer. The Toronto office will reopen in late August.

Our summer Georgian Bay office (705-375-5306) will be open mid-June until the end of August. The phone is monitored from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and again from 1:45 to 3 p.m. 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 who is always on the island. The best time to call the camp is from 1:45 to 3 p.m

Summer Address

**Camp Hurontario
P.O. 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. Please note that emails to campers are not available at camp.

PLEASE NOTE: As all Hurontario staff are on a break during the three-day changeover between the end of July camp and the start of August camp, the camp office will be CLOSED for these 3 days. The office will reopen at 1:30 p.m. the day before August camp opens.

Care packages/Parcels

All parcels sent to campers will be opened at the camp post office. As we have campers with severe allergies, **please do NOT SEND FOOD OR TREATS of any sort.** Letters included with a food parcel risk being lost. The camp is unable to hold or return any food parcels. Please assist us in this issue of potentially life-threatening importance.

Preparing for camp: a letter from home

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.

The Camp Store Account

The Camp Store at Hurontario is stocked with stamps, biodegradable toiletries, water bottles, insect repellent, flashlights, batteries, sweatshirts, tackle, etc.

Anything purchased by your son will be billed to his account, along with travelling expenses and trip costs, and you will be invoiced at the end of each session. If a camper requires a trip to Parry Sound for medical or dental care, a \$45 charge to cover costs will be indicated on the camper account. A reasonable Camp Store limit (excluding a fishing spinning outfit, pre-ordered clothing and travel costs) would be \$100.

Pocket Money: there is no need for money at camp, as all purchases made at the Camp Store are billed to the camper's account. Hurontario is not responsible for money brought to Camp.

Lost & Found

Lost and found items are an ongoing 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! PLEASE clearly and indelibly mark your son's name on ALL items that come to camp including towels, water bottles, shoes, and sleeping bags. Given COVID protocol and wanting all personal belongings to go home with the correct owner of all items sent to camp, it is very important this summer that parents LABEL all items brought to camp. We will not be able to transport any lost and found to Toronto. Please order labels from Mabel's Labels online at <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com> and be amazed at how many items return with your son.

Valuables

Any valuable personal items such as iPads, video games, watches, etc. will be kept 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.

Baggage Tagging

Please tag all baggage and hand luggage with the baggage tags provided to you by the camp, with your son's full name on one side and his cabin group number on the other, leaving room for the camp to add more details. If you require more tags, please purchase manila baggage (shipping) tags 4 1/2 inches by 2 1/2 inches. Staples is a good source of these tags. Please avoid using plasticized tags as we are unable to write on them.

Lifejackets

Wearing a life jacket is compulsory for all campers and staff during all boating activities. Each camper will have his own clearly labelled lifejacket, as we wish to try to ensure no sharing of these lifejackets. It is recommended that life jackets fit well and are a bright colour for maximum visibility (yellow, orange or red). Please avoid sending life jackets that are darker blue, green or brown.

Water bottles

Please purchase a Hurontario Nalgene water bottle. Please order [Mabel's Labels](#) for water bottles – they make excellent stay-on visible custom labels with your son's name. This is very important as all water bottles look alike and printed names do not survive the elements and wear off. **All water bottles MUST be labelled to ensure that there is no sharing of water bottles.**

Travel information

The following is an outline of the general details of travelling to camp. At the time of writing, we have yet to hear details for the opening of overnight camps. As soon as we learn the protocols under which camps will open, we will send out firm details for all travel, including all arrival and departure times for each mode of travel. Parents will then be guided back to the CampBrain database to input Travel (and other pertinent) details. Travel plans will be structured around providing a system of travel in and out to best assure the health and safety of everyone.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES - GENERAL

THE FOLLOWING PACKAGE WILL BE SENT TO ALL PARENTS WELL BEFORE CAMP IS TO OPEN:

- A cabin group number for your camper - please be sure he knows this cabin number.
- 3 baggage tags:
 - Please put you son's first and last name clearly written in marker on one side of the tags and the group number on the other.
 - Be sure that number 7 looks like a 7 so as to avoid confusion with number 1.
 - These baggage tags will be affixed by the parent to all luggage (includes back packs, paddles, fishing rods, duffle bags).
 - Please tag all bags BEFORE coming to the drop off point. There will not be time to do baggage labelling at the bus or marina or camp.
- A name tag which the parent will fill out with first and last name of camper.
- Each camper has his own lifejacket. This lifejacket will be put on and done up as the buses arrive at the Marina. Do not pack the lifejacket.
- Please make sure the camper's name is CLEARLY labeled inside his lifejacket.
- Camper's name tag with his first and last name and group number must be printed with marker and worn on his shirt once he is dropped off at the marina or camp.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES FOR CAR DROP OFF

The following information outlines the general details for campers arriving BY CAR. In order to enable a safe arrival at camp for all our campers who are arriving by CAR at Moose Deer Point, we will be setting up a schedule of arrival which will allow us to stagger the arrival times of our campers. As soon as we hear from the Public Health Authorities on the details for opening of overnight camps, we will send more specific details to all our parents.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE MARINA:

- Each car will be met at the entrance to the Marina by Hurontario staff members.
- The staff members will direct you to a parking place.
- The staff member will come to your car. Parents will be asked to please stay in the car.

- The staff member will sterilize the handles of all baggage (which has been tagged with the group number by our parents).
- The camper will, with his mask on and lifejacket on, go with the Hurontario staff, along with his bags to the dock to meet with Polly and Julia .
- Each camper will be checked in on a list which shows that this camper has sent his negative COVID test results to the camp 2-3 days before camp. He will be asked a few COVID screening questions.
- The campers (lifejackets on) will then go on a boat with a staff member in charge of each boat
- The bags will be put on the camp barge and taken into camp to be distributed to the camper cabins.

ARRIVAL BY PRIVATE BOAT

ARRIVAL AT THE CAMP FRONT DOCK

- Your boat will be directed to a parking spot at the camp dock.
- We are asking that parents stay in their boats.
- Hurontario staff will tie up your boat.
- Your camper's name tag with his first and last name and group number must be printed with marker and worn on his shirt for arrival at the front dock.
- Campers wearing their masks and lifejackets will come off their boat and be taken to their counselor.
- Baggage will be handed out and staff will sterilize all the handles
- All baggage (fishing rods, tackle boxes, back packs, paddles, duffle bags) must be tagged prior to arrival as per the general instructions above.
- The staff will untie your boat as soon as possible so you can be on your way.
- Please arrive at the time given stated in detailed travel information.
- Please assure that your camper has had lunch.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION - GENERAL

PROCEDURES FOR TRAVEL HOME BY CAR

- Parents will arrive at Moose deer point Marina at a time designated for a set group of campers. Details will be sent to you before a session ends.
- Parents will be met by Hurontario staff at the entrance to the Marina and shown to a parking spot. This staff member will have a clip board and ask for the name of your camper.
- We ask that our parents kindly remain in their cars even though we know how keen you will be to see and hear all the stories your camper has to tell.
- Staff will have unloaded the bags from our camp barge and lined them up along the waterfront area.
- Campers will be brought to your car along with their bags, paddles etc.
- Parents (while wearing masks) will then be asked to collect their camper and his bags.
- We ask that parents do not use this as a time to visit with other parents.

PROCEDURES FOR TRAVEL HOME BY PRIVATE BOAT

- Boats coming to pick up campers must arrive at the designated time which will be sent by email before the end of your camper's camp session.
- Staff wearing masks will greet your boat and tie it up.
- Your camper, with his mask on, will come to the boat.
- We will be unable to have our parents come off their boats in order for us to maintain our 6 feet social distancing.
- The camper's bags will be brought to your boat by a Hurontario staff member.

Travel information Details

Please note: Travel charges are put on the camper's final invoice which is mailed at the end of each camper's session.

Arrival by car

Drop off at assigned time at Moose Deer Point Marina, Twelve Mile Bay Road.
Cost: \$50 + HST each way for boat and baggage barge.

- **Please keep your son's life jacket out as he will wear it on the boat into camp.**
- **Please note:** For campers traveling by car, Hurontario rents the Marina dock for a limited amount of time. If you arrive late, arrangements for a private taxi must be made by calling 705-375-5155.

Arrival by private boat

- Please plan to arrive at the camp docks at your assigned time.
- Parents must remain in their boats

Departure by car

Cost: \$50 + HST for boat and baggage barge. Parents will meet the campers at the Moose Deer Point Marina at assigned times.

Departure by private boat

- Please plan to arrive at the camp docks at your assigned time.
- Parents must remain in their boats

Clothing and Equipment

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.

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. Include light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts to repel mosquitoes.

Labelling

LABELLING OF PERSONAL ITEMS AND ALL CLOTHING WILL BE ESSENTIAL THIS SUMMER SO WE CAN ASSURE THAT OUR CAMPERS AND STAFF ARE NOT SHARING ANY ITEMS. PLEASE PUT NAME TAGS ON ALL CLOTHING AND CAMP ITEMS. [Mabel's Labels](#) has labels for everything including shoes & water bottles! Be sure to label socks, shoes, underwear, towels, sleeping bags, water bottles, shoes etc. with these excellent labels so that lost & found items can be easily identified and returned to their rightful owners.

Packing List

- 1 sleeping bag (light) for tripping/overnights (must be easy to roll small)
- 1 other sleeping bag (if son tends to wet the bed)
- 1 30-litre dry bag to keep clothing, sleeping bag dry on overnights/trips
- 1 single blanket (added warmth)
- 1 pillow
- 2 pillowcase
- 2 bath towels (not too large) (Hurontario quick dry towels are the best!)
- 6 pairs socks (please send dark socks and label each one)
- 6 pairs underwear
- 3 pairs shorts (best if quick-dry material)
- 3 t-shirts in dark colours
- 2 pair long pants (light cotton/quick-dry are best - avoid jeans as they takes too long to dry)
- 2 bathing suits
- 1 sun hat
- 2 lightweight long sleeved shirts, quick-dry, light-coloured material, for bug protection
- 2 warm fleece

Packing List continued...

2 pairs of pyjamas

1 Government-approved PFD (brightly coloured and clearly labelled)

1 two-piece WATERPROOF rain suit (Please note: "water resistant" is NOT waterproof - check label)

2 pairs rubber-soled shoes

1 toothbrush

Biodegradable toothpaste

Biodegradable shampoo in plastic container

Biodegradable soap in covered dish

Insect repellent (non-aerosol) (DEET 12%)

Sunscreen with SPF 30 (minimum)

1 lip balm with sunscreen

Flashlight and rechargeable batteries (with name label)

Camera (optional)

Writing paper, pens, addressed envelopes

1 16 oz. Nalgene water bottle (labelled so there is no sharing)

COVID Supplies for Summer 2021

14 three-ply masks (labelled)

1 personal laundry bag, labelled (hang-up type)

1 toiletry bag, clearly labelled (very important)

2-3 travel-sized bottles of hand sanitizer, labelled with camper's name

Help save our environment!

Please be sure that all soap, shampoo, and toothpaste is biodegradable. Non-biodegradable items will be sent home and biodegradable supplies will be purchased from our camp store.

Please do not bring

- cell phones, iPads
- electronic games, e-readers (though we like to see paper backs tucked into their bags).
- expensive sunglasses

Any of these items which are brought to camp will be stored in the camp office and returned to your son on departure day. Under no circumstances is the Camp responsible for the loss of such items.

Purchase your Hurontario clothing online!

URL: hurontariostore.com (No password required)

The Online store will be open from March 29 to May 14, 2021. All Camp clothing ordered online will be picked up at the camp by the campers. The campers will sign their clothing order sheet; the clothing will be labelled with indelible ink at camp and handed out in the first few days of camp.

The above details are based on The Public Health Authorities having announced the opening of camps. Should the camps not open, clothing can be picked up (pre- arranged by call/email) outside the door of Toronto office or mailed with a small charge for postage.

Health and Safety

For complete health and safety information please see the website.

When you'll hear from us

For the most part you will not hear from camp's medical team while your child is at camp; however, there are a few situations when one of the camp medical staff may need to contact home during the summer. For this reason, please make sure to provide camp with the most up to date contact information. For further details on communication with our parents concerning health matters please refer to our web site.

Medications

Sending medications to camp: For campers arriving by bus, car or private boat, please give any medications for your son to the Hurontario staff member collecting medications. Please ensure that you have communicated in writing any specific directions, and place this information in a ZipLoc sealed bag (packaging that is secure) along with the medications.

All medications of any type must be clearly labelled with:

- Your child's name
- The physician's name
- The name of the medication
- The required dosage

Allergies

Nut Policy

Children come to Camp with severe or life-threatening allergies, and in particular, allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. To ensure that Camp is a safe environment for all Hurontario campers, Hurontario is designated as "nut aware."

All food served through the kitchen and on out-trips is carefully screened to ensure it does not contain nuts or nut products. No food parcels will be accepted at camp given the risk of the allergies in camp.

If your child has a life-threatening allergy, please send two clearly labelled EpiPens, in a sealed and labelled Ziploc bag. Campers with allergies requiring the wearing of an EpiPen, will wear one EpiPen in a fanny pack, and the counsellor will carry a second. Club Med will have extra EpiPens.

Sun Safety

- Sunscreen will be used at Camp Hurontario for all campers and staff on sunny or cloudy days
- To assist the Camp in its sun protection program, please discuss the importance of using sunscreen with your son.
- Please supply SPF 30 (minimum) for your son. Please be sure the sunscreen also contains DEET to repel mosquitoes.
- Sunscreen 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.

A 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. While there is really no such thing as a typical day in a camper's life, here is a sampling of what a day might be like!

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

Just a sampling of a typical day's meals...

- Breakfast:** Orange juice, hot and cold cereal with milk, yogurt, bananas, pancakes & 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