



# 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, please make sure that your payment and all final forms are at our office by May 1, as this will ensure that we have all travel information etc. before leaving for camp in mid-June.**

1. Camp Hurontario accepts funds in Canadian and US dollars. Fees are set in Canadian dollars. Payments may be made by Visa, MasterCard, or Canadian e-transfers. 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 If a camper must be withdrawn from the camp for medical reasons (supported by a doctor's letter), a partial refund will be made up to June 1st.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 There will be no refund for campers withdrawn for misconduct or for breaking camp policy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 May 1st fee payment as per your invoice will be processed on May 1 using the same credit card used to pay the initial registration fee of \$300 (per camper).
2. Any charges incurred after May 1 will be processed on your credit card, including the invoice at the end of your son's stay at camp, trip charges, camp store, travel etc.
3. If you wish to pay the summer final invoice by e-transfer or another credit card than that on file, please send an **email notification** the day your son returns home so we do not charge the incorrect credit card.

## 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 the **Registration tab** on 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 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. Food must not be left after parent visits as cabin mates may have allergies of which visiting parents are unaware. 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. Please order labels from Mabel's Labels online and be amazed at how many items return with your son. Tagged items left at camp, if found, will be taken to the Camp office at 1 Ridge Drive Park, where they may be picked up at any time.

## **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.

## **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**

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 office supply stores.

## **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. 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. We often have as many as 8 water bottles in lost and found at any one time with no names.

# Travel information

## Arrival by car

Cost: \$40 + HST each way for boat and baggage barge. Travel charges are put on the camper's final invoice which is mailed at the end of each camper's session. HST applies to all charges.

Parents will meet Hurontario staff at Moose Deer Point Marina at 10:30 a.m.

- A Health Screening station at the Marina will be set up for all campers going to camp.
- Bring all baggage with you. Tag ALL baggage, including all hand baggage. Tags will have group numbers added to them. **Please avoid plasticized tags, as we are unable to write on them.**
- **Please keep your son's life jacket out as he will wear it on the boat into camp.**
- The campers, with their baggage, will be boated into camp

## Arrival by private boat

- Please plan to arrive between 10:30 and 11 a.m. 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. It is important that our parents realize there will not be a visit to their son's cabin, etc. at this time.

## Departure by car

- Parents will meet camp staff members at the Marina at 9:30 a.m. 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 a.m. **If you are unable to visit, it is 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 per person round trip.**

## Departure by private boat

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

# 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

**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
- 5 pairs shorts (best if quick-dry material)
- 6 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 sweaters/fleece
- 2 pairs of pyjamas



## **Packing List continued...**

- 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 pair Teva-type sandals
- 1 toiletry bag (very important)
- 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 with batteries (clearly labelled)
- Camera (optional)
- Writing paper, pens, addressed envelopes
- 1 16 oz. Nalgene water bottle (best purchased at camp so it comes with durable label)

## **Help save our environment**

Please be sure that all soap, shampoo and toothpaste is biodegradable. Should non-biodegradable items arrive at camp, we will pack them away to go home and purchase the needed biodegradable supplies from our camp store

### **Please do not bring:**

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

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](http://hurontariostore.com) (No password required)

The Online store will be open from mid-March to early. Any clothing purchased online by families living in the Greater Toronto Area will be picked up at the camp's Toronto office, in early June.

Camp clothing ordered by families from outside of the Greater Toronto Area or out of country will be picked up at camp by the campers. The campers will sign their clothing order sheet; the clothing will be labeled with indelible ink at camp and handed out in the first few days of camp.

## **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