



# Parent Handbook For Intro Campers

**This handbook contains very important information – please read carefully!**

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## Methods of Payment

**For all Registered campers, please make sure that your payment and all final forms have been completed online by May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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 each camper's 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 If a camper must be withdrawn from the camp for medical reasons (supported by a doctor's letter), a partial refund will be made up to June 1<sup>st</sup>. After June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 There will be no refund for campers withdrawn for misconduct or for breaking camp policy.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 Schedule and Details

**See invoice included in this mailing package, or access on your son's online account page (personal login and password required).**

**Payment 1.** Your initial registration fee of \$300 (per camper) will have been charged already.

**Payment 2.** Your May 1<sup>st</sup> fee payment for the camp session as per your invoice will be processed on May 1<sup>st</sup> using the same credit card used to pay the initial registration fee.

**Payment 3.** Any charges incurred after May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

If you wish to pay the summer final invoice by e-transfer or using a credit card other than that on file, please send an email the day your son returns home, so we do not charge the wrong credit card or use the wrong method of payment.

## Online Forms

**All camper confirmation and medical forms should be completed online.**

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:

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 to camp island 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 Summer Office Dates

**Our Toronto Office (416-488-2077)** will be open until June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our Georgian Bay, Camp Island office will open on June 17. Please note that the answering machine in our Toronto office will not be available during the summer.

**Our Summer Georgian Bay Office (705-375-5306)** will be open June 17<sup>th</sup> until August 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 3p.m

### Summer Address

**Camp Hurontario**

**P.O. Box 251**

**Mactier, ON**

**POC 1H0**

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, but we encourage you to write letters.

**PLEASE NOTE:** As all Hurontario staff are on a break during the three-day changeover between the July and August sessions (from July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup>), the summer camp office will be CLOSED for these 3 days.

The office will reopen at 1:30 p.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July.

### 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.

### 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 it 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. A reasonable Camp Store limit (excluding a fishing spinning outfit, pre-ordered clothing and travel costs) would be \$100.

**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. 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. Tagged items and baggage left at camp, if found, will be taken to the Toronto Office at 1 Ridge Drive Park, where they may be picked up at any time. 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. 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-PLASTICISED) so that 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. All campers will be assessed on their swim level when they arrive at camp.

## **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 hand 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**

**Please keep your son's lifejacket out of his baggage as he will wear it on the boat into camp.**

### **Session Dates**

**July: Arrive Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>/Depart Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**August: Arrive Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>/Depart Friday August 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **ARRIVAL DETAILS**

#### **Arrival by car**

- Parents and campers with tagged baggage arrive at Moose Deer Point Marina at **10:30 a.m.**
- Cost: \$60 +HST each way for boat and baggage barge between marina and camp island.
- Charges are added to final invoices mailed out at the end of each session

#### **Arrival by private boat**

- Please drop your son and his tagged baggage at the camp dock **between 10:30 and 11 a.m.**

### **DEPARTURE DETAILS**

#### **Departure by car**

- Parents will meet camp staff members and collect their son's baggage at Moose Deer Point Marina at **9:00 a.m.** to pack into their cars.
- Parents may then be taken into camp at **9:00 a.m.** for a visit for a round trip cost of \$25.
- Visitors and their sons will be taken back to the marina at **10:30 a.m.**
- If you are unable to visit, RSVP "no" on Camp Brain so that your son and his baggage may be brought to you at the marina at **9:00 am.**

#### **Departure by private boat**

- Private boats should plan to visit and pick up campers at **10:30 a.m.**

### **TRAVELLING ON DAYS OTHER THAN THE ABOVE**

**If your camper will travel to or from camp on dates other than when the main camp is travelling please read the following:**

- Please email the camp office at least five days ahead to make travel changes. We will need to know the day of your son's travel and also the time of his arrival at camp or departure from camp.
- Then, please reserve a water taxi (1-705-375-5155) from the Moose Deer Point Marina to the camp island or from camp island for the given times of arrival or departure.

## Packing List – Please post up on your fridge!

- 1 sleeping bag (light) for overnights (must be easy to roll small)
- 1 other sleeping bag (if the first gets wet)
- 1 30-litre dry bag to keep clothing, sleeping bag dry on overnights/trips
- 1 single blanket (added warmth)
- 1 pillow
- 2 pillowcases
- 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
- 4 pairs shorts (best if quick-dry material)
- 4 t-shirts in dark colours
- 2 pair long pants (light cotton/quick-dry are best - avoid jeans as they take too long to dry)
- 2 bathing suits
- 1 sun hat
- 2 lightweight long sleeved shirts, quick-dry, for bug protection
- 2 warm sweaters/fleeces
- 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)
- 1 pair of rubber-soled shoes
- 1 pair Teva-type sandals
- 1 paddle (for those 11 and over, named clearly and permanently)
- 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 and lip balm with SPF 30 (minimum)
- Flashlight and rechargeable batteries
- Writing paper, pens, addressed and stamped envelopes
- 1 Nalgene water bottle
- 1 garbage bag for packing wet clothes in to take home

} Can be pre-ordered/bought at camp

**A FREE PAGE FOR MAKING NOTES**





# 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, baggage, and equipment.**

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.

## Help save our environment!

**Please be sure that all soap, shampoo, and toothpaste is biodegradable.**

Should nonbiodegradable 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 Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> to Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Any clothing purchased online by families living in the Greater Toronto Area will be picked up at the camp's Toronto office, in late May (dates to be emailed closer to pick up date).
- Camp clothing ordered by families from outside of the Greater Toronto Area or out of country can be picked up at camp by the campers, or you can arrange for us to mail them to you so that you can put your son's labels on his pre-ordered items yourself.
- Campers at camp will sign their clothing order sheet when picking up their order. Clothing picked up at camp will be labelled with indelible ink.

## **Health and Safety**

For complete health and safety information please see our website ([www.camphurontario.com](http://www.camphurontario.com))

## **When you'll hear from us**

For the most part you will not hear from the 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 website.

## **Medications**

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**
- **Who will be responsible for dispensing the medication: either your son, his counsellor, or the camp nurse**

## Allergies

### Nut Policy

Children sometimes 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 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. The medical centre 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.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to our parents for having taken time to carefully read our Parent Handbooks which we have sent out in hard copy form so that everyone has all the information they need for preparing for camp. The Handbooks will also be available to download our website.

**Please be sure to check that you have filled out all your camper’s Final Confirmation and Medical Forms online.**

We are very excited about the summer of 2023. We are looking forward to welcoming our campers for another amazing Hurontario adventure in the great outdoors.

