



Parent Handbook

For 3½ Week 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 1st.

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 If a camper must be withdrawn from the camp for medical reasons (supported by a doctor's letter), a partial refund will be made up to June 1st.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 There will be no refund for campers withdrawn for misconduct or for breaking camp policy.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 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 1st fee payment for the camp session as per your invoice will be processed on May 1st using the same credit card used to pay the initial registration fee.

Payment 3. Any charges incurred after May 1st 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 16th.

Our Georgian Bay, Camp Island office will open on June 17th. 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 17th until August 30th. 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 23rd to July 25th), the summer camp office will be CLOSED for these 3 days.

The office will reopen at 1:30 p.m. on the 25th of July.

Care Packages/Parcels

Camp Hurontario requests that there be no care packages or parcels mailed to campers, though postcards and letters are very much encouraged. The camp is unable to hold or return any food parcels.

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 life jacket out of his baggage as he will wear it on the boat into camp.

Session Dates:

July: Arrive Friday June 28th/Depart Monday July 22nd

August: Arrive Friday July 26th/Depart Monday August 19th

ARRIVAL DETAILS

Arrival by car

- Parents and campers with tagged baggage **arrive at 10:00 a.m.** at Moose Deer Point Marina
- Cost: \$60 +HST each way for boat and baggage barge
- Charges are added to final invoices mailed out at the end of each session

Arrival by bus

- Parents and campers with their baggage begin to **arrive at 10:00 a.m. for an 11:00 a.m. departure** from **Forest Hill Memorial Arena**, 340 Chaplin Crescent, north of Eglinton (entrance is between Avenue Rd and Bathurst).
- Cost: \$180 +HST each way (includes bus, boat and baggage barge)
- Charges are added to final invoices mailed out at the end of each session
- Please pack a NUT-FREE lunch with your son to eat on the bus.

Arrival by private boat

- Parents and campers with their tagged baggage **arrive between 12:30- 1:00 p.m.** at the **main camp dock**. Please be sure your son has had lunch.
- It is important that our parents realize there will not be a visit to their son's cabin, etc. at this time.

DEPARTURE DETAILS

Departure by car

- Parents will meet Hurontario's staff at **9:00 a.m. at Moose Deer Point Marina.**
- Hurontario staff will assist parents in loading their son's baggage into their cars. The campers will arrive between **9:30- 10:00 a.m. at the Marina.**

Departure by bus

- Please pick up your son **between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m.** at the **Forest Hill Memorial Arena.**
340 Chaplin Crescent.
- A light lunch will be provided for campers to eat on the bus.

Departure by private boat

- Please pick up your son and his baggage at **10:00 a.m.** from the **main camp dock.**

TRAVELLING BY AIR

If your camper is travelling from overseas, flying into Pearson International Airport, and requires overnight accommodation at the Marston house, please read the following:

- Campers will be met by Hurontario staff at Toronto Pearson International Airport on the day before their session at camp. All flight details must be carefully and accurately inputted ONLINE.
- If your son requires overnight accommodation at the Marston's house, please confirm these details ONLINE.
- The cost for airport pick-up is \$125 +HST.

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.

Visitors' Day

July: Sunday 14th

August: Sunday 11th

Parents are welcome to visit camp and we encourage them to do so. Please read the following details carefully as we want to ensure that your visit is both fun and relaxing!

1. RSVP to Visitors' Day on Camp Brain.
2. Reserve your water taxi (both ways) from Moose Deer Point Marina ahead of Visitors' Day by calling (1-705-375-5155).
3. Reserve the taxi to arrive at the camp between **10:30 a.m. and 12:30** and to depart from camp back to the marina by **2:30 p.m. latest**.
4. Pack a **NUT-FREE** picnic lunch.
5. You are welcome to arrive by private boat for Visitors' Day.
6. Please email the camp to inform them of the time your boat will be arriving at the main camp docks.

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot guarantee that your son will be at camp during Visitors' Day as he may be on trip. We will be sure to email you to inform you if this is the case once our canoe trip program is finalised.

Purchase your Hurontario clothing online!

URL: camphurontariostore.com (No password required)

The online store will be open from Friday February 9th to Friday April 26th

- Any clothing purchased online by families living in the Greater Toronto Area can 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.

Packing List – Please post up on your fridge!

- 1 sleeping bag (light) for tripping/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) (Huronario quick dry towels are the best!)
- 8 pairs socks (please send dark socks and label each one)
- 6 pairs underwear
- 4 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 take too long to dry)
- 2-3 bathing suits
- 1 sun hat
- 3 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)
- 2 pairs 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
- Camera (optional)
- Rod & reel (optional - can be purchased at camp)
- 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 Day in the Life of a Hurontario 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 sample of what a day might be like:

7:30	Wake up and head to the water for a polar bear swim with soap and shampoo
8:00	Rush to the flagpole for morning announcements and skits
8:15	Charge to the dining hall for an awesome breakfast of orange juice, hot/cold cereal with milk, yoghurt, bananas, and pancakes with bacon
8:45	Head back to the cabin for cabin clean up; then pick up lifejackets, hats, sunscreen and water bottles, and race off to the first activity session of the day
9:00	Activity sessions begin: a morning of sailing on the bay; art at an island; swim lessons; catching frogs and turtles to house in the Biology Hut
11:45	With morning activity sessions over, there's some free time to hang in the cargo nets, play a quick round of frisbee-golf, or start a game of water polo with another cabin
12:30	Lunch time! Today it's chicken noodle soup with freshly baked bread; then homemade lasagna with a tossed salad; and finally, a bowl of fresh fruit salad with brownies
13:15	There's time to visit the post office to buy a new toothbrush; then it's back to the cabin to get everyone's gear ready and to top up on sunscreen for an afternoon in the sun
13:45	Afternoon activities begin: woodworking in the craft shop; practicing kayak rolls; scramble up the dangle maze on our high ropes course
16:45	Free time before dinner – let's go for a swim to cool off; jump from the senior diving tower; snorkel with masks; or write a letter home
17:30	Dinner is delicious! Roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, fresh green beans, mixed salad, and butter tarts to finish; the directors perform some hilarious skits!
18:30	Pick up mail from the post office on the way back to the cabin. It's time to dress for campfire night: a long-sleeved shirt and pants, and don't forget some bug repellent!
19:00	The camp gathers at the stage for an evening of songs, skits, stories, and a tasty snack of ice cream bars
21:00	Time to wind down, head back to the cabin with counsellors, brush teeth and wash up before settling into bed
21:15	Read a book brought from home or borrow one from the camp library
21:30	If not already asleep, it's definitely time to hit the hay and get a good sleep before another fun day at Hurontario!

Clothing and Equipment

Packing for Camp

Please pack all items into a hockey or sports bag (please avoid bags with wheels). Sleeping bag, pillows, and 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 rainy, cool days in mind.

Include long-sleeved shirts to repel mosquitoes in the evenings.

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, 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.

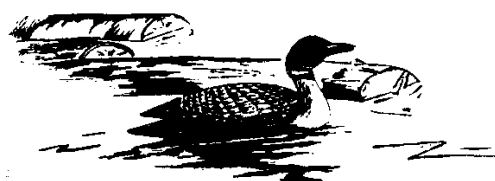
Should nonbiodegradable items arrive at camp, we will pack them away to go home and purchase the needed biodegradable supplies from our camp store.

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.



Health and Safety

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, should the staff medical team need to reach you, 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 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 nurse will have extra EpiPens.

Sun Safety

Sunscreen will be used at Camp Hurontario for all campers and staff on sunny or cloudy days.

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.

Call of the Wild - Tripping Adventures

Amazing trips for Intermediate and Senior Campers

On the Final Confirmation form online on Camp Brain, intermediate and senior campers should note what trip(s) they would like to take. This will give us an indication of which campers to group together in their cabins.

If two friends who are of tripping age wish to be together in a cabin, make sure that they choose the same trip.

For Campers aged 12 or 13

The Hartley Bay Loop (5 days, approx. cost \$500 + HST)

Campers trip for 5 or 6 days on the Pickerel River, which is north of Parry Sound off Highway 400. The trip encompasses travel both on the river itself and travel on protected areas of Georgian Bay. The Pickerel River trip travels through beautiful scenic areas dotted with old fishing camps. With several arms of the river to travel, the Pickerel River offers excellent, safe tripping. This trip is reached after a boat trip and van ride from the camp.

The French River (6 days, approx. cost \$600 + HST)

Historically famous as part of the trip route which the Coureur de Bois paddled, this trip involves both travel on the French and the interesting Little French River. An excellent trip of five to seven days' length, this trip offers exciting travel on the more unpopulated and lesser travelled upper reaches of the river. This trip involves a boat and van ride to and from camp.

The French-Restoule (6 days, approx. cost \$600 + HST)

Take a trip back in time and follow this fur-trading route from hundreds of years ago. Starting at Restoule Lake, the trip heads west down the Restoule River where it empties into the French River. Some of the best campsites in Hurontario's tripping catalogue are featured on this route, including the incomparable Five Finger Rapids - always a highlight with the campers on this trip. The fishing is also incredible and there are some fun rapids to swim in and camp beside.

Wanapitei (6 days, approx. cost \$600 + HST)

This trip has been a big hit, with trippers enjoying a fun two days on the Wanapitei River before it merges with the West Channel of the French on its way to northern Georgian Bay. The first rest stop on this trip is an amazing campsite beside a fun set of rapids on the Wanapitei that spills onto the Fingerboards and one of the best sunset campsites around Whitefish Bay. Dallas Rapids is a fun swim spot, and the islands of the French River Provincial Park are an incredible backdrop for this fantastic canoe trip.

For Campers aged 13 or 14

The Magnetewan River (6 days, approx. cost \$600 + HST)

Several years ago, the Government declared the Magnetewan River Basin a wildlife preserve. As a result, it is ideal for canoe trips. The trip on the Mag offers river and lake travel combined. There are several routes with varying degrees of difficulty. The scenery is spectacular, and the fishing is very good. The trippers paddle home through the 30,000 islands to Camp. In order to reach the Mag, a boat and van ride from the camp are required.

The North Camp (11 days, approx. \$1,200 + HST)

Over 50 years ago, Hurontario purchased a fishing camp on Lake Windermere in the Chapleau Game Preserve. From this northern outpost, senior campers experience wonderful tripping adventure on lakes filled with wildlife, great fishing and still untouched by the outside world. The campers travel by boat, then van to Chapleau, and finally by train to Lake Windermere - a trip which takes a full day and in itself is an adventure!

At the North Camp, there are many routes from which to choose. The campers and staff discuss their route choices thoroughly before leaving main camp. Senior campers who have taken these trips say they're a highlight of their stay at Camp Hurontario! We are able to send four trips each month to the North Camp, which is decided by the equipment needs of these trips plus the space available at the North Camp. We will do our best to assure all 14-year-olds a trip out of the North Camp.

Campers who are 15 and older

These campers will receive a special package about the Leader-in-Training (LIT) program, which outlines white-water trip options.

To help us ensure that your camper is comfortable on trip please make sure that he has the items on the common packing list within this handbook as well as the white-water equipment detailed in the LIT package.

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 from 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 2024. We are looking forward to welcoming our campers for another amazing Hurontario adventure in the great outdoors.

