



# 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.**

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 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 If a camper must be withdrawn from the camp for medical reasons (supported by a doctor's letter), a partial refund will be made up to June 1. After June 1, the Camp reserves the right to retain final payment. 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 There will be no refund for campers withdrawn for misconduct or for breaking camp policy.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 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 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 plane and needs airport pickup, 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, (about 15 minutes in from Highway 400).

### 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 12.

Our Georgian Bay, Camp Island office will open on June 15. 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 15 until August 28. The phone is monitored from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and again from 1:45 to 5p.m. Campers are not permitted to call home, and parents should not phone and request to speak with a camper. If you would like an update about your son while he is at camp, our office staff will be able to provide this for you. 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 5p.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 (July 24 to July 27), the summer camp office will be CLOSED for these days.

The office will reopen at 1:30 p.m. on the 27 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. Please share our 'no parcels' policy with any relatives who are planning on sending mail to the camp. 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 \$150.

**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. Hurontario water bottles have labels on which to write your son's full name. **Please permanently name your son's water bottle.** We often have many 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 Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>/Depart Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**August: Arrive Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup>/Depart Tuesday 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: \$70 +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 (round trip cost: \$25/person).
- 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 arrive at **9:30 a.m.** for a **10:30 a.m.** departure.

## **Clothing and Equipment**

### **Packing for Camp**

**You can find your packing list at the end of the handbook**

Please pack all items into a hockey or sports bag (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 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 socks and shoes.

Be sure to label socks, shoes, underwear, towels, sleeping bags, etc. with these labels so that lost & found items can be easily identified and returned to their rightful owners.

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

- cell phones, iPads or e-readers (though we like to see paper backs tucked into their bags)
- electronic games
- 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: [camphurontariostore.ca](http://camphurontariostore.ca)**

**The online store will be open from March 4<sup>th</sup> until April 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Any clothing purchased online by families living in the Greater Toronto Area must 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 will be picked up at camp by the campers.

## Health and Safety

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 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 nurse will have extra EpiPens.**

### Sun Safety

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 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 2026. We are looking forward to welcoming our campers for another amazing Hurontario adventure in the great outdoors.

## Packing List

**Please post a copy on your fridge and pack one in your son's luggage.**

- 1 sleeping bag (light)
- 1 other sleeping bag (if the first gets wet)
- 1 single blanket (added warmth)
- 1 pillow
- 2 pillowcases
- 2 towels (not too large, as large towels take longer to dry; quick-dry is 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)
- 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 ("water resistant" is NOT waterproof - check label)
- 1 pair of rubber-soled shoes
- 1 pair Teva-type sandals
- 1 toiletry bag (very important)
- 1 toothbrush
- 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 labelled with your son's name



**Biodegradable toiletries will be provided by the camp free of charge.**

**This includes body wash, shampoo, and toothpaste.**

**You are also welcome to bring your own toiletries as long as they are biodegradable.**

## A Day in the Life of an Intro Camper

Hurontario's program is creative, flexible, energetic, and full of opportunities to learn new social and sporting skills. 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:

<b>7:30</b>	Wake up with the counsellors then head to the water to wash and get ready for breakfast
<b>8:00</b>	Rush to the flagpole for morning announcements and skits
<b>8:15</b>	Charge to the dining hall for an awesome breakfast of orange juice, hot/cold cereal with milk, yoghurt, bananas, and pancakes with bacon
<b>8:45</b>	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
<b>9:00</b>	Activity sessions begin: a morning of sailing on the bay; art at an island; swim lessons; crazy games with the counsellors on the giant inflatable water toy
<b>11:45</b>	With morning activity sessions over, there's some free time to hang in the cargo nets, see what came into the Bio Hut, or start a game of turtle races with another cabin
<b>12:30</b>	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
<b>1:15</b>	There's time to visit the post office; 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
<b>1:45</b>	Afternoon activities begin: tie-dye a shirt at one of our islands; kayak to a sandy beach to build sandcastles; scramble up the dangle maze on our high ropes course
<b>4:45</b>	Free time before dinner – let's go for a swim to cool off; jump from the junior diving tower; snorkel with masks; or play a game of camouflage with the counsellors
<b>5:30</b>	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!
<b>6:30</b>	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!
<b>7:00</b>	The camp gathers at the stage for an evening of songs, skits, stories, and a tasty snack of ice cream bars
<b>8:00</b>	Time to wind down, head back to the cabin with counsellors, brush teeth and wash up before settling into bed
<b>8:15</b>	Read a book brought from home or listen to a story read by the counsellor
<b>8:30</b>	If not already asleep, it's definitely time to hit the hay and get a good sleep before another fun day at Hurontario!