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**WANAPITEI**



# FAMILY HANDBOOK 2026



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# Welcome to Camp Wanapitei!

## *A letter to our campers and families*

Dear Campers and Family,

Thank you for choosing to spend your summer with us. We are counting down the days until we will all be on Sandy Inlet together.

At Wanapitei we love to be prepared! We know that when we are prepared we achieve greater success, comfort and fun while at camp!

Our staff are getting ready planning your routes, packing the food, developing programs and even getting out on the water to paddle! We are excited to share the summer with you and support you.

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Keep this handbook in a convenient place - on your computer and/or in an ideal location at home for quick reference.

Most questions we receive from families are answered in this handbook.

In this handbook, you will find important information you will need throughout your Wanapitei experience - both before and during camp. Please read it carefully and keep it on hand for quick reference. Do you have any questions or concerns? Please get in touch - we love to hear from you!

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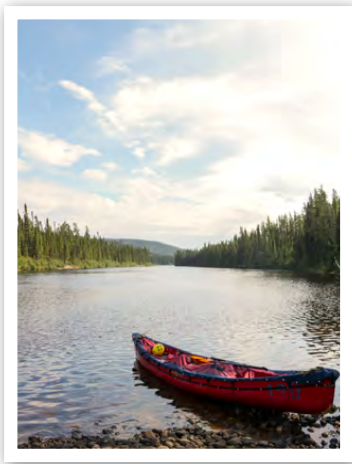
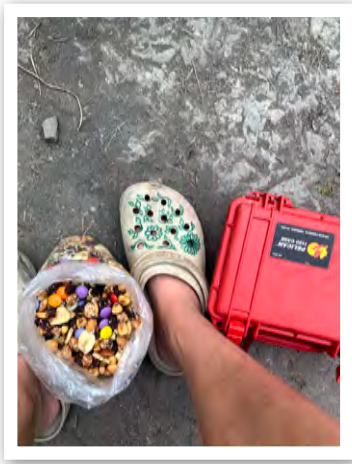
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*Wanapitei recognizes and acknowledges that we operate within n'Daki Menan, the traditional homeland and unceded territory of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai and Temagami First Nation.*

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# How to Reach Us

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## Summer 2026 Dates

Program Name	Ages	Dates	
		July	August
Trailblazer	7 - 9 years	July 10 - July 16 July 16 - July 23 July 10 - July 23	July 26 - August 1 August 1 - August 8 July 26 - August 8
Temagami	10 - 11 years	June 28 - July 1 July 12 - July 25	July 28 - August 10 August 12 - August 25
Way Finder	12 - 13 years	July 10 - July 23 June 26 - July 23	July 26 - August 8 August 10 - August 23 July 26 - August 23
River Runner	14 - 15 years	June 26 - July 8 July 10 - July 23 June 26 - July 23	July 26 - August 8 August 10 - August 23 July 26 - August 23
River Adventurer	16 - 17 years	July 10 - July 23	July 26 - August 8
Bay Trip	16 years	June 26- July 23	July 28 - August 25
Wilderness Leader in Training (W.L.I.T)	17 years	June 26 - July 23	
Voyager I (VI)	17 years		July 28 - August 25
W.L.I.T./VI	17 years	June 26 - August 23	
Voyager II (VII)	18 years	June 26 - August 23	

# Before Camp



Paperwork Checklist  
Packing Tips  
Emotionally Preparing for  
Camp

## Paperwork Checklist

- Camper Medical Form and Supporting Your Camper Form (Completed on Registration, can be updated)
- Transportation Information (given at registration - confirm by June 1st)
- Equipment Rentals (given at registration - confirm by June 1st)
- Alternate Contact Details (if you will be away while your child is at camp)

# Packing Tips

## Have your child pack with you

Campers should participate in packing for camp. While they are on trip, campers pack their own personal gear every day. Helping to pack before camp is great practice for making sure everything fits, and gives campers a good idea of what they have brought with them to camp.

## Label EVERYTHING

At the end of every summer, we are left with bags of clothing and equipment. While Lost and Found is inevitable at camp, labeled belongings can be easily reunited with their owners.

The best way to ensure all your child's belongings come home is to label them. We recommend Mabel's Labels – they sell full custom label kits. That being said, when in doubt a sharpie will always work!

## Leave food at home

We provide healthy, well-balanced and delicious food, in-camp and on trip. In order to keep critters, large and small out of living spaces, and to be sensitive to our campers with

allergies, we request that all food be left at home. Food brought to camp will be collected upon arrival and will not be returned.

We have specialized packing lists for each of our programs on our website:

[https://  
www.wanapitei.net/  
packing-lists-2/](https://www.wanapitei.net/packing-lists-2/)

Please note, if your camper has any special dietary needs that require supplementary food, we will be happy to discuss this with you before camp and will store this food in our camp kitchen.

## Choosing Gear

Proper outdoor clothing and equipment can be pricey, especially when outfitting a growing child. Our best advice before going out and buying brand new gear each year would be to look into alternatives, such as used clothing stores like value village, marketplaces like Facebook and Kijiji, Gear Swaps and borrowing from Family or friends.

Camp Wanapitei offers flat and white water paddles and helmets for rent at a cost of about \$1 per day. This is a great option for quickly growing campers.

For advice on how to choose a PFD, paddle, helmet, rain gear, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, and backpack, please reach out to [campinfo@wanapitei.net](mailto:campinfo@wanapitei.net) for more information!

## Soap and Shampoo

For environmental reasons, we ask that campers bring biodegradable soap and shampoo. Brands like Camp Suds, LiveClean and Dr. Bronner's can be found easily at Shopper's Drug Mart, Walmart and health food stores.

## Camp Store

Our onsite store, offers competitive pricing on camp essentials like water bottles, whistles, silicone bracelets, etc.

# Emotionally Preparing For Camp

*The lead up to camp is an incredibly exciting time for a child - and it can also be an anxious time as well. Here are some tips for helping your child emotionally prepare to go camp. Our staff are all trained to support camper emotional well-being in a camp environment.*

**Learn together.** Explore our website and social networking sites with your child. Looking at pictures from camp will help them visualize their upcoming experience - where they will sleep and what activities they will get to try. Talk about swimming in the lake - unlike a pool, the lake may be dark at the bottom and may (in their minds) harbour scary critters (all benign!). Read books about going to camp. We like *Off to Camp* by Myra Pravda.

We offer virtual home visits to families where you can meet a member of our leadership team, see our slideshow and ask any questions you and your child may have. If you need more information from us, just get in touch! We can also set your child up with a pen pal from their session.

**Involve your child every step of the way.** From planning to packing. It helps to practice skills your child will need at camp (bed making, doing dishes, showering).

## **Talk about camp in a**

### **positive way.**

Avoid phrases like “I am going to miss you terribly!” and “You can always come home if you don’t like it.” This may close their minds to giving camp a fair chance, leading them to focus instead on going home. Instead, try “I am so excited to hear about all the adventures you’re going to have” and “If you feel homesick, you can tell your leader. Don’t hide it.” Help your camper to know that we want to support them, and we can’t do that as well if we don’t know when they are having a hard time.

## **Mention the not so great**

**realities too.** There should be no surprises when your child discovers mosquitos and making his/her own bed.

## **Speak openly of homesickness.**

Homesickness happens to everyone, from first-time camper to (surprise!) long-time staff member. If your child knows that, it can cause less anxiety.

## **Explain that getting the big people’s assistance is different**

**from at home.** At home, we tell our children that we’re never more than a phone call away, and never



talk to strangers. Discuss how camp is a safe place where they go by themselves, and why it’s okay at camp to interact with “strangers” who will soon become friends. Explain that there won’t be any phone calls to or from home. Make it clear that at camp, the strategy for getting support is to turn to those new friends and leaders.

**Practice problem solving.** Work through the “What ifs?” : “What if... you lose your bathing suit, don’t feel well, are scared of the lake?”

**Prepare yourself.** The separation can bring you mixed emotions. It’s a big step for you too!

**Worried your child is struggling significantly?** Give us a call. The pandemic has impacted mental health in a huge way. We believe in open conversations about mental health.

# Our Swim Assessment

*Camp Wanapitei endeavors to support children regardless of physical ability. The beauty of the outdoors is for everyone! That being said, we also want to make sure that all our families understand how to make sure their camper is not only emotionally ready for camp but also ready to participate in canoe trips safely.*

**Water Safety and our Swim Assessment.** Canoe tripping is a fun and exciting way of spending time in and around the water. As every Camp Wanapitei group goes on a canoe trip, we want to make sure everyone has reached some proficiency with swimming so we can send them out on trip. We've revamped our swim assessment in the past couple years for both our flatwater (7-13) and whitewater (14-18) age groups. Check them out so your family can prepare.

## Flatwater (Trailblazer, Temagami, Way Finder)

1. Enter the water from shore. Then wade in the water until they cannot touch the bottom. Swim any stroke to the raft and back to a depth where they can touch (Approx. 25m)
2. Tread water for two minutes, making every effort to keep ears out of the water and not touch the bottom. The use of arms is permitted.
3. Swim three big strokes under water after performing a foot-first surface dive.
4. Demonstrate a back float for five continuous seconds.
5. Put a lifejacket on in the water and demonstrate a group huddle

A camper that is unsuccessful in the assessment, but is slated for a flatwater trip may still participate, but will be flagged and swimming practice will be recommended to them during the off-season before River Runner.

## Whitewater (River Runner, River Adventure, Bay Trip, WLIT, VI, VII)

1. Enter deep water off our canoe docks safely.
2. Tread water for two minutes making every effort to keep shoulders out of the water and not touch the bottom. The use of arms is permitted.
3. Swim three big strokes under water after performing a foot-first surface dive.
4. Swim front crawl without a lifejacket from the canoe dock to the bridge without taking a break (Approx. 25m)
5. Demonstrate a defensive swimming position: back float, bum up, sculling with hands and moving feet first.
6. Sprint head up front crawl in a lifejacket from the canoe dock to the bridge without taking a break.

any weaker swimmers at the two week River Runner level will be flagged for improvement. The family will be notified before progression to a four-week trip.



# Travel Information



Bus Information  
 Driving to Camp  
 Dropping your child off at camp  
 Banquet Dates

## Bus Service Pick Up and Drop Off Times

Campers travel by a chartered highway coach, accompanied by Wanapitei staff. Please send a packed lunch (no nuts!) for the ride to camp.

Those travelling home to Gravenhurst, Toronto and Ottawa will be sent with a packed lunch. Please be on-time to so the bus can remain on schedule.

NORTH TO CAMP (June 26, July 10, July 26, August 10)	
Location	Departure Time
Toronto: Cineplex Cinema Vaughn @ Colossus Riocan Center of Woodbridge Address: 3555 Highway 7, Vaughn, Ontario	8:45AM
Ottawa: Immaculata H.S. (140 Main Street)	8:45AM
Gravenhurst: McDonalds (1105 Bethune Drive)	10:30AM
Deep River: Subway (Hwy. 17))	10:55AM
Huntsville: Harvey's/Swiss Chalet (150 Hanes Road)	11:15AM
North Bay: Bus/Train Station (100 Station Road)	12:45PM
Temagami Train Station (Hwy. 11N)	1:45PM
Camp Wanapitei	2:45PM

SOUTH FROM CAMP (July 8, July 23, August 8, August 23)	
Location	Arrival Time
Camp Wanapitei	9:30AM
Temagami Train Station (Hwy. 11N)	10:30AM
North Bay: Bus/Train Station (100 Station Road)	11:15AM
Huntsville: Harvey's/Swiss Chalet (150 Hanes Road)	12:30PM
Deep River: Subway (Hwy. 17)	1:15PM
Gravenhurst: McDonalds (1105 Bethune Drive)	1:15PM
Toronto: Cineplex Cinema Vaughn @ Colossus Riocan Center	3:00PM
Ottawa: Immaculata H.S. (140 Main Street)	2:15PM

# Driving to Camp

**Drop off time is between 2PM and 4PM on arrival day.** Arriving early is not good for your child, as we cannot give them our attention as we are busy preparing for the session.

**Pick up time is between 9AM and 12AM on departure day.**

Please try not to leave them waiting for you by being late - please let us know if you are running behind. Thank you!

## Directions to Camp

1. Travel north on Highway 11 to the town of Temagami.
2. 10KM north of Temagami, turn left onto the Red Squirrel Road.  
*Note: The Red Squirrel Road is a logging road which is irregularly graded. Please be very cautious, as traffic (including logging trucks) can be heavy at times. Drive at your own risk.*
3. Check your travel odometer so that you can follow our directions below. Mileage signs are placed along the road as well.
4. At 11.8KM keep left at the fork.
5. At 22.4KM you will pass a gravel pit/Red Squirrel Lake campground.
6. At 27KM you will come to a V in the road, stay to the left.
7. At 28.9KM, turn left at the Wanapitei Sign. Immediately, you will come to a T junction.

There are two options for parking and walking into camp. The Camp Office is located 1KM from each parking area. Both trails can be muddy and buggy if the season is wet. Proper footwear and insect repellent are recommended.

**The Jackpine Trail:** Go left at the T junction. Follow the road to the parking area. The entrance to the trail is on the south side of the lot. Follow the trail 1KM into camp.

**The Beach Trail:** From the T, go right. Take the first left. Follow this very rutted road for 500m. The entrance to the trail is located on the south end of the parking area. Follow the trail for 400m. Turn left and walk 600m to the site via the beach.

The drive to Wanapitei is a long one. Consider spending the night at our heritage lodge, The Chateau, when picking up or dropping off your child. For more information visit:

[www.wanapitei.net/  
chateau/](http://www.wanapitei.net/chateau/)



## Tips to help your camper when you drop them off at camp



Sometimes you won't get the goodbye YOU wanted. If your camper runs to play and interact with others, it can sometimes feel not so great as a parent or guardian. Know your child is showing positive independence.

**If your camper has trouble letting go, the best thing you can do is express confidence in them and then, as hard as it is, leave them in our hands.**

Our staff are incredibly capable and trained to deal with homesickness. The sooner your child can get their focus away from you, the sooner they can begin to enjoy camp. You can call or email us any time for an update.

**Try not to linger.** The longer you stay, the greater the chance your camper perceives Wanapitei as not being separate from home and family.

**Allow your camper to unpack and make their own bed.** The more they can make the space their own, the easier it will be for them to feel like it's her Camp Home when you leave.

**Try not to show too much emotion when saying goodbye.** As we mentioned earlier, avoid saying things like "Will you be okay?" And "We're going to miss you so much". This can cause them to worry about you which can prevent them from fully entering camp. Instead, try expressions of confidence such as "You're going to be such a great camper here!" And "I can't wait to hear about the new friends you make."

Picking up your camper? Join us the night before the end of session for a banquet, awards, and skits!

**Banquet Dates for 2026:**

Mid-July: July 7

End of July: July 22

Mid August : August 7

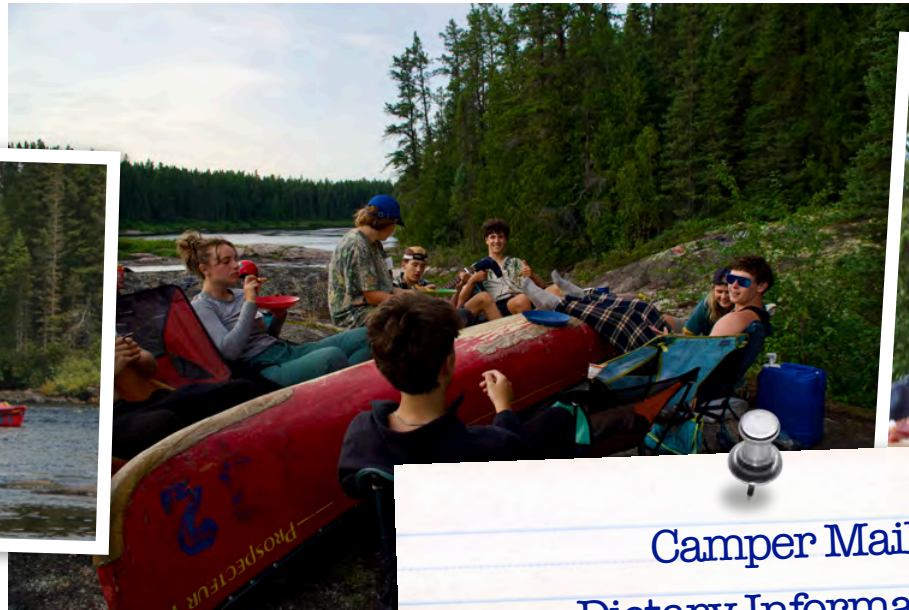
Harvest Night: August 22

**Join us for our Community**

**Weekend!**

July 24 - July 26

# During Camp



Camper Mail  
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Camp Store  
Electronics Devices Policy

## Camper Mail

Campers LOVE receiving mail while they are at camp. We encourage parents to mail letters so they arrive before their child does. Campers can write letters home, as well. Please send pre-addressed and stamped envelopes for the people you want your child to write to.

**If you get an “I hate camp” letter, don’t panic.** It’s common for campers (especially new ones) to write a letter saying: “The food sucks! Camp sucks!” Complaining to parents empowers children. They often do reveal more to their parents. If you get a negative letter, please call and alert us, but also be aware that it is likely that matters have improved dramatically since the letter was written.

**We do not accept any kind of food parcels** for the safety of our campers with life threatening allergies and the prevalence of animals in cabins when there is food. Please do not send any food (or gum!) to camp. Comics, decks of cards, magazines and photos are great alternatives to treats. All packages that arrive at camp are opened at the office. Our camp store is well stocked and available to campers at designated times. If sending parcels, please use either **Purolator** or **Canada Post**. Other shipping agencies are not able to deliver to camp.

Be mindful that postal service is slower to and from Temagami, so plan accordingly.



# Dietary Information

A lot of care and planning goes into our menus at Wanapitei, both in-camp and on trip.

**We can accommodate most dietary needs if we know in advance.** You will have the opportunity to list any dietary needs when you submit your camper's medical information upon registration. If you have any major concerns, please contact us at [campinfo@wanapitei.net](mailto:campinfo@wanapitei.net) to discuss. We may contact you with questions as well.

**We are a nut-sensitive facility.**  
The food service in our dining

hall strives to be nut-free. These are the ways that we work hard as we endeavour to create a nut-sensitive eating experience for your camper while in camp:

- We do not allow food products in cabins from outside of camp.
- The kitchen staff at Wanapitei endeavour to not prepare food that has nut/peanut products nor traces of nut/peanut.
- Any new products entering the camp kitchen are double checked by our food service staff.

We offer vegetarian and dairy-free alternatives at every meal.

- Staff and campers can ask to look at the food labels.
- Trips requiring nut-free menus are packed in a separate building from our regular trip food storage area.

## The Camp Store



In addition to our awesome camp merchandise and clothing, our Camp Store is well stocked with essentials like batteries, toothpaste, bug spray, stamps, etc. as well as treats such as juice, pop, chips, and candy bars. Campers visit the store with their group for “tuck” about twice a session. We suggest an amount in \$60-80 range so campers can get some food items, a souvenir and cover any potential missed items.

We will offer a preview of store items and pre-order form in June on the website.

You can also discuss with your child what items they may like to purchase and help them develop a budget for the summer.

# Electronic Devices Policy

Camp is an amazing place to be in nature and take a break from electronics and screen time. There is no question that in all of our lives, we are tied to many electronic devices for entertainment, work, school, play and social communication. Camp is a place where kids can be kids, immersing themselves in physical activity, play and connecting with their peers. As the dependence on electronics increases for children, the importance of “unplugging” for a while is more important than ever.

As you may know, our location is not conducive to most electronic devices - we have limited power and no cell phone reception. We ask that your child does not bring any cellular device to camp. We recommend disposable or digital cameras that are not also a cellphone for photos. Cellphones are NOT permitted on trip, even without a



SIM card unless they are not wifi enabled. If your child is connecting with additional transportation (airplane, bus) and requires a phone for travel days, they may keep their phone at the camp office where it will be stored securely until they depart.

Music at Wanapitei has traditionally come from actual musical instruments played by campers and staff. We wish to continue this tradition.

We allow MP3 players them to be used in the cabin for music only. If we see a child using a device outside the cabin, or to watch a movie, we will confiscate it. If a device is

being used in the cabin, it should not be able to be heard outside the cabin. This will result in a warning, and the device will be confiscated if the issue occurs again.

Listening to music during “down time” may be a way for some people to relax, however, we do not want music to become an escape from connecting or interacting with others. Please know there is also no way for a camper to charge a device once it has run out of power. On trip, no radios or music players are permitted.

Thank you for your understanding on this and your support with this policy.

# Additional Information



- Cancellation Policy
- Trip Evacuation Policy
- Dogs
- Lost and Found
- Photos and the Internet
- Code of Conduct
- Accommodation Policy

## Cancellation Policy

Camp Wanapitei reserves the right to change programs for any reason deemed necessary to the Camp Wanapitei Director. In such cases, we attempt to accommodate campers in other existing programs. If we cancel a program and are unable to provide a viable program alternative, we will refund in full. Once registered, the 25% deposit is non-refundable. April 1st, no refund or reduction in fees will be made for dismissal

or withdrawal, reduction in registration (i.e. shorter program), late arrival, or early departure for any reason unless there is a medical concern with supporting documentation from a medical doctor. Medical cancellations will result in a 15% administrative charge. All cancellations must be communicated in writing. All fees shall be considered due and owing on April 1st, 2024. Camp reserves the right to cancel enrolment if fees are not paid

in full on or before April 1st, 2026 or within 7 days of registration if enrolment occurs after April 1st, 2025. The financial obligations of the camp are fixed for the season and the withdrawal of a camper does not less operating expenses. Interest at 2.5% per month shall accrue on all overdue accounts.

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### Trip Evacuation Policy

In the event that a camper needs to be evacuated from a canoe trip (or go home early from camp), costs such as travel, equipment and medical costs are incurred by the camper family. The Camp Wanapitei Director will endeavor to include parents/guardians in all evacuation and medical decisions. In the event that parents/guardians are not available or are not in agreement, the Wanapitei Director or agents are authorized to make emergency medical and safety decisions for the welfare of campers (as per the authorization section of the Camp Wanapitei Registration Form).

### Dogs

Understanding that we have young children on site who are not comfortable with strange dogs, **we cannot permit guests to bring their pets.**

### Lost and Found

We strongly recommend you **label everything** your child brings to camp. On the last day of each camp session, all campers view the lost and found. After camp ends, leftover socks and underwear will be thrown out. **We will keep unlabeled items for seven days after your child's session ends.** After that time, items will be donated to charity or distributed to children who can use them. **Labeled items may be mailed home at the family's expense should you choose.**

### Photos and the Internet

Summer camp is a unique opportunity to unplug from technology and focus on the social interactions and bonds of friendship that camp can foster. We welcome a break from social media and our phones and purposely do not post consistently on our own social media pages. We are invested in maintaining the positive image of Camp Wanapitei in

postings and images on the internet so once home, we need all campers to screen their own photos and postings to ensure appropriateness before putting them online. We thank families for their support with this.

# Payment Information

**At registration:** Non-refundable 25% deposit.

**April 1st:** Balance of fees due. A statement will be sent to you at the end of March. Those who selected a payment plan will pay in instalments on April 1st, May 1st, and June 1st.

**Registration after April 1st:** Must be paid in full.

**Changes to account after April 1st:** Any charges added to the account (bus, camp store deposits, equipment rentals), will be considered owing at the time of change. You will receive a note from

our office asking permission to charge the card on file.

**Post camp:** A statement will be sent outlining the balance of any camp fees due. The balance of fees is due immediately upon receipt of this statement.

# Code of Conduct

At Camp Wanapitei we are committed to providing a safe, enjoyable, and respectful environment for everyone. In order to maintain this environment, our campers are expected to follow the code of conduct below at all times. Campers are also empowered to raise concerns about situations at camp that may make them feel unsafe or that may not feel “right”. Staff are here to listen and help navigate these situations or circumstances at camp.

If a camper is in violation of the code of conduct

As a camper at Camp Wanapitei, I will:

1. Abide by all of the camp’s policies and procedures.
2. Demonstrate respect in my speech and actions for all people, facilities, nature, and camp rules and recognize I am a part of the Lake Temagami community. I will respect the property of others, nDaki Menan, resident lake dwellers and all people in the areas we visit on canoe trip.
3. Not possess or use prohibited items, including alcohol, tobacco, nicotine, vaping products, illegal drugs, prescription or non-prescription drugs, weapons, or related paraphernalia.
4. Be responsible for my belongings and agree to allow searches of my possessions—in my presence—if suspicion arises of banned substances or theft.
5. Keep my hands to myself and maintain appropriate boundaries by avoiding any physical violence, play fighting, or pranks.
6. Refrain from intimate relationships with other campers, and report inappropriate behaviours to staff. Examples include:
  - Jokes, comments, or gestures of a sexual nature
  - Indecent exposure of private body parts
  - Unwelcome physical conduct or contact
  - Possession, or sharing, of sexually explicit materials
  - Harassment, teasing, or hazing
  - Any sexual activity
7. Show respect to all staff and cooperate with their instructions and respect their privacy and personal space.
8. Not verbally abuse others by using inappropriate language, gossip, threats, teasing, exclusion, or harassment.
9. Avoid unsupervised activities that might endanger me or other camper’s physical or emotional well-being.
10. Refrain from unsafe or harmful behaviours towards myself and others, including self-harm.
11. Abide by the camp’s Social Networking Policy before, during, and after the camp season.
12. Communicate appropriately with all campers outside of camp, and notify my parent(s)/guardian(s) of any outside communication between campers and staff members.
13. Step away from technology while at camp.
14. Maintain proper nutrition and hydration while at camp, and inform staff of any health concerns.
15. Inform camp staff of any health or medical conditions.
16. Speak up if I have questions or concerns about any behaviour or situations I witness or am a part of at camp.

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After reviewing this Camper Code of Conduct, I understand that if I violate it, or any of the camp rules, I will have to take responsibility for my actions and their consequences. If in violation, my parent(s)/guardian(s) may be notified. I understand that I may be sent home at my own or my parent(s)/guardian(s) expense without any refund. I also understand that I may be suspended from future camp activities or seasons.

Camper Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Camper Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **As a Camp Wanapitei Family (ie: camper and parent/guardian) we explicitly understand that:**

- 1) The camp will make every reasonable effort to investigate and follow up with all parties in a timely manner and we trust and accept the judgment of the Camp Director and any related consequences included, but not limited to, early dismissal from camp.
- 2) There are no entitlements to refunds of any kind if a camper is sent home for any reason and we are responsible for the transportation and costs associated with a camper being sent home.
- 3) As a parent and/or guardian, I am fully committed to this Camper and Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct and agree to its content as part of the terms and conditions of registration. In addition, I will always treat the Camp and all Wanapitei staff with respect regardless of circumstances or challenges that may arise, and that any comments or complaints regarding Camp are to be directed to the Camp's management team (not via summer or administrative staff).
- 4) It is vital that I disclose any and all information as requested and implied in the medical form including medical, psychological and emotional issues or concerns past or present, and that I disclose any updates on a timely basis.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Accommodation Policy

## Summary of Accommodation by Gender and Group Level

Since its re-inception in 1956, Wanapitei has sought to remove barriers between genders by offering mixed gendered canoe trips. Wanapitei has understood that gender does not define a person's abilities or their capacity to build strong friendships with others. Wanapitei accommodates campers' requests to be with friends or family members of another gender to allow campers to be close to those people who provide them comfort and emotional safety regardless of their gender.

The accommodation plan also serves as part of Wanapitei's ongoing effort to foster inclusion and diversity for non-binary, transgender, and gender non-conforming campers and staff in its programs.

Parental/Guardian consent was required at the time of registration on the mandatory camp forms.

\*Non-binary campers will be accommodated in the gendered tent of their choosing. This choice will be made before arrival at camp via communication with the camper family by the Camp Director or the Administrator.

Location/Group	In Camp	On Trip	In Transit to/from trip
<b>Trail Blazer</b>	Mixed gendered cabins with a leader sleeping in the cabin at bedtime/overnight.	Mixed gendered tents with at least one leader in each tent overnight.	N/A
<b>Temagami, Way Finder, River Runner, River Adventurer, Bay Trip</b>	Accommodation based on parent choice. Mixed gendered cabin for group with single gendered tents or cabin close by.  OR  Groups may be split up into different rooms within the same cabin based on gender and preference.	Single gendered tents	Single gendered accommodations*
<b>WLIT, VI</b>	Mixed gendered cabins with family informed consent.	Mixed gendered tents with leaders nearby. Single gender options available by request.	Single gendered accommodations if using hotel rooms.*
<b>VII</b>	Mixed gendered cabins with family informed consent.  VII campers over 18 may make their own choice with informed consent.	Mixed gendered tents with leaders nearby. Single gender options available by request.	Single gendered accommodations if using hotel rooms.*

# Join Us at Camp



## Banquet Nights

**(July 7th and 22nd,  
August 7th and 22nd)**

We would like to extend an invitation to camper families and friends to visit Camp Wanapitei for a Banquet night. As sessions finish, we celebrate with a Regatta afternoon with a surprise theme. In the evening, campers, staff and guests come together for a delicious dinner. After the meal, leaders present camper awards and crests theme each group entertains

journeys through songs and skits.

## Chateau Accommodations

Our beautiful on-site heritage lodge, the Chateau, is open for camper family rentals throughout the season. All bookings for the Chateau can be made through our Camp Office. More information on the Chateau and a booking form can be found on our website. <https://www.wanapitei.net/the-wanapitei-chateau/>

## Wanapitei Family Camp

We believe camp can be for the whole family. The Family Camp experience allows you to spend quality time in the beauty the audience with takes of their of Temagami with your family (however you define it). Programming for ages 3 to 93, campfire programs and other evening activities for all, paddling and hiking excursions and plenty of time to relax.

Visit our website for further details and to register [www.wanapitei.net/program/family-camp](http://www.wanapitei.net/program/family-camp)

## Community Weekend

We welcome all members of our camp community to join us from **July 24th to 26th** for a weekend of friends and fun. Featuring a community dinner on Saturday night. See our website for details.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Will I receive Trip Updates while my child is on canoe trip?**

Generally, we only provide regular scheduled updates for our VII trips. On four-week trips we may reach out with an update around the halfway mark, but otherwise we want the leaders to focus on keeping the trip immersive and focus on the experience.

## **Why don't you post pictures of campers as the summer progresses?**

At Wanapitei, we appreciate that camp is a space for many to unplug from the outside world. As a part of that commitment, we want to make that easier for both our staff, campers and families by limiting access to social media.

## **Is there electricity at camp?**

Our site is powered by an on-site generator that provides electricity to crucial buildings like our infirmary, dining hall and office. However, most of the site does not have electricity.

## **Are there flush toilets?**

Our site does not have flush toilets, but does have many outhouses placed across the site.

## **What does it mean to be all-gendered?**

Camp Wanapitei strives to be an inclusive space for people of all identities. Our trip groups are not split between boys and girls, and we value creating a space where people can make friends regardless of their gender.

## **Are the Staff Qualified?**

Wanapitei takes pride in its industry-leading staff and their many qualifications. Our leaders are all heavily certified with awards such as Wilderness First Responder, Whitewater Rescue Technician and Life Saving Society Certifications. Almost all of our staff come up through years of our programming, and the ones who don't have intensive canoe tripping knowledge that will ensure your child has a safe and exciting time with us.

## **What is the camper to staff ratio?**

Our trip groups never exceed a 1:6 staff ratio, with most trips capping off at 1:5. Many of our younger trips have as high as 1:2 staff to camper ratios.

## **Where will my child be going on canoe trip?**

For all of our whitewater trip groups (River Runners and older), we will send a route release the day after they leave with some information about where they are going and what they can look forward to on our trip. For other groups, we do not formally send out details of their route, but all flatwater trips generally travel around the Temagami area.

## **How much experience does my child need to participate?**

One of our values is keeping canoe tripping as accessible as possible. All of our trips, with the exception of Bay Trip, VI and VII require little, to no paddling experience. Our staff are exceptional teachers on top of being exceptional guides, and will teach beginners the basics of paddling and camping. For our senior trips, we generally require some form of previous whitewater paddling experience. Please consult our swim assessment section on page 8 for more information regarding the necessary swimming skills for our different age levels.

## **Where can I reach out if I have more questions?**

You can reach out to Jacob @ [campinfo@wanapitei.net](mailto:campinfo@wanapitei.net) for general inquiries, or Trish @ [trish@wanapitei.net](mailto:trish@wanapitei.net) for financial inquiries.