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**Year 2023**

*Wigwam's 113th Season!*

**Camp Begins on Saturday, June 24th**  
**Closing Day is on Saturday, August 12th**

Parent's Day (also the end of our four week session) is on Saturday, July 22nd.  
Below is information that will be useful in the weeks and months to come.

### **Our Approach**

Our camp philosophy is based on respecting the rights and dignity of all individuals, and providing a safe and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive and grow. We believe in creating a space where everyone feels welcome and supported, regardless of their background, identity, or beliefs.

### **Health**

Wigwam health forms may be accessed through your CampMinder account. If not done so already, please be sure to complete the appropriate forms in a timely fashion. Should your camper(s) require daily prescribed medication, register with CampMeds, as soon as possible. ([www.CampMeds.com](http://www.CampMeds.com))

### **Parent Notification**

In any health and safety matter involving a medical professional outside of camp, or symptoms that merit an overnight stay in the Health Lodge, camp health staff or the directors will contact that camper's parent or guardians.

### **Glasses**

If your camper is dependent upon glasses, please send an extra pair.



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## Baggage

Wigwam families have a number of options for transport of baggage to camp. If your camper is flying, luggage may be put on the flight, however be reminded that most airlines will charge for each checked item, size and weight limits must be met.

If your camper is traveling on a Wigwam scheduled charter bus, there will be ample room for baggage on the bus. Should you prefer to send baggage to Wigwam before camp starts, choices are UPS, USPS (U.S. mail), or (for east coast families) by trucking service (Camp Baggage).

**UPS - (800) 742-5877 • Camp Baggage ([www.campbaggage.com](http://www.campbaggage.com)) (561) 748-5185**

## Visiting Day 2023

Indeed, Visiting Day 2023 will be held at Camp Wigwam, on Saturday July 22nd. All Parent/Son activities will be held on that day. We invite Parents, and any other relatives, to join us, starting at 9:15 AM for a day of outdoor activities. A detailed schedule of events and protocols will be posted prior to Parent's Day.

In the days and weeks leading up to Parent's Day, out of respect for the safety and welfare of our campers and staff, please be mindful of the condition of your own personal health before arrival.

## Personal Equipment

We suggest that campers bring to camp the following: books, stationary & stamps, ball glove, tennis racquet, and any other personal equipment one deems necessary. Lacrosse players are welcome to bring their own sticks, and golfers are encouraged to bring their own clubs. In packing your child's belongings for his summer session, please know that Camp Wigwam will provide any and all equipment for our various activity areas. Any personal equipment brought by a camper is his responsibility. The camp is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal property.

Be it known, for the safety of every member of the Wigwam community, the following items are prohibited: alcohol, drugs, fireworks, and weapons. Camp Wigwam reserves the right to search and seizure of prohibited items from any individual on the camp property when possession of illegal substances or weapons is suspected. All prescription and OTC medications that are brought to camp, will be collected on opening day, and stored at the Wigwam Health Lodge.

## Phone Calls

It is our policy at Camp Wigwam to allow phone calls to campers, within reason. It is, however, disruptive to the camp program to interrupt an activity to call a camper to the phone. Our meal times, Monday through Saturday, are at 8:15 A.M., 12:45 P.M., and 5:45 P.M. Please plan to phone 10 or 15 minutes prior to these times. On Sunday we eat brunch at 10:00 A.M., and then sign up for our next week's activities just after that meal. So the best time for Sunday calls should be made just prior to (9:45 A.M.) or just after (11 A.M.)

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that meal time. Campers, again within reason, are allowed to phone home. It is a good idea to set up plans for a phone call via e-mail. Please use the (207) 583-4010 number to speak to campers, the (207) 583-2300 number for camp business. E-mail will be addressed in a future letter.

## Uniform

Each camper will need a minimal amount of the Camp Wigwam uniform for use on out-of-camp trips, and for participation on inter-camp teams. If you have not yet ordered camp clothing or gear for the upcoming summer, simply go on-line to **amerasport.com** and link to Camp Wigwam or go to our own website (campwigwam.com) and link to the clothing list. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

## Travel

By now most families have communicated their camper's travel plans, either directly to camp or through this online form. If your camper's travel plans are not yet secured, please contact the camp office immediately. As opening day draws nearer, camp will send emails to each family indicating the travel plans we have on file. For any changes or travel day emergencies, please contact the office, 207-583-2300.

A note for campers traveling on bus, van or flight to camp: While in a public setting, do your best to represent Camp Wigwam through respectful behavior and follow all travel etiquette as required by staff or charter company.

## Tutoring

If you desire Remedial Reading, Remedial Math, or any academic tutoring (including Bar Mitzvah lessons) for your camper, and have not previously informed us, please do so at this time. We will have our tutor(s) contact you during staff orientation week.

## Plaques

Those who have a Wigwam plaque from previous summers, *please* be sure to bring it back to camp. Pack it in your trunk or duffel!!

## Cell Phones & Electronics

Neither electronics games, nor cell phones, should be brought to camp, as both are disruptive to the daily camp program. Music or Kindle-style devices may be used at camp, however those should not have phone or internet capability.

Cell phone use is prohibited at camp. If you feel as though your camper requires a cell phone during travel day, please understand that we will collect that phone upon arrival, and will keep it safe and return it at season's end.

This is the case for every age group. We all agree that this is a rare opportunity for your child to be away from the screen and "off the grid" during the camp season. Your cooperation with this policy will offer a huge assist.

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## Social Media & Mail

During the season, pictures and images will be available, posted on a regular basis, through the Wigwam website and Waldo Photos ([www.WaldoPhotos.com](http://www.WaldoPhotos.com)).

Also through our secure website, families will have the opportunity to e-mail campers on a regular basis. (We print and distribute these e-mails at the breakfast meal.) Also, please know that there are few things nicer to a camper than receiving an actual piece of mail from home. Policies and boundaries on packages will be addressed in a later bulletin.

## Care Packages

On the subject of care packages, our policy is as follows. As many of you know, Wigwam is one of the few camps that still allow care packages sent to campers. Why is this? Well, we have long held the belief that few things in the life of a camper, away at summer camp, compare to receiving and opening a package sent from home. That said, too many care packages, with too much junk food, can present a problem. Therefore, we ask that you send along no more than two care packages before mid-season (Parent's Day), and one after that (a maximum of three total, please).

## Canteen and Spending Money (Envelope Money)

At the start of the season each family will have established a "canteen fund" for each of their campers (this appears on your camp invoice as "canteen"). The amount of that fund, \$350.00, is set aside so that we may distribute cash to the campers for the various special events and trips in which they participate. A tabulation of amounts spent on "canteen" is not kept, but rather this is a general fund, the amount of which is based on past programming, for cash outlay, special events and trips, greens fees, and entrance fees to day trip venues. This amount will last the entire summer, and there will be no further billing at season's end for any canteen charges.

Also at the start of each season, any money that the boys have brought from home is collected and **kept in the office** in our safe, and is referred to as "**envelope money**". Many campers, however, ask to bring a bit more money for these selected trips, for souvenirs or gifts for family members. For those trips, campers may debit their "envelope money". It is a good idea for each camper to have some "envelope" money (\$100-\$150 will easily last to Parent's Weekend). The children may bring it on opening day, or you are welcome to send it to camp anytime during the season (in cash please, small bills).

If you have any further questions about the upcoming summer, please do not hesitate to call, write or e-mail at any time.

*Another Incredible Wigwam Summer Is On The Way!*

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