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Thank you for registering for a week of camp at Hidden Acres. Please ensure you read through the entire document to prepare you and your camper for this summer. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Program Director, Josh Penfold at josh@hiddenacres.ca.

Statement

- Check the attached statement to confirm the dates that your camper is coming to camp. Any balance owing is due by June 6th and if you did not choose the pre-authorized credit card payment option at the time of registration, it can be paid by cheque or e-transfer (send to: maryanne@hiddenacres.ca) or you can log back into your account and pay by credit card before that date.

Cancellation Policy

- The summer camp deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- If you choose to cancel your registration, the balance of your camp fee (minus the deposit) is refundable up to two weeks before your camp week starts.
- In the case that a child needs to cancel prior to attending camp due to a medical reason, a full refund will be given upon receipt of a medical note
- If campers come late, are asked to leave early, or leave early for reasons other than medical necessity there will be no refund. In the case that a child does not stay for a whole week of camp due to medical reasons the following refund policy applies (a medical note is required):
 - if the camper is here for 1 night they get a 50% refund of the remaining camper fees, excluding deposit.
 - if the camper is here for 2 nights they get a 25% refund of the remaining camper fees, excluding deposit.
 - if the camper is here for 3 nights or more there is no refund.

This policy takes into consideration that staff is hired and food is purchased in advance based on enrollment, and our costs do not go down when campers leave early for various reasons.

Arrival and Departure:

Day Camps:

- Check in and check out times will be either **8:00am and 4:00pm** or **8:30am and 4:30 pm**. If you require a specific time frame please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate. We will send you your specific window of time at least a week before your arrival. For a smooth transition, check in and check out will happen at the vehicle.
- Please note that on the first day of camp, staff will do a lice check at the vehicle so please ensure you allow a bit of extra time to account for this.
- **ON THE LAST DAY OF CAMP**, you are welcome to join us for our closing ceremonies at 4:00pm. Check out will follow the closing at approximately 4:30.
- If the person picking up your child is different from the person dropping them off, please let us know each day. We will be asking the person picking the camper up for identification if this situation occurs.
- If your camper is going to be absent or late at any point in the week, please contact the camp as soon as possible.

Overnight Camps:

- **PLEASE NOTE** that at check in, staff will do a lice check so please ensure you have a bit of extra time in your schedule to account for this. Pick up at the end of the week will happen after our closing ceremonies, which you are welcome to join us for. HAC Gear will be available at both pick up and drop off. The details for each of camps are below:
- **Overnight Camp:**

- **ARRIVAL - Sunday between 6:00pm and 6:30pm.** Campers are NOT provided with supper on Sunday evening.
- **DEPARTURE – Friday at 3:00pm.** Parents/Guardians are welcome to come anytime after 2:15pm on Friday to observe Camp Closing at 2:30pm.
- **SYAC**
 - **ARRIVAL - Sunday at 7:00pm.** Campers are NOT provided with supper on Sunday evening.
 - **DEPARTURE - Wednesday at 7:00pm.** Parents/Guardians are welcome to join us for our closing ceremonies at 6:30pm.
- **Watsa Basketball Camp**
 - **ARRIVAL - Sunday between 6:00pm and 6:30pm.** Campers are NOT provided with supper on Sunday evening.
 - **DEPARTURE – Friday at 2:45pm.** Parents/Guardians are welcome to come anytime after 2:00 pm on Friday to observe camp closing
- **LINC Summer Program**
 - **ARRIVAL - Monday at 9:00am.** Participants are NOT provided with breakfast on Monday morning.
 - **DEPARTURE - Friday at 3:00 pm.** Parents/Guardians are welcome to come anytime after 2:30 pm on Friday to observe Camp Wrap Up Celebrations.

Inclusion Program Information

- If you have indicated that your child has any developmental, behavioural or mental health needs, we will contact you for further information and to set up a possible home or camp visit with our Inclusion Program Facilitator. Once this contact has taken place we will notify you to provide further details regarding your acceptance into the camp.

Day Camp Information

- **What to Bring**
Camp is a fun, active week. Rain or shine our campers spend a lot of time outside being active. Please pack everything you will need to have a successful experience. **Please label all items** that are brought to camp. For information on labeling options go to www.hiddenacres.ca/programs/clothing-labels.
- **ITEMS TO BRING IN YOUR BAG OR BACKPACK EACH DAY:**
 - A personal, reusable water bottle
 - Snacks for the morning and afternoon breaks (remember that Hidden Acres is a peanut aware camp, so please do not bring snacks that contain, or may contain, peanuts). **Lunch is provided by the camp each day.**
 - Suitable clothing for active camp life including a hat (make sure to check the forecast for each day to ensure you are properly dressed)
 - Bathing suit and a towel
 - Sunscreen and non-aerosol insect repellent
 - Any medication required
 - Rainwear (if there is rain in the forecast)
- **ITEMS NOT TO BRING** – This list is the same as Overnight Camp. Please see the list below.

Overnight Camp Information

- Please do not come before the times mentioned above. Staff will be occupied with preparing for camp and will not be available to check anyone in until registration begins.
- Campers are expected to remain at camp from registration on the first day of camp until closing on the last day of camp. If you need to make alternate arrangements, please contact the Program Director.

- **What to Bring**

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- **ITEMS TO BRING:**

- A personal, reusable water bottle
- Enough suitable clothing for active camp life (pants, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, jacket, socks & underwear)
- Sleeping bag or warm bedding, and a pillow with case
- Bathing suit and several towels
- Sneakers (2 pair), duckboots or rubber boots, sandals or flip-flops, hat
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, comb or brush, sunscreen, other personal articles as needed
- Any medication required for the week, labelled in the original container
- Non-aerosol insect repellent, long-sleeve shirts and pants and/or a bug jacket and bug hat (if available)
- Rainwear
- Some optional items- Bible, notebook, pen/pencil, stamps, stationery, disposable camera, flashlight, quiet time activities (playing cards, book, etc.)

- **ITEMS NOT TO BRING:**

- Electronic devices (cell phones, iPods etc.) tobacco, alcohol, marijuana or cannabis products, non-prescription drugs, knives, unsuitable books/magazines, gum, cash, valuable items, junk food or treats containing nuts. If a camper brings any of these items, they will be taken from the camper and will be returned before going home.
- Oh yes, one more thing, please ensure that you **do not bring any head lice to camp**. *Due to public health concerns any children who are found to have lice at camp must be sent home immediately.*

Watsa Basketball Camp Information

- **WHAT TO, AND NOT TO, BRING** – These lists are the same as Overnight Camp. Please see the lists above.



LIT Program

- After we have received references and the applicant has been approved for the program, we will send out a confirmation package with more details about the program.

LINC Summer Program

- This is an application based program for young adults with special needs who experience some level of independence in their everyday life. Applicants who have been deemed to be a good fit for the program will be accepted after they submit an application.

Other Notes:

- There will be a Lost & Found table set up during each week of camp. Please check it for any items your camper may have forgotten. All Lost & Found items will be kept for 3 months, after which date it will be donated to the New Hamburg Thrift Centre.
- For overnight camps, letters/packages will be distributed each day, generally at lunchtime (**please no candy or other junk food** ☺).
- Due to issues of safety and security we discourage telephone calls (in or out) and visits. Anyone wishing to make other arrangements must contact the Program Director.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. See you soon!