

Our Campers



We will be serving campers from all over the United States. All of our campers have a history of heart disease and are able to participate in most of the camp activities. There will be some campers who are more “fragile” and require some extra attention. Our goal is to adapt our program so that everyone may participate at his or her comfort level. Nurses assigned to each cabin will inform counselors of special needs and monitor the medical conditions of each camper. At staff training, you will be given special information and instructions regarding the health and safety of your campers.

Cabin Groups



We have 309 campers attending Camp Odayin Residential Camp this summer. We’re excited to be welcoming more campers than ever, thanks to the addition of our Wisconsin Residential Camp. In Minnesota, there will be about 80 campers in each of three sessions and the new Wisconsin camp will host 63 campers. Campers are divided into girl and boy cabins with 7-9 campers and two to three counselors in each. A nurse is assigned to each cabin to distribute all medications. In addition, a Camp Knutson (the site of our Minnesota Residential Camp) staff will be assigned to your cabin. You will receive cabin and camper information at staff training.

Staff Training



We have mandatory trainings for ALL staff members. There will be two aspects of staff training. First, in late June, you will receive links to a series of brief training videos. You are required to watch these videos and respond to questions online after viewing. In addition, please plan to be in attendance for the Sunday afternoon in-person staff training associated with any and all sessions for which you are volunteering...

July 10-14, 2017 (Chippewa in Crosslake, MN: grades 1-6) / Training July 9 (3-6 pm)

July 17-21, 2017 (Flambeau in Crosslake, MN: grades 6-8) / Training July 16 (3-6 pm)

July 24-28, 2017 (Namekagon in Crosslake, MN: grades 9-11) / Training July 23 (3-6 pm)

Staff training and camper check in for the Chippewa session of camp will be hosted at a different hotel than for the Flambeau and Namekagon sessions...

The in-person staff training for the Chippewa session will be located at the Hilton Minneapolis/Bloomington near the intersection of France Avenue and Hwy 494. The address is 3900 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, MN 55437. This is a different location than our ‘usual’ hotel.

In-person staff trainings for Flambeau and Namekagon will be at the DoubleTree (our ‘usual’ hotel) - at the intersection of Hwy 494 and Hwy 100 (on the northwest corner). The address is 7800 Normandale Blvd W. in Bloomington. If you want to stay at the DoubleTree, they are offering a discounted room rate for our group. Call 952.835.7800 and mention “Camp Odayin” when booking or visit the links included in your acceptance email.

Trainings will cover general information, care for our campers, policies and procedures and an opportunity to get to know your cabin leadership team. Come ready to meet, greet and have fun!



Joe Gillis Scholarship

With the generous support from the Joe Gillis Memorial Fund, we are able to offer transportation support for staff living more than 250 miles away. Up to \$300 can be reimbursed for your travel costs (hotel, flight, gas, etc). Contact the Camp Odayin office at info@campodayin.org if you are in need.



Website

We post daily pictures on the Camp Odayin website. Tell your friends and family to log on to www.campodayin.org each day to see your antics.



Transportation

We have two air-conditioned coach buses reserved to take us to camp, and all staff members are required to ride the bus. All staff must arrive at the hotel by 7:45 a.m. and camper registration will take place between 8:15-9:00 on Monday morning so we are at camp by lunch time. We will be leaving directly from the hotel parking lot. There are a few additional parking spots in their lot, and you can leave your car there for the week. Carpooling or being dropped off is encouraged. We will return to the hotel **each Friday between 6:00 and 6:30 PM** and typically head across the parking lot to TGIFridays (Flambeau & Namekagon) or Joe Senser's (Chippewa) for a little staff celebration after all of the campers have been picked up.



Medical

In order to comply with our American Camp Association accreditation, **on the acceptance form we ask for details related to your health history**. This medical information will remain confidential, is very important in case of an emergency, and is not retained year to year for returning staff.

In addition, all staff medication must be turned into the Lead Nurse at Monday morning registration. Our policy is that all medications and vitamins, including the staff's, are to be stored and locked in the Health Center and cannot be kept in the cabins. This includes over the counter medicine such as Advil, Sudafed, etc. When you need your medicine, you may retrieve it from the Health Center at any time. Please place your medication in a Ziploc bag and label it with your name before you come to camp.



Camp Gear

For those of you who would like to support Camp Odayin further, we are offering awesome sweatshirts, bags, hats and more for sale during Sunday's staff training in the Twin Cities. We have items in adult and child sizes and all proceeds benefit Camp Odayin.



Correspondence - If your family needs to reach you in an emergency they can call the Camp Odayin cell phone at **651.491.8673**. This phone will be answered between July 8 -29 only. If anyone wants to send you a letter while you're at camp, here's the address (no packages, please):

Your Name, Camp Odayin at Camp Knutson, 11148 Manhattan Point Blvd, Crosslake, MN 56442

In addition, Camp Odayin partners with a company called Bunk1, whose easy to use website services let people send messages to you while at camp through one way email called Bunk Notes. See page four for detailed information regarding Bunk Notes.

What to Pack

- swimsuit (camp appropriate) and beach towel
- water shoes or beach sandals
- tennis shoes (closed toe) – required for horseback riding
- a hat (crazy or practical)
- outfits / costumes for special themes (see below)
- sunscreen (lip and body)
- plastic bag for dirty / wet clothes
- 3-4 pairs of shorts
- 4-5 T-shirts – one long sleeved
- 2 pairs of jeans or long pants (required for horseback riding)
- sweatshirt or sweater (1-2)
- rain jacket or windbreaker
- toiletries & bath towel / washcloth
- plenty of socks and undergarments
- sleeping bag, pillow and PJ's
- watch / alarm clock (something besides your cell phone!)
- an OLD outfit you could even throw away after camp (grubby t-shirt and shorts)
- Optional items to bring: Camera, journal, flashlight, decorations for your cabin, travel coffee mug (if you'll want more coffee than what you can consume at meals).



Please **do not bring** food, candy, gum, iPods, money or valuables to camp. We asked this of the campers as well. **Please clearly label all items - including luggage, bedding and clothing**, as Camp Odayin is not responsible for lost items. Thank you!



Themes

One of our main goals at camp is to provide a **FUN** experience for our campers. One of the ways we do this is through many silly activities, crazy meals, and goofy evening programs. Campers love to see their counselors, doctors and nurses dressed up and having a good time. An email will be sent at the end of June with your “fun” packing list. Please try to bring some special clothes for these events. Check the closet, visit your local thrift store, and hit the garage sales (don't spend \$\$\$\$ - this is camp and things can get dirty...).



You may certainly bring your cell phone to camp if you'd like, but we maintain a strict policy regarding usage which we will cover during staff training. Cell phones are not to be used in front of campers and should remain off and in your luggage at all times. Thank you for following this request in order to make this a true camping experience for our children.



Want to do more?

Many companies and organizations will support your volunteer efforts with a monetary donation to Camp Odayin! Please check with your employer and see if they will match your volunteer hours. In order for us to continually provide this camp experience for our wonderful children, we rely on the generosity of many individuals, foundations and businesses. Thank you in advance for helping to grow our family of givers.



KEEP UP WITH CAMP ALL SUMMER LONG!

Stay in touch with your camper at **Camp Odayin** with Bunk Notes. Your message will be delivered to the camp within 24 hours. No need to wait for snail mail – Bunk1 makes it easy to communicate with your child. Follow Bunk1 on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the latest updates and deals!

GET STARTED TODAY!

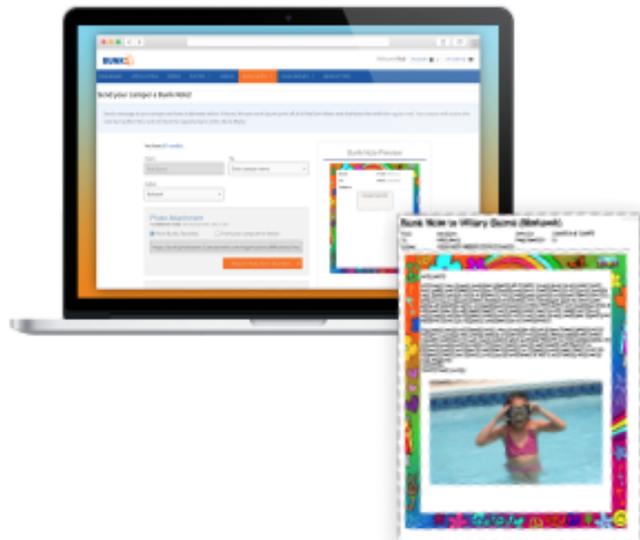
- Go to www.Bunk1.com
 - **RETURNING PARENTS** will login using their email address and password.
 - **NEW PARENTS** will click "[Need an account or have an invitation code?](#)" and complete the basic form. The Invitation Code for **Camp Odayin** is: **17ODAY883**

You will be prompted to select a bundle for access to your Parent Portal. Bundles include credits for you to send Bunk Notes and enhance your notes with borders, photos, sports scores, and puzzles.

SENDING BUNK NOTES

Send Bunk Notes day or night! Your camp receives a pdf at **7am CST** each day containing all Bunk Notes received in the last 24 hours. Camp prints each Bunk Note and delivers them to your camper with the regular mail. You can purchase more credits anytime in the Bunk Notes menu.

On the go? Purchase **Bunk Notes Express** and receive a unique email address to send your Bunk Note directly from an email account. Your message is still delivered as a Bunk Note. Each time you send a message, 1 credit is deducted from your account. Your Bunk Note will not be sent via Bunk Notes Express unless you have credits in your account.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Can other relatives use these services? Absolutely! In your **Quick Links** you'll select **Invite Family Members**, enter their details and they will be sent an email. **PLEASE NOTE** this will prompt them to set up their own account. It does not provide them access to your account OR your Bunk Note Credits.

Questions or Problems? The Bunk1 team is available to support you 7 days a week during peak season. They guarantee a response within 24 hours and it's usually much quicker than that. Please call Bunk1 at 1-888-465-2267 or email support@bunk1.com.

