



## GETTING TO AND FROM CAMP

Campers may either ride the camp bus from the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington (Twin Cities) or get dropped off directly at camp (Crosslake, MN). Camper registration takes place at both locations. **A parent or guardian MUST check in each camper - campers are not allowed to check themselves in.**

### **Riding the Bus**

The Camp Odayin bus will be departing from the DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington hotel parking lot **PROMPTLY at 9:15a.m.** on Monday morning. Camper check-in will take place prior to boarding the bus in the hallway outside of the ballrooms. All campers should plan to arrive **between 8:15-9:00 a.m.** to be checked in. Please put your luggage directly on the bus before coming into registration, but bring your “carry on” items (if any) with you into the building. Water bottles (and water) and a snack on the bus will be provided; we will eat lunch at camp.

**Getting Dropped Off** Campers may be dropped off at camp **between noon and 12:15 p.m.** (please no earlier) on Monday afternoon. Check-in will take place on-site during that time and we request that you please stay with your camper until the bus arrives. The nurse assigned to your child’s cabin will check in your child’s medications when the bus arrives.

### **Camper Pick up**

If you are picking up your camper at camp, please arrive **between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m.** on Friday afternoon. If taking the bus, we will arrive back at the DoubleTree Bloomington Hotel parking lot between 5:45-6:15 p.m. If for any reason the bus will be late, a hotel representative will inform parents waiting outside. **Your child needs to check out with their counselor before leaving.**

### **Drop off and pick up safety procedures – Bus loading/unloading procedures**

- Campers put their luggage directly on the bus upon arrival at the hotel
- Campers register in the hotel and remain in the hotel until busses are boarded
- Medical and Leadership staff will ride each bus and monitor the safe loading and unloading of campers on each bus
- Bus driver reviews safety rules once everyone has boarded the bus



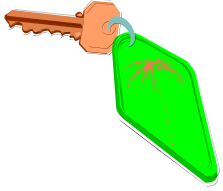
## ANGEL FLIGHT CENTRAL

Angel Flight Central is a wonderful service that can provide transportation for our campers that need assistance. Campers flying with Angel Flight Central will not ride the bus to camp. Rather, they fly directly into the Brainerd, MN airport. We will provide transportation from the Brainerd airport to camp for campers traveling on Angel Flight Central. You work with Angel Flight Central directly to fill out paperwork and coordinate times. Please contact Angel Flight Central directly **BY June 1st** to coordinate. Call 1.866.569.9464 or email [wings@angelflightcentral.org](mailto:wings@angelflightcentral.org)



## JOE GILLIS SCHOLARSHIP

With the generous support from the Joe Gillis Memorial Fund, we are able to offer transportation scholarships for those living more than 250 miles away. Up to \$300 can be reimbursed for your travel costs. We are also able to cover your child's cost to attend camp if you are unable. Contact the Camp Odayin office at [info@campodayin.org](mailto:info@campodayin.org) if you are in need.



## ACCOMMODATION RESOURCES FOR OUT-OF-TOWN FAMILIES

In the Twin Cities: The DoubleTree by Hilton, Bloomington, MN (where the bus drop off and pick up will be) is offering a discounted room rate for our group. Call 952.835.7800 and mention "Camp Odayin" when booking.

Room discount link for **Flambeau** week:

[http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/M/MSPBSDT-COB-20170713/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/M/MSPBSDT-COB-20170713/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)  
(Must be booked by **June 17<sup>th</sup>** to receive the discount rate.)

Room discount link for **Namekagon** week: [http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/M/MSPBSDT-CBO-20170720/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/M/MSPBSDT-CBO-20170720/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG) (Must be booked by **June 24<sup>th</sup>** to receive the discount rate.)

If you're looking for a place to stay near camp – contact either the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce at 1.800.450.2838 or the Crosslake Chamber of Commerce at 218.692.4027.



## WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Please clearly label all items -including luggage, bedding and clothing, as Camp Odayin is not responsible for lost items. **You will receive a "crazy" packing list at the end of June.**

- All medicine in large zip lock bag with current med sheet
- Tennis shoes (closed toe – required for horseback riding)
- One hat (crazy or practical)
- Water shoes or flip flops / beach sandals
- Bug spray and sunscreen
- Chap stick or lip sunscreen
- Plastic bag for dirty / wet clothes
- 3-4 pairs of shorts
- 4-5 T-shirts
- 2 pair of jeans or long pants (required for horseback riding)
- Sweatshirt or warm sweater (1-2)
- PJ's
- Rain jacket or windbreaker
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Shampoo and soap / hairbrush or comb
- Plenty of socks and underpants – 6-7 pair each
- Sleeping bag and pillow – or sheet and blanket
- A swimsuit and beach towel
- Bath towel and washcloth
- Self-addressed stamped envelope to send mail home (if the camper wants to!)
- Optional items: Camera, flashlight, sunglasses, stationary, book, journal



## FUN PACKING LISTS 2017

### Chippewa Fun Packing List

- Head to Toe Blue, Green, Red or Yellow.
- Striped clothing-shirts, socks or pants-whatever you got!
- Favorite sport shirt/jersey
- Zany crazy or just your favorite hat
- Pajamas (to wear to a meal)
- Hawaiian outfit

### Flambeau Fun Packing List

- Over-sized black or red shirt (it will be cut as a craft)
- A bandana
- Striped clothing-shirts, socks or pants-whatever you got!
- Outfit from your favorite decade!
- Favorite sport shirt/jersey
- Zany crazy or just your favorite hat

### Namekagon Fun Packing List

- Over-sized black or red shirt (it will be cut as a craft)
- A bandana
- White shirt and pair of shorts (any color) that can get messy
- Semi-formal attire
- Favorite sport shirt/jersey
- Zany crazy or just your favorite hat

***Please do not send food, candy, gum, money, video games, DS players, iPods, mp3 players, valuables, water guns, cellular phones, video cameras, skateboards, scooters, or sharp items with your child. Alcohol, drugs, pets and weapons are strictly prohibited at Camp Odayin.***



## CORRESPONDENCE

If you'd like to send written mail (please no care packages) to your child while at camp, the address is:

**Camper Name**  
**Camp Odayin at Camp Knutson**  
**11148 Manhattan Pt. Blvd.**  
**Crosslake, MN 56442**

Please try to have mail arrive Monday-Thursday. In addition, you can send a one-way electronic message to your camper through our partnership with BUNK NOTES. Please see information in this packet if you'd like to use this service. In case of an emergency, you may contact the Camp Odayin cell phone at **651.491.8673**. **This phone will be activated between July 9-29 only**. You may call this phone the weekend before your child attends camp and the week during their time at camp. Outside of those times, please call the Odayin office at 651.351.9185 for any needs or questions.

New this year, we have a way to send a group text to all parents in case of an emergency, storm at camp, late bus, etc. This is an opt-in service and will ONLY be used if we need to communicate with you immediately, and as a group. All other communication will be done individually. To opt-in for the group text service, please click the week that your child will be attending:

**Flambeau, July 17-21:** <http://clk2.it/oZ5RSp>

**Namekagon, July 24-28:** <http://clk2.it/7swGZr>



## CELL PHONES!

Camp Odayin maintains a strict cell phone and electronics policy for our campers and staff. **Campers may not bring cell phones or iPods to camp (or anything that can connect to the internet).** At check in, campers and parents will be asked if they have a cell phone or iPod packed. If so, we will ask the parents to take the phone home with them, or we'll take care of it for the week. Any cell phone at camp will be confiscated and the consequence of losing out on an afternoon at waterfront will be enforced. Calling home or texting friends distracts from the camp experience and is not allowed. Please respect this policy.

## SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY



We do not allow our staff members to connect with your camper via social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snap Chat, etc.) until your camper graduates from high school AND is 18 years old AND the camper initiates the contact. Email correspondence is ok with us, but again, only if the camper initiates contact. Please support this policy by letting your camper know they should not reach out to their awesome counselors and nurses via social media, we would be most grateful. THANK YOU!



## IMPORTANT MEDICATION INFO

- Please place ALL medication in a large zip lock bag with your child's name on the outside of the bag
- Each medication needs to come to us in its **ORIGINAL** prescription bottle, clearly labeled with the camper name, medication name, and dosage. **NO PILL BOXES WILL BE ALLOWED**
- If your camper needs to take medication while on the bus – please administer this medication to your child before they get on the bus
- Please put medications requiring refrigeration in a separate bag with “needs refrigeration” and the camper's name written on the bag
- All medications must be turned in to your child's nurse. At no time during camp are campers allowed to carry or be responsible for their own medication
- Please send enough medicine for 5 full days, plus one extra day – 6 days total
- If your child has a pacemaker or defibrillator and they use a remote transmission unit (i.e. *Carelink* from MDT, *Latitude* from BSC or *Merlin* from SJM) – please bring this to camp and give to nurse at registration.

**Fill out the Current Medication Sheet and bring to registration  
(do not mail to the Odayin office in advance)**



## MEDICAL ATTENTION

If your child should need medical attention while at camp, he/she will be evaluated by the lead nurse and cardiologist on site. Depending on the nature of the event, one of three options will occur.

**MINOR** – A camp nurse will assess, treat and monitor until no further attention is needed. You will not be called. (This may include bug bites, cuts, scrapes, headaches, etc.)

**NON – URGENT** – A camp cardiologist will assess and treat and a nurse will monitor any treatment effects. You will be contacted and your child may be transported off site. (This may include injury related to falls, shortness of breath, excessive fatigue, etc.)

**URGENT** – If your child should need advanced medical care, paramedics will take your child to Brainerd Medical Center (via ambulance or helicopter) or Children's Hospital in Minneapolis (via helicopter). One of the camp cardiologists will accompany your child. You will be called immediately.



## GET YOUR ODAYIN GEAR

For those of you who would like to support Camp Odayin further, we are offering awesome hats, sweatshirts, water bottles, t-shirts and much more for sale during camper registration in the Twin Cities. We have items in adult and child sizes, and all proceeds benefit Camp Odayin. For our out-of-town families, you may purchase all of our gear through our website. New inventory is posted on our website

**If you are dropping your child off at camp, you may order by July 1st, we'll package it up and bring it to camp with us!** If you are bringing your child to camper check in at the hotel, please purchase at the hotel. If you would like to purchase ahead of time and have it shipped to you before camp, you'll need to order online before June 15<sup>th</sup>.



## HAPPY CAMPERS

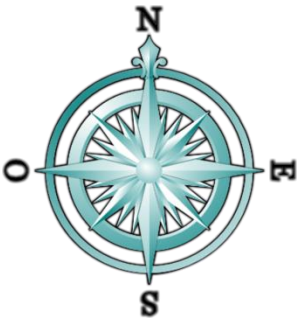
It is our hope that your children come home from camp happy and confident, with memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. Whether your child is a first time camper or a veteran, there are some important things that you can do before you even begin to pack that will help your child have a successful camp experience. Take a look at some of our "tips" and thank you for sharing your child with us!

- ♥ Make sure your camper has everything on the packing list, knows where it is in their bag and why they might need it.
- ♥ Discuss what camp will be like before your child leaves. Watching the Odayin video on our website will give them a good "feel" for their time with us. Call the camp office if you have questions.
- ♥ Make sure your child knows that you will not talk by phone while they are at camp. Let them know they can go to their counselor or nurse with ANYTHING they might need, or with any issues they're having while at camp.
- ♥ If your child has not spent much time away from home, there is still time to practice! Arrange a sleepover at a friend's house or with some other family members.
- ♥ If your child is hesitant about going to camp, don't bribe. Linking a successful stay at camp to a material object can send the wrong message. The reward should be your child's new found confidence and independence!
- ♥ Let your child know that you'll be seeing all of the fun they have through the website photos! We will post these each day whenever we can, so check throughout the week for new pictures.
- ♥ Avoid "escape clauses." Telling your child that you can pick them up early if they aren't happy sets them up for failure. If they are feeling nervous, emphasize all of the fun times, new activities and nice people at camp.



## SEE CAMP IN ACTION

We do our best to post daily pictures on the Camp Odayin website for friends and family to see all the **BIG** fun we have. Log on to [www.campodayin.org](http://www.campodayin.org) each day to see what we're up to! (please note – we are not professional photographers nor do we have designated time each day to upload the photos – we appreciate your patience!)



## DIRECTIONS TO CAMP ODAYIN AT CAMP KNUTSON

Camp Knutson  
11148 Manhattan Pt. Blvd.  
Crosslake, MN 56442

Located approximately 150 miles north of Minneapolis/St. Paul, and 30 miles north of Brainerd, Minnesota.

*Directions from the Twin Cities:*

- Head **north** out of the Twin Cities on **Interstate #94 W**
- Exit at **Clearwater (exit #179)** and proceed **east** to Clearlake
- Take **highway 10north** to Little Falls
- Take **highway 371north** to Baxter/Brainerd - follow by-pass to Baxter (do not take exit into Brainerd) and continue **north** on **highway 371**
- Turn right (**east**) on **Highway 49** (stop light)
- Turn left (**north**) on **Highway 3** (stoplight) and stay on **Hwy 3** until you come to Crosslake

*Directions from Crosslake:*

- Go **six miles north** of downtown Crosslake on **County 66**
- Turn **left** at Manhattan Beach on Manhattan Point Boulevard
- Follow the tarred road **2.5 miles** to the entrance of Camp Knutson. Drive into the camp grounds to the Pauly's Place.



## **FAMILY CAMP**

Join the Odayin family for an awesome weekend at Camp Wapo ([www.campwapo.org](http://www.campwapo.org)) in Amery, WI (a short hour drive outside of Minneapolis / St. Paul) October 20-22 **OR** at Camp Wonderland ([www.wonderlandcamp.com](http://www.wonderlandcamp.com)) in Milwaukee, WI November 10-12. Registration information will be emailed to all campers in August and posted on our website.



## **WINTER CAMP**

Campers that have participated in Residential Camp are invited to Winter Camp, February 17-19, 2018. This program is held at Camp Wapo and registration information will be emailed in January and posted on our website.