

Camp Odayin

Thank you so much for planning to volunteer at Residential Camp. With your help, this summer, we will welcome more than 318 campers with special hearts. Camp Odayin changes young people's lives, thanks to people like YOU!



STAFF TRAINING

We have mandatory trainings for ALL staff members. Trainings will cover general information, care for our campers, and policies & procedures. 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
9-13

CHIPPEWA • Grades 1-6
TRAINING • July 8th 2:00-6:00 pm

JULY
16-20

FLAMBEAU • Grades 6-8
TRAINING • July 15th 2:00-6:00 pm

JULY
23-27

NAMEKAGON • Grades 9-12
TRAINING • July 22nd 2:00-6:00 pm

Staff training will be located at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott, located near the Mall of America and MSP Airport. (2020 American Blvd East, Bloomington MN 55425) . If you want to stay at the Marriott, they are offering a discounted room rate for our group. To book a room with the discounted rate, visit the links included in your acceptance email.

Thanks to a generous donor, we are able to offer travel support for staff and campers in need. Up to \$300 can be reimbursed for your travel costs (hotel, flight, gas, etc). Contact the Camp Odayin office at matt@campodayin.org for assistance.

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, distribute medications, 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

At Residential Camp, campers are divided into cabins with 6-8 campers, 2-3 counselors and a nurse. In addition, our host site, Camp Knutson, has an awesome summer staff and one of their staff members will help support your cabin. Directors Laura Hoagland and Brooke Byrd will be present at all camp sessions, along with three doctors to ensure that staff and campers are safe and supported.

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 Marriott 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. You can leave your car parked on the west side of the hotel for the week. Carpooling or being dropped off is encouraged. We will return to the hotel each Friday between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. and there will be a staff celebration onsite after all of the campers have been picked up.

MEDICAL DETAILS

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 Health Center 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.

CELL PHONES & MAIL

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. 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 8-27 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 at camp through one way email called Bunk Notes. The messages are printed and delivered to campers and staff during lunch each day. See page four for detailed Bunk Notes information (it's directed at parents, but families & friends of staff are welcome to send messages too!)

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 (emailed in June)
- 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 (no Apple watches at camp, nor can phones be used for alarms)
- 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, Apple watches, money or valuables to camp. We ask 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...).

ODAYIN MERCHANDISE

For those of you who would like to support Camp Odayin further, we are offering awesome sweatshirts, travel mugs, pillowcases, 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.

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.

WE POST DAILY PICTURES FOR YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
TO SEE ON THE CAMP ODAYIN WEBSITE!
WWW.CAMPODAYIN.ORG



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!

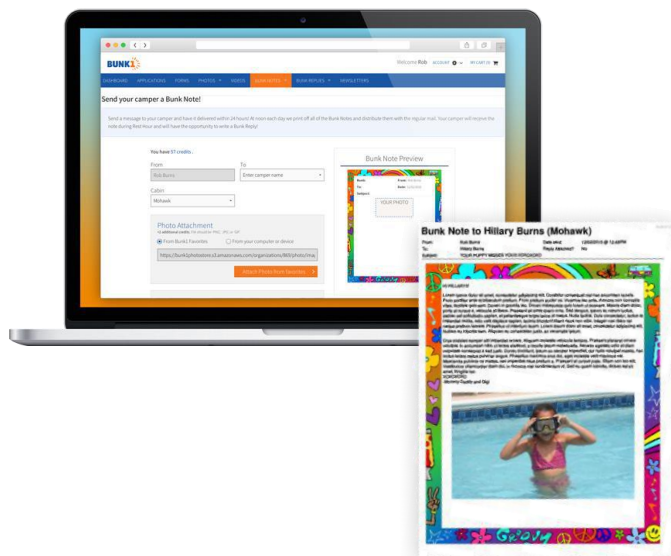
GET STARTED TODAY!

- 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: **ODAY883**
- 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 EST** 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.

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Get the latest news from camp and send Bunk Notes on the go! The Bunk1 mobile app is the best way to keep in touch with camp.

