



MINNESOTA RESIDENTIAL CAMP INFORMATION PACKET



GETTING TO AND FROM CAMP

Campers may either ride the camp bus from the Minneapolis Airport Marriott in Bloomington: 2020 American Blvd. East, Bloomington, MN 55425 (between IKEA and 494, NOT the JW Marriott connected to the Mall of America) or get dropped off directly at camp (Crosslake, MN). Camper registration takes place at both locations. Regardless of age, a parent or guardian MUST check in each camper - campers are not allowed to check themselves in.

Riding the Bus

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 8:15-8:30 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. The bus will be departing from the Marriott hotel parking lot **PROMPTLY at 9:15 a.m.** on Monday morning.

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 (in Crosslake, MN), please arrive **between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m.** on Friday afternoon. If taking the bus, we will arrive back at the Marriott Hotel (Bloomington, MN) parking lot **between 5:45-6:15 p.m.** If for any reason the bus will be late, you will receive a text. **Your child needs to check out with their counselor and nurse 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

NEW PROCEDURE THIS YEAR!! Angel Flight Central is a wonderful service that can provide flight transportation for our campers that otherwise would not be able to attend camp. This service is only available to campers departing from Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Minnesota, or Wisconsin. Campers flying with Angel Flight Central will not ride the bus to camp. Rather, they fly directly into the Brainerd, MN airport. For campers traveling on Angel

Flight Central, we will provide transportation from the Brainerd airport to camp. To get the necessary forms, email brooke@campodayin.org by JUNE 1st.

Fax or mail your completed forms to Camp Odayin by June 15. All completed paperwork will be collected by Camp Odayin and sent to Angel Flight Central. Obtaining an Angel Flight is not guaranteed. We are sticking firmly to this deadline to give Angel Flight Central plenty of time to secure your flight(s). Incomplete paperwork will not be submitted.



TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

If your family is in need of travel support, please contact us at brooke@campodayin.org. We offer transportation scholarships for those in need. Up to \$300 can be reimbursed for your travel costs.



ACCOMMODATION RESOURCES FOR OUT-OF-TOWN FAMILIES

In the Twin Cities: The Marriott (where the bus drop off and pick up will be) is offering a discounted room rate for our group. Deadline to reserve a room is June 16. Reserve online or call 952.854.7441 and mention “Chippewa, Flambeau or Namekagon” and “Odayin” when booking.

- [Book your group rate for Sunday July 7 of Chippewa week \(deadline 6/16\)](#)
- [Book your group rate for Sunday July 14 of Flambeau week \(deadline 6/23\)](#)
- [Book your group rate for Sunday July 21 of Namekagon week \(deadline 6/30\)](#)

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
- Optional items: Camera, flashlight, sunglasses, stationary, book, journal, self-addressed stamped envelope to send mail home

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



CELL PHONES!

Camp Odayin maintains a strict cell phone and electronics policy for our campers and staff. **Campers may not bring cell phones, apple watches, drones, or iPods to camp (or anything that can connect to the internet).** At check in, campers and parents verify that phones and electronics are not packed for camp. 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 or electronic brought to camp will be confiscated and a consequence will be enforced. Calling home or texting friends distracts from the camp experience and is not allowed. Please respect this policy.



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. The device will stay in the nurse's room and will only transmit information with a medical emergency.

**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, they 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 campers getting dropped off at camp, you may purchase all of our gear through our website. New inventory will be posted on our website by April 1st.

If you order by July 1st, we’ll package it up and bring it to camp with us! Select “pick up” to waive shipping and handling charges.



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.