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## LETTER TO FAMILIES – FINAL INFORMATION

The new ski boat has arrived, the big slide is on its way, we are pouring new sand on the playground floor, the wood is being split, the flags are being raised, and the kitchen is open for business – there are less than 2 weeks left until the start of camp! Please find enclosed the final information you will need before sending your campers to camp. If there is anything unclear or that you are unsure of, please do not hesitate to call or email us with your questions!

**WE HAVE MOVED!**

Our office is now receiving calls up at camp. Please use our Summer Contact Information to reach us by phone or mail.

**FORMS AND PICTURES!**

▪ **FORMS BOOKLETS**

Our Forms Booklet including a Health Form, Transportation Form, and Behaviour Contract was created with your camper's safety in mind. If you have not yet completed your camper's Forms Booklet, please ensure that you send it immediately to camp. If you require a blank copy, please visit: [www.campwalden.ca/FinalInstructions](http://www.campwalden.ca/FinalInstructions)

▪ **DIGITAL PICTURES**

We have asked that all families email us a current, cropped digital picture of their campers. If you haven't done so already, please send it today to [campers@campwalden.ca](mailto:campers@campwalden.ca).

▪ **HAVE YOU BOUGHT CAMP CLOTHING YET?**

Our new online store has some great camp clothing items that you or your campers might enjoy wearing this summer! We encourage you to visit [www.rightsleeve.com/campwalden](http://www.rightsleeve.com/campwalden) and to enter the password "campwalden" to enter the store.

**PACKING AND BAGGAGE**

*Please! Don't pack too much; don't pack anything too expensive; and don't pack anything we have asked you not to pack.*

We respectfully remind you to be thoughtful of our "What Not to Pack List".

As a summary of the key points from our May Package, please read the following (but please read the May Package as well!)

*As you can see, we continue to be ambitious and very serious about building our community of safety and respect. Please be very careful to pack for camp only those items necessary to experience traditional camping.*

- Please send **no more than two duffle bags**.
- One **normal sized grocery bag** of food is allowed to be brought up to camp and is meant to provide comfort for the first few days of camp only. And please note that **no bottled water is allowed at camp**.
- All food brought to camp **must not have any nut products** in the ingredients. Those products that are labelled as “Safe to Share” should be preferred over those that use language like “may contain traces of nuts”.
- Furniture of any kind is simply not allowed – **this includes plastic shelves**

### *iPods... an introduction*

Camp can offer a reprieve from some of the quick, impersonal, and isolating behaviours that often accompany the use of electronics. Traditional activities also level the playing field socially for kids. The iPod question is a tough one. On the one hand, it is most often used with a pair of headphones and is a device that separates people from their surroundings. On the other hand, the iPod has been a device that has facilitated the sharing of music between campers, and has contributed to a generation of kids that are falling in love with all the old classics. And let’s face it; most of us adults took our Walkmen, and cassettes & record players with us to camp when we were younger and have fond memories of sharing our favourite music with our friends (Beatles? Zeppelin? For Sol it was Duran Duran!!!) We hope our policy of allowing personal music devices in the cabin balances these issues effectively.

### *Our 2009 iPod Policy*

Any device from the iPod family and devices whose primary purpose is to play music are allowed at camp for use in the cabin only. Devices whose primary purpose is to play games, watch movies, or be used as telephones will not be allowed. For a clarification of which devices we consider to be part of the iPod family, please visit: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_iPod\\_models#Models](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_iPod_models#Models)

Yes, the iPod Touch is allowed. No, the iPhone is not. Yes, mp3 players are allowed. No, cell phones and/or game systems (even if they can be used as music players) are not.

Yes, this is a deviation from our policy in years past – one we feel is more responsive to the way in which kids are actually listening to music. This does, however, introduce video displays into Walden and we ask that parents check their children’s iPods before coming to camp to ensure that the music and any videos are appropriate material for children of all ages. iPods are expensive items. Although they are allowed, they are not necessary to the camp experience.

We are committed to doing everything possible (including confiscations!) to preserve the traditional camp environment. We will always be respectful of our camper community and their belongings but when it comes to the items on the do not pack list: **“If you bring it, we must take it. And if we take it, we donate it.”**

### TORONTO 2, 4, AND 7 WEEK CAMPERS

For those coming to camp from Toronto by bus on June 26<sup>th</sup>, please use the chart below to determine your camper’s bus number prior to your arrival at Seneca College.\* Busses will be clearly marked with Bus numbers. We ask that parents and friends assist our Bus Counsellors to load the busses safely and efficiently by **remaining behind the “campers only line”**. Campers will be allowed to select their seats and come off the bus to say their goodbyes before departing.

**BUS 1**  
ALL COLOURS  
COMIC LOONIE GIRLS

**BUS 2**  
COMIC LOONIE BOYS  
COMIC TOONIE GIRLS

**BUS 3**  
ALL ZODIAC STARS

**BUS 4**  
ZODIAC PLANET BOYS  
SEEKER FINDER BOYS

**BUS 5**  
ZODIAC PLANET GIRLS  
CIT GIRLS

**BUS 6**  
ALL SEEKER GIRLS

**BUS 7**  
CIT BOYS  
SEEKER KEEPER BOYS  
COMIC TOONIE BOYS

**\*We remind you that Toronto baggage travels via truck on a different day than campers. Please consult your Parent Information Booklet for more details.**

#### STAFF PLACEMENTS

After a long and satisfying year of interviewing, our staff puzzle is complete! We have included the Staff List as part of this mailing! Over 80% of our staff are returning Waldeners with a combined experience of over 1330 Walden summers! Those that are new to Walden span diverse skills and experiences! I have yet to hear of a camp that can boast these kinds of statistics! The most common topic offered by staff applicants during their interviews has been the positive impressions they want to make on their campers this summer and to be part of the special celebrations of Walden's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We wish to impress upon you how important it is to us that you and your family enjoy this summer leaving with nothing less than the best impressions of our Staff Team.

We thank you again for making Camp Walden your child's summer home and we look forward to seeing you at the busses!

Sincerely,

Sol and The Leadership Team