Dear Parents,

It’s our 57th summer, and you wouldn’t know it by looking around Timber Tops; camp looks better than ever before! We are so excited for your campers to arrive and experience the magic of CTT (for the first or seventh time)!

If this is your camper’s first summer, make sure you’ve called the office to sign up for New Camper Weekend, this year June 1st-2nd.

Please read our newsletter carefully. Here you’ll find important information about dates, policies and procedures, camp contact information and other helpful tips for camp. Thank you for cooperating and following all camp guidelines. A strong partnership with parents is critical in creating the kind of tight-knit community we’re known for at CTT, and we appreciate all you do to set us up for success at camp!

We can’t wait to get started!

Best Wishes from Down the Winding Road,

Anna, Missy & Andy

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**Visiting Day is July 21st**

For full-session campers • 11:30 am - 3:00 pm

Please no “bunk gifts” for Visiting Day. It leaves some parents (and campers) feeling left out and it really is not necessary. Enjoy the day and bring yourselves. That's the best gift! More guidelines to come before the big day.

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**Important Information**

- **Saturday, June 22**: Camp Begins
- **Tuesday, July 16**: 1st Session Ends
- **Wednesday, July 17**: 2nd Session Begins
- **Saturday, August 10**: Camp Ends
- **Sunday, July 21**: Visiting Day
Getting Ready

- Leave one camp shirt out of the trunk and have your camper wear her “Camp Official” on the plane or bus. Camp Officials can be purchased on www.bunkline.com.
- Write a letter to your child before camp starts so it is there for the first mail call.
- Only a small, carry-on bag is allowed on the bus. Trunks, duffles, and suitcases must be shipped to and from camp.
- Remember to pack bug spray, a flashlight, a water bottle and sunscreen.
- Pre-addressed envelopes are helpful to young campers.
- Bunk placement information will not be given out before camp.
- Laundry goes out once a week, so make sure your child has enough socks and underwear for 10 days.

Important Contact Information

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Phone Calls

It’s not easy, but part of sending children off to camp is “letting go.” Although phone calls are not necessary, one phone call may be scheduled per session. The office will schedule as many calls as possible, before or after dinner, until evening activity begins. Please be reassured that there is always a counselor at the telephone. Hearing your parents’ voice can be upsetting and we will be there to comfort your child. Tears only last milliseconds after the call – until the first friend walks by, a basketball is dribbled, or a frisbee whizzes by. Don’t worry, but if you have a real concern – call us.

“We don’t know who we are until we see what we can do.”
– Martha Graham

Letters

We encourage good, old-fashioned letter-writing. At mail-call each day, there is no better feeling for a camper than receiving a real, hand-stamped, hand-written letter or card. Some are treasures that are kept through adulthood. Camp is a low-tech place for children (and adults) to take a break from the hustle-bustle of daily life during the rest of the year. No TVs, no iPhones, no running to check e-mail. In their place - friends, campfires, teamwork, and, hopefully, personal growth, independence, and self-esteem.

Parents may also send e-mails through the “CampMinder” system (see back page), but letters are better.

“When you head off to camp, your parents will want to see some separation anxiety.”
Electronics

We do not allow iPod Touches, Kindles, or any device capable of a wifi connection, hand-held games, portable DVD’s, laptops, or cell phones. Even if the wifi connection can be disabled, we do not allow that device in camp.

If they arrive at camp, phones and electronics will be collected, and returned at the end of the summer. First of all, there’s no time to use them, second, they break or are “borrowed” and lost. And lastly, this is CAMP; the perfect time and place to take a break from the onslaught of technology. At camp we live our lives a little differently, a little simpler than we do the rest of the year. Campers can only gain independence if they are truly independent from you and the outside world.

Remember, no wifi connected devices. We suggest basic mp3 players such as Apple shuffles or old-fashioned iPods.

Packages

***Please do not send packages***

Except for necessities from home that were inadvertently left behind, like a book for school, goggles, shin guards, etc. there is really no reason to send things to camp and that is why we have a policy that does not allow any packages. Gifts from home like toys or games breed competition between bunkmates and leave some girls feeling left out. Therefore our policy is that there are NO PACKAGES ALLOWED and they will NOT BE ACCEPTED. You may send flat 8.5x11 inch envelopes.

Should your child have a birthday or forget a needed item, please contact our office and we will tell you the proper procedures so we will accept the package. Please share this with all family members including Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles.

Check out our packing guide in your parent portal!
CampMinder
Connect online for photos and more!

Every parent will be able to email their child, check out news from camp, and see up to date photos and videos from the summer using the same login they use to fill out forms.

Among many other things, you have the ability to email photos to your friends and family.

Just go to “My CTT” on the top right side of the website and you will be directed to the many options available. You can also create guest accounts so that the whole family can connect to the online camp community. Enjoy! Call us for help!

Explorer Weekend and Play Days

Overnights: July 6-7, July 27-28, August 3-4 • Play Days: July 13 July 20

If your child is entering 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade and is not yet ready for camp we encourage you to visit while camp is in session and try our one-night, two-day Explorer Camp.

We also offer Play Days! Please feel free to call us at 267-639-2488 or e-mail us at info@timbertops.com if you have any questions.

Camp Timber Tops’ Summer 2018 was AMAZING.
2019 will be even better!

“Adventure is worthwhile in itself.”
– Amelia Earhart