

### **Responsibilities of Parents and Guardians**

- To advise Camp Pattersonville at the time of sending registration fee of any special dietary conditions which are medically essential.
- To provide the camp health director at the time of on-site registration all required information on the camp health form and sufficient quantities of any necessary camper medications and insure that the health director understands extent of use of any such medication.
- To provide at the time of on-site registration sufficient quantities of any special foods which are medically essential for camper health.

### **Rights of Parents and Guardians**

- To be informed by the camp director, or his or her designee, of any incident involving your child, including serious injury, illness or abuse.
- To review inspection and investigation reports for a camp, which are maintained by the local health unit issuing the camp a permit to operate (present and past reports are available).
- To review the required camp safety, medical and fire safety plans. These are on file at the camp and the health unit issuing the permit to operate.

### **Responsibility of the Camp Operator**

- To inform you and the local health unit if your child is involved in serious injury, illness or abuse incident.
- To screen the background and qualifications of all staff.
- To provide supervision for all campers -24 hours a day at overnight camps, and during hours of operation for day camps.
- To maintain all camp physical facilities in a safe and sanitary condition.
- To provide safe and wholesome meals.
- To have and follow required plans for camp safety, health and fire.
- To notify the parents or guardian, with the enrollment application or enrollment contact, that:
  - the camp must have a permit to operate from the New York State Department of Health or designated permit-issuing official;
  - the camp is required to be inspected twice yearly; and
  - the inspection reports and required plans are filed at the Schenectady County Public Health Services Environmental Health Unit, 107 Nott Terrace, Suite 306 Schaffer Heights, Schenectady, NY 12308 and available for their review.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Registration** is on Sunday from 2:30 to 4:00 pm in the Meahl Pavilion. Please register within the 1 ½ hour period. If you are unable to do so, notify the Registrar prior to Sunday. We WILL NOT register campers before 2:30 pm. Registration consists of first meeting with the Registrar to make final payment and receive cabin assignment, and then the camper will be checked in by the Camp Nurse. From here, take your child to his/her cabin to get settled in and meet his/her counselor. Then you may take them to the pool for a swim test. At this point it is advisable for parents to say good-bye and leave.

**Health Forms.** Enclosed is a two-sided health form. It must be completed and notarized (you must sign the form in front of a notary public) for your child to attend camp. It contains information that will help us, should any health problems arise with your child to attend camp. It also includes the Hospital Child Guard, which gives authorization for hospital care. In case of an accident, the only way your child can receive emergency care at the hospital is with your verbal permission (in person or by phone), or with this completed and notarized Hospital Child Guard form. While we will notify you, it is possible you might not be available to receive the call immediately and would not wish to delay treatment. **YOU MUST MAIL THE COMPLETED HEALTH FORM TO THE REGISTRAR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR CHILD IS TO ATTEND CAMP.**

**Phone.** During the camping season, Camp may be reached through an answering service at (518) 386-0778. You should leave a message there requesting that a staff member phone you. Please turn off any call blocking or identifying service on your phone or the staff member may not be able to reach you. Normally, Camp checks with the answering service several times a day. Thus, your call should be returned within a few hours. If it is an emergency and you need to reach camp quickly, ask the answering service to call directly to camp stating that it is an EMERGENCY. Prior to the camping season please contact the Registrar with any questions at (518) 284-3224.

**Mail.** We encourage you to write to your child, but be sure to mail early in the week for delivery by Friday! The camp address is Camp Pattersonville, Inc., Pattersonville, NY 12137. You may also leave 'mail' for the camper with the registrar at the time of registration on Sunday which will be delivered to your child(ren) throughout the week.

**Swimming.** Camp Pattersonville follows the Red Cross swimming program. If your child has had swimming lessons in the past and passed any course, it would make it easier to place him/her in the correct class if s/he brings the Red Cross card or a note indicating the proper placement for lessons at camp. **(A certified Red Cross swimming instructor tests all campers for proper placement in the swim program.)**

**Camp Store.** The store has T-shirts, books, games, flashlights, and such. No candy is sold. All money is deposited in the child's account at registration time. (For your convenience, camp store money may be included with the balance for camp registration in one check.) As the camper purchases items, a record is kept of the remaining amount. At the end of camp, any money left is returned to the camper in an envelope. Money should NOT be left in the cabins.

**Laundry.** Camp does not have enough facilities to do your child's laundry. Please be sure your child has enough clothes for the camp session.

**Directions.** These are general directions to Camp Pattersonville. Please make adjustments according to your needs. From the east: I-890 West to NY 5S West to Pattersonville. In Pattersonville turn left onto NY 160. Driveway to Camp Pattersonville is on the left just past the Thruway overpass. From the west: I-90 (NY Thruway) to Exit 27 (Amsterdam). Follow signs to NY 5S and take NY 5S East to Pattersonville. In Pattersonville turn right onto NY 160. Driveway to Camp Pattersonville is on the left just past the Thruway overpass.