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PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE

This guide highlights the important details to help you prepare for the upcoming summer. We update the booklet annually so please take the time to review it.

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REGARDING
PERSONAL
INFORMATION
ABOUT YOUR
CHILD

BEFORE THE SUMMER STARTS

Some parents hesitate to provide us with personal information about their child's behaviour or past experience. Some fear the information may be misused, while others are concerned about their child being labelled, singled out or treated differently. All parents want to make certain their child has a strong, fresh start at camp, unencumbered by past problems.

As seasoned camp directors, who are ourselves parents, we appreciate these concerns. We also know how invaluable such information can be in assisting us to help your child make as smooth and as happy an adjustment to camp as possible - something we know all parents want too!

Having prior knowledge about a learning difficulty, ADHD, a bed-wetting problem (for our sleepover options) or a recent loss or major change in the family or child's life makes a tremendous difference in helping us be sensitive to your child's need for patience, understanding and reassurance - especially in the first few days of camp!

This is especially true for children who have an attention issue or who are nervous about new situations. Many parents fear that we will not accept their child if they are completely forthcoming about these situations, yet children need us to be partners with you in planning for a safe and successful summer.

Furthermore, children often use their behaviour rather than their words to tell us something is bothering them. Having advance knowledge of areas that might be difficult for your child helps us understand the message in his or her actions. The better we understand your child, the more we can assure you of a better summer for him or her. Our commitment, as you will read in our privacy policy, is to use such information only to help your child adjust to camp. It will never be used at camp unless it is necessary, and then only with the greatest of discretion and your prior knowledge.

Remember, when faced with challenges, we can help your child have great success if you help us. We encourage you to make us a full partner in planning for your child's summer.

Sari + Howie

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OPEN HOUSES AT CAMP ROBIN HOOD

RELUCTANT OR FIRST TIME CAMPERS

CAMPER HEALTH INFORMATION

Sunday, June 4th 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Our Spring Funday and Open House. For new families and returning families who can't wait to get back to camp!

RAIN OR SHINE

Many camp activities will be open, a BBQ will be served from 12PM-1PM and you can meet our Directors, and unit supervisors and tour camp. Plan to join us!

*Please note that the temperature at camp may be different than in the city so we recommend packing some additional clothing options including a rain coat.

Thursday, June 29th 3:30-5:30pm

We welcome all campers and their parents to visit CRH and RHSA and to meet their counsellors/coaches and cabin/team mates. Remember to bring any medications, EpiPens etc. to hand into the Health Centre/Office during the Open House.

This is a great chance to get geared up for the summer which starts on the MONDAY of the following week. Even campers who begin camp later in the summer are encouraged to attend.

**CAMP STARTS
MONDAY**

As the summer approaches and our campers prepare themselves for camp, a few may experience a great deal of apprehension. For them, a new environment, meeting new friends, adjusting to a new counsellor and travelling on a strange bus may be the cause of the discomfort. However, children are complex and may have other uncommunicated problems. Please do not panic. "I won't go" or "I don't want to go" are not unexpected responses. With care and a positive exposure to camp, apprehension disappears quickly. If you experience concerns, it would certainly help if you let us know by calling our Directors Sari or Howie Grossinger or by dropping them a note. The many strategies they will suggest will include attending our Open Houses with your camper. The more we know about our campers, the more we can do for them.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!!!

Help us make certain we have the best and most up to date health information concerning your camper. Even if your camper is perfectly healthy, we need to have that information on file so we know how to respond to any immediate need without hesitation should an accident or emergency occur.

During the year, we recommend that you keep accurate records of vaccinations and medications and the dates they were given to your child. Also, record any pertinent information shared with you by your family physician at each visit. We ask that you share as much information as possible through the [completion of a Health Form for your child through our online system](#). Please complete this form as soon as possible.

If there is a change in the health status of your child after you send us the form, you must notify us in writing at that time.

Only those campers for whom we have a completed Health Information Card at camp will be permitted to attend extended days, overnights or out of camp trips. As camp directors, our effort to ensure a safe and healthy environment at camp includes health promotion, of

which immunization is a key component. By doing so, we align ourselves with school boards and Health Canada. As such we request that all campers and staff at camp have received ALL of the mandatory immunizations which are as follows: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Pertussis, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio, Meningococcal C Conjugate and Chicken Pox. If, for whatever reason, you have elected NOT to have your child(ren) vaccinated, we ask that you notify us at your earliest convenience. It is our obligation to protect the health of your child and those from the broader community that may interact with our camp population. This includes campers from the Oochigeas Day Camp, which takes place at Robin Hood. Many of the campers in attendance at Oochigeas are currently in treatment for cancer and as a result are immune suppressed and much more at risk then the general population. Consequently, in the unlikely event that a case of measles (or any other disease targeted by Ontario's vaccination program) is discovered at camp, unvaccinated children will be sent home for the recommended period of isolation (i.e. measles – 21 days) without any fee adjustment. We trust that our approach places your child(ren)'s health and safety as a major priority for every summer! Please complete your Forms Booklet Online ASAP.

We ask all camp families to log on to the online portal to complete a few forms that will provide us with the information we need to ensure a successful summer for your child. These forms can be accessed by [clicking here](#) or by clicking on the *Family Information Portal* button on the footer of [our website](#). These online forms contain the following:

- Swim History Card
- Camper Health Information Card
- Optional Lunch Order Form
- Transportation Form

All forms must be completed by June 5th as to allow our office staff ample time to effectively organize the information received from all of our families. Families registering after June 5th must complete their forms as soon as possible.

In the days leading up to camp, you will receive a couple of important emails. The first was the email that accompanied this guide, the second will include information about grouping, busing and swim groups. Here is a quick summary of what you should be receiving:

1. An email summary, containing lots of very important details explaining our processes and a request for some information from you. This information is gathered online by accessing our online portal and completing the requested forms. The information requested is critical to ensure that we provide the accommodations necessary to ensure your child has a safe and successful summer.
2. An email containing updated grouping, busing and swim information.



THE PROGRAM

CRH

AT CAMP

MUNCHKINS & LEPRECHAUNS

Pre-Senior Kindergarten (4-5½ years)

JUNIOR BOYS/JUNIOR GIRLS

Campers that have completed SK or Grade 1 (5½-7½ years)

INTERMEDIATE BOYS/INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

Completed Grades 2 & 3 (7½-9½ years)

SENIOR BOYS/SENIOR GIRLS

Completed Grades 4-7 (9½-13½ years)

LEADERS IN TRAINING (LITS)

Completed Grade 8 (13½-14½ years)

COUNSELLORS IN TRAINING (CITS)

Completed Grade 9 (14½-15½ years)

MUNCHKINS & LEPRECHAUNS

These “pre-schoolers” get extra special care; after all, we know the majority will return and will grow up to become the core of our camper population. More importantly, this is a formative time for these campers and individual attention goes a long way towards the development of good values. Each cabin group for this age will have 2 counsellors for every 8-10 campers.

We try to make the experience at camp in the out-of-doors very different from Nursery or Junior Kindergarten. These campers are offered almost every camp program, including canoeing, that is offered to our older campers. Their programs are adjusted according to the attention span and the abilities of these young campers. Swimming twice daily is a highlight for these extra special youngsters.

JUNIORS, INTERMEDIATES AND SENIORS

Along with twice daily swim instruction (Juniors & Intermediates) or once daily swim instruction and once daily recreational swim (Seniors), our counsellors make certain that our campers are exposed to the full range of programs we have to offer. The counsellors get to know their campers and their needs and design their program to meet those needs.

Once a week our Intermediate campers participate in 'Hobby Hubs' where they choose from a variety of interesting activities to participate in for a portion of the day. Similarly, our Senior Campers can make individual program choices twice a week, known as Senior Options, which allows them to focus on specific activities such as the camp play or sports “house” leagues. Specific "project" oriented activities in Nature, Arts & Crafts and Campcraft may also be offered. Information about these will be provided to campers on the first day of each session. As an added bonus, during each 2-week

session, our Senior campers will participate in a 'Seniors' Extravaganza' where campers can choose two exciting programs from a selection of guest workshops; examples include cooking, cartooning and golf lessons. Group size (12-15 campers) may vary but at least 2 counsellors will be supervising each cabin.

THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Our experience indicates that a truly effective Leadership Training Program strives to develop knowledge and skills of future staff members through the presentation of theory and the involvement of these leaders in hands-on learning. We believe that our LITs (14 year olds) and our CITs (15 year olds) need to understand age characteristics, age appropriate activities, behaviour management techniques and motivational approaches to be successful. By participating in regularly scheduled placements in a variety of areas at camp as well as a mandatory retreat in July for those registered for that session our goals are achieved.

The Head(s) of this program, have a solid understanding of child and adolescent development. They oversee the placement of these LITs and CITs, as well as facilitate discussions and learning so that strengths can be reinforced and other skills developed. Along with skill-development, our LIT/CITs enjoy spending plenty of time with their peers as they participate in group teambuilding/leadership development and scheduled social time.

We feel that the ultimate leadership experience is participation in our 8 week program. However, all LITs and CITs can benefit from a 4 or 6 week program as well.

**HOME & AWAY:
A DAY AND RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM**

Home & Away is a combined Day and Residential camp experience. Campers in this program begin their session at Camp Robin Hood and then travel with their counsellors and cabin-mates to Camp Walden. The Home & Away options include:

Home & Away or Home & Away Sports (Grades 2 and 3)
AT ROBIN HOOD: Monday, July 3 - Thursday, July 13
AT WALDEN: Friday, July 14 - Thursday, July 27

This program is well suited for campers being introduced to residential camping for the first time; those who have commitments in the city; those who appreciate the security of travelling with a group and those who find making adjustments difficult. If you require more information, please contact our office.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no camp for those registered in the Home & Away program on Friday, July 28.



THE PROGRAM

RHSA

Robin Hood Sports Academy offers skill development programs in each of our two week sessions. This All-Sport program gives our campers the chance to experience a number of sports each session including: baseball, soccer, basketball, tennis, ball hockey, golf, ultimate frisbee, volleyball, flag football, badminton, lacrosse, and more.

Our coaches will provide instruction on core skills, and will focus on skill-building, drills and scrimmage activities in each of the sports. At the beginning of each session, families can request a session schedule which will list the daily sports so that campers can choose to use the camp equipment or bring their own equipment from home.

AN EXAMPLE OF A TYPICAL DAY AT ALL-SPORT

All-Sport Group 1, Day One:

8:50	to 9:30	Arrival and Practice
9:30	to 9:45	AM Press Conference & Warm-up
9:45	to 10:20	Tennis Instruction
10:20	to 10:30	Optional Snack/Water Break
10:30	to 11:05	Baseball Instruction
11:05	to 11:35	Soccer Instruction
11:35	to 11:45	Change for Swim
11:45	to 12:15	Instructional Swim
12:15	to 1:10	Lunch and Change
1:10	to 2:00	Ball Hockey Instruction
2:05	to 2:15	Change for Swim
2:15	to 2:45	Recreational ('Free') Swim
2:45	to 3:05	Change & Snack Time
3:05	to 3:35	PM Press Conference and Dismiss to Buses

GAMEDAY

Each Friday, campers will choose a “Gameday” experience in the sport of their choice. This day begins on Thursday afternoon with a draft and the creation of team cheers and uniforms. On "Gameday" campers arrive and begin their morning competitions until they break for lunch. After a nourishing meal and a refreshing swim they continue the afternoon games. Each "Gameday" wraps up with the presentation of the trophy to the winning teams in each sport.

TOTAL TEAM EFFORT (TTE)

In order to reinforce the values of teamwork and a respect for self, others and the environment, our TTE challenges allow campers to earn points for positive interactions with teammates, team spirit, equipment care, and respect for camp facilities among other things. The TTE points are tracked throughout the summer and prizes are awarded to the winning team at the end of each session.

THE ROBIN HOOD SPORTS ACADEMY APPROACH

The instruction that our campers receive is based on our own approaches to teaching skills to young people of every ability (campers completed SK through Grade 7). Through consultation with appropriate Sport Associations and Physical Educators we have developed our own manuals and teaching models that best suit our campers. Our program is designed to have a coach to athlete ratio of 1 to 7 working with boys and girls of approximately the same age and ability. By creating this “team” approach

to group organization, proper techniques can be reinforced and individual differences recognized. Each coach can then direct the program to meet the needs of each member of the team.

The emphasis is on learning and developing skills through a variety of drills and game related activities. Each of these are challenging, rewarding and fun-filled. All of our instructional programs require time and repetition for skills to be acquired and fine-tuned. To do this, our campers must be of an age where they possess attention spans and have abilities that allow them to focus on the sports they participate in.

SUPERVISION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We know that hiring a pleasant and mature staff is essential in order to maintain a successful program. We take much care in choosing our staff members. Once a staff member accepts the responsibility of working at RHSA that individual is asked to attend pre-camp sessions, and regularly planned training meetings throughout the summer. As well, all of our staff are enthusiastic athletes and play or coach different sports throughout the year.

Our coaches our individuals with athletic backgrounds and each bring specific skills and training in one or two different sports. Each group is staffed by two coaches with complimentary skill-sets that allow them to work with our Lead Coaches and Section Heads to deliver instruction and support in all of our sports. Our RHSA Section Heads are assigned each to oversee the two sections of camp (divided by age) including the Junior campers and Senior campers.

The development of our Staff Manual and Coaching Guides ensure a consistent approach to the program. Variations in teaching strategies are guided under the supervision of our Lead Coaches and Program Team. The strong rapport our coaches have with their campers results from the fact that they are always with their campers as they develop their skills.




WEATHER AT CAMP

EVERY DAY AT ROBIN HOOD

Camp Robin Hood and Robin Hood Sports Academy operate daily from 9am to 4pm. Please read our [online Get to Camp page](#) or the Transportation section (in this guide) to get more details about bussing or daily drop-off & pick-up.

Like any program in an outdoor setting we are subject to all types of weather conditions. Rain conditions and extreme heat can effect a day at camp. We are confident that regardless of the type of weather we receive, a safe and sheltered experience will be provided for our campers. Programming will reflect what is in the best interest of our campers, so that a comfortable day is had. Drinking lots of water, slowing the pace of activity, gathering in the Arrowdome or providing more opportunities to get wet on a hot day are just some examples of meeting the needs of Robin Hood campers.

DRESS FOR CAMP - A FEW TIPS

- Dress in washable, light, inexpensive play clothes, a hat, and sunscreen. We recommend T-shirts instead of tank tops for better sun protection.
- At RHSA, a t-shirt, athletic shoes and hat, are recommended. Although some  campers choose to bring their favourite equipment from home, we do supply all needed equipment daily.
- Dress appropriately for weather (i.e. windbreaker, sweaters, sweatshirts for cold windy days - packed if not worn; and boots and a raincoat for rainy days - we have indoor facilities, but we do move about camp).
- We urge you to send sunscreen from home in a container labelled with your camper's name to remain for the duration of his/her stay.
- No matter what the weather, camp facilities are more than adequate to carry on all programs.
- LABEL EVERYTHING: It is essential that each and every article that comes to camp be marked with your child's first and last name. We are able to return labelled items. Items not tagged are displayed at the Lost and Found area, but children have difficulty recognizing their own clothes.

HOW TO LABEL YOUR CLOTHES... So we can return them to you!

At Robin Hood we work hard to make sure that our campers go home with all of their “stuff” each and every day. By establishing good routines and assisting our campers, we help make sure that all belongings are put in the proper knapsack and make their way home. In the event that something becomes misplaced we can often return things quickly if you help us with the following:

- Label ALL of your campers clothing and items such as sun screen & lunch containers with proper name labels (either iron/sew on – or use a sharpie!) .
- PLEASE LABEL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD’S FIRST AND LAST NAME. Labeling both first and last names on each and every item enables our staff to have a much easier time of matching a particular lost article with its rightful owner. This will help us avoid the often experienced circumstance of having an item passed to several homes before reaching the correct one.
- We continue to encourage families to send clothes that they don’t mind getting damaged or worn out. Sometimes campers even wear “hand-me-downs”. Please make sure that these “hand-me-downs” are RE-LABELLED so that the appropriate child’s name is on the item.

Your help with these few steps can make a BIG DIFFERENCE in successfully returning personal items to your home.

[If you would like to order labels, you can do so through our partner organization by clicking here.](#)

We are pleased to provide fresh towels for each swim period our campers participate in. Our service provider will replenish our needs daily and our staff will assist campers in the process of receiving towels at each swim. We are hopeful that this added convenience provides you with one less area of preparation for your campers day and a more comfortable experience for your child(ren) as they carry their belongings in their Robin Hood knapsack daily.

WHAT TO WEAR TO START THE DAY

- Bathing Suit (rain or shine)
- Appropriate Sports Attire Only **RHSA**
- T-shirt & Shorts
- Running Shoes
- Socks
- Hat
- Sunscreen (applied prior to the bus's arrival rain or shine)
- Sunglasses (if age appropriate)

WHAT TO PACK IN YOUR CAMP KNAPSACK

- Labelled Sunscreen to remain at camp (First Day Only)
- 2 Bathing Suits
- 1 pair of shorts and underwear
- Lunch (if providing)
- Raincoat
- Warm Sweatshirt and Sweatpants
- Pool Shoes (optional)
- Eyeglasses Case (if required)
- Earplugs (if required)
- Appropriate change of clothes for days that start off cool - even on our coolest days, a t-shirt and shorts should be worn or packed
- Plastic bag for wet clothes

NOTE: The maximum weight of the knapsack should not exceed 10-15% of the child's body weight. The load should be evenly distributed. Make sure both shoulder straps are used and adjusted to a snug (not tight) fit.

RHSA EQUIPMENT

If your camper is interested in bringing their own equipment to camp, you may request a group schedule to determine what sports s/he is scheduled to do on any given day. If you're sending your child with his/her own equipment, please label it with a first and last name. Here are some details about the equipment that RHSA provides:

TENNIS: Racquets and balls are available, although some athletes do bring

their own. Cross-Training or regular running shoes are recommended.

BASEBALL: Many campers do bring their own gloves to camp however, we can provide gloves for those that wish. Some campers also bring their own batting glove. Spikes are not necessary. Be sure to send your child with regular running shoes daily. Bats of all sizes are available.

BASKETBALL: Cross-Training or regular running shoes are recommended.

SOCCER: Shin pads are available although some athletes do bring their own. Soccer cleats are not necessary. Be sure to send your child with regular running shoes daily.

THINGS FROM HOME

Parents are asked NOT to send books, toys, iPads, iPods, cell phones or money to camp unless specifically requested to do so by our staff. We cannot be responsible for any lost jewellery, clothing, money or other articles. Some campers may bring their sports equipment to camp. Please make sure all equipment is labelled (full name) in large letters with a permanent marker.

Many parents say they worry about their camper's lunches because "the kids don't always eat what has been packed for them". Public health nutritionists recommend that parents involve their children in making their lunches.

Sandwiches may not have to be the mainstay and there is now a wide variety of rolls, pita, crackers and rice cakes that can be substituted for bread, fruits, vegetables, raisins, cheeses and yogurts are great additions for variety.

Tips for keeping lunch safe and easy:

- Use frozen juice boxes (which then becomes a refreshing slushy for later in the day) or frozen gel packs which will keep the rest of the food cool all morning.
- Clean lunch boxes and containers every day and remember that wrappings should not be reused as they could contain bacteria and contaminate food.
- Hot foods must be packed hot in a Thermos (we do not have the facilities to warm up food from home).
- Foods that could spoil easily should be carried in a thermal bag.
- **We strongly urge you to send nut free lunches.**

For safety and comfort, campers are not permitted to eat on the bus. Water will be available to thirsty campers on the bus ride home from camp. If your child has a restricted diet you may wish to send special snacks prior to his/her camp session for special treats ie. special days & Friday snacks. Please let us know. We discourage the sharing of lunches/snacks to ensure the safety, respect, and dietary wishes of all our campers. Please contact Robin at our office should you have specific questions/concerns about food provided at camp. She can be reached at:

robin@camprobinhood.ca.

TOWEL SERVICE

GETTING READY EACH DAY

RHSA EQUIPMENT

LUNCH TIPS

THE OPTIONAL LUNCH PROGRAM

Several years ago, we received a number of requests asking us to include lunch in our program. We know that there are many others who prefer to keep costs down or to provide their own food to meet the likes and needs of their campers.

After careful consideration we have been able to meet both needs. We can provide a "bagged" lunch at a reasonable cost that will include either sandwiches, cold pizza, or cold cuts and vegetables, fruit and dessert. The optional lunch arrives with the lunchtime juice and water provided for all campers. That lunch will have the same appearance as those lunches sent from home so that parents who send lunch need not fear their camper will be perceived as different.

We still believe that lunches from home are the best for our campers. However, we also realize that many of our parents have time commitments and summer plans that do not include lunch making; therefore, we offer the optional lunch program.

If you wish to register for the optional lunch program, please fill out the online lunch form included with the spring online forms.

All of our sandwiches are made on whole wheat bread and the size of our lunches are appropriate to the various age groups we serve.

COST

Cost per two week period is \$80.00 (i.e. four weeks \$160.00, six weeks \$240.00, eight weeks \$320.00).

CANCELLATION OF THE LUNCH PROGRAM

In order to cancel for any 2 week program, we require notification in writing at least 1 week prior to that 2 week program. All refunds will be made at the conclusion of the camp season. On overnights and cookout days we will provide appropriate food for all campers and suspend the "bagged" lunch (unless otherwise specified).

THE OPTIONAL LUNCH MENU

Daily lunches include a choice of sandwiches and pizza, vegetables, fruit & dessert

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Processed Cheese	Cold Cuts	Cheese Pizza
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Cream Cheese	Tuna	

VEGETABLES INCLUDE: peppers, carrots, cucumber, celery
FRUITS INCLUDE: apples, plums, nectarines, grapes, oranges, cantaloupe
DESSERTS INCLUDE: pudding, granola bars, fruit roll-ups, cookies, yogurt tubes
SUBSTITUTE SANDWICH CHOICES: egg salad, processed cheese, tuna, cold cuts (salami, bologna, turkey), cream cheese, cream cheese and jam, jam only, margarine or pizza.

* ALL FOOD PROVIDED AT CAMP IS KOSHER & NUT FREE.

WE ARE NUT AWARE

At Camp Robin Hood and Robin Hood Sports Academy we provide a NUT AWARE environment. Put simply, we make every effort to not provide any foods that contain nuts and nut products and strongly encourage families to refrain from sending foods with nut products to camp. RHSA works towards being "sesame aware". We strongly encourage families with campers at RHSA to refrain from sending food products which contain sesame products such as tahini and bread with sesame seeds.

We have a process in place that supports campers with life threatening allergies. Proactive health teaching is provided to our staff by our team of camp nurses to ensure quality care and that appropriate responses take place should there be an anaphylactic reaction.

In addition to being NUT AWARE we have also adopted a NO SHARING FOOD policy as there are many other foods to which campers can be allergic. If there is a known allergy in your camper's group, you will be notified accordingly in order to ensure the safety and comfort of all campers. Additionally, our counsellors/coaches DO eat with their campers and actively supervise lunch and snack times to help reinforce this important policy. This also ensures campers only eat what is being sent from home or provided by the camp. It is this active supervision that decreases putting campers at risk.

We love to celebrate camper birthdays should it occur during their time at camp with us. We always acknowledge summer birthdays at camp-wide flagpole every Monday and Friday. Should you wish to send along an extra special treat we suggest the following:

NON-FOOD treats are the best! (i.e. lootbag items such as: stickers, pencils etc.)

In order to be respectful of camper dietary restrictions and allergy concerns we ask that you speak to our office staff well in advance to discuss food options if you wish to provide a food treat for campers in our program. In the event that food is brought to camp without prior discussion we reserve the right to hold on to it and return it with your camper at the end of the day. Thanks in advance for your adherence to this important camp policy.



COMMUNICATION

HOW DO YOU GET INFORMATION TO US?

At Robin Hood, we try to incorporate a number of approaches to promote successful sharing of information.

PHONE (416) 736-4443
FAX (905) 640-3450

The phone lines in the office tend to get busy during the camp day. As a result, our voicemail system is monitored regularly throughout the day. We will also check messages regularly during the evenings, weekends and early morning hours.

EMAIL

General Inquiries: office@camprobinhood.ca
Transportation: transportation@camprobinhood.ca
Registration: patti@camprobinhood.ca

Visit us at www.camprobinhood.ca. and on Facebook and Twitter. We will publish general information, Friday Flyers and helpful notes on these social network accounts. Throughout the summer, it will be one of the best ways to get the most up-to-date calendar, information, weather forecasts, overnight equipment lists and suggested attire for hot or rainy days etc.

BUS MAIL - WHAT'S THAT?

When "Bus Mail" Envelopes and "Bus Mail" Notes are addressed to the appropriate person and given to the Bus Counsellor, the Bus Mail is delivered to our "Distribution Centre" - the director's desk. That's Bus Mail. We think you will find it even easier than a phone call! Use Bus Mail for:

- A concern about any facet of camp
- If you require an answer to a specific question
- A special arrangement about a pick up, drop off or a transportation change,
- When your camper is expected to have a prolonged absence from camp,
- Returning order forms or other printed documents to the camp office

Please use our **Bus Mail Envelopes** when your note is accompanying medication or something you wish to enclose. We have made every effort to make daily transportation requests easier! Please use our **"Bus Mail" Note** which for this purpose ensures that it goes promptly to our Director Sari's desk. Some **"Bus Mail" Notes** will be included when you receive your camper's knapsack, or can be obtained by asking a bus counsellor or [downloaded from our website](#). **You may supplement your stock by downloading them or requesting more from your bus counsellor.** Please give Bus Mail directly to the bus counsellors. All notes received in this way arrive on Sari's desk. She then becomes familiar with the concerns of the parents, adjustment of campers, illnesses and changes. For simple procedural requests, she decides who is the most appropriate person to deal with the note. When you ask for a response, Sari determines the most appropriate person to gather the information you require and then contact you. That person will report to the Director so that she, too, is kept up to date and informed about your request.

We at camp respond to every inquiry as soon as possible. Of course, you must be

aware that the staff, because of their commitment to the program and our campers, are not always able to reply immediately. Quite often, when they do attempt to make contact, you may not be available. Please be assured we will try to reach you until we are successful.

WHICHEVER METHOD OF COMMUNICATION YOU USE, PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR OFFICE STAFF ARE ALWAYS READY TO ASSIST YOU.

As you read earlier in this guide, we have attempted to facilitate communication between home and camp. This gives us the opportunity to make certain we are meeting the needs of every child and family and are able to immediately respond to a problem before any discomfort may be felt. It is equally important that the families of our campers, are fully informed about camp and your campers.

Our Section Heads, who know their campers well, will reach you by phone or by note and even e-mail to discuss or set a time to discuss any aspect of your child's behaviour or progress, or to exchange information should this be required.

Throughout the summer we will send notes/emails to you about events at camp or on the buses before they happen. At the end of each week, we will email a copy of the "Friday Flyer" which will offer you even more information about the following week's schedule of Extended Days, Overnights, Special Programs, Bus Programs and Cook-Outs. All other information sent home to you will be handed to your camper by the Bus Counsellor as the bus reaches your home or pickup location or directly to you when you pick-up your child at camp.

HOW WE GET INFORMATION TO YOU



TRANSPORTATION

Families have three options in getting their child(ren) to and from camp; Driving to Camp, Door-to-Door Transportation, or Neighbourhood Transportation.

If you are driving your camper to Robin Hood this summer we ask that you adhere to our daily procedures so that everyone can experience a fast and efficient process.

DAILY DROP-OFF PROCEDURES (9:00 A.M.)

Enter Gate B and slowly proceed past the house on the right. Our staff will meet your vehicle and assist your camper(s) out of the car. There is no need to park your car because once the staff meet your camper, you will be ready to go. You will then follow the driveway and exit onto Reesor Road.

DAILY PICK-UP PROCEDURES (4:00 P.M.)

All campers who are picked up daily will gather in our Arrowdome for parent pick-up. In order to ensure a safe and smooth process we ask families to adhere to the following:

- Please arrive at camp between 3:45-4:00p.m.
- Enter Gate D and follow our camp driveway to the designated waiting area.
- When indicated by our staff, proceed to the Quad for camper pick-up. As in the morning, there is no need to park your car because once the staff checks in with you, they will bring your child(ren) directly to your car.
- Exit Camp Robin Hood by following the camp driveway onto Reesor Road.

Important: Please be aware that daily Before & After Camp Supervision fees will be applied should drop-off occur prior to 8:45 a.m. or pick-up occurs after 4:15 p.m.

Robin Hood offers the following services:

- A.M. Supervision (8:15-9:00): \$5/day
- P.M. Supervision (4:00-5:30): \$10/day
- Both A.M. & P.M. Supervision: \$13/day

Families interested in this service should complete the Transportation Form online.

Campers enrolled in this program are to be “signed in & out” at our main office daily. Families may park at either Gate A or in our Visitors Parking Lot located at Gate B. Please Note: P.M. Supervision concludes at 5:30 daily. Should pick-up occur after the scheduled time a fee of \$1 per minute will be applied.

Our mandate is to provide a safe, enjoyable and efficient trip to and from camp for all of our campers and we are very excited with our partnership with Stock Transportation!

Our Transportation Directors work for many weeks leading up to the summer and throughout to assist our bus counselling staff. They share bus program manuals, route information and staff training programs, which include a training video, for over 100 bus counsellors. In early June they will begin to work directly with the staff to see to it that each trip to and from camp is as safe as possible and full of fun.

Even with all of the planning we do, we know that at the beginning of every period and from time to time on any route there are bound to be difficulties. We work hard to correct them quickly. For example, at the beginning of every period we will have a few routes that take longer than expected. There can be many reasons for the delay. They include **construction, traffic hold ups, unscheduled bathroom stops, reluctant campers, inquisitive parents**, or a very cautious **slow driver**. Initially, you might think that changing or even shortening the route will solve the problem. That is not always the best solution. Given a little time to discuss the problems and observe the difficulties with the bus company we can reach the most appropriate solution which may include the shortening of the route or the addition of a bus. We ask you to work with us. We will always keep you informed by notes from camp so that we can reduce your anxieties.

You should also know that in the event of a major traffic jam or weather conditions that cause delays of 20 minutes or more we will send an email and attempt to set up a phone network to contact the parents of the campers on the bus or buses affected.

By working together as a team we can minimize transportation concerns and allow our campers to get the most from the camp experience.

CAMP PICK UP/DROP OFF TIMES

Parents will receive an email containing important information including approximate time of pick up a few days prior to the start of a new session. **On the first day or two**, those scheduled for pick up between 8:10 and 8:20 should **add** 10 to 20 minutes. Those scheduled for pick up between 8:20 and 8:35 should **add** 15 to 30 minutes and those scheduled after 8:35 should **add** 30 minutes. **Please remember this is only a 'guestimate'**. It takes a few days for a routine to be established. We try to pickup between 8:00 and 8:45 depending on where you are located on the route. Where possible, we try to do the drop off's in the afternoon in the same order as the morning pickups. The decision as to the feasibility of this type of routing on the return trip is made in consultation with the bus company and can be done on 90% of our routes. Since we won't know the return route order initially, please be home by 4:25 p.m. on the first few days of camp to be certain that you are there to meet the bus. After the first few days a consistent pattern will develop. Our buses leave our site just after 4:00 p.m. **(except on Family Night when they leave at 3:00p.m.)**.

Our buses will not enter most townhouse developments due to the danger created by the confining space. Bus counsellors will arrange a safe and convenient pickup place for those campers in these areas or will walk to their home to greet them.

From time to time some routes may have to be altered. We will always send an email explaining any change in bus or pick up and drop off times (when possible we also phone).

DROPPING OFF YOUR CAMPER DURING THE CAMP DAY

Please park in our Visitor Parking Lot (Gate B) and proceed to the main office. Complete the “sign-in” sheet and leave your camper with the office staff. We will do the rest!

DID YOU
KNOW?

Buses have bottles of fresh water available for campers on the ride from camp.

PICKING UP YOUR CAMPER DURING THE CAMP DAY

As you can understand we need to ensure the safety of every camper. Although it may seem relatively simple to arrive at our site to pick your child up, this can create a number of difficulties. Counsellors/coaches, the Bus Administration Team, the bus counsellor and the bus driver must be **notified in advance** that a camper will be "picked up" so that we can account for every child that leaves our site.

If you wish to pick up your camper, we must have your WRITTEN request by 12pm at the latest.

Please use our "Bus Mail Note", write a note and hand it to a Robin Hood staff member in the morning or send us an email to transportation@camprobinhood.ca. When you arrive at camp please park in our Visitor Parking Lot (Gate A or B) and proceed to the Main Office. Your camper will have an authorization slip to leave camp early, complete the "Sign-out" sheet and you're on your way!



HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE OUR DOOR-TO-DOOR AND NEIGHBOURHOOD TRANSPORTATION SERVICE MORE EFFICIENT

1. Please be patient the first few days of each period.
2. When a bus is late, **please don't stop the bus** to ask for an explanation; call the office and we will inform you or get back to you as soon as possible with an answer.
3. Please have your child dressed appropriately, waiting by your door or neighbourhood stop for the bus. The driver will honk the horn lightly to let you know the bus has reached your home.
4. Please say your "goodbyes" before the bus arrives.
5. Don't hesitate to ask the bus counsellor brief questions; however, we would encourage you to send notes to the bus counsellor concerning information about the bus. Notes to your child's counsellor/coach, section head or swimming instructor may be included in **BUS MAIL** and should be given directly to the Bus Counsellor or you can send us an email.
6. All requests for changes to morning pick up or afternoon drop off locations or for children being picked up at camp must be in writing and should be given to the bus counsellor via Bus Mail (if picking up your camper use the "Bus Mail Note" or email us). We would appreciate as much warning as possible. Although we try, it is not always possible to meet every request. You may wish to include such requests with your Transportation Form.
7. If you are aware that your child(ren) will not be attending camp on a specific day, prior to that day please send a note to let us know. It would also be helpful if you could let us know by calling our office (up until 8:00am that particular morning) or informing us by e-mail at transportation@camprobinhood.ca.
8. Someone must be home or at the neighbourhood stop when the bus arrives in the afternoon. If you know you will not be there, please inform us by a note (fax or e-mail) or a call to the office, so that we can alert the bus counsellor about your alternative arrangements. If you know you will have difficulty being at home regularly, tell us in writing where you would like us to take your child (include name, address, phone number & relationship). We will try to meet your needs. If someone different is picking up your child or children from a neighbourhood pick up point or meeting at your home, letting us know in writing will help ensure that campers are safe.
9. Please leave us an indication that you are home, i.e. an open door or a smiling face at the door, so that the bus counsellor does not have to come right up to the door to make certain someone is there. The driver will honk the horn lightly to let you know the bus has arrived.
10. If you are concerned about any aspect of transportation once camp begins, don't hesitate to write or call.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Every child has the right to feel safe in our camping environment. The staff we employ are well trained and the program we deliver is inclusive and non-threatening. Aligning ourselves with Ontario's Code of Conduct and the Safe Schools Policy that have been adopted by the schools in our community, is a commitment that all of us at Robin Hood take very seriously.

Every reasonable effort will be made to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our campers. As challenges present themselves, a problem solving approach will be utilized to support all those involved. Discipline will be fair and progressive, and used as much as a teaching tool as possible. Clear and consistent consequences will be put into place, depending on the situation, by incorporating strategies at camp with supportive reinforcement at home. Our hope, like that of any social/educational setting, is to help create responsible, caring and productive members of society.

Issues of bullying, in all of its forms, can occur in any social environment. At Robin Hood, we are ready to respond at all times to issues of verbal or physical intimidation, put downs of any kind or any situation that creates discomfort for any camper. Our Supervisory Staff (many of whom are educators themselves) and Directors will be directly involved in the problem solving approaches we utilize. Only through meaningful dialogue at camp and with our families can we effectively deal with this serious issue.

Parents and campers are always concerned about being placed with friends at camp. We know that they feel that when friends are together the chances for success at camp are improved and anxieties are eliminated. Often the parents are more concerned about this than their camper(s).

We have always felt that one of the benefits of being at camp is the development of social skills that allow a young person to learn to be accepted as part of a group on his/her own. Being grouped with friends may even create more anxieties than they alleviate. A friend that a camper comes to camp with may make other friends. This may interfere with an established friendship or one friend with a stronger personality may be making decisions for both friends affecting group dynamics and friendship building. We also know the success of the group is directly related to the counsellor. Once trust is established, campers feel comfortable and enjoy the benefits of camp. It is for this reason we ask parents to consider carefully before influencing the grouping process.

For us, grouping is a very important aspect of camp. We are fortunate to have approximately 70% of our campers return each year. Sari keeps an accurate record of the relationships formed in each group. During and at the conclusion of the season she recognizes when a camper's group needs to be changed and when the group should remain intact. She then adds new campers chronologically to the groups. For example, in our Archers unit there may be 4 or 6 groups of campers who have just finished Senior Kindergarten between the ages of 5 ½ and 6 ½ years. Although all will be entering grade 1 the following year, the level of maturation will vary greatly. We are able to group children very close in age together and expect that they will have relatively the same maturation level. At the beginning of each new session we can make necessary group changes based upon the displayed needs of our campers. Therefore a 5 ½ year old who is physically and emotionally at a 6 ½ year level can be moved to an older, more similar group in the same section.

Although we do not encourage grouping requests, we will consider them. However, parents must be aware that there are issues that affect our ability to accommodate:

- We need to know that the request is being made by the families of both campers, in writing, either on the application form or on a separate note.
- Our groups have a maximum number and as a result we may have to limit the number of requests for any one group.
- Our parents need to know that if friendships interfere with the success of group relations we will need to work with the families to make changes.

Of course, if at any time a camper has difficulty adjusting to camp or to the group, it is our policy to involve the family in resolving these issues as soon as we can.

Grouping at Robin Hood Sports Academy is less complicated. We are teaching sports skills daily and grouping is directly related to the abilities and age of the athlete.

Camping is a great social experience for all of us. It is wonderful to see so many young people working, sharing and playing together. It is even more gratifying when you see staff & campers of all abilities able to accept each other as they are. Initially, when children encounter someone that is "different" or unable to play a game as they do, they can be outspoken and even hurtful. However, the more they understand and learn about that staff member or camper, the more accepting they become. It is just as gratifying when those that have special needs learn to cope with and understand the behaviour of those around them.

This year we will once again have staff and campers with special needs. Sari Grossinger, our Director and a Paediatric Occupational Therapist, will continue to co-ordinate our efforts and work with our Camper Relation Team to ensure a successful summer for all. She will be working with a team of very experienced & professional Camper Relations staff as well as graduate students from various Occupational Therapy Programs who often join us. Amanda Tetro, a Special Education Teacher and longtime Camper Relations Team member is the Head of the Camper Relations Team.

DID YOU KNOW?

Escorted tours of the Robin Hood site are available upon request. Please contact us to set up a visit.

NEW FOR 2017! We will be offering a unique swim program that has been authorized by the Lifesaving Society (LSS)! Our 10-level program will teach a unique blend of strokes and swim-to-survive skills. On completion of Level 10, campers will move on to lifesaving techniques and ultimately their Bronze Medallion and/or Bronze Cross. Advanced swimmers will participate in a Lifesaving Fitness Program. This program reflects our basic philosophy that every skill has a developmental progression or continuum. Skills should be taught progressively and not to a specific level or group. Thus, it is possible for a camper to be at a specific level in some skills, but farther ahead or behind in the progression of other skills. The fact that a camper can't do all of the various skill items at a level should not distract from the successes that a camper has had in each skill.

We have created these new swim levels with the well-known Camp Swim Consultant, Eric Shendelman, and have received confirmation of approval from the Lifesaving Society. These are recognized badges that will serve as pre-requisites for future levels at other swim schools. [A full description of each level can be found by clicking here.](#) Of course, our swim groups are dynamic and campers may move to another group whenever it is necessary for a camper to better enjoy the program.

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OUR SWIM PROGRAM

We know that the safest, most productive approach to enjoyment and skill development is our twice a day swims with their swimming instructors. There is also a free swim every Friday afternoon to end the week.

All campers in the traditional Camp Robin Hood program receive daily swim instruction. Campers completed Pre-K to grade 3 will receive two instructional swim lessons each day while campers completed Grades 4 to 7 and all Sports Academy campers will receive 1 instructional and 1 recreational (free) swim each day. Campers registered in the Sports Academy program enjoy one recreational swim daily.

A swim report is sent home at the end of the camper's session. The goal of the Life Saving Society swim report is to give parents and campers an accurate understanding of what the camper is capable of in and around the water and in the Red Cross program. It is objective and provides an exact description of what is necessary in order to achieve the standard for any specific item. As well, it provides success at every level and information as to the progression of achievement for each skill and stroke making it an excellent motivator.



SHENDY'S SWIM SCHOOL & ROBIN HOOD

Eric Shendelman from Shendy's Swim Centre will act as a consultant to our program and work closely with our Swim Director (Jacquelyn) and all of our instructors throughout the summer to enhance our training and program delivery. "Shendy" comes to us with over 30 years' experience in the camping industry and aquatics field. He served on the Ontario Camps Association Board of Directors alongside Howie for a number of years and is currently the President of the organization. Our families that know Shendy, recognize that he's a skilled and charismatic speaker and leader who loves a good joke! Shendy will be sharing his expertise with us as we plan and execute our swim program this summer.

Health and Safety top our list of priorities at camp. Our "on site" Health Centre, referred to as **Robin Aid**, operated by nursing professionals is the best way to ensure the well being of our campers and staff. The care provided is comprehensive and the roles of the Health Centre staff is multifaceted.

We are fortunate to have Bev Unger return as coordinator of our Health Centre. Bev has been part of our Health Care Team for 17 years. She continues to be supported by Pearl Bell who now delivers her 'Pearls of Wisdom' workshops to our campers which are "kid-friendly" cabin activities on a variety of important health topics.

"Robin Aid" staff assess cleanliness in camp, including hand washing procedures, cabin neatness and organization. They oversee the processes for food handling and are constantly checking the sanitation of our washrooms.

They are fully informed about health issues such as life threatening allergies, asthma, and care required by children with additional needs. Not only is the health care staff informed, but prior to and throughout the summer they also make certain they communicate with our parents, campers and staff.

We are pleased to have the Markham-Stouffville Hospital (on the 9th Line) available to us. As in the past, Drs. Bacher (Tom and Larry) will also be on call.

THE SUN AND OUR CAMPERS

We remind you that a **Health Information Card must be available at camp** for the safety of all of our campers. **Please provide specific immunization dates.** The earlier the information reaches us, the more time we have to organize, identify concerns and discuss specific health issues with our staff.

For that reason before a camper can attend an Extended Day or Overnight or take part in a Day Trip, the Health Information Card must be at camp and complete. **Please fill out the Health Information Card online by June 5th.**

Please remember to inform the camp in writing of any medical changes that occur after you complete the Health Information Card. **Medication sent to camp must be in their original containers with their original labels sent via Bus Mail Envelope.** Come meet the Robin Aid staff at the Open Houses. This is a great opportunity to deliver any medications, EpiPens, etc.

Over the years we have all come to understand how exposure to the sun's rays can have damaging effects on our skin. Our Health Center staff work diligently to educate our staff and campers on the effects of the sun and we have established some specific policies that protect our campers and allow them to enjoy the out-of-doors. We ask that the following policies be followed in an effort to keep everyone safe:

1. Always wear a hat!! A hat with a wide brim provides the best protection.
2. Always wear protective clothing, in particular light coloured, loose fitting clothing (preferably with sleeves).
3. Apply Sunscreen at home every morning (rain or shine) prior to bus pickup.
4. If it is raining at home – it may be sunny at camp when your campers arrive – we would prefer to not take time out of our camp day to apply sunscreen upon arrival.
5. Send a bottle of sunscreen to camp on the first day, clearly labeled with your camper's name. We will keep this bottle at camp to re-apply frequently. Should we notice that the sunscreen at camp is almost empty, we will send home a note requesting a new bottle is sent to replace it.



CHOOSE THE RIGHT SUNSCREEN

Choose a sunscreen labeled "broad-spectrum" which protects against UVA rays (which causes wrinkling and skin damage) and UVB rays (which produce sunburns and skin cancers).

Sunscreens with at least an SPF of 30 or more are preferable. Waterproof or water resistant sunscreens are the best choice. Don't forget lip balm with an SPF to help protect the lips.

APPLY SUNSCREEN AT THE RIGHT TIME

Sunscreen should be applied at least 20 minutes before sun exposure to allow for proper penetration into the skin. Sunscreens sent from home will be reapplied by counsellors or the counsellors will have the camper reapply sunscreen throughout the day (depending on the age of the campers).

APPLY ENOUGH SUNSCREEN

A measure of sunscreen is approximately half (1/2) a teaspoon on a child.

Apply 1 measure to each of:

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- Face
- Neck
- Front of torso
- Arm and shoulder
- Back of Torso

Apply 2 measures to each leg and top of foot.

MEDICATIONS AND SUNSCREEN

Some medications can make our skin more sensitive to the sun; (i.e. some antibiotics and antihistamines). Allergic reactions to some sunscreens may also occur. Check with your physician or pharmacist if you are concerned.

Our location, outside of the city, provides us with virtually a mosquito free area. It is rare to see mosquitoes at CRH during the day. Our maintenance staff makes every effort to ensure there are no areas in camp where mosquitoes can breed. Because of the low incidence of mosquitoes we do not feel the need to recommend the use of insect repellent on your camper. If you do, however, chose to use repellent we strongly advise you put the repellent on at least 15 minutes after the application of sunscreen. The sunscreen needs to have enough time to soak into the skin before the repellent is applied. You may choose to send repellent on overnights as mosquitoes do come out at dusk.

It is also advised to put repellent on clothing and not directly onto skin, especially if you are using products which contain deet. Please check with your pharmacist or doctor before purchasing insect repellent and educate yourself on its use.

A number of years ago, the Government passed Legislation to insure the privacy of all individuals. Robin Hood, the oldest privately established day camp in Canada, has always respected the privacy of our clients, their families and campers, our staff and the information we have on hand that has been provided. Now that Robin Hood Camps includes; Camp Robin Hood, Robin Hood Sports Academy, Madawaska Camps and Camp Walden, we will continue to be vigilant in the future; however, it is essential according to the Legislation that we inform you about our Privacy Policy.

- Application Form
- Health Information Card
- Swim History Card
- Transportation Form
- Lunch Form
- Order Forms
- Permission Forms
- and other forms during the summer.

ROBIN HOOD CAMPS PRIVACY POLICY

In order to meet the needs of our campers and have the ability to care for them we must collect personal information about them and their families. We do so in our application and other forms such as:

All of the information gathered is stored in our files which are secured in our locked offices and processed in a secure data base with access controls.

The information is given only to those staff who are directly involved in providing a service to your camper, or as required by law.

When information is given to a service provider (a company or individual such as the Bus Company, Hospital or Medical Centre) commissioned by Camp Robin Hood, we have made certain that the service provider and its employees have a Privacy Policy that prevents them from using the information for any other purpose than that for

which they were hired.

We do not sell or rent your family information to any company, organization or individual. Even when asked for any personal information of a camp family by other camp families, we will not provide them with any information without first asking for consent by the family about which the information was requested.

Besides the care and transportation of your camper and our ability to communicate with you and your family, we do use the information on hand for statistical analysis for our camp, and to develop programs required for the future.

We do retain your information to enable us to communicate with you in the future, provide your camper with recognition for time spent at camp, provide you with information about our programs, and inform you of new and exciting information that may be of interest to you.

By this date, you have already entrusted us with a large amount of personal information about your family and your camper and you will be asked to complete some additional forms online (if you have not done so already) by [clicking here](#). If you have a concern related to privacy, please contact [Larry Bell](#). Camp Robin Hood will assume that you understand that we can collect, use and disclose as necessary and store information as set out in the Policy above.

Once again, should you have any questions or concerns about our Privacy Policy we urge you to contact Larry Bell, our Senior Director who is also the Privacy Officer at our offices. Larry can be reached by email at larry@camprobinhood.ca

Thank you for taking the time to read our Privacy Policy. We know that you recognize the time and concern we have placed in continuing to maintain your privacy.



UNIT PROGRAMMING

At Camp Robin Hood, the sections are home base for our campers. Our sections consist of 6 to 8 groups, which make up a little community. Our counsellors plan the daily programs based on the needs and interests of their campers and have the benefit of the instructional abilities of specialty staff in many areas (i.e. Arts & Crafts, Canoe, Music, Theatre Arts, etc...) of camp. Once a month each unit has a special day. All campers will receive a barbeque lunch once per session.

- * All foods provided by camp are Kosher and nut free.
- ** Vegetarian alternatives are available upon request.

QUEST FOR THE GOLDEN ARROW



One of the programs we are most proud of at Camp Robin Hood is the annual “Quest for the Golden Arrow”. Now entering its 24th year, “The Quest” is a two-day event which takes place in the last week of the summer. Robin Hood and Maid Marion (a.k.a. Larry and Pearl Bell) oversee this fierce, but friendly, competition between our traditional participants; Friar Tuck, Little John, and Will Scarlett. Each participant receives a “Quest” t-shirt and is rewarded at the end of the event with a one-of-a-kind “Quest Carnival” which is as memorable as any event your camper will ever see. This is a very special part of our summer calendar which captures all the aspects of Camp Robin Hood spirit - fair play and fun. Don’t miss it!

SPORTS ACADEMY EXTREME OLYMPICS CRH

Sports Academy is also very successful at providing spirited events during the summer. The Sports Academy Extreme Olympics has been developed to provide a camp-wide special day so athletes and coaches can put their skills to the test as they represent countries from around the world.

INTERMEDIATE HOBBY HUBS AND SENIOR OPTIONS, SENIORS' EXTRAVAGANZAS AND SPECIAL PROGRAM DAYS

At Camp Robin Hood, our campers enjoy a variety of specialty programming within their cabin groups. These groups offer a safe and healthy environment to experience successes together, try new things together, and make camp-friends that will last throughout the year and, when we are lucky, throughout their lifetime. In our Intermediate and Senior Sections, we have found that campers are seeking to complement this experience with an opportunity for individual choice, and a chance to focus on a particular interest area.

For Seniors, many of the activities offered in the Options program's various streams will be team, project, and/or skilled based and specialty driven. We look forward to this summer’s exciting choices! Get ready for an amazing program which is sure to make the summer of 2017 an exciting time in the Senior Unit!

Intermediate Hobby Hubs vary from week to week and is a counsellor driven program. The complete list of activities will be shared and discussed during the first day of each session.

Once again, Senior campers will have the opportunity to participate in programs provided by talented activity instructors from outside of camp. The Senior Extravaganzas will be offered once per session and is sure to add lots of variety to our already amazing experience for campers in grades 4-7.



OVERNIGHTS & TRIPS CRH

One night overnights are an optional part of our program which are offered to our Intermediate and Senior campers. Campers in SK to Grade 4 will have the opportunity to attend an optional 4-day trip to Camp Walden. Further details can be found on the Walden website: www.campwalden.ca/transitions Overnights & trips are **NOT OBLIGATORY**. Hence, there is a charge for those who choose to be part of such outings. Permission forms and information will be e-mailed by the end of June.

EXTENDED DAYS CRH

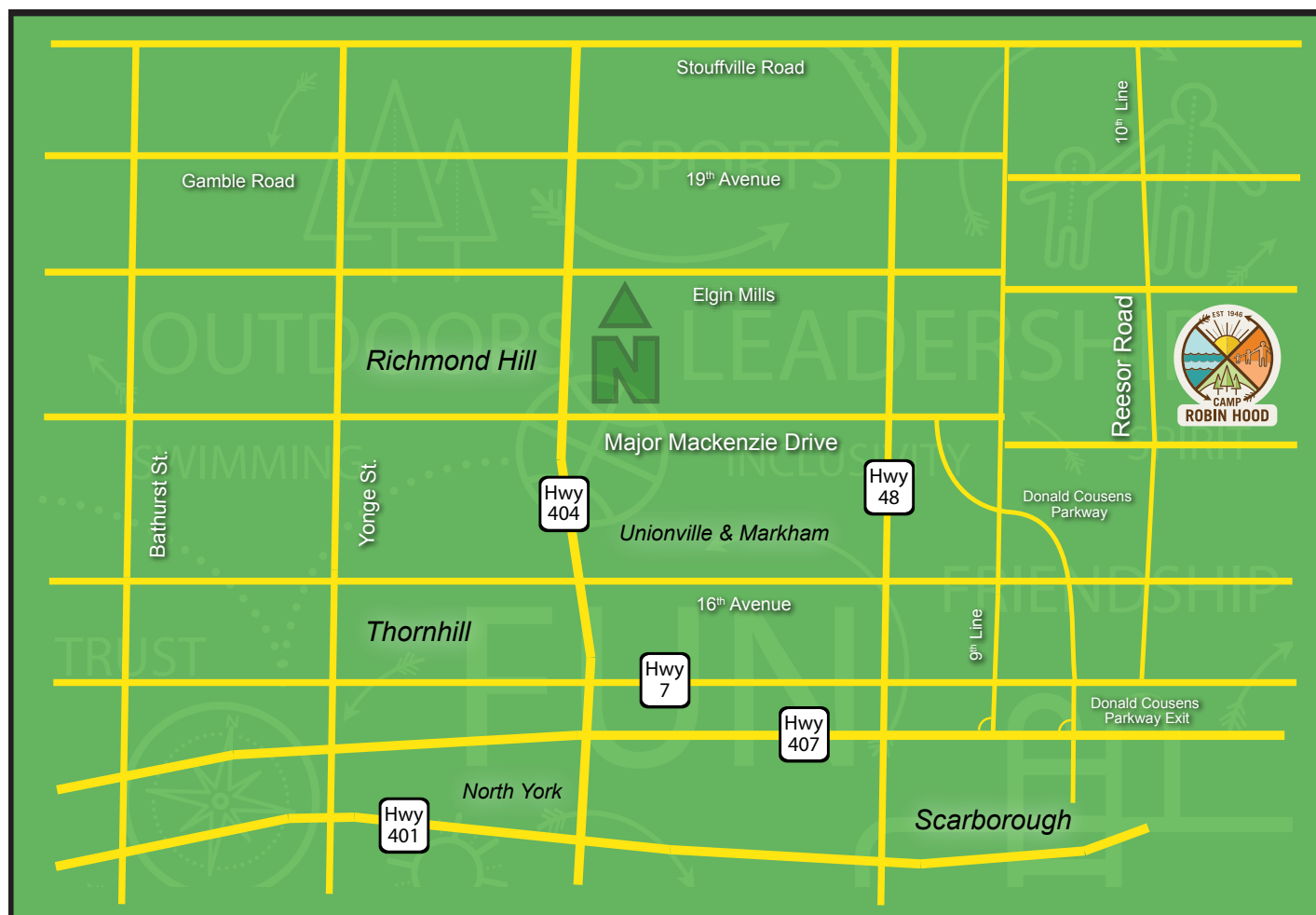
Our Junior campers completed SK and Grade 1, who are just learning the skills that will, in the future, make them full participants in our overnight program, are offered THE EXTENDED DAY twice during the summer.

This program, too, is optional and NOT OBLIGATORY. Forms and information will be e-mailed as the program draws nearer. On these days, those campers participating, stay after camp for a swim and a special program, as well as supper. This program is an excellent stepping stone to overnight camping for these young campers. There is a minimal charge for these optional Extended Days.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Permission forms are sent out prior to each overnight, trip and extended day. Please consult permission forms for the exact due date for that particular outing. Due mainly for safety reasons, it is MANDATORY that all "due dates" noted on the form be respected. Late registrations cannot be accepted. Only Campers with completed Health Information Cards on hand at camp by the "due dates" of events will be eligible for these activities. Once again, having a completed health form on hand even for a healthy child will ensure that should an injury or accident occur our staff are equipped with the proper information in order to care for your child.

MAP TO CAMP



NOTE: If you are following Major Mackenzie from the west, Reesor Road is two streets east of Highway 48 (Markham Road)

YEAR-ROUND MAILING ADDRESS

PO Box 10034 RPO Yonge & Finch
Toronto, Ontario M2N 0B6

CAMP SITE ADDRESS (MAY TO OCTOBER)

10243 Reesor Road (formerly 10th Line)
Markham, Ontario L6B 1A8

TELEPHONE: 416.736.4443

FAX: 905.640.3450

E-MAIL: office@camprobinhood.ca
transportation@camprobinhood.ca

WEBSITE: www.camprobinhood.ca