

COUNTDOWN

TO SUMMER @ CAMP HAZEN YMCA

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Monthly bite size newsletters for parents getting ready for Camp Hazen YMCA.

PARENT COMMUNICATION WITH CAMP

Camp is a great opportunity for your child to feel a sense of independence in a safe and supportive environment. Saying that, we know it is important for you to be kept informed.

NEW PARENT PHONE CALLS

If you have a first time camper at Hazen, you will receive a phone call from your camper's Village Director within the first few days of the session. The intent of this call is to let you know how your child has settled in, and to see if you have any questions for us.

FEEL FREE TO CALL US ANYTIME (860) 526-9529

If at any time you become concerned about your child, or have an important message that needs to be relayed, please call your child's Village Director or the Camp Director. We are always happy to discuss your camper's experience.

During the Session our office is open from 9am to midnight.

CELL PHONES & ELECTRONICS

To help children develop independence, and also to maintain a traditional camp environment, Camp Hazen enforces an **'UNPLUGGED'** policy while at Camp - *this includes any electronic device, other than a basic camera, this includes a music device.* We believe that not only are electronics disruptive to child's camp experience, but they are expensive and can get lost or stolen. More importantly, if a camper has an issue and uses a cell phone to call their parent rather than coming to our trained camp staff, our ability to intervene and rectify a problem is greatly reduced, and your child has missed out on an opportunity to build independence by trying to solve some of their own challenges. If we are ever concerned about your child, your camper's Village Director would contact you.

EMAIL YOUR CAMPER

In order to email your camper while they are at camp, you can set up an account through our complementary e-mail service. You will receive an email explaining how to set up an account from us later this month.

You will receive 10 emails per camper, per week. E-mails are printed each day at 10:30am and distributed with mail after lunch. Of course, your campers will have to reply to you 'old school' with a letter/postcard in the mail!

LETTERS & PACKAGES

We encourage you to write cheerful, positive letters from home. Please don't panic if you don't hear from your camper immediately after arrival, as many campers become too busy having fun at camp to write home. Please remember not to send any food/candy to your camper. This is due to the risk to campers with severe food allergies as well as the fact it attracts animals. Food items will be disposed of upon arrival.

MAILING ADDRESS:

Campers Name, Cabin #
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