

ITEMS PROHIBITED AT CAMP

In an effort to maintain the Winaukee spirit and traditions, we are addressing the growing concern that we share with many parents about electronic items in camp. Over the past several years we have tried to discourage parents from sending delicate, expensive electronic items to camp. These items come in many forms. We want to clearly state our policy for this summer.

ANY PROHIBITED ITEMS FOUND AT CAMP WILL BE SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY.

The items listed below will not be permitted at Winaukee this summer:

PROHIBITED ELECTRONICS:

- **CELL PHONES OF ANY SORT.**
- **BLACKBERRIES, TREOS, PDA'S OR IPHONES.**
- **PORTABLE DVD PLAYERS, HAND HELD TV'S.**
- **LAP TOP COMPUTERS**
- **DIGITAL & VIDEO CAMERAS**
- **HAND HELD ELECTRONIC GAMES, SUCH AS PSP, NINTENDO DS, GAMEBOYS ETC.**
- **IPODS, ZEN OR ANY MP3 PLAYERS THAT HAVE VIDEO PLAYBACK CAPABILITY**

We understand that many campers keep their music on MP3 players. We advise parents and campers to 'burn' their favorite tracks to cd's and purchase an inexpensive personal cd player for use during the summer. Island Campers, boys finishing grades 7-9 will be allowed to bring iPods for use in their cabins during rest hour and evenings only.

These electronic items do not add to the summer camp experience and can have a detrimental affect on camper interactions during down times. Summer camp is not the type of environment for these delicate and expensive items as they can be easily lost, broken or misplaced. Camp Winaukee **will not** accept any responsibility for loss or damage to any electronic items brought to camp against our policy.

We know that the prospect of an electronics free summer will be a scary one for some. We will be working closely with our counselors and coaching them on how to include campers in different group games that can be played during down times. Each cabin will also have board games and cards. We thank you in advance, for your cooperation and support.

TRIPS AND PERSONAL SPENDING MONEY

ISLAND TRIPS

Island campers will be scheduled for overnight trips during the summer. Details and itineraries will be sent in April. Please do not send money now, as trip fees will be added to the April statement. The trip fees are set forth below.

8th Grade Group Trip.....	\$425	7th Grade Canada Trip.....	\$475
8th Grade Bunk Trip.....	\$475	Island Senior Trip	\$700

Please send your son's passport for the Senior Trip. Campers finishing grade 9 must have a passport and a notarized letter allowing them to leave the country with a Winaukee representative. This age group will be participating in an extended overnight trip in Canada. Due to the ever changing border requirements for large groups, your son can only participate only if we have these documents.

PASSPORTS

Please note: For campers finishing **9th** grade, our Island Seniors, we require **original passports and a signed, notarized** letter giving a Camp Winaukee representative permission to take your son out of the United States. A sample of the wording is listed below. Please send these to camp no later than **June 10th**.

"RE: (camper name) To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby give permission for a Camp Winaukee representative to travel with my son (Insert Name) to Canada for the purpose of a group trip to Montreal and the surrounding area.

Sincerely, (parent/guardian name and signature)"

Our senior campers will be spending a portion of their 'Big Trip' in Montreal. In order to ensure a smooth transfer in and out of Canada each camper **must** have all required documentation. It is very upsetting to campers and staff to be held up at the border. Please apply for your son's passport in advance in order to avoid the summer rush.

For additional information about the new travel regulations, please refer to the State Department's travel website located at: <http://www.travel.state.gov/>

For our overseas campers, please also ensure that the necessary visas / entry permits have been obtained prior to arriving at camp.

Please comply and submit these documents as soon as possible in order to ensure the success of our camper's trips.

PERSONAL SPENDING MONEY

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Generally speaking, campers have no need for money while at camp. When campers are on trips, snacks, food and accommodations are paid by the camp. However, should your son wish to make purchases on his trips we will set up a "Camper Bank Account" in his name for purchases, the following amounts should be more than adequate for all campers:

7-9 yr. olds.....	\$100	14 yr. olds.....	\$350
10-12 yr. olds.....	\$125	15 yr. olds.....	\$400
13 yr. olds	\$275		

SEND A SEPARATE CHECK MARKED WITH YOUR SONS NAME AND "CAMPER BANK" PAYABLE TO CAMP WINAUKEE NO LATER THAN JUNE 15th. Please do not send your son to camp with extra cash.