

VISITING TAMAKWA

Our one and only Visiting Day is on the changeover day between sessions

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2011

Tamakwa has **one** Visiting Day which occurs on the Saturday between our JULY and AUGUST sessions. Visiting Day hours are from 11:30am to 4:00pm. Visitors coming in to camp in their own boats or canoes may arrive in camp no earlier than 11:30am. You will receive further specific details about Visiting Day during the summer. But if you're contemplating a visit, it's important to book reservations for lodgings ASAP. Please refer to the section called *RESORTS & HOTELS NEAR CAMP* in this Green Book.

This is our one and only visiting time. Over the years we have tried a number of methods and schedules for families and friends to visit camp. Though we love to accommodate those wishing to see Tamakwa -- and we are proud to show it off -- we have learned that more than one visiting time presents certain problems for campers, parents, and the camp. Such as:

- They are counter-productive to dealing with homesickness and/or can cause homesickness.
- They are difficult for children who are not receiving visitors.
- They put undue pressure on parents from long distances that cannot make repeated visits.
- They are disruptive to the continuity of the camp program.
- Our canoe tripping schedule makes it impossible to guarantee that all campers will be in camp on more than one particular day.

Visiting Day is an exciting day in camp for parents and campers. There will be a variety of activity demonstrations throughout the day as well as exhibits of camper projects at our creative arts activity areas. Visitors and campers may participate in many of camp's land activities, but may not go in the water or participate in any water sports activities. A beautiful buffet lunch is served in our dining hall along side our annual hot dog roast in main camp. Visiting Day is a great opportunity to see all of camp's activities and facilities and to meet your camper's friends and counselors as well as the camp directors while enjoying a day in Algonquin Park.

Since it is the last day of the JULY session, JULY session parents may choose to spend the day at camp and take their children home with them. Conversely, AUGUST session parents may choose to visit camp with their children on Visiting Day, however they must return the FOLLOWING day (Sunday) to drop their children off at camp at 2:00pm to begin the AUGUST session.

MORE VISITING DAY INFORMATION

Our boats begin to pick-up visitors at approximately 11:30am and transport everyone into camp from the Tamakwa Boat Landing parking area. Because we expect a large crowd of 400-500 visitors each summer, we have a plan. Please refer to the Driving Instructions towards the end of the Green Book, but please drive slowly and carefully as you get closer to our landing along Highway 60 because there will be some Visiting Day traffic. We will have signs and staff directing you to the proper location.

PLEASE ARRIVE NO EARLIER THAN 10:30 A.M.

This will allow us the space and time needed to move busses out of our parking lot and send our departing JULY session campers home as scheduled. It is unsafe to have any cars in our parking lot before our campers departing by bus leave the area. PLEASE HELP US AND DON'T ARRIVE TOO EARLY.

VISITING DAY ENDS AT 4:00 P.M.

This will allow families to visit and allow campers and staff an enjoyable and relaxing evening in preparation for the arrival of new campers for our AUGUST session, beginning the following day.

A FEW VISITING DAY REMINDERS

- No camper, CIT or staff member will be able to leave camp.
- NO FOOD (including candy and gum) is allowed in camp. PLEASE CO-OPERATE.
- SMOKING is allowed ONLY in the designated smoking area. Also, we do not permit smoking in the presence of campers.
- Visitors may participate in land activities, but may not go in the water or participate in any water sports.
- Visitors for staff are welcome, but staff will have some assignments throughout the day.
- NO CELL PHONES - Please leave all cell phones in your cars, DO NOT BRING THEM INTO CAMP. Some cell phones do get service in Algonquin Park and we are unified with our staff and campers in the belief that cell phones are inconsistent with the core values and lifestyle of Tamakwa. It is important to continue and hold fast our cell phone-free environment even on Visiting Day. We have our staff's support and we urge you to support this policy as well. Regular phones are available for your use.

PLEASE REMEMBER HOW SERIOUS WE ARE ABOUT OUR NO FOOD POLICY. THE CAMPERS ALL UNDERSTAND AND WE HOPE YOU DO TOO. FOOD CREATES UNNECESSARY COMPETITION AND IS NOT SAFE TO HAVE IN CAMPER CABINS. THIS POLICY CERTAINLY HOLDS TRUE FOR VISITING DAY AND IT MAKES THINGS VERY DIFFICULT WHEN FAMILIES DON'T FOLLOW THIS RULE.



“BUNK1.COM” WEBSITE

We will once again display ongoing camp photos throughout the summer on www.camptamakwa.bunk1.com. Information will be sent out before the beginning of the summer with a password for you to use when logging on. While we can't promise that the campers and staff featured will be yours, we will try to capture the moments that make this summer fun and exciting for our campers and staff.

