

# TRANSPORTATION - COMING TO CAMP

Margot in our Toronto office coordinates **ALL** travel issues. If it's a question or information about transportation, please direct it to her. In the off-season call Margot at 416-924-7433 and after June 15 you can reach her at camp: 705-633-5561.

## WEDNESDAY JUNE 28, 2017 or TUESDAY JULY 25, 2017

### **Camp Bus from Toronto**

**THE INTERCHANGE at Highway 400 and Highway 7 (southeast corner)**

**\*\*MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW \*\***

### **Camp Bus from the Detroit Area**

**WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**

**\*\*MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW \*\***



### **Dropping Campers Off at Camp**

The tentative Drop-Off time at our private landing is 2:00pm. You will receive confirmation of these details in an upcoming newsletter. Please see our map and driving directions on the page entitled DRIVING TO TAMAKWA and feel free to call us anytime with any questions.

#### **A NOTE FOR SECOND SESSION DROP-OFF CAMPERS:**

Families of SECOND Session campers are welcome to come into camp on Visiting Day. However, the SECOND Session begins the following day and therefore campers will need to be dropped off at our landing on **Tuesday, July 25, 2017** at 2:00pm.

### **FLYING TO TORONTO**

For those campers flying into Toronto's International Airport on arrival days, our staff will be waiting to greet them and help with their baggage. Arrival should be PRIOR to 12:00pm, between 10:30am and 11:30am would be ideal. If you have not yet booked or would like to consult with us about the best flight, please do so immediately.

It is very important that you relay all flight details and questions to Margot at 416-924-7433 (after June 15 at camp: 705-633-5561).

**UNACCOMPANIED MINOR FEES are necessary for young campers traveling without adults.** The necessity of purchasing unaccompanied minor tickets and associated fees vary between airlines so please check with your airline at the time of booking tickets. This fee requires the airline to take responsibility of your campers from the time they check in until we meet them upon their arrival. Campers flying to Toronto will be met at the terminal by Tamakwa staff, who will be easily identifiable by Tamakwa clothing or a sign. Campers will be driven with their baggage either directly up to camp or to our Toronto busses to join the other campers for the ride to camp.

### **TAMAKWA TRAVEL SUGGESTION...**

There is no doubt the easiest way for campers to travel to/from camp is by using the Michigan and Toronto camper busses, thereby eliminating the chance of delayed or cancelled flights on arrival and departure days and campers possibly arriving late on the first day of camp. We would like to recommend you take advantage of any family or friends in the Michigan or Toronto area by having your camper(s) stay with them the night before camp begins and drop them off at the camp bus the following day. This would make travel days smoother and would avoid excessive wait times at the airport for you and your campers. For some of our out-of-town families this might not be an option, but if this would work, please consider it.

# AIR TRAVEL TIPS

1. Be sure the airline agent checking in your camper(s) staples all baggage tags into their ticket envelope.
2. Be sure your camper(s) carry-on baggage and its contents comply with airline restrictions.
3. Be sure to include a note from your physician if your camper(s) travels with an Epi-Pen.
4. Be sure to give your camper(s) some travel money for any travel delays in the airports.
5. Campers will clear customs in the Toronto airport upon arrival and departure.
6. All travel documents, tickets, identification, cell phones, travel money, etc. will be collected by our staff upon arrival as it will be kept in a safe area in the camp office until needed for departure. Please be sure to label all cell phones and other electronics being stored in the office.
7. "BUDDY UP!" While this is predominantly Swim Dock jargon, it can work on travel days as well. We encourage you to find a buddy or big brother/sister for your camper(s) to travel with and we would be very happy to help you contact another family in you area. Please contact Margot in the Toronto office to help arrange it.

## **ATTENTION NON-CANADIANS**

### ***BIRTH CERTIFICATE or PASSPORT***

When crossing into Canada by BUS, **every camper/CIT MUST** have his/her valid original Passport or a **COPY** of his/her Birth Certificate. When crossing into Canada by AIR, **every camper/CIT MUST** have his/her valid original Passport. While travelling with a valid original Passport is recommended, for those travelling ONLY by bus to camp, a copy of his/her Birth Certificate is sufficient.

#### **For those travelling with a valid original Passport:**

Parents of non-Canadian campers/CITs must send a copy of their camper's Passport to either our Toronto or Michigan office.

#### **For those travelling with a copy of a Birth Certificate: (acceptable if travelling by bus/land ONLY)**

**You need to make TWO COPIES of this document:**

ONE for us: Parents of non-Canadian campers/CITs have already been asked to send a copy of their Birth Certificate to one of our offices.

The OTHER: To be in the possession of your child on travel days. **(A MUST !)**

### ***BORDER CROSSING AUTHORIZATION LETTER***

The Customs and Immigration officials will also require a letter from you authorizing Tamakwa to transport your child across the border. We provide the form letter for you to sign and return to us immediately.



# TRANSPORTATION - GOING HOME

## 2-WEEK JUNIOR TAMAKWANS & 6-WEEK CAMPERS

**TUESDAY AUGUST 8, 2017**

Transportation to Toronto and Detroit will be available for our 2-week Junior Tamakwans as well as our 6-week campers. Location and approximate arrival times will be confirmed by email closer to departure day. For our first-time JT parents who wish to pick-up their campers, you are welcome to come into camp for a brief visit during our Rest Hour, beginning at 1:00pm and ending at 2:15pm. Please plan to arrive at our camp landing by 1:00pm at the latest. If you plan to stay overnight in the area, we strongly advise that you book reservations early. (Please refer to the section on *RESORTS & HOTELS NEAR CAMP*.)

## 4-WEEK & FULL SUMMER CAMPERS

**MONDAY JULY 24, 2017 or SATURDAY AUGUST 19, 2017**

### ***By Camp Bus to Detroit or Toronto***

At the end of each session, camp busses return to the same points from which they departed in Michigan and Toronto. The busses typically arrive in Toronto at approximately 12:30pm and arrive in Michigan at approximately 5pm. You will receive detailed information during the summer.

### ***Flying from Toronto***

Campers flying home at the end of either session should arrange for a flight departing Toronto as close to, BUT NOT BEFORE, 2:00pm, between 2:30pm and 3:30pm would be ideal. A bus will take campers to the Toronto International Airport along with staff who will remain at the airport until all flights have departed.

### ***Picking Up Your Campers***

**END OF FIRST SESSION:** The last day of our FIRST Session is also our one and only Visiting Day. Families of FIRST Session campers may choose to visit Tamakwa and take their camper(s) home with them on this day. (see VISITING DAY section for details)

**END OF SECOND SESSION:** Parents of SECOND session campers are to pick up their children at our landing is 10:00am. There are no visitors allowed in camp on this day.

