

WHAT ‘NOT’ TO BRING TO CAMP

THE “FORBIDDEN LIST” – Do NOT bring the following:

Appliances – electrical or fuelled – and other no-no’s

- Electric blankets
- Hair dryers
- Blow dryers
- Butane or propane filled appliances
- Curling irons / flat irons
- **Hot pots**
- Stoves
- Electric fans
- Watchmans or any type of TV
- **Phones of any kind (cell, satellite, blackberry)**
- Computers, Laptops, iPads, etc.
- Walkie Talkies (of any size)
- Game Boys
- Electronic games of any kind
- Weapons or anything that LOOKS like a weapon (air guns, sling shots, etc.)
- Water guns of any kind
- Water balloons (and don’t send in mail.)
- Glass containers
- Portable furniture
- Silly String
- **iPods with any videos loaded**

Many of these items create a fire hazard or health hazard. They are **prohibited**.

PLEASE do NOT allow your camper to bring these items to camp.

IF THEY ARE FOUND, THEY WILL BE TAKEN AND NOT RETURNED.

Also Do NOT Bring

- Expensive clothes or equipment
- Tennis racquets (we have special racquets for Half-Court Tennis)
- Hockey sticks and/or hockey equipment (we provide it)
-see “Inline Skating and Hockey Checklist”
- Bicycles or Skateboards
- Any tradable or gambling items
- FOOD (see below)



NO FOOD RULE

We do NOT allow food in the cabins...and for very good reasons: it attracts animals, it creates a great deal of competitiveness between campers, and it spoils appetites. When the campers are at camp, they understand and become sympathetic to the reasons for this camp rule. Our kitchen refuse is removed from camp every night -- all trash barrels emptied at sundown -- to avoid visits from pests and animals. Consequently, the only food that can lure animals comes from the cabins. Thanks to our policy, we have avoided the problem of having to deal with many animals visiting Tamakwa. The kids know that reporting the presence of any large animal in camp may lead to the destruction of that animal, an event that no Tamakwan wants to bring about. If anything, we as summertime visitors to Algonquin Park, strive to glorify the environment and its natural inhabitants. The kids are on our side working toward this purpose, and WE NEED YOU TO BE ON OUR SIDE AS WELL.

Except for snacks on the bus ride to camp, please DO NOT send food of any kind with your child. We define this as **“anything that goes in the mouth” (this includes chewing gum.)** FOOD IS NOT ALLOWED INTO CAMP except for our kitchen. Any package mailed to camp will be opened by the camper in the presence of an administrative staff member. If the package contains food (again, “anything that goes in the mouth”), it will not be given to the camper. We ask for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Particularly important, with our “peanut and nut aware” policy of not having any known peanut or nut products in camp, everyone must follow this policy without exception.

OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT BRINGING KNIVES

We know that many campers like to bring pocket knives for use on canoe trips or for our Outdoor Education program. Because several campers bring knives, we give instruction on their safe and proper use as a camping tool. But the fact is, there is very little need for a knife by anyone other than our oldest campers. Though we defer to your parental discretion, we advise that campers under the age of 13 **NOT** bring knives. We also ask that anyone who does bring a knife should limit it strictly to pocket (folding blade) knives, preferably with a locking device that protects the user from carelessly closing the blade by mistake. Hunting or sheath knives simply are not necessary at camp.