

TRANSPORTATION

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.

COMING TO CAMP

SUNDAY JUNE 26, 2011 or SUNDAY JULY 24, 2011

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 AUGUST SESSION DROP-OFF CAMPERS:

Families of August session campers are welcome to come into camp on Visiting Day. However, the August session begins the following day and therefore campers will need to be dropped off at our landing on Sunday, July 24, 2011 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. We recommend that you begin making travel arrangements right away in order to ensure the proper flight times and the lowest possible airfares. In addition, we suggest booking Air Canada flights so that Tamakwa campers can fly together and logistics can be simplified. 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.

ATTENTION NON-CANADIANS

(IMPORTANT CHANGES, ESPECIALLY FOR AIRPORT TRAVELLERS)

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. Border officials have the authority to deny entry to any traveller without the proper required identification. While travelling with a valid original Passport is recommended, for those travelling **ONLY** by bus to camp, a copy of his/her Birth Certificate will be sufficient for this summer, but this may change in the near future.

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 !)**

If Your Camper is FLYING into Canada

When boarding a plane your camper/CIT will **NEED** to have a valid original **PASSPORT**. This is **in addition** to the photocopy you send to one of our offices.

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.

IN SUMMARY...

YOU MUST SEND TO US:

- Copy of your camper/CIT's Passport (if traveling by air) or Birth Certificate (if traveling by bus only)
- Signed Border Crossing Authorization Letter (we provide the letter; you sign and return it.)

EACH CAMPER MUST HAVE IN HIS/HER POSSESSION:

- Valid Original Passport OR a copy of his/her Birth Certificate



TAMAKWA 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. Everything must be given to the 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.
8. The NEW International Travel Requirements as of June 1, 2009 are as follows:

Air Travel

All travelers are required to have a valid passport when entering Canada or the United States by Air.

Land Travel

Children, ages 18 and under, are required only to present proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate.

(Staff members, age 19 or older, are required to have a valid passport when entering Canada or the United States by land.)

**TAMAKWA RECOMMENDS EVERYONE COMING FROM
OUTSIDE CANADA HAVE A VALID PASSPORT**



GOING HOME

JUNIOR TAMAKWANS LEAVING AFTER TWO WEEKS

SUNDAY JULY 10, 2011 or SUNDAY AUGUST 7, 2011

Early in each session, families of 2-week Junior Tamakwans (grades 1-3) will hear from us regarding arrangements for travel home. J.T. Parents will need to make arrangements to pick up their camper(s) on departure day and are welcome to come in and visit camp during Rest Hour only, beginning at 1:00pm. If you plan to stay overnight in the area, we strongly advise that you book lodging reservations very early. (See the section on *RESORTS & HOTELS NEAR CAMP.*)

4-WEEK & 8-WEEK CAMPERS RETURNING HOME

SATURDAY JULY 23, 2011 or SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 2011

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

END OF AUGUST SESSION: The tentative time for parents of August session campers to pick up their children at our landing is 10:00am. You will receive further confirmation of these details during the summer. There are no visitors allowed in camp on this day.

