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## Travel to camp details

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Dear {{RecipientFirstName}},

The excitement is continuing to build for North Star's 81st Summer! The boys are going to arrive to an incredible staff who are eager to share North Star values, traditions, friendships and fun with all of your boys. Training and set up began weeks ago and the place looks great! The boys will arrive to the camp arches and be amazed with updates and improvements right away!

This email contains a lot of information about departure day policies and procedures, as well as camp policy reminders.

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### Travel to Camp: 1st Session: Monday, June 16th

**For Campers Traveling to Camp via the Chicago/Milwaukee/Madison bus:**  
**Chicago camp buses** will depart from the [Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel](#) (933 Skokie Blvd, Northbrook, IL).

On departure day, **please arrive at 7:45 AM** for a 8:15 departure from the Chicago Bus Stop.

**\*\*Families who do not arrive on time may be asked to catch up to the buses in Milwaukee and/or Madison. We cannot hold the buses to wait on families who are late.\*\***

**Milwaukee pickup** will have a **\*\*new pick up location\*\*** for this summer! Milwaukee families should arrive on the **southwest corner** of the [WisconsinDOT Park & Ride located at College Ave](#) by 9:15 AM and be prepared a quick departure once the buses arrive.

**Madison pickup** will take place at the [Highway Cafe](#) in Deforest, WI (formerly known as the Pine Cone Restaurant). Madison campers should arrive at 10:30AM and be prepared for a quick departure once the buses arrive.

#### **For Campers Traveling to Camp via flying into or being dropped off at Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport:**

Campers who are flying into Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport as unaccompanied minors will be met by a North Star staff member at their gate and brought to our designated meeting area to await the bus. If your camper's baggage is coming to camp on the plane, please make sure they know what those bags look like so they can help our staff retrieve their baggage in Minneapolis.

Campers who are flying in with a chaperone (parent, other adult), we can either meet at the gate or the camper can be brought to our meeting area. Campers being dropped off at the airport should come to our meeting area, with their luggage. We ask that all campers being dropped off are **at our meeting area before 11:30am**. We will have lunch around that time and then head to the bus.

The meeting area will be on the Upper Mezzanine on Level 3 in Terminal 1 (pre-security). This area overlooks the airline ticketing counters and can be accessed via escalator or elevators near the check-in counters.

**Parents bringing their campers to the airport, we ask that you make the goodbye as quick as possible.** This will help minimize homesickness and make for an easier day for everyone.

**Your camper should only travel to camp if he is 100% healthy.** If you are at all doubtful, keep him home a few days longer. Under no circumstances should he come to camp if he has been exposed to chickenpox, Measles, Whooping Cough, Swine Flu, COVID-19 or other viruses that are likely to spread while at camp.

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### **Do we have your camper's correct travel details on file?**

Make sure your camper's correct travel plans are shared with us. For those flying, please double check and update any flight information as the airlines have regularly been adjusting flight times over the last few months and it's possible that your camper's flight number or times have changed since being booked.

To confirm or update your camper's travel plans, login to CampInTouch (or the Companion app), go to "Forms and Documents" and click on "Transportation Form."

**Login to CampInTouch to access Transportation Form**

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### **Unaccompanied Minor Details**

If your camper is flying to camp as an unaccompanied minor, you will receive a separate email from Dan Lichtenstein a few days before camp begins. That email will have the specific information of which staff member will be assigned to pick-up your camper from their flight.

After you receive that email, you will call your airline and update the information on file to match for their pick-up.

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## **Technology at Camp**

North Star is a **technology free** camp. We want campers to be outdoors, explore new activities and make new friends without the distractions from home, a tablet or mobile device. Only mp3 players that do not have games or Wifi connectivity are allowed.

Campers who are taking the camp bus from Chicago/Milwaukee/Madison and back home should not bring their cell phone or other devices to camp. Cell phones or iPads discovered on the Chicago bus will be confiscated immediately and sent back home at the parents' expense.

Any camper who is flying to Minneapolis may bring a cell phone with him, but it will be collected upon arrival at Minneapolis Airport and stored in valuables at camp for the plane ride home.

North Star is not responsible for damaged, lost or stolen valuable items that are stored at camp.

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## **Code of Conduct and Camp Forms**

Knowing North Star's rules and expectations in advance and following them are so important to making sure your camper is successful during the camp session. Take time to review [North Star's Code of Conduct](#) with your camper and talk about your own expectations of them while they are at camp.

Let us know that you have reviewed the Code of Conduct with your camper by completing an agreement in their online camp forms.

*Online camper forms are now past due. If you have any outstanding forms, you will be notified by email. Please make it a priority to complete your camp forms now!*

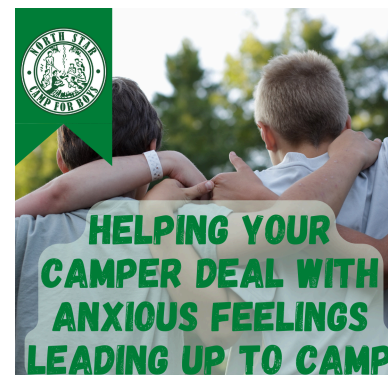
**Login to CampInTouch to complete the Code of Conduct form**

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## **Tips for the Home Stretch**

*"Stress and worry tend to be higher before you act.  
Without action, all you can do is worry.  
Once you begin, fear shrinks as you start to influence the outcome."  
-James Clear*

We know during this season that nervous feelings can start to grow. If you or your camper are feeling stressed or worried about camp, remember you have great North Star Camp guides and resources available for you to take action and learn more, all at the click of a button. When you have lingering questions, reach out to us for even more information.



## Preparing for Camp webpage

As you enter the homestretch to the start of camp, check out this quick video from Andy-  
We know you've got this!



We know that we throw a lot at you leading up to the summer, but that is because we will always do whatever we believe is in the best interest of both your children and our North Star community. Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We cannot wait to see them soon!

If you have any questions about the information in this email, or anything else as camp approaches, please reach out at 715-462-3254 or [office@northstarcamp.com](mailto:office@northstarcamp.com).

Chairs Up,

Andy, Dan, Robyn, Glick and Beth

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*Pronouns: he, him, his*



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