

North Star: Planning for the Trip Home, July 12

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Dear {{RecipientGreeting}} ,

Even though we have plenty of camping left to do at North Star, we are beginning to make preparations for your son's return trip home on **Saturday, July 12th**. Please read the following information carefully and feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Travel Home - Saturday, July 12

CAMPERS TRAVELING HOME BY BUS:

Please note that arrival times listed below are approximate as we have no control over the traffic. We obviously prefer that you wait for the buses rather than having your son wait for you. It would be wise to bring a good book since it is impossible for us to predict traffic and road construction ahead of time.

CHICAGO AREA CAMPERS will arrive at the [Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel](#) at approximately 3:30pm. The hotel is located in [Northbrook at 933 Skokie Blvd](#) ([Click Here for Directions](#)). Luggage will arrive ahead of the boys and be available for pick up by 3:15pm.

Baggage - if your son is taking the Chicago bus, we are assuming that his bags will be on the Uhaul to Chicago unless we are otherwise notified.

MILWAUKEE AREA CAMPERS will arrive at the [College Ave Park and Ride on I43/94 \(SW side\)](#) at approximately 2:15pm. The lot is located on the south side of College Avenue and the west side of I-43/94. Luggage will arrive with the boys on Saturday. It would be wise to bring a good book since it is impossible for us to predict traffic and road construction ahead of time.

Baggage - if your son is taking the bus, we are assuming that his bags will be under the bus to Milwaukee and arrive with your son, unless we are otherwise notified.

CAMPERS TRAVELING HOME BY PLANE will be transported to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport. If you have purchased the unaccompanied minor option, North Star staff members will escort campers to their flights and ensure that they board the proper flight. If you are not participating in the unaccompanied minor program we will accompany your son as far as we are able. If you know of changes to your son's itinerary please inform us ASAP; otherwise, we will assume there have been no changes.

Baggage - you'll receive a separate email from Dan with details about baggage.

CAMPERS BEING MET AT THE MINNEAPOLIS AIRPORT The meeting point for families pickup up at the airport is in Terminal 1 on the Mezzanine Level. Go to the general ticketing area, and take the escalators up one level where you will find North Star and a few other camps stationed. Please be there before 11am. If you have any problems finding our group, contact Dan Lichtenstein at 773-817-5647.

{{First Name}}'s Travel is Listed as:
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If the above travel plans list list:

- Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison Buses, we will be expecting to have your camper travel on that bus, being picked up either at our Chicago, Milwaukee or Madison bus stops.
- Minneapolis Airport Shuttle, we expect that you will be picking up your camper at our meet-up point at the Minneapolis Airport (and we will not be escorting your camper to a flight)
- "Air-Departing" followed by a flight and time, we are expecting to have one of our staff members escort your camper to their gate in Minneapolis. **Please double check for any change to your camper's flight details that may have been made by the airline, and update if needed!** Flight details are constantly being tweaked and changed by the airlines.
- "Car-Departing...", we expect that you will be picking up your camper directly from North Star.

If the above information needs to be updated, please go into your CampInTouch account, click the Forms and Documents link, and then click on the "Transportation" form. Please also reply to this email to let us know that you have updated your travel records.

PARENTS WHO ARE PICKING THEIR SONS UP AT CAMP I have printed a list below of boys that we believe are being picked up at camp. Let us know immediately if you believe there is an error.

Families are welcome to join us for our Friday Night Service. Friday Nights are very special at camp, and this is our last night with our 4-week friends. I know everyone will be excited to see their children, but we need your help in staying quiet, attentive and respectful during our program. In the past our visitors have been awesome and I expect no less this summer.

You may arrive at camp at 7:00pm. We ask that you stay out of the dining room until the kids have finished dinner. They will leave when their tables are clean. We will have a formal retreat around the flagpole and then you and the kids will be excused to go to the Council Ring for our Friday Night Services. After services are over, we invite you to visit with us and have some snacks in the lodge. This will conclude at 9:15pm, when we will ask you to say goodnight for the evening.

You will be welcomed to return on Saturday morning at 9:30am. You will have the opportunity to participate with your kids in some camp activities. In the past parents have climbed the wall, waterskied, played tennis, shot rifles or archery, hiked the nature trail or just hung out with their kids.

Please do not bring in any outside food! We have many campers with food allergies, and in the past we have had allergic reactions as a result of parents bringing in treats for their boys. There will be plenty of excitement just to see you, and you can fill them with goodies on Saturday.

Baggage - if your son is being picked up, we will assume that you are also picking up their bags at camp, unless we are otherwise notified.

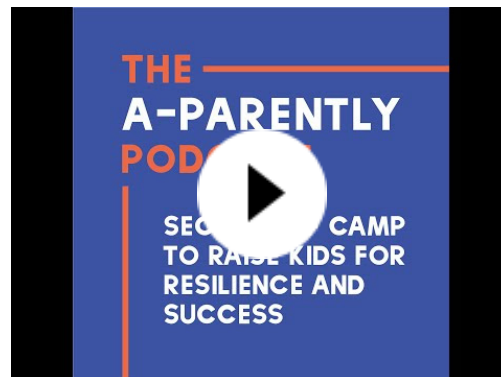
We make every attempt to unite your son with any of his misplaced clothing or belongings prior to his departure from camp. Items found after your son leaves will be returned to you.

Processing the Camp Experience

Finally, remember that it takes time to process a camping experience. After the long day of traveling, your camper may not be bubbling forth with all the details of the summer. The stories and enthusiasm will come forth as he adjusts back to home life. Our letters to you may be helpful tripping your son's memory. Ask them specific questions about their experiences. In many ways, camp is one of those you had to be there things. We're sure that you will hear stories as camp memories are triggered.

Celebrate the Challenges of Camp Too

After being away from our kids for 4-weeks, we want to hear about how great everything was at camp. There will be plenty of that! We also encourage you to celebrate the challenges of camp as well to help transfer the skills they've learned at camp to the rest of their lives. Listen to this clip from The A-Parently Podcast for tips and tricks on how to do this:



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.

Thank you for trusting us with your boys!

Chairs Up,

Andy, Dan, Robyn, Glick and Beth

PICKED UP BY FAMILY

Michael Adelman, James Bruce, Asher Cahan, Wyatt Casteel, Gus Cooper, Matthew Dobrusin, James Epstein, Asher Fabian, Oli Fedoroff, Gabriel Felson, Eli Gershon, Nathan Gershon, Jack Goldstein, Jake Goldstein, Grady Grossman, Ben Henoch, James Howard, Simon Hurst, Camden Jakymiw, Evan Kuperstock, Sam Maggart, Joaquin Mauser, Ellis McElroy, Jackson McWhorter, Jett Morgan, Joey Nitekman, Dylan Peltz, Leo Petrocelli, Graham Pivovar, Dylan Purdy, Gavin Purdy, Max Raimi, Teddy Robinson, Madden Rosen, Adam Rosenberg, Johnny Rosenberg, Benny Samson, Ryder Schwarz, Justin Simms, Miles Stern, Brody Stock, Kieran Stormont, Bowen Studnitzer, Bryce Sullivan, Donovan Thompson, Max Tibble, Jack Wooster

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