

# KICKAPOO PRE-CAMP INFORMATION

We are pleased that your daughter(s) are joining us this summer!  
Please take time to read the IMPORTANT INFORMATION below in order  
to make the summer run smoothly.

## All written communication and forms should be returned

**Kickapoo Kamp**  
216 Hummingbird Ln.  
Kerrville, TX 78028  
(830) 895-5731  
fax # (830) 895-5729

## **AFTER May 1st - Send all Kamp mail to:**

**Kickapoo Kamp**  
304 Upper Turtle Creek Rd.  
Kerrville, TX 78028  
(830) 257-5731  
fax # (830) 257-5740

**Camp Fees Are Due!!!** The remainder of the camp fee is **due by May 1st** for all terms unless prior arrangements were made with the office. If your plans have changed, please call us with this information so we can activate our wait list.

After this initial correspondence, all other kamp communication will be done via the e-mail address we have on file for you. If you are experiencing problems with your e-mail, you will need to contact us to give us an alternate e-mail address.

**Below you will find a checklist of things to do related to your statement.**

**Although the deadline is May 1st, please complete the process and send it in as soon as possible.**

- Fill in the information on the statement and mail it in with your payment for the balance of your camp fee. Make sure you:
  - Delete and deduct items from the statement that you do not want for your daughter. These items include:
    - \* **Insurance** (We have a policy available with 100% coverage up to \$3,500/accident and \$1000/sickness at a nominal cost. If you choose this coverage, you won't have to worry about co-pays associated with your own family insurance. If you choose not to take this insurance, deduct the fee from your statement, and we will have the doctor or hospital bill you directly in case of accident or illness)
    - \* **Helmet rental** for horseback riding (only if you are bringing your own)
    - \* **DVD** of special activities during your daughter's term
    - \* **Memory-Mate picture package** The package includes a cabin picture and an individual of your daughter in a special mat with six additional wallet photos. The photo packet will be handed out with the award envelopes at closing ceremonies
  - Add the following items to the statement if you want them for your daughter:
    - \* **Tribe shirt** - This will be delivered to her cabin on the first night of camp after her first tribal meeting.
    - \* **Airport Transportation** - if flying into San Antonio
    - \* **RETURNING CAMPERS ONLY** - uniform shirt and/or shorts - if needed. All new campers are required to purchase a uniform and you will note it is already itemized on your statement.
  - Print the following from the web site, **complete and return with your final payment and statement:**
    - \* **Participation Agreement Form** - Make sure to **sign** it!
    - \* **Uniform/Tribe shirt order form** - Mark the size of your daughter's uniform T-shirts and shorts. Make your best estimate, but rest assured that we will let her try them on opening day before we put her name in them.
    - \* **Riflery Permission Form** - Complete if your daughter is under 11 and you would like for her to be able to take riflery, if she so chooses.

# HOW DO I PREPARE FOR KAMP?

Just follow the guidelines below for a smooth transition to summer kamp.

Doing everything in a timely manner makes check-in run efficiently and prevents last-minute inconveniences.

## 2 MONTHS BEFORE CAMP:

- Call your daughter's doctor to make an appointment for her camp physical. It seems early, but it can be difficult to get an appointment if you wait until May. Don't forget to go to the web site to download and print the health form.
- If you want your daughter to fly to camp, check out our web site for flight information. Make your reservation, and send us an e-mail with the information so that we can make arrangements with the limo service.
- Make reservations for overnight accommodations in Kerrville for the Friday night of your daughter's closing ceremonies. You can find a link to the Chamber of Commerce web site from our web site. They have an up-to-date listing of local hotels/motels (2 and 3 week terms only).

## 1 MONTH BEFORE CAMP:

- Obtain a trunk for your daughter's camp clothing. Do not bring large trunks. Standard trunks or footlockers (about 13" high, 36" in length) will be allowed in cabins. Others must be stored. Academy, Target, and WalMart are all usually good sources. There is also a link from the Kickapoo Store on our web site to Texas Trunk Company. You may put your daughter's bedding and other bulky items in a duffle bag or laundry bag.
- Check the list of what to bring to camp for items that need to be purchased. Start labeling your daughter's clothing and belongings. There is a link from the Kickapoo Store on our web site to companies that market labels that are helpful, but a Rub-A-Dub marker by Sharpie works well too!
- If you would like to send your daughter a care-package while she is at camp, check out the links from our web site. You don't have to do this far in advance, but you can. Please note that while campers enjoy receiving packages, one or two during a term is plenty.

## 2 WEEKS BEFORE CAMP:

- Set up your E-CAMP account. You don't have to buy anything, but you need a password in order to read the news and view the photos of your daughter and all of her friends at camp! Use the link "E-Camp directions" under Pre Kamp Information/Forms/Downloads on our website to assist you in this process.  
THE E-CAMP PASSWORD FOR THE SUMMER OF 2007 is included with your pre-camp information and statement that is mailed to your address. Call kamp if you have misplaced this information.
- Finish shopping for items that your daughter needs for camp. Make sure to check out the list of WHAT NOT TO BRING as well. Remember that DIGITAL CAMERAS and CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT CAMP!
- Make sure you have mailed in your Health form!

## OPENING DAY:

- Arrival at camp--For campers driving to camp, **we will begin the check-in procedure at 1:30pm.** Those who arrive by plane will have their luggage unloaded, but will not be checked-in and given bunk tickets until it is their turn.
- As you arrive, line up on the road by the green building and wait with your car until a staff person comes to you with your daughter's cabin assignment, "**bunk ticket**" and instructions. Please do not unload or allow your daughter to leave the immediate area while you wait in line. **CAMPERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO GO TO THEIR CABINS UNTIL THEIR PARENTS HAVE CHECKED IN, THEY HAVE BEEN ISSUED A "BUNK TICKET," AND THEIR CARS HAVE BEEN UNLOADED IN THE CHECK-IN AREA.** Campers who go to the cabin without a "bunk ticket" will not be allowed to drop off any personal belongings or reserve a bunk. Bunks may not be reserved in advance for campers who are not present in the cabin.
- Trunks and other large items will be marked with your daughter's cabin assignment by a staff person and unloaded by our workboys.
- The state requires that any prescription medications to be administered during camp be in the original containers with the camper's name and the doctor's instructions on the label. Our first aid station, the Band-aid, is stocked with commonly used over-the-counter medication such as children's and adult strength Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, Robitussin, Pepto-Bismol etc, but if your child requires specific medication, please give these to the first-aid attendant during the check-in procedures. Any instructions concerning over the counter medications must be in writing and presented to the first-aid attendant
- Because girls may be changing clothes, **NO MEN** are allowed in cabins or on the hill. Counselors will be available to assist any camper who does not have a female adult accompanying her.
- Note: Some families will arrive before 1:30pm, if you do not mind waiting in line until 1:30pm come ahead, but stay in your car or near Ranch House, the green building.

**New!**

# FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

Opening Day is better if you know what to expect. You should know that although the check-in procedure does not start until 1:30, the line of waiting cars will already be very long by that time! Many campers are very excited about being at camp and want to be here early to see friends, pick out a bunk, and get settled. We check campers in as quickly as we can, but the wait can be long. We usually have all campers checked in by 3:30ish, so if you don't like to wait in line, come about 3:30!

After you get through the check-in station, you will park your car, and go to the following stations:

- **The Band-aid**, our first-aid station- Here you will drop off all medicines and get your daughter's temperature taken. We must assure that all campers are healthy when they arrive. (Helpful Hint: Do not pack medicine in trunk)
- **The Activity Shed** – Here you will pick up your uniforms and get fitted for a helmet. If you bring your own helmet, please stop by and inform the counselor in charge.
- **The cabin** – Here you can meet one of your daughter's counselors. Your daughter will get her bunk and change clothes so that she has her bathing suit on with jeans and riding shoes/boots on top. (Helpful Hint: Pack a pair of jeans and a bathing suit at the top of your trunk. 1 week campers do not have to do this.) Men are not allowed in the cabins, so if the camper has a dad or other important male bringing her to camp, we will get a counselor or Pawnee to help the camper.
- **The riding ring** – Here your daughter will meet with a riding counselor and demonstrate her riding skills and comfort level with horses. Don't worry if your daughter has absolutely no experience with horses. We have lots of beginners!
- **The waterfront** – Here your daughter will meet with a swimming counselor and demonstrate her swimming skills and comfort level swimming in Turtle Creek.
- **Back to the cabin** – Here you may help get your daughter make her bed and get a little settled.
- Say your good-byes and know that your daughter is in a place where she will be active and well cared for. She will spend the rest of the day engaged in activities with her cabin mates. Tonight she will find out if she is a Cherokee or a Choctaw and attend her first tribal meeting!

After check-in, all of this should take less than 2 hours!

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KAMPERS WANTING TO TAKE HORSEBACK RIDING MUST WEAR HELMETS  
AND BOOTS OR LACE-UP SHOES WITH HEELS!!!

Shoes or boots with heels are required for riding and there will be no exceptions! Our insurance carrier requires that we make this requirement to reduce the risk of serious injury. No tennis or athletic shoe has a heel that will qualify.

The helmet must be a certified horseback-riding helmet. No bicycle helmets! Parents can lease a helmet from Kickapoo for \$5.00 per week. If a helmet is leased, it will be shared with other campers, but we will be using a helmet with a washable liner. If you chose to lease a helmet, the fee has already been added to the statement. If you plan for your daughter to have her own helmet, deduct the lease fee from the statement.

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**DVD of your daughter's term**--Each term Laura videos the main events during the term, as well as the closing activities. The video is available for viewing during the closing activities. This year the cost of the DVD is \$25.00 if ordered in advance through payment with the statement. The cost of ordering the video during closing activities will be \$35.00. If you do not want to pre-order the DVD, deduct the \$25.00 from the total on your statement.

**Memory Mate Photo Packet**—Each year we have a professional photographer take the pictures for the photo packet. The package includes a cabin group photo and an individual photo of your daughter in a special mat with six additional wallet photos. The photo packet will be handed out with the award envelopes at the close of each term. The cost of the packet is \$15.00 and is included on the statement. If you do not want the photo packet, deduct the \$15.00 from the total on your statement.