



Parent Package 2023

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Welcome to Camp Warwa!

Thank you for choosing Camp Warwa for your child's camp experience. We are honoured to be able to spend time with your camper and are excited about their arrival. This Parent's Information Package is designed to help your family prepare for camp and answer any questions you may have. The camp office is open year-round, and our staff love to talk with families about camp, so never hesitate to give us a call or send us an email.

Mission Statement

Camp Warwa is dedicated to improving the lives of children through experiences in the outdoors.

Our Values

There are four core values that Camp Warwa believes in. These values run through every part of what we do and are what we strive to pass on to our campers.

Connecting with Yourself

Connecting with yourself: At Camp Warwa, your child will be able to experience many new things and activities. While at camp, we encourage personal growth in all our campers, and we ensure that they have the opportunity of self-reflection in an accepting and safe environment.

Connecting with Community

The community we cultivate at camp is one of acceptance and the opportunity to interact with new friends and reconnect with old ones. Our community experience includes being part of traditions, being guided by positive role models and being able to contribute as a part of a team.

Connecting with Nature

Camp Warwa is a place in nature that our campers can always return to, and all their experiences here are rooted in the natural world. At Camp, we are constantly surrounded by nature; from our forest trails we walk, to the lakes we paddle and the mountains we climb. Campers explore the world all around them and connect with it through direct experience.

Connecting with the Generations

We are thankful for the many generations at camp; from the returning staff, to the campers and everyone else that returns to this community year after year. Campers can both share their experiences but also learn from the experiences of others. Through our traditions, we can connect with all those who have come in the past, and all of those that will come in the future.

Our Commitment

We strive to provide a safe, caring environment to foster the development of your child's skills, confidence, and interpersonal relationships. Through outdoor activities, we will encourage challenge, fun, and a healthy lifestyle. We believe living in a group and community setting outdoors creates an ideal atmosphere for people to grow into the best versions of themselves. Each camper is treated as unique, important and capable, and provided with every opportunity to succeed.

Family Agreement

By registering your camper with Camp Warwa, you agree to our policies and procedures. These are explained in detail in this document and include the following essential points:

- You are consenting to your child's ability to fully participate in the range of programs offered at Camp Warwa
- You are agreeing to authorize the camp leadership team in the event of an accident, injury, or illness affecting your camper, to authorize on your behalf all medical and other procedures, including admission to hospital and further treatment necessary for the care of the camper.
- You understand and agree with the Cancellation Policy.
- You understand and agree with the Promotional Material Policy

COVID-19 and Illnesses

The health and safety of our campers, clients and staff are our top priority, and we will follow all guidelines laid out by Alberta Health Services.

Cleaning

All areas of the camp are cleaned regularly to ensure that we are keeping our campers safe. High-traffic areas around camp, such as bathrooms, will be cleaned and disinfected frequently. Other high-touch areas, such as door handles and light switches, will get close attention. Program areas will also have increased cleaning frequency to ensure that our campers are as safe as possible.

Handwashing

Handwashing and sanitation have always been a large part of camp life; now, it is more important than ever. Our staff will ensure that everyone has plenty of opportunities to wash their hands throughout their day at camp. Hand sanitizing stations will also be available before meal times.

Symptomatic Campers

It is essential that you do not bring your child to camp if they are sick or unwell.

If a camper has any of the following symptoms while at camp, not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition, they will be observed for the next hour to see if the symptoms persist:

- Cough
- Fever
- Shortness of Breath

If the symptoms persist, we will contact the family to let you know that the camper is not feeling well and that they are required to be picked up from camp. While they wait for pick up, they would be kept comfortable and isolated from the rest of the group. The camper would not be able to return to camp that week.

In general, if a camper is sick or unwell at camp, even if they have symptoms other than those listed above, we will require them to return home. If their symptoms do not include any of the above-listed symptoms, and those symptoms pass, they may return to camp if they are feeling better. Examples of symptoms that could cause a camper to leave camp, and return to camp include vomiting, diarrhea, headaches, stomach aches and others.

Masks

Mask wearing is not required at camp this summer. Staff and campers who choose to wear a mask will be welcomed and accepted without reservation.

Safety and First Aid

All Camp Warwa staff hold a minimum Standard First Aid and CPR certification. Many staff have Wilderness First Aid certifications. If a trip to the hospital or doctor is necessary, we will contact you to arrange transportation for the camper. If it is best that Camp Warwa transports your child to medical services, a staff member will accompany them to Westview Health Centre in Stony Plain or the nearest hospital and a camp leadership team member will contact you as soon as possible. If any prescription drugs are necessary as a result of consultation with a doctor, Camp Warwa will cover the cost and bill you at the end of camp.

Camper Medications

Please send all camper medications to camp in their original containers. Clearly label all medications with the camper's name and dosage. When you drop off your camper, we will confirm that the medications you indicated during registration are all present. If you did not fill out the medication information during registration you will be required to complete a medications form, outlining administration instructions and frequency, at the registration table. If you are sending more than one medication, please put it in a labelled plastic baggie with each container separately labelled.

Out-trip Risks and Hazards

Camp Warwa operates adventure-based out-trip programming for children and youth. Some of this programming is located in wilderness or semi-wilderness locations on lakes and mountainous hiking trails. There are many perceived risks and hazards inherent in the activities we engage in and the locations in which they are performed; however, we feel that the benefits to our campers far outweigh the potential risks. Camp Warwa maintains a Program Committee dedicated to reviewing and revising our current policies and procedures in order to mitigate any foreseeable risk factors.

All trip leaders carry cell phones or radios for communication. All staff are trained in emergency procedures and evacuations. In the event of an emergency, the camp is notified and maintains constant contact with the group.

Prior to the summer camp season, Camp Warwa staff scout out-trip route options for the upcoming summer. This is done to record any changes to the environment and to assess risks and hazards. Detailed notes are taken and added to our information on the area.

Camp Warwa staff leading canoe trips are certified with a Paddle Canada Canoe Instructor's certification. Staff are selected based on their certifications, out-tripping experience, camper supervision capabilities, and maturity.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations will receive a full refund if they notify Camp Warwa before June 1st.

Cancellations made after June 1st are subject to an administrative fee of \$100. Cancellations for medical reasons, including injury, and illness will receive a full refund.

If families wish to change their week or program, they can do so at any time without penalty, as long as there is space in the new session.

If a camper is required to leave camp due to injury or illness, a prorated refund will be issued based on the time they were able to spend at camp.

No refunds will be issued if a camper is required to leave camp for behavioural reasons or if the camper, or the camper's guardian, requests that they leave camp early.

Behaviour Policy

Everyone has the right to feel safe at Camp Warwa. With this right comes the responsibility to respect all community members and to take pride in making camp an awesome place. At Camp Warwa, we strive to create a safe and supportive environment where every camper can thrive.

If a camper's behaviour is not in line with camp rules, is unsafe, or negatively affects others, our staff will speak with the camper about why their behaviour needs to change. We will also

inform their parents about the behaviour. Situations like this can be positive learning opportunities for campers, and we will do our best to help them change their behaviours. If behaviour like this persists or is severe, the camper's parent/guardian will be contacted and required to pick up their child.

Some behaviours are not acceptable at camp. In the event of any of the following situations, the camper's parent/guardian will be contacted and required to pick up their child:

- Stealing & vandalism
- Physical violence
- Verbal abuse
- The use of a weapon
- Leaving camp property without permission
- Discrimination
- Sexual activity or misconduct
- The consumption or use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or illegal drugs
- Consistently not following the directions of camp staff

Please ensure your child knows these guidelines and what is expected of them and others.

Camper Concerns

Should you have an urgent concern, please contact the Camp office at (780) 892-3648. During summer camp, our office hours are 9 am to 5 pm, Monday – Friday. Outside of these hours, please leave a detailed message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You will always be contacted in the event of an incident involving your child.

Camper Mail

If a parent or family member wants to send a letter to their camper, simply email mycamper@campwarwa.org with the camper's name and the group as the subject line. These emails are printed and delivered once per day. Campers cannot write back, but many cherish these letters from home.

Meals at Camp

Three healthy, filling, and familiar meals per day are provided to overnight campers in addition to an afternoon and evening snack. Servings are hearty, and our food services staff are experienced in preparing meals in a camp setting.

Day Campers will arrive after breakfast and leave before dinner. They will bring a bagged lunch from home.

Camp Warwa is a nut-free camp and can accommodate vegetarian, lactose-free and gluten-free diets. Warwa is not able to provide a vegan diet at this time. If your camper has any dietary needs, please let us know prior to their arrival at camp, so our cooks can plan ahead.

Promotional Material Policy

Camp Staff will use camp cameras and personal phones to take pictures and videos during the week may, include your campers. Camp Warwa will also upload photos and videos that may include your camper to our social media platforms. Camp Warwa retains the right to use any images or videos of campers taken by Camp Warwa staff for promotional or communications purposes. By registering for camp, you agree with this policy.

Social Media

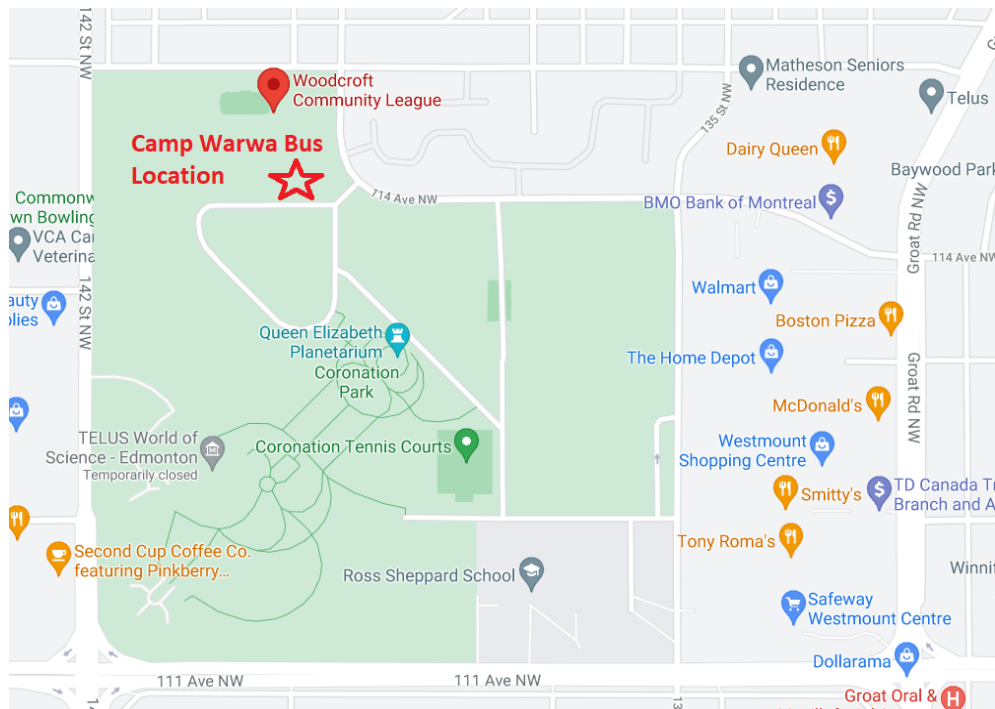
Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok while your camper is at camp to follow along with their adventures. Our social media channels are also active all year round to help families and campers stay connected with camp until next summer.

Getting to Camp

Parents are welcome to arrange transportation to and from camp. Round-trip supervised bus service to and from Camp is available for \$25. Our bus drop-off and pick-up location is the Woodcroft Community League parking lot, which is in the northwest corner of Coronation Park in Edmonton. Access the park on the north side via 114 Ave. Families who would only like one-way transportation register for round-trip bussing, then contact the office to let us know that they will only be using part of the service. To avoid confusion, we prefer that campers use the same type of transportation at drop-off and pick-up.

See below for a map of Coronation Park in Edmonton and directions to Camp Warwa. You can also go to campwarwa.org for scalable maps to the camp.

Coronation Park – Bus Location



Directions & Map to Camp from Edmonton

- Highway 16 West from Edmonton toward Jasper
- Highway 765 North towards Darwell (look for the blue sign)
- Highway 633 East towards Alberta Beach (look for the blue sign)
- Range Road 43 North towards West Cove (look for the blue sign)
- Follow Red signs through Warwa Estates to the camp entrance.



Got questions? Give us a call at 780-892-3648 or email info@campwarwa.org

Program Start and Finish Times

The following table shows drop-off and pick-up times for all summer camp programs. Please note that bussing is not available for day camp programs.

Please have your photo ID ready to show staff at pick-up on Friday.

2023 Summer Camps	Drop-off at Camp	Pick-up at Camp	Drop off at bus in Edmonton	Pick up at bus in Edmonton
Overnight Camps	Monday 8:00 am - 9:15 am	Friday 4:00 pm	Monday 7:30am - 8:00 am	Friday 5:00 pm
Day Camps	Daily 9:00 am	Daily 4:00 pm	N/A	N/A

Camp Warwa T-Shirts and Store

Camp T-Shirt

Every camper receives a free T-shirt every summer! Note that only one free shirt is given out to each camper, regardless of how many weeks they attend.

Store

Due to the impacts of the pandemic and getting camp back up and running this year, we have decided not to offer camp merchandise for this summer. We will look forward to providing camp merchandise again in the future.

Packing List

Camp activities occur in almost all-weather conditions. Make sure your camper is equipped to be outside, rain or shine. Label all belongings with your camper's name, so we can reunite campers with lost and found items.

Overnight Camp Pack List

Waterbottle
Shorts, 3-4 pairs
Long pants 1-2 pairs
T Shirts, 5+ pairs
Long-sleeve shirt
Underwear, 5+ pairs
Socks, 5+ pairs
Semi-formal clothes (for Thursday's banquet)
Pajamas
Sweaters 1-2
Rain jacket
Running/Athletic Shoes, 2 pairs
Rain boots
Swimsuit
Hat with a brim
Sunscreen
Bug spray
Sleeping bag
Warm blanket
Pillow
Flashlight
Extra batteries for flashlight
Shower towel
Medications
Toiletries bag

- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste

Day Camp List – Pack All in a Day Pack

Lunch & Snack
Water bottle
Hat with a brim
Raincoat
Sweater
Change of Clothes
Sunscreen
Bug spray
Medications
Camper must be dressed and ready for the day

Horse Camp Additional Items

Jeans
Riding boots (boots with a bit of a heel)

Hike Camp Additional Items

Day Pack
Hiking boots (snug-fitting boots with ankle support)

A Note About Sleeping Bags

The following groups do not sleep outside and will only use their sleeping bag indoors:

- Pioneers
- Explorers

The following groups will spend one night outdoors in our treehouse or a tent and need a light summer sleeping bag:

- Explorer Treehouse
- Voyager Hike & Island

The following groups will spend 4 nights outdoors in tents, wall tents or our rustic cabin and need a medium summer sleeping bag:

- Voyager Horse & Earth Skills
- Adventurer Hike, Horse, Canoe, D&D, Earth Skills

Do Not Pack List

Cell Phones
I Pads
Video games or other electronic devices
Knives (we will provide knives for any carving or bushcraft programs)