



## Parent Package 2022

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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 for their arrival. This Parent's Information Package is designed to help your family get ready for camp, and to 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 zip 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 they are what we strive to pass onto our campers.

### *Connecting with Yourself*

The adventures our campers have at Camp Warwa help them develop confidence and build a more positive self-attitude. They are encouraged to try new experiences, take on leadership roles, and appreciate who they are.

### *Connecting with Community*

Our campers experience a community where they feel safe and welcome. They get to be part of traditions, be guided by positive role models and share friendships.

### *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.

### *Connecting with the Generations*

We are thankful for the generations of campers, staff, volunteers and caring teachers who have formed and grown our community. The experiences we provide to our campers are rooted in these generations of people, and our campers are given the opportunity to pass on their experiences to future generations.

## **Our Commitment**

We strive to provide a safe, caring environment in which 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 are agreeing to all of our policies and procedures. These are explained in detail in this document and include the following important points:

- You are agreeing to allow your camper to fully participate in the full range of Camp Warwa programs.
- You are agreeing to authorize the Executive Director in the event of accident, injury, or illness affecting your camper, to authorize on your behalf all medical and other procedures, including admission to hospital and other necessary 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**

The health and safety of our campers, clients and staff are our top priority and we will be following all guidelines laid out by Alberta Health Services. We are taking every precaution to ensure the safety of everyone on our site during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

All Camp Warwa staff and campers must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19, unless they have a valid medical exemption.

We expect that the procedures below could change as we get closer to summer, depending on how the situation with Covid-19 develops. We will keep families up to date of any changes to any of our policies and procedures.

### **Cleaning**

All areas of camp are cleaned on a regular basis to ensure that we are keeping our campers safe. High traffic areas around camp, such as bathrooms, will be cleaned and disinfected frequently with high touch areas such door handles and light switches getting close attention. Program areas will also have increased cleaning frequency to ensure that our campers are as safe as possible.

### **Handwashing**

Handwashing is always a large part of camp life and during this time it is more important than ever. Our staff will be ensuring that everyone has plenty of opportunities to wash their hands throughout their day during their time at camp. Hand sanitizing stations will be available before meal times and at specific program areas.

### **Daily COVID Screening**

Each morning staff will complete the Government of Alberta's Covid-19 Screening Questionnaire with their campers and check their temperature prior to going to breakfast.

### **Symptomatic Campers and Staff**

If a camper presents symptoms of Covid-19, they will be isolated, and Camp Warwa will arrange for a parent/guardian to pick them up at camp as soon as possible.

A camper who has symptoms can only return to camp if they get a negative covid test, and they no longer have symptoms.

Only the camper who has symptoms is required to leave site. The rest of the cabin group will continue their week with additional Covid symptom screening.

### **Masks**

Mask-wearing *may* be a part of our summer camp program this summer. We will wait for direction from public health officials and update our Mask Policy closer to summer starting. If masks are required, they would only be in communal indoor areas such as bathrooms, or while walking to their table in our dining hall. They would not be required outdoors or in camper accommodations.

### **Safety and First Aid**

All Camp Warwa staff hold a minimum Standard First Aid and CPR certification. Many staff hold 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 the Camp Director 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, you will be required to complete a medications form, outlining administration instructions and frequency. If you are sending more than one medication, please put it in a labeled plastic baggie with each container separately labeled.

### **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. Yet, we live and play in an ever-changing and unpredictable environment and this section will outline the possible risks and hazards associated with the activities we perform.

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. While the inevitable outcome of these trips is a memorable outdoor experience, campers should be aware of the nature of the programming and the potential risks and hazards to increase the likelihood of a positive experience.

## **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, illness or symptoms of Covid-19 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. Please contact the Camp Warwa office for more information.

If a camper is required to leave camp due to Covid-19 symptoms, 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**

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 in which every camper can thrive. Listed below are the disruptive behaviors, which will not be tolerated at camp:

- Any act which may create a potentially dangerous situation
- Stealing & vandalism
- Physical violence or verbal abuse

- The use of a weapon
- Leaving camp property without permission
- Racial intolerance
- Sexual activity or misconduct
- The consumption or use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or illegal drugs
- Behaviors which negatively affect another camper's experience at camp

If a camper exhibits any of these behaviors while at camp, one of our staff will speak to them about this behavior, and possible consequences that may result if the behavior continues. After this conversation, our staff will inform parents/guardians of the situation and seek assistance from the parent/guardian in resolving it.

If the camper's disruptive behavior continues to be a detriment to the experience or safety of others, the camper will be sent home. The parent/guardian will be contacted and required to pick up their child. Please make sure your child is aware of these guidelines and knows what is expected of both themselves 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 9am to 5pm, Monday – Friday. Outside of these hours, please leave a detailed message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You will be contacted in the event of an incident involving your child.

### **Camper Mail**

Should a parent or family member want to send a letter to their camper, simply send an email to [mycamper@campwarwa.org](mailto:mycamper@campwarwa.org) with the camper's name and group as the subject line. These emails are printed and delivered once per day. Campers are not able to 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 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 have access to camp-owned and personal cameras to take pictures and videos during the week. Camp Warwa retains the right to use any photos or videos of campers taken by Camp Warwa staff for promotional or communications purposes. Camp Warwa will also upload photos to our Facebook page daily, and sharing content on our social media channels, so families can see all the fun their camper is having at camp. By registering for camp, you are agreeing with this policy. Many campers also bring their own cameras to camp, and families are encouraged to share photos of their camper's week on our Facebook page.

## **Social Media**

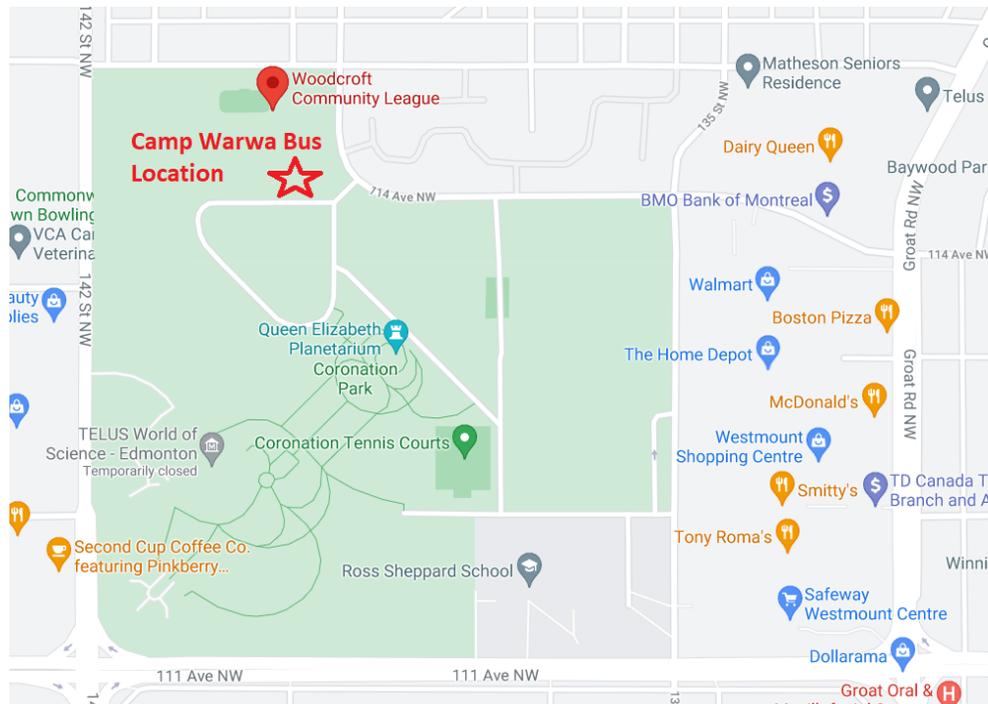
In addition to Facebook, Camp Warwa also on Instagram, YouTube and TikTok. Follow us on those networks to see updates about camp throughout the year. You can even sing along to campfire songs on YouTube when you're missing camp!

## **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 transportation one-way should register for round trip bussing, then contact the office to let us know that they will only be using part of the service.

See below for a map of Coronation Park in Edmonton, and directions to Camp Warwa. You can also go to [campwarwa.org](http://campwarwa.org) for scalable maps to camp.

## Coronation Park – Bus Location



## Directions & Map to Camp from Edmonton

- Highway 16 West from Edmonton towards 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](mailto: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.

2022 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 8:30 am - 9:00 am	Daily 4:00 pm	N/A	N/A

## Camp Warwa Gifts and Store

### Gifts

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. Campers also receive a free Society bracelet. Returning campers will get a special gift for their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> summers. Graduation awards are also given to campers attending their final year at camp.

### Store

The Camp Warwa Store is back! We'll be selling Camp Warwa branded apparel, water bottles, and more! When we get our store up and running, you'll be able to preview the products and prices on our website.

Camp Warwa won't be selling snacks or food in our store.

## Packing Notes

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.

## Packing List

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### **Must-haves**

Shorts, 3-4 pairs  
Long pants  
T Shirts, 5+ pairs  
Long-sleeve shirt  
Underwear, 5+ pairs  
Socks, 5+ pairs  
Masks (pending public health direction)  
Pajamas  
Sweaters 1-2  
Rain jacket  
Running/Athletic Shoes, 2 pairs  
Swimsuit  
Hat with a brim  
Sunscreen  
Bug spray  
Sleeping bag  
Warm blanket  
Pillow  
Shower towel  
Toiletries bag

- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste

Reusable water bottle!

### **Optional**

Sandals/flip flops  
Rubber boots  
Rain pants  
Camera  
Stuffed animals/comfort item  
Flashlight  
Sunglasses  
Books  
Journal and pen  
Fun/wacky clothing for dressing up  
Semi-formal clothes for Thursday's banquet dinner

### **Campers registered for Horse Programs**

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

### **Campers registered for Hike Programs**

Hiking boots (snug-fitting boots with ankle support)

## Do not pack

*The following items are not permitted at camp and may be confiscated for the week.*

Cell phones  
Personal electronics/iPods  
Knives  
Alcohol/drugs  
Weapons