

Camp Maxwellton

Final Information

Camp Maxwellton opens on Sunday, June 21st. Please plan to arrive at camp between 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. lunch time. We would like everyone to start the afternoon program together. Should your son be coming to camp by bus or plane, let us know the arrival time as far in advance as possible so we can arrange to meet him. We are sorry not to be able to invite parents to stay for lunch, but the dining room space prevents us from doing so.

DIRECTIONS: If you are driving to camp south on Interstate 81, you should take the Fairfield exit and proceed west (right) on the hard-surfaced road (Huffman Road becomes Rockbridge School Road which then becomes Sterrett Road) to Brownsburg. Turn left on Brownsburg Turnpike (252), and then take an immediate right onto Hays Creek Road (724). Continuing west, follow the CAMP MAXWELTON signs—approximately 5 miles to Walkers Creek Road (602), turn left and take the first right into camp.

If you are coming from Lexington, take Route 39 west (Maury River Road) (off Route 11 north of Lexington) for about 10 miles to Rockbridge Baths. There, turn right onto Walker's Creek Road (602), and follow the hard-surfaced road for a little over three miles to the camp entrance on your left.

We do not have a special Parents' Visiting Day. Parents are certainly welcome to visit; however, we suggest that parents NOT visit for the first two weeks. Please let us know ahead of time if you plan to visit. We are sorry not to invite parents to meals, but space does not permit.

Some REQUESTS that help camp life run more smoothly - Be sure to go over the appropriate items below with your camper before coming to camp.

1. Please try to send final payment, canoe trip card, and your son's medical form to camp by June 15th. We want to have the "paper work" completed by the opening day so we can spend time welcoming campers and visiting with parents.
2. All belongings should be clearly marked with the camper's name, most especially athletic gear, battery powered electronic gear, fishing equipment, etc. Please post a list of clothing and equipment inside your son's footlocker.
3. Care Packages are always well received by campers. We have enclosed a flyer from "milk and cookies" that can put together appropriate packages for your son. Hollis Capshaw, one of the owners of "milk and cookies", is a former Camp Lachlan camper and counselor and knows our program well. If you decide to send a package yourself, please refrain from sending large quantities of food!! Storage of food is difficult. We feel it better to send only small amounts - NO soft drinks, please! Books, gum, comics, games, etc. are fine, however.

4. Please do include stamps for his letters he will write during camp. Campers will not be able to make phone calls to home. No cell phones, please. Mail is the primary means of communication. Campers will write home a minimum of two times per week. Please make sure your son can address an envelope. Campers particularly like traditional mail. Camp's address - When sending mail, include:

Your son's name
Camp Maxwellton
1629 Walkers Creek Road
Rockbridge Baths, VA 24473

You may e-mail your son which will be printed daily and delivered to your son. Privacy will be respected but confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. Campers will not have the opportunity to respond to e-mail. [send to: maxwelton-lachlan@rockbridge.net and add your son's name on the subject line]

5. Please see that your son brings no money to camp, as he will have no need for it.

However, 15-year old "Cubs" will need to have \$20.00 incidental expense money to be turned into the directors.

- 6. Knives are discouraged and we request that campers not bring knives to camp. Any knives at camp will be held by the cabin counselor or directors and used by the camper only under supervision.*
- 7. Fishing is a popular camp activity and campers who enjoy the sport are requested to bring their own equipment. Make sure all fishing gear is clearly marked with the camper's name. Hooks and lures must be safely stowed when in storage.*
- 8. We do some backpacking and Camp will have some equipment available for those who do not have any; but those campers who have their own gear may want to bring it to camp.*
- 9. Campers who bring skateboards to camp must wear helmets and appropriate safety gear. Campers are not to share skateboards with other campers. Camp Maxwellton will not assume responsibility for skateboard accidents as this is not a regular camp activity. Counselors will monitor the skateboard area (tennis and basketball courts) during free time. Tennis and basketball have priority in the use of the courts.*
- 10. We prefer campers to leave bicycles at home as we cannot assume risks for such equipment. Camp will have a limited number of bicycles for trail riding under supervision during scheduled activities. Helmets are required!*
- 11. Camp life is hard on electronic gear such as CD players, CD's, walkmans, Gameboys, iPods, etc. To bring such equipment to camp assumes a certain amount of risk. Campers will need to provide their own batteries as there is no electricity in the cabins. Chargers can be plugged in at the house. Please make sure such items are clearly marked with the camper's name as they all look alike.*
- 12. Camp Maxwellton is a drug-free zone! There is no room for illegal substances at Camp!*

Finally a quick "heads up" about the last day of camp. We want to extend a cordial invitation to the families of our campers to join us on the last day of camp (Saturday, July 18th) for a 12:30 P.M. buffet picnic lunch and the closing ceremony which follows immediately. More information will be sent to you during the final week of camp; but we want to give advanced notice and hope that you will plan to be with us for these festivities. It is an important culmination for the camp experience.

Thank you for sharing your son(s) with us this summer. We are looking forward to an exciting and happy 2009 season.

See you June 21st! We cannot wait!

Leela & Nancy