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2022 PARENT INFORMATION

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CAMP MANITO-WISH YMCA

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Welcome to Camp Manito-wish YMCA!

We're looking forward to your arrival at Camp and are happy that you're joining us for our 104th year! As you prepare to return to Camp this summer, review the following information fully as our procedures may have changed. Please take care and be thorough when completing all required paperwork to help aid in a successful camp experience. If you have any questions, please let us know. We are excited to see you this summer!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Soldan".

Patrick Soldan
CEO

MISSION:

To enrich the character and leadership development of each person who has a Manito-wish experience by challenging them to grow in wisdom, in stature, in favor with God, and one another.

VISION:

The Manito-wish experience develops confident, responsible, and enlightened leaders who will improve the world in which they live.

OUR COMMITMENT:

Camp Manito-wish YMCA strives to create an inclusive environment by upholding human dignity, valuing diversity, and acknowledging unique experiences

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REQUIRED PAPERWORK

Camp Manito-wish YMCA utilizes the services of [CampDoc](#), an on-line forms completion software. You should have received an email directly from them with more details. CampDoc will collect all information related to camper history, health history and physical examination.

You will be required to upload Camp's physical examination record, signed by your physician, and an immunization record directly into your CampDoc profile. Please only upload each page once - page 1 for the immunizations and page 2 for the physical exam. We recommend making a copy of all uploaded documents for your record.

[Follow this link](#) to complete your waiver for each camper.

[Follow this link](#) to complete your Kandle Dining Dietary Form.

Note: Please complete your CampDoc profile, your waiver and your Kandle Dining Dietary Form by April 30, 2022.

ADDITIONAL FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE [RESOURCES SECTION OF MANITO-WISH.ORG.](#)

- [Transportation Schedule](#)
- Transportation Registration please access [your camper](#) account to register (must register 4 weeks prior to session start)
- [2022 Equipment order forms](#) (Must be returned to Camp by April 30 to ensure availability)
- [What to Bring List](#) (Summer Camp and Outpost)

COVID-19

Please visit our [COVID-19 page](#) on manito-wish.org to access many of our resources related to COVID-19 and preparing for your 2022 summer camp sessions.

In order to attend Camp this summer, Camp is requiring [full vaccination](#) against COVID-19 for all [eligible](#) staff and participants and proof of a negative PCR test prior to the start of their camp session.* Each camper will undergo an appropriate symptom screening prior to entering Camp.

Proof of full vaccination series must be uploaded into your CampDoc profile a minimum of no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of your camp session.

Proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test must be uploaded into Camp Docs within 72 hours prior to arrival. Upon arrival campers will undergo a symptom screening.

*Those who **have not completed** their vaccination series due to sincere religious belief or a biophysical reason (e.g. allergy), will be required to:

- Submit and receive approval from Camp administration for a request for exemption a minimum of 2-weeks prior to the start of Camp.
- Proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test uploaded into Camp Docs within 72 hours prior to arrival.

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CAMP MANITO-WISH YMCA 2022 COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

VACCINATION, APPROPRIATE TESTING & SYMPTOM SCREENING

- ▶ Vaccinations will be required for all eligible participants
- ▶ Testing will be utilized when participants show symptoms or they have been exempted from vaccinations
- ▶ Participants and staff will frequently monitor for any COVID related symptoms

HAND HYGIENE

- ▶ Frequent hand washing and sanitation breaks will be used to help maintain a healthy environment

MASK WEARING

- ▶ Facemasks will continue to be used in certain situations. EXAMPLE: In the health center or public transportation.

CLEANING & DISINFECTING

- ▶ Camp will continue our increased cleaning process around the property.

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**VISIT WWW.MANITO-WISH.ORG
TO VIEW OUR COMPLETE COVID-19 PLAYBOOK**

OPENING, CLOSING, & VISITOR DAYS (INCLUDING OUTPOST PADDLE-IN)

Opening Days:

Campers may arrive between 1:00pm and 4:00pm on the opening day of each session.

Closing Days:

Pick-up is between 9:00am and 11:00am on the closing day of each session.

Per our COVID-19 protocols and to ensure we do not inadvertently introduce COVID-19 to our camper population we are requiring all visitors to Camp to be fully vaccinated as defined by the CDC. We will notify you prior to the start of your camper's session further details on the process for Visitor's Days and Closing Day.

PICKING UP YOUR CAMPER OR VISITING CAMP – REQUIREMENT

Your camper's safety is important to us. We will be requiring a government issued photo I.D to verify your identity prior to picking your camper up. **Steps you need to know to ensure a smooth pick up process:**

- ❑ Ensure the names of individuals authorized to pick up your camper are listed in your CampDoc profile
- ❑ Upon arrival, head to the pavilion* with your photo I.D and proof of vaccination.
- ❑ Verify the camper you are picking up, collect your campers brown bag, check the lost and found, and receive your camper check out card.
- ❑ Head to your camper's cabin, give your check out card to the counselor.
- ❑ All visitors will be politely asked to remain outside of buildings but in the event you enter a building all parties will be required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.
- ❑ Enjoy exploring camp, hearing about all of the wonderful camp experiences and seeing their favorite places!

*If picking your camper up from the bus, please note, campers will be released from the bus after their guardians ID's are verified. Thank you for your patience as we safeguard our pick up process!

COMMUNITY STANDARDS

Camper Code of Conduct/Bullying:

We expect our campers to follow clear instructions regarding their behavior from their counselors and staff. Bullying of any type is not acceptable and will result in disciplinary action and possible dismissal from Camp. Each camper is expected to treat all other campers with respect and to help each other achieve the best possible Camp experience. Staff are trained to stay observant and if a camper has difficulty meeting these expectations, then parents will be called upon to assist. Camp leadership takes allegations of bullying seriously and trains our staff to prevent bullying from occurring. Camp leadership also trains staff to promote communication with staff and their campers so that both will be comfortable in alerting us to any problems during their experience. We ask that you encourage your camper to be a positive influence on other campers and advocate for your camper to talk with a staff member if there is ever an issue.

Staff Code of Conduct:

Camp Manito-wish YMCA believes that a secure and positive environment provides the best experience for growth for all of our campers. This begins with selection and training of staff. We expect staff to model the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. We expect them to abide by Camp policies which includes no use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs and committed to providing a safe, fun and enriching Manito-wish experience. Every staff member is aware of these expectations upon hire.

Evacuations:

We know how invaluable a Manito-wish trail experience is and having to leave a trip part way through can be a difficult situation for both campers and parents/guardians to navigate. There are several reasons an evacuation could occur, but most fall into two categories – medical and behavioral. If a camper needs to leave Camp due to the circumstances surrounding their trip evacuation, parents/guardians will be contacted as soon as possible to discuss the process.

HEALTH CARE

Physical Exam Policy:

- ALL Summer Camp and Outpost participants must have a physical exam within 12 months of their session start date.**
- If your child has a history of **Anaphylaxis, Asthma**, or has been diagnosed with **Diabetes**, you must contact Camp as soon as possible to discuss your camper's history and treatment.
- If your Physician recommends/prescribes your child to use a **Peak Flow Meter**, please include it with the inhaler for proper monitoring while at Camp.

Medical Forms:

- ALL campers and staff are required to have current, completed CampDoc profile and Physical Examination form on file.

Immunizations:

Camp Manito-wish YMCA requires all campers and staff to comply with the [State of Wisconsin's](#) immunization requirements for school entry or to complete an immunization waiver based on religious or philosophical exemption prior to their camp experience.

Medical Care:

Should your child need any additional medical care:

1. Our Health Center is staffed by certified medical staff.
2. A clinic and hospital are located approximately 25 minutes from Camp.
3. Parents will be notified when their camper receives medical treatment through a hospital or clinic, stays overnight in the Health Center, or is evacuated from trail for medical reasons.

Medications:

1. **Only send** over-the-counter (OTC) medications with your camper if they take them regularly. OTC meds will only be administered per package instructions and the medication must be FDA approved.
2. Any medication that **does not meet these requirements** (including herbal supplements, different doses or frequency, etc.) require a physician's order. An order must include name of medication, dose, route, frequency and indication for use.
3. **We have** over-the-counter medications which will be provided to campers and staff **as needed** under our procedures for health care provided by our consulting physician.

Prescriptions:

Only those prescription medications prescribed by a physician will be administered.

1. **All medications must be in the original pharmacy container.**
2. **The correct name, date, and instructions must be on the bottle.**
3. **We will NOT administer medication that is improperly labeled or not prescribed by a physician.**

****NOTE: Any unused prescriptions will be returned to the camper on the morning of closing day.***

Prescribed allergy such as hay fever injections:

1. Must have specific written instructions from the camper's own physician.
2. Because a doctor must give all injections, campers will be taken to the doctor for such treatment.
3. Parents will be responsible for the expense of these injections.

A telephone call will be made to parent and/or physician concerning all medication questions.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Insurance:

Health and accident insurance coverage for each camper is the responsibility of the parents. Common trip insurance packages are available through [CampDocs](#). You will be billed by the medical facility or Camp for any medical/ prescription charges incurred on your camper's behalf for immediate reimbursement to Camp Manito-wish YMCA. Any questions about your insurance policy or your coverage should be directed to the insurance provider. Any documentation should be submitted directly to the insurance provider as requested. Camp will work with you to provide support as needed following your request.

COMMUNICATION – PARENTS TO CAMPERS:

Letters: Please address your letters as follows:

*Camper Name, Camper Cabin Name
Camp Manito-wish YMCA
PO Box 246 (for UPS and FedEx packages use 5650 Camp Manito-wish Lane)
Boulder Junction, WI 54512*

Camp-O-Grams (emails):

- Visit manito-wish.org and click on the [Camp-O-Gram](#) icon. Our email program is one-way from the sender to camper.
- We will print emails daily and deliver them with cabin mail (Monday-Saturday). Camp-o-grams sent after 10:00am will be delivered the next day.
- This service is offered free of charge. Donations to help offset the cost of printing and distributing the Camp-O-Grams are greatly appreciated and can be noted on your invoice payment.

Helpful Communication Tips:

- Remember that one of the reasons your camper is at Camp Manito-wish YMCA is to build independence and confidence.
- While on trail, mail will be held and then delivered upon returning from their trip.
- Letters:
 - Be positive and encouraging.
 - Ask a specific question about their experience - maybe they will write you back!
 - What lake did you go to on trail?
 - What has been your favorite food so far?
 - Tell me about your cabin mates and counselor.
 - Help alleviate homesickness by focusing on what they are doing here at camp, not on dwelling on how much you miss them. It is much more important for them to know that you are proud of them for going to camp!
 - Include a picture(s)
 - Share something you learned while your camper was at Camp
 - Make a small puzzle or word search for them to complete
 - Campers will not have access to phone or computers while at Camp, so encourage them to write letters home so you can hear all about their experiences.
- Camp-O-Grams:
 - We print and distribute hundreds of Camp-o-grams every day. Please treat these as you would any other type of letter and combine all communication into one email for your camper.
 - For siblings at camp, be sure to send separate emails.
 - We cannot guarantee delivery of your Camp-O-Grams on closing day
- Care packages:
 - We have campers and staff that have allergies to certain ingredients and food can attract unwanted insects and animals in the cabin.
 - **If there is food or candy sent to your camper, we will keep it safe and you can pick it up at the end of the session.**
 - Care packages are a great opportunity to send activities and games the cabin can do together (Card games, games, toys, books, stickers, tattoos and puzzles are great care package ideas.)

COMMUNICATION – CAMPERS TO PARENTS:

Letters:

- Include stationery, addressed envelopes and stamps to help ensure your camper writes home.
- Stationery and stamps are available for purchase at the [Trading Post](#).
- Campers will not be able to call home or take your calls. If we have a concern about your child, we will contact you.

****Cell phones are not permitted. Cell phones with a camera feature are not considered a camera at Camp.***

EMERGENCY TRAIL COMMUNICATION

A dedicated phone line for staff to contact Camp Manito-wish YMCA is answered 24 hours a day for emergencies, route changes, and other necessary communication to Camp.

| TRIP | Cell | Satellite Phone | *Marine Radio | **PLB | ***Garmin InReach |
|---|------|-----------------|---------------|-------|-------------------|
| Summer Camp Canoeing | x | | | | |
| Summer Camp Backpacking, Voyageur Canoeing and Backpacking Pioneer Canoeing and Isle Royale Backpacking | | x | | | x |
| Summer Camp Sea Kayaking and Voyageur Sea Kayaking | | x | x | | x |
| Advanced and Expeditionary Canoeing and Backpacking | | x | | x | x |
| Intermediate, Advanced and Expeditionary Sea Kayaking | | x | x | x | x |

* Marine radios allow the group to receive weather reports and to speak with the U.S. Coast Guard, pleasure craft, and local marinas.

** PLB = Personal Locator Beacons put out a distress signal picked up by satellites and provide a position fix.

*** Garmin InReach = satellite communicators providing communication, location sharing, weather updates, navigation, and emergency response coordination service.

LUGGAGE

MAKE SURE ALL OF YOUR CAMPER'S BELONGINGS ARE LABELED WITH FULL FIRST AND LAST NAMES.

- Iron-on labels or name stamps are available if you choose. [Refer to order form.](#)
- Don't use initials as there may be other campers with the same initials as your camper.
- A [What To Bring](#) list is available on the [Resources](#) page of manito-wish.org. Please follow it closely.

Luggage to Camp should:

- Be a large duffel bag or other type of soft-sided baggage. **No trunks please.**
- Be clearly identifiable with a luggage tag or full name written on the exterior.
- Please consider removing all tags from newly purchased items prior to arrival at Camp.

LOST & FOUND

- As you pack, create a list for your camper to use as they repack their items as they prepare to go home.
- Clearly labeling all belongings will cut down on the volume of lost & found items.
- We will work with campers to help them keep track of their belongings. They will be instructed about where they can check for lost items throughout the session.
- Any items not claimed by the end of the session will be on closing day. Campers will be asked to check for any personal items before departing Camp.
- If you discover something is missing when you return home, please call us immediately.
- We will ship the found items to you. Families will be responsible for shipping charges.

Camp Manito-wish YMCA is not responsible for LOST, STOLEN, or DAMAGED equipment or clothing.

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CAMPER REQUESTS

Please submit Camper Requests on the Camper Information section in CampDoc only.

Should you want to make a camper request to be in the same cabin as a friend, here are guidelines:

1. Each camper can only make **ONE** other camper request - if you put down more than one name we will simply honor the first name on the line.
2. The request must come from **BOTH** families.
3. Both campers must be the same age and/or grade.
4. Both campers must be attending the same session.
5. Both requests need to be completed in the campers CampDoc profile.
6. Camper requests must be made no later than June 1st (boys) or July 1st (girls).
- 7. We cannot guarantee all requests (though we do try our best!)**
8. If we are unable to accommodate your request, Camp will call prior to your session.

Should you make a request to **NOT** be in the same cabin as another camper:

1. The "No" request must note the full name of the camper.
2. If the "No" request refers to a school or town - please be as specific as possible.

Outpost Tripmate Requests:

Small group wilderness travel is essential to the quality of your experience. While we do our best to honor requests for Outpost campers wanting to be in the same trip group, **no request is guaranteed.**

CAMPER PHOTOS - SMUGMUG

Accessible through our website, [SmugMug](#) is a secure on-line photo gallery where opening day pictures, cabin pictures and program activities from all programs are posted. You may purchase copies of photos directly from SmugMug. The password to enter the site is **summer2022** (all lower case) and photos will be available after the start of the season.

Camp posts pictures on SmugMug approximately every other day. Campers are constantly in motion, and are off camp property during their wilderness trips, therefore, beyond the cabin pictures, **we cannot guarantee you will see your child through this venue.** We know most families are accustomed to constant contact via social media, and this will be a transition for both camper and family. We believe that a sense of independence for both family and camper while away at camp is an important tool for growth. We also believe in the value of verbally relaying stories from campers to parents as a part of sharing in their camp experience.

SPENDING MONEY

Summer Camp:

- How much to deposit in your child's camp bank account depends on your camper's interests.
- Cash is not necessary at Camp as all purchases are charged against this account. No money should be kept in the cabin. Camp is not responsible for money left with the camper.
- Items available for purchase through the [camp store](#) include: canoe paddles, stamps, stationery, t-shirts, sweatshirts, souvenirs, and personal hygiene products.
- We recommend approximately \$75-\$150 in your child's account for a 3-week session.
- Remaining balances over \$10.00 will be mailed home via check at the end of the session, unless you choose to donate it to our Campership Fund. Balances under \$10.00 will be returned to the camper, in cash, at breakfast on the day of departure.

You can add money to your campers account by:

- Adding it on the invoice in your [campers account](#)
- Sending it separately

Outpost:

The average Outpost camper brings \$100 in cash or debit/credit card. Due to the short amount of time that Outpost campers are in camp, **money is NOT deposited in the Camp Bank**. See your trip specific [What To Bring](#) list on the [Resources](#) page of manito-wish.org to determine amount of cash needed.

INVOICE CONTRIBUTIONS (optional)

Campership: Camp Manito-wish YMCA depends on financial contributions from hundreds of individuals to keep our program strong. Over 150 campers a year are able to attend Manito-wish because of contributions to our Campership program. If you wish, please indicate your tax-deductible contribution on your camper invoice.

World Service: Camp Manito-wish YMCA is proud to be a part of the worldwide YMCA movement. The YMCA is active in over 130 countries around the world, making it one of the largest human service organizations on the planet. If you would like to participate in this support, please indicate your tax-deductible contribution on your camper invoice. Campers, staff, and guests have the opportunity to contribute through offerings during Sunday chapel services as well.

Camp Treats: Occasional special events are celebrated with treats such as candy, soda and snacks. These all-camp events are fun and part of the tradition at Camp Manito-wish. If you wish to donate \$2-\$5 dollars to the Camp Treat Fund, please do so on your camper invoice.

Camp-O-Grams: We print and distribute over 10,000 Camp-o-grams every summer. There is no charge for this service. Contributions to help offset this cost are greatly appreciated and can be indicated on your camper invoice.

TRAVEL

Driving Directions:

- We are 4 hours North of Madison off I -39 / U.S Highway 51. Proceed North of Minocqua/Woodruff, WI, on U.S. Highway 51 to County M, turn right, (if traveling from the North turn left) and take M into the town of Boulder Junction. From town, follow West County K (left) to the main entrance of Camp. We are about one mile beyond Boulder Junction on County K. Look for the orange canoe. For GPS mapping use our physical address of [5650 Camp Manito-wish Lane, Boulder Junction, WI 54512](#)
- **We suggest making reservations early** if you are going to stay in the area. You may contact the Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce at 715-385-2400 or boulderjct.org for lodging information.

Bus Service:

Transportation registration is available in your account, please log in to your camper account at [Camp Manito-wish YMCA Account Login](#) to register.

- Complete the transportation registration at least *4 weeks prior* to the departure date
- Camp Manito-wish YMCA staff chaperone all buses/ vans.
- Lunch is provided for most transports to and from Camp.
- Make sure that all information on the transportation form is accurate and complete.
- A bus list will be sent as confirmation, via email, prior to each session start and end date.
- Campers will be released from the bus **after** their guardian's ID's are verified. Thank you, in advance, as we safeguard our pick up process!

A 72- hour cancellation notice is required to avoid forfeiture of transportation fees.

Air Arrival:

- Book reservations into either the Rhinelander, WI (**RHI**) (50 mi. from Camp) or Central Wisconsin Airport (**CWA**) in Mosinee, WI (100 mi. from Camp).
- It is important that Camp is aware of all air travel 4 weeks prior to the session.
- Confirm pick-up arrangements on the transportation reservation form.
- Flights must be scheduled to arrive between **9:00am and 3:00pm on opening days.**
- Flights must be scheduled to depart between **9:00am and 2:00pm on closing days.**

Flights scheduled outside of these hours require additional trips to the airport and are subject to a \$100 fee.

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All information contained in this packet is current as of April 1, 2022.