Guardian/Camper HANDBOOK

2027 Season

CAMP TURK
at Round Lake
Woodgate • New York

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Campers:

Welcome to Camp Turk! We are so excited to welcome back familiar faces and meet many new campers as we celebrate our **104th summer** on our beautiful property. This summer promises opportunities to make lasting friendships, try new activities, and fully embrace the spirit of our camp family.

Our 1,500+ acre campus, complete with two private lakes, is a world of adventure. From hiking and exploring, to swimming, boating, arts & crafts, games, sports, drama, dance, and so much more, there's something for every camper to enjoy and explore.

This handbook is designed to answer many of your questions and help you feel confident that your child will have an enriching, fun-filled, and memorable experience at Camp Turk. Camp is more than just a summer getaway—it's a chance for your child to grow, build confidence, try new things, and discover just how special and unique they are.

Please read through this handbook carefully and keep it handy as a guide throughout the summer. It contains everything you need to know to prepare for an exciting season ahead!

Registration opens on December 1st. Don't wait—spots fill quickly! The application link will be available on the home page of our website.

We're looking forward to a **safe, fun, and unforgettable summer** at Camp Turk! If you have any questions, please call **315-392-2081** or email **campturk@campturk.org**.

Warmest Regards,

Mollie Denslow

Camp Administrator

Katie Beaulieu

Camp Director

2027 Season Dates/Rates for Camp

Sessions / Dates

Session 1/COED	**July 4th to July 17th**
Session 2/COED	**July 18th to July 31st**

Session 3/COED **August 1st to August 14th**

Forms & Fees Due Dates

Medical forms	**Session 1**	**June 6th**	
		Session 2	**June 20th**
		Session 3	**July 4th**
Tuition	**May 1st**		
	***if you register after this date, payment in full is due when you register.**		

Times

Drop off time	**SUNDAY - 2:00 pm**
Pick up time	**SATURDAY - 11:00 am**

2027 Rates

Our rates are $1,800.00 per session if registered by May 1st. Tuition increases to $2,000.00 after May 1st in order to account for last minute staff hiring. If you are not paid in full by May 1st, $200 will be added to your account.

See a further breakdown of our rates and discounts on page 5.

Contact Information

Off Season Address
Camp Turk
PO Box 132
Boonville, NY 13309
Telephone: 315-392-2081
Email: campturk@campturk.org

Summer Address
Camp Turk
6461 Round Lake Road
Woodgate, NY 13494
Telephone: 315-392-2081
Email: campturk@campturk.org

Off Season Office Hours - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8 am to 4 pm
Camp seasonal staff will be arriving at the summer address starting June 21st

Additional Contact Information DURING the Camp Season

Camp Turk Director
Email: director@campturk.org

Camp Nurse
Telephone: 315-392-2421
Fax: (315) 392-7250

If you have any questions over the summer, please don't hesitate to call our office at (315) 392-2081. Our team is available to take calls from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. As we are often out of the office working directly with our campers, we kindly ask that you leave a message, and we will return your call either later that day or the following day. Many callbacks occur in the evening, so we apologize in advance if we reach you at a later hour. We will make every effort not to call after 9:00 PM unless it is an urgent matter.

Website

www.campturk.org

Follow us on Social Media:

Instagram: camp.turk
Facebook: Camp Turk
TikTok: campturk

Fees / Refunds / Discounts Breakdown

Application Due

Our applications come in on a rolling basis up until each session starts, however, in order to take advantage of our lower tuition costs you must register by May 1st. Applications received after May 1st will be required to pay in full when registering.

Camp Fees

The cost of camp is $1,800.00 per session (this increases to $2,000.00 after May 1st). If you are not paid in full by May 1st, $200 will be added to your account. Tuition can be paid in full at registration, or families can set up a **payment plan** (all payments due by **May 1st**).

Registration Fee

The registration fee is $250.00 and is included in the tuition. The registration fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Discounts- All discounts are refunded to the applicant after the registration goes through.

- Returning campers who register and pay in full before March 1st receive $100 off the $1,800 tuition.
- Multi-session campers will receive $100 off each additional session they register for. (The first session is full price and any second or third sessions are $100 off each).
- Siblings receive $100 off: first child is full price, each additional child is $100 off. *Cannot be combined with the refer-a-friend discount for the sibling.
- Refer-a-friend and get $100 for EACH friend who attends (no limits!) *This refund is awarded at the end of the session and both the referrer and referee must complete the full session for it to apply. *This does not apply to campers who receive scholarship money or have a sponsor. Some restrictions apply, contact us for more details.
- Masonic Youth Groups – if you belong to a masonic youth group and apply for session 3 only, you will receive a $200 discount.

Refunds

There are NO refunds for homesickness, early pick up of campers, illness or injury at camp, behavior issues, or arrival to camp without completed medical information.

After May 1st refunds will only be issued under the following circumstances: death of an immediate family (parent, grandparent, sibling) or illness or injury prior to camp with a doctor's note**. The $250.00 registration fee is non-refundable and non-transferable**. No partial week refunds will be issued if your camper leaves in the middle of a session.

Canteen/Candy Store refunds will only be given if a camper leaves camp for medical reasons. All other reasons for dismissal forfeit candy store accounts. In addition, if a lodge donated the candy store funds, they do not go back to the camper regardless of the dismissal.

No refunds for memory packets if a camper leaves early.

We highly recommend purchasing the camp insurance through CampDoc if you think you will have to cancel for any reason.

Returned Checks

Since the bank levies a service charge on us for any checks returned, it will be necessary for us to pass this expense on to the person submitting such a check. This charge is $50.00.

Scholarship Program

Financial aid is available for those families who need assistance for camp. Scholarship Applications will be available after December 1st and are available by calling or emailing the camp office.

First Time Campers

The gift of camp is one of the most wonderful gifts that a child can receive. But we recognize that going away from family and home for the first time can be scary for our campers. If you feel that your child has any concerns we should know about, please get in touch with us so that we may discuss ways in which we may accommodate these needs and assist in the transition. Our staff are here to support your camper throughout this important developmental step towards independence.

If we notice any concerning adjustment issues at any time throughout the summer, we will let you know right away. If you are concerned, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Tips for First Time Campers!

1. Remind your child how much you believe in them and that you know they will have so much fun and meet so many new friends.

2. Let your child know that coming home is not ideal, and that he/she should try to complete what they set out to achieve. Our goal is that all our campers commit 100% to making friends, to trying to be fully involved and to working towards becoming comfortable in new environments.

3. Remind them how great you feel about the camp itself and know that this is a safe and incredibly nurturing place that takes great care of children.

4. Let your child know how much you love them and that you really will miss them too. Then let them know that you will also be having a fun time while they are away. Very often, children feel worried about their parents while they are gone.

5. When emailing your child, make sure to encourage them and tell them they are doing a great job and you are proud of them! Mention photos you have seen online (you can even send copies of them along) or send photos of pets etc. Campers love hanging up letters and pictures in their bunks!

Returning Campers

Welcome back! We are so excited to have your camper(s) returning to us this summer! Each year, we work hard to add new and exciting activities while still maintaining traditions that make our camp so special.

Tips for Returning Campers!

1. Remind your camper how camp is going to be different each summer. The staff may be different, their cabin mates may be different, in fact, even they are different! They have aged a whole year since their last time at camp. Camp being different is okay. Camp is meant to change and evolve and each summer provides the opportunity to meet new people and try new things!

2. Review the rules of camp with your child. It's easy for behavior issues to arise when campers feel comfortable and "used to" camp. We want to ensure that they can be successful at camp as possible and that they remember the camp rules and guidelines.

Camp Policies

Our staff remain committed to keeping our campers safe during their stay at Camp Turk. We are dedicated to making our camp as inclusive and welcoming as possible. Our campers and staff live in communal areas and it is important to us that everyone feels safe and comfortable. We have created our camp policies based on the NY health department mandates and parents/guardians and campers are expected to review and sign our code of conduct when registering.

Inappropriate Behavior At Camp:

We reserve the right to immediately send home any camper who engages in fighting, taunting, bullying or who is emotionally, verbally or physically threatening to another camper or staff member or themselves. Also, any camper with prior "legal issues" that sign up and do not inform the camp prior will be sent home.

Damage to camp property including graffiti may result in the camper being sent home and/or the parent/guardian being financially responsible for costs to repair/replace.

If a camper or staff is found to be stealing from camp or from other members of our camp community, they will be sent home.

Inappropriate Use of the Internet During the School Year:

A camper that singles out another person or group in a negative way, either verbally or in writing (via email, instant messaging or online social networking sites) will not be allowed to attend camp. It is against camp policy for campers and staff to speak or write disparaging comments about other campers, staff, directors, programs or policies, either in paper or electronically, especially on any social networking sites. We encourage you to monitor your child's social networking sites and help identify and remove inappropriate pictures, language and/or any hurtful comments. Furthermore, out of respect for the privacy of all members in our camp community, only authorized staff may take photos and videos for camp purposes.

Contraband:

Any camper found in possession of /or to be using alcohol, tobacco products (including vapes), weapons and/or any illegal drugs including prescription and over the counter medications not turned in to the nurse upon arrival to camp, will immediately be sent home. All medications need to be locked in the infirmary per the NY state health department. Over the counter medications include any medical items such as tylenol, advil, ibuprofen, hydrocortisone cream, cough drops, vitamins, vicks, sore throat spray, melatonin, allergy medication, medicated acne creams etc. Camp has the right to search campers' belongings if they suspect any items not allowed at camp.

Early Dismissal From Camp:

In these above situations, the camper will be isolated from their cabin in either the infirmary or the office under supervision until the parent/guardian is able to arrive pick up their child. **There will be no refunds if a camper is sent home.**

Medical Information

Pre-Camp Health Forms

The medical forms are all part of our online registration process. Please cooperate by making sure ALL forms are properly filled out and **uploaded** by the session deadline (see page 2)**.**

Please note that medical forms will be reviewed beginning approximately **two weeks prior to the start of each session. T**his allows families sufficient time to submit all required medical documentation and ensure that forms are complete and up to date.

If your child has any medical condition that requires ongoing monitoring, specialized care, or additional support from our nursing staff, please contact Camp Turk prior to completing registration. This will allow us to discuss your child's needs and determine how we can best support them safely while at camp. Please keep in mind we have ONE RN for 100 campers plus 45 staff.

Camp Turk Health Form

Please print the Camp Turk health form and ask your pediatrician to fill it out for your child. **We need this exact form** as it gives permissions for specific over the counter medications that we carry at Camp Turk. **The state of NY mandates that your camper's pediatrician sign off on OTC approvals**. Physicals cannot be older than 12 months old. We cannot use medical information from a previous year. Our nurses vigilantly call/email anyone before camp starts who may be missing medical information in their registrations. As mentioned in our refund section, if a camper arrives without all required medical information they will be sent home and no refunds issued. The Camp Turk health form can be found in your confirmation email when you registered for camp, on our website and on CampDoc.

When filling out your health history information, the more we know about your child's medical, social and emotional history, the better care we can provide. Please indicate any information about your child's personality or personal needs that would be helpful. Having prior knowledge about your child's medical needs, psychological development (including any counseling), learning difficulties, bedwetting problems, attention issues, anxiety about new situations, recent losses, or major changes in the family/child's life will help us better care for your child. Any and all information pertaining to your child is enormously helpful as we work to maximize your child's experience at camp. If we are aware of certain needs or problems in advance, we can train our staff to help your child. Be assured that this information is kept confidential.

Check list for required information/forms

Online Information:

□ HEALTH HISTORY
□ MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS
□ AUTHORIZATIONS SIGNED BY PARENT
□ CODE OF CONDUCT

Forms to Upload:

□ **CAMP TURK HEALTH FORM** WITH STANDING ORDERS FOR MEDICATIONS (signed & stamped by Doctor)
□ IMMUNIZATION RECORDS
□ INSURANCE CARD (FRONT & BACK)
□ PRESCRIPTION CARD (FRONT & BACK) (IF APPLICABLE)

Medications

Be sure that your child's medications, both prescription and over-the-counter are in pharmacy labeled bottles and/or original packaging or they will not be accepted. The easiest way to pass in all medications on check in day is to place everything in a gallon size Ziploc bag with your child's name on it. All medications (prescription or over-the-counter medicine) must have physician orders and be dropped off to the nurses on opening day when checking in. It is NY state law that NO medications are allowed in the camper cabins so please do not pack medications in your child's luggage.

Please make sure your child has enough medication to last for their entire stay at camp (up to 6 weeks). Medication will be returned to parents/guardians during our pick up process. Any medications left behind will be destroyed within 5 days (we cannot mail medications back).

It is important that you note any allergies and restrictions on your child's health history. If your child has a history of asthma, it is wise to include ALL medications that he/she may need in case of an acute episode.

To further help us, we ask you to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. We strongly recommend that you thoroughly check your child's head for lice and/or eggs. If you find lice and/or eggs, please notify camp. In addition, you must wash or boil all items such as hats, stuffed animals, and hairbrushes. While lice is not uncommon at camp, we do our best to normalize the situation, any child that needs to be treated for lice will be removed from regular programming for 24-48 hours.
2. Dental and orthodontic work must be completed before camp, we cannot take your child to routine exams.
3. If your child wears eyeglasses, please send a second pair along. Children who wear contact lenses should bring adequate cleaning fluid and additional lenses.
4. If your child should require a special diet (vegetarian, etc.) and/or have a food allergy, please make sure to include that on your medical forms so that our kitchen can accommodate. Note: we are NOT a peanut free camp.
5. Advise the camp of any contact your child has had with any contagious diseases or if they have traveled outside of North America within 9 months of arriving at camp.
6. If your child is not feeling well on opening day, please contact the Health Care Director before coming to camp. Temperatures will be checked upon arrival and campers with a fever over 101.5 will not be allowed to stay.

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Illness or Injury During Camp

We take every precaution to ensure the health of our campers while in our care. Our staff includes ONE RN nurse who is on camp 24 hours a day. Our nurses will treat campers according to standard protocol procedures under the direction of your physician. In the unlikely event there should be a medical emergency, parents will be notified as quickly as possible. Parents will also be notified if a camper needs to be brought to a local doctor or dentist, or needs to stay overnight in our health center. If you have any questions for our nurses pre-camp, you can email campturk@campturk.org and we will have our nurse contact you. Once camp starts, you can reach our Health Care Director directly at (315) 392-2421 if you have any questions.

Urgent Care –Wellnow, 230 North Genesee Street, Utica, NY, 13502, telephone (315) 275-3214

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Hospital Visits – Wynn Hospital, 111 Hospital Drive, Utica, NY. Telephone (315) 624-6000.

In the event your camper needs to be seen at Wellnow Urgent Care or Wynn Hospital, our nurse will call and walk you through each step of the process. Your insurance company information on file will be given and if it is not accepted, you may be required to pay with your credit card. If medication is prescribed, our driver will pick it up and you can make arrangements to have it paid.

If a camper gets injured or sick during their stay at camp including but not limited to: broken bone, sprains requiring crutches, fever of 101.5 lasting over 24 hours, transportation to a hospital and cannot participate in ALL regular scheduled camp activities for more than 24 hours, campers will be sent home. Unfortunately, there are no refunds for campers who leave camp early.

As previously stated, Camp Turk is governed by the NY state health department. The state code stipulates that the following information be included in your information package: *(1) that such* ***camp is required to be permitted to operate by the New York State Department of Health / Oneida County Health Department****; (2) that such* ***camp is required to be inspected twice yearly****; and(3) the* ***address where inspection reports concerning such camps are filed****: Oneida County Health Department, County Office Building, 800 Park Ave., Utica, NY 13501*

Children's Camps in New York State Brochure https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/3601.pdf

Our Staff

The staff at Camp Turk are carefully selected for their experience, training, and genuine passion for working with children. Before campers arrive, all staff complete an intensive **two-week training program** covering counseling techniques and all areas of camp operations. Training topics include fostering an **inclusive and supportive environment**, promoting self-esteem, managing homesickness and age-appropriate behaviors, and following protocols for safety concerns and issue escalation. Many of our staff are also certified in **First Aid and CPR**.

We recruit staff through **colleges, educational institutions, local postings, and international staffing organizations**. For many, a summer at Camp Turk is the first step toward a career in education or child care. To ensure camper safety, all staff undergo thorough background checks through the **National Sex Offender Registry** and the **New York State Criminal Justice Services Registry** prior to arrival.

Food Service

Three appetizing, nutritious meals are prepared by the camp chef each day. Meals are designed to be popular with children. There is always a second option at all meals if a child does not like what is being served (which could include hamburgers, hotdogs, pb&j, turkey sandwiches etc). Additionally, there is a fully stocked salad bar during lunch and dinner. We also always offer second servings if campers are still hungry. Dinner comes with a dessert as well.

Breakfasts examples include waffles/pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, cereals, bagels etc. Lunch examples include grilled cheese and tomato soup, chicken tenders and fries, pizza etc. Lastly, dinners consist of orange chicken and fried rice, spaghetti, tacos, etc.

Housing

Campers are housed in cabins by birth gender with single twin beds or bunk beds and a corresponding bureau. All cabins are solid wood and stone construction with their own showers and limited storage space for each camper. There is anywhere from 10 to 20 campers per cabin. Campers are bunked by age and will do activities mainly with their cabin. On the camp application, campers may request to room with ONE friend that is of similar age. Room requests are not guaranteed, but we will do our best to meet your request. Careful consideration is done when assigning cabins. Due to programming and community building, we try very hard not to change cabins after arrivals.

Activities

Camp is a great place for campers to grow, try new activities, learn new skills and have fun. We do expect campers to participate (or at least try) in all scheduled activities.

*Swimming	*Hiking	*Badminton	*Arts & Crafts
*Paddle Boarding	*Biking	*Lacrosse	*Drama
*Inflatables	*Gaga Ball	*Soccer	*Music
*Tubing	*Archery	*Tennis	*Dance
*Kayaking	*Adventure Course	*Kickball	*Board Games
*Fishing	*Volleyball	*Basketball	
*Pedal Boating	*Cricket	*Yoga	

Daily Schedule

7:45	Wake Up	3:50 - 4:45	5th Activity
8:00	Flag	5:00	Flag
8:10 - 8:50	Breakfast	5:15 - 6:15	Dinner
8:50 – 9:20	Meds / cabin clean up	6:30 - 7:30	6th Activity
9:30 – 10:25	1st Activity	7:30	Meds
10:35 - 11:30	2nd Activity	8:00 - 9:00	Evening activity
11:40-12:35	3rd Activity	9:00	Shower time
12:45-2:00	Lunch	9:30	Taps / Quiet Time Begins
2:00 - 2:35	Rest Time / Mail	9:45	Lights out younger campers
2:45 - 3:40	4th Activity	10:15	Lights out older campers

Camper Communications

Mail, Email, & Care Packages

At Camp Turk, we are proud to be a **tech-free camp**. Stepping away from phones and social media allows campers to fully enjoy being kids, build friendships, and immerse themselves in camp life without distractions. Campers do **not have access to computers or phones** during their stay.

Email: Families can still stay connected! You may email your camper, and we will **print and deliver** messages just like traditional mail. Please send emails to **campers@campturk.org** and include your camper's **name and cabin assignment** in the subject line. This email address is **only for camper letters** and is monitored during the six weeks of camp. For general questions, please contact the camp office directly.

Traditional Mail: Camp is a wonderful place to send and receive **good old-fashioned letters**! If you'd like to hear from your camper, please provide them with an ample supply of **stamps, stationery, envelopes, and pens**. For younger campers, it may be helpful for parents or guardians to **pre-address and pre-stamp envelopes** for grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other family members. Campers are encouraged to write home during **rest time each afternoon** and **before bed each evening**. If you don't hear from them right away, don't worry—they're probably just having too much fun!

Care Packages: Care packages are always welcome, but **please do not include any food**. Suggested items include coloring books and pencils, puzzle books, small toys, decks of cards, flashlights, and similar small items that will enhance your camper's experience.

Camper mail should be addressed to:

Camp Turk
Camper's Name – Camper's Cabin
6461 Round Lake Road
Woodgate, NY 13494

Phones

At Camp Turk, we believe camp is a special time for campers to **unplug** and connect with friends face-to-face. This means a gift of time without phones, internet, or gaming devices. To make this possible, we rely on **partnership with parents** to ensure that technology stays at home.

At check-in, campers & parents will be reminded to leave their phone with parents. Please note: if a camper is found with a phone or any internet-connected device—such as a smartwatch, iPad, or tablet—they may be sent home, and no refunds will be issued. This policy helps preserve the positive, tech-free environment that allows campers and staff to fully engage with one another, leaving social media for the outside world.

Social Media

We make every effort to **capture daily moments** at camp and share them on our social media pages so you can see your camper in action. Follow us on **Instagram, Facebook, or TikTok**.

Please keep in mind that with so many campers, your child may not appear in every post. Often, if a camper isn't featured frequently, it simply means they're too fast or having too much fun to be caught on camera! Our social media pages are updated year-round with photos and updates for the upcoming camp season.

Camp Store

The camp store sells t-shirts, sweatshirts, candy, ice cream, water, soda, chips, slushies, popcorn, stuffed animals, jewelry, batteries, toiletries etc. Nearly each day of the session, campers will have the opportunity to purchase goodies and enjoy them outside in our hammock/tetherball area. Our campers feel all grown up when they get to visit the camp store and make purchases of their own desires.

At check in, parents/guardians can add money to their camper's account. Essentially your camper will carry a tab for the session. On average, campers typically spend $75 per session in the store. If a camper runs out of money, parents/guardians can add money to their account by calling the main office. Canteen money in excess of $10.00 will be returned to camper families at the end of the session (unless it is a lodge donation).

Because we live in nature and because we want the wildlife to remain outdoors, campers and staff are not allowed to have food in their cabins. **We ask that campers do not bring food to camp or have it mailed to them.** The candy store period each day gives ample time for sweets and snacks in an outdoor environment. Allergies is also the other reason we have snacking done outside and not within our cabins. While we are NOT a nut free campus, we still want to keep the snacks outdoors. Any food found will be collected.

Memory Packet

We are working on a new way of updating our memory packet and will share that information when it becomes available.

Camper Birthdays

If your child has a birthday during the camp session, rest assured that we sing them a very special birthday song during dinner and have cake for dessert. If you would like to do something additional, please give us a call to review your options.

What to Pack

Packing is a fun time to get excited about going to summer camp! The enclosed packing list should serve as a guide, but feel free to use discretion based on you understanding of your own child. Encourage your child to bring a small item from home like a stuff animal or special blanket to make them feel secure and comfortable while away! Pack comfortable, inexpensive clothing that can be worn while kids are exploring the great outdoors! Camp is not responsible for lost items. Please pack two weeks' worth of clothing and label everything with your camper's name. Make sure you **LABEL EVERYTHING**.

Clothing

- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Bathrobe/large bath towel
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Shirts (short & long sleeve)
- ☐ Sweat shirt & pants
- ☐ Jeans
- ☐ Lightweight jacket
- ☐ Medium weight jacket
- ☐ 2-3 swimsuits
  (Girls – 1 piece or tankini)
  (Boys – swim trunks only)
- ☐ Raincoat
- ☐ Sneakers or old shoes for hiking
- ☐ Crocs (or similar closed toed shoe)
- ☐ Hat to wear hiking
- ☐ Plain white t-shirt (for special camp event)
- ☐ Dressy outfit for dance & banquet

Other Items

- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Insect Repellent
- ☐ Flashlight with extra batteries
- ☐ Open top laundry hamper
- ☐ Shower organizer or shower caddy
- ☐ Notebook, pen, pre-addressed envelopes & stamps to write home
- ☐ 2-3 beach towels
- ☐ Blanket or comforter for bed
- ☐ Pillow & (2) pillowcases
- ☐ 2-3 Bath towels & washcloths
- ☐ **2 SETS of twin sheets**
- ☐ Reusable water bottle
- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Sleeping bag

Toilet Articles

- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Tooth paste
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Floss
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Brush / Comb

Optional Items

- ☐ Disposable camera
- ☐ Swim goggles
- ☐ Battery operated fan
- ☐ Extra eye glasses
- ☐ Book

Please do not pack electrical power strips.

All bug spray and sunblock should be cream (no aerosol sprays).

As previously mentioned, each camper will have an assigned bureau in their cabin. We also suggest you pack your campers clothing in the following containers (one of each – see links). We have found these items useful to keep the campers organized:

https://www.walmart.com/ip/Sterilite-Wide-3-Drawer-Cart/16415880

(2 pack) Sterilite 41 Quart Storage Box, Clear Plastic Storage Bin with Snap-on Lid, White - Walmart.com

Home Logic 2 Bushel Rolling Plastic Laundry Hamper with Pop-up Handle, White, Adult / Tween - Walmart.com

Dress Code

- No revealing or excessively tight clothing
- No offensive slogan or profanity on clothing or hats
- **Shorts & skirts/dresses should be appropriate length**
- No sagging pants or shorts
- No clothing that reveals the stomach, bra or back
- Girls - **One piece bathing suit or tankini that covers mid-section**
- Guys – Swim shorts only
- Guys - shirts must be worn at all times, except for swimming

- Closed toed shoes like crocs or sneakers when walking around camp (flip flops are only allowed in the shower). No slides.
- No strapless dresses or swimsuits

Laundry Facilities

Campers staying multiple sessions will have laundry done at the changeover weekend. Please make sure you pack your camper with enough clothing to last for the two-week session. Campers also change their sheets mid-way through the session, so please pack **two sets of twin sheets**.

Lost & Found

Articles of clothing and any found items will be turned in and kept in our office at the end of camp. When your camper returns home, you may call us if they have forgotten something. After August 18th, our staff leave for the off-season, so any lost and found needs to be collected before then. Parents will be responsible for payment for any items that need to be mailed home. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity at the next camping season.

Check In & Check Out Days

Check In time - SUNDAYS - 2:00 pm
Check Out time - 11:00 am

Our check-in process is done as a drive-thru which is very convenient and comfortable for families. There will be multiple stops along the drive-thru route including a meeting with the directors, the nurses, dropping off luggage and of course saying goodbye to your camper! Your camper will be escorted to their cabin and their luggage will be delivered by our staff. Parents/guardians who wish to tour camp will have the option to park and join our guided tours starting around 3:00PM. It is important that your campers arrive to their session on time. We do not allow for late drop offs due to the camper orientation that takes place shortly after camper arrival and is required by NYS Dept. of Health. Detailed drop off instructions will be emailed to you one week prior to the start of your session.

Our check-out process is done as a drive-thru as well. The safety of our campers is very important to us. At check out, we compare a photo ID with the authorized pick up list names on each camper's application (including parents). Campers cannot be released to anyone under the age of 18. Just as with check-in, there will be multiple stops along the drive-thru route to pick up medications, luggage, and of course your campers! Staff will be available to say their goodbyes as each camper is picked up. Our policy states that no member of our staff is permitted to accept tips. Working with your children is gift enough for us! Detailed pick up instructions will be emailed to you one week prior to pick up day.

Directions To Camp

From East or West, take New York Thruway to Exit 31, Utica, New York. Travel North on NYS Route 12 to Alder Creek. Bear right at Alder Creek on Route 28 North to Woodgate (blinking caution light.) Continue one mile North on Route 28 and bear off to the left on to Round Lake Road. Continue 2 1/2 miles to the camp; follow the signs.

Approximate travel time from Albany - 2 1/2 hours, from NYC – 5 hours, from Rochester - 4 hours.

GPS Address: Camp Turk, 6461 Round Lake, Road, Woodgate, NY, 13494.

Places to stay in the area

Boonville
The Lodge at Headwaters (315) 942-2027 http://www.thelodgeatheadwaters.com/

Old Forge
Adirondack Lodge (315) 369-6836 https://www.adirondacklodgeoldforge.com/
Big Moose Inn (315) 357-2042 https://www.bigmooseinn.com/
Christy's Motel (315) 369-6138
http://www.christysmotel.com/
Clark's Beach Motel (315) 369-3026 http://www.clarksbeach.com/
Country Club Motel (315) 369-6340
https://countryclubmotel.com/
Forge Motel (315) 369-3313
https://www.theforgemoteladk.com/
Old Forge Camping Resort (315) 369-6011
https://www.oldforgecamping.com/
Pine Knoll Motel (315) 369-6740
https://www.pineknolllodge.net/en-us
VanAuken's Inne (315) 369-3033 https://vanaukensinne.com/
Waters Edge Inn (315) 369-2484
https://www.watersedgeinn.com/

Remsen
Kayuta Lake Campground (315) 831-5077 http://www.campadirondack.com/

Rome
Wingate by Wyndham Hotel (888) 637-4880 http://www.wingatehotels.com
Hampton Inn (844) 449-4619 http://hamptoninn.com

Turin
The Edge Hotel (866) 348-4211 http://www.theedgehotel.com/

Utica
Days Inn (315) 797-8743 http://www.daysinn.com/DaysInn/control/home
Hampton Inn (315) 733-1200 http://hamptoninn.com
Holiday Inn Express (315) 724-2726
https://www.ihg.com/hotels/us/en/reservation

Vernon
Vernon Down Casino & Hotel (877) 888-3766 http://www.vernondowns.com/hotel/

Verona
Turning Stone Casino Hotel (800) 771-7711 http://www.turningstone.com/stay/enindex.php