

• LOCATION

Camp Otterdale is located 87 km south of Ottawa and 84 km north of Kingston, near the Village of Lombardy. To reach Camp, travel on highway 15 from Ottawa or Kingston and look for the large highway sign at Frayn Road which is 4 km south of Lombardy. Turn onto Frayn Road, travel .5 km to the camp entrance located on the left side of the road.

• REFLECTIONS

Otterdale is a non-denominational camp encompassing campers and staff of many religions and races. One day a week we take time to “catch our breath” by enjoying an extra hour of sleep and do a super clean-up. During “reflections”, we share a quiet time and look back on our experiences through music and talks about friendship, tolerance and co-operation.

• OVERNIGHT CAMP-OUTS

The overnight camping experience is designed to give all campers the opportunity to apply the “camp skills” learned in camp. The group experience physically challenges the cabin group, exposes them to nature on the camp site or nearby areas and helps to cement friendships. The cabin group is intimately involved in the planning, preparation, implementation and clean-up. Trip length and destination is determined by the age and ability of the group.

• OUT-TRIPS

15 year old senior campers who are spending a consecutive month at Otterdale can participate in a 3 day/2 night trip to Frontenac Park as part of their Senior Camper Leadership training program if they choose to do so. If there is space, other interested senior two-week campers may participate (for an additional fee to be determined annually). One-month campers who split their summer into 2, two-week sessions will also be required to pay an extra fee. The trip is integrated as part of the month-long program and campers will miss the regularly scheduled activities at camp including swim lessons.

• BRONZE MED and BRONZE CROSS SWIM EXAMS

When we are able to procure a swim examiner, these senior swim exams are held at camp on the last day of the session. The fee for the BR Med is \$25.00 and the fee for BR Cross is \$30.00. Parents will be billed separately if a camper attempts (pass or fail) either of these exams. Please advise the camp if you DO NOT want your camper to take the exam at camp.

Daily Schedule

7:45	Wakey Wakey, (morning swim!)
8:30	Breakfast
9:30	1st activity period
10:45	2nd activity period
11:45	3rd activity period
12:30	Pause and regroup for lunch
1:00 - 2:30	Noon meal and rest hour
2:30	4th activity period
3:45	5th activity period
4:45	6th activity period
6:00	Supper, tag up for next days activities
7:15	Evening program
9:00 - 9:30	“Junior” lights out
9:30 - 10:15	Senior co-ed campers supervised Meet and Greet in Dining Hall
11:00	“Senior” lights out

A Final Note... We hope this booklet has been helpful. If you have any further inquiries please contact us at your convenience.

Camp Otterdale



PARENT'S & CAMPER'S HANDBOOK

Questions often asked!

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Welcome To Camp Otterdale!

THE PARENT'S & CAMPER'S HANDBOOK

is designed as an aid to assist in orienting families to camp policies and procedures. Please take a few minutes to read through this booklet to help prepare for the summer.

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CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT

The following rules reflect the responsibility that a camper assumes when he or she agrees to become part of the camp community. The rules apply to all boys and girls during the time they are under the jurisdiction of the camp, and when they are out of camp on a trip.

• ALCOHOL & DRUGS

The camp has a zero tolerance with regard to alcohol and drugs. No camper may possess or consume any alcoholic beverage on camp property or while in the camp's charge. No camper may possess or use drugs, or possess the apparatus for drug use on camp property or while in the camp's charge. Any camper found in violation of these rules will have their parents notified and will be dismissed from camp with no refund of camp fees.

• SMOKING

Campers are not permitted to smoke or have cigarettes in their possession. Any camper found smoking will have their parents notified and may, at the discretion of the Director, be dismissed from camp.

• BOYS & GIRLS SECTIONS

One of the objectives of Otterdale is to provide a co-ed environment in which boys and girls can participate together in the many activities at camp. To protect the privacy of all campers, boys and girls are not permitted in or around each others' cabins. Under no circumstances are campers to leave their cabins at night to rendezvous with each other on or off camp property. To do so puts the entire campership at risk. We maintain the right to send a camper home without a refund of fees should an instance of this nature occur.

CAMP PROCEDURES

• LAUNDRY

Laundry is done once a week. To avoid the disappointment of returning home without a favourite (and costly) shirt or pair of jeans, we strongly recommend that clothes are identified by some sort of tag or marking with a full name. A laundry bag with name tag is also recommended. Camp Otterdale does not assume responsibility for loss or damage to camper's clothing.

• REQUIRED CLOTHING

A clothing list is included in the camp joining package. The list outlines required and optional clothing/equipment. We recommend old clothes that are suitable to the camp environment that can withstand commercial laundering. Campers should not bring electrical equipment such as hair dryers

or radios, since power is not available for their use in the cabins. We strongly discourage Walkmans, Game Boys and other electronics such as DVD players, laptops and iPods.

• TRANSPORTATION

We recommend that parents utilize available camp transportation. It is often less traumatic for campers to say good-bye to parents outside the camp. The bus or train ride also provides the opportunity for friendships to start en route to camp. Escorted transportation is available from Toronto and Ottawa. Families who live in the Toronto area may use Via Rail transport from Union Station. Ottawa area families may utilize the "camp bus" which departs from the IKEA parking lot at Pinecrest Mall. Specific travel schedules and charges are included on the Application for Enrolment.

• ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

Arrival time is 11:00 a.m. on the session start date.

Departure time 11:00 a.m. on the final day of the sessions.

Parents who must arrive outside of the recommended times are asked to advise the camp well in advance. We request that you do not arrive before 11:00 am as we work right up until that time to get ready for your child's arrival. There are a million details to attend to, and if you arrive early you will not get the royal treatment (ie. help carrying luggage, a personal greeting from your camper's staff members and a meeting with the Director!)

• AUTHORIZATION FOR TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS

Written authorization is required from parents who are arranging travel for their child with another family. Please indicate your travel plans on the Application for Enrolment.

• MAIL

Campers do appreciate mail! You are invited to leave mail with us for distribution throughout the camp session. We also encourage campers to send mail home. We ask that campers arrive with stamped, addressed envelopes. Please note that the camp fax number and email address is for business correspondence only. Mail is collected and distributed daily.

• PARCELS

We have found that food items (candy/cookies) have spoiled meals and caused "tummy aches". Despite the emphasis on sharing, someone may get left out which can cause ill feelings between campers. Our regular "TUC-RUN" (twice per week) should satisfy everyone's sweet tooth. Please send a book or magazine instead of a food parcel! Any "registered" or oversized parcel which is sent to the Smith Falls Post Office or Bus Depot may be subject to a \$10 pick-up charge. Otterdale has a small rural mailbox only, and large parcels are not delivered to camp, thus a trip into town is required.

• TELEPHONE

The Directors can be reached through the camp number (613 284-2700) at any time during a camp session. If possible, we ask that you call during regular working hours. You may reach the answering service if the phone is in use, please leave a message or call again. We check messages frequently.

Please be aware that campers do not have direct access to a telephone. We ask that all messages be passed through the camp office. If it is essential that you speak with your child (for a non-emergency), the best time for you to call is during the supper meal between 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Also, please do not send your camper with a cell phone as it makes for "haves" and "have nots" in the cabin group. This is camp, we like to rough it here!

• VISITORS

Experience has shown that the arrival and departure of visitors can be very disruptive to the camp program. There are two specific "visitor days" when the camp is open for the parents' of one-month campers. These days are traditionally the departure day of the JUL A, and AUG A campers (mid July and mid August). The scheduled date insures that campers are in camp and allows the remainder of the camp session to be flexible for planning canoe trips hikes and other excursions.

• SESSION THEMES

Each two week session at camp has an associated theme such as "Space", "Scottish Highland Games" or "Spies and Private Eyes" to create a fun atmosphere. These change each year so that no theme will be repeated unless by popular demand! We ask that each camper try to put together a simple costume related to their session theme(s) and bring it with them to camp.