

VISITING

Plan to arrive at noon for a visit no longer than 3-4 hours. Mealtimes are **Breakfast** 8:30-9:30, **Lunch** 1:00-2:00 and **Supper** 6:30-7:30. It is important to meet your son's counsellors and cabin mates and if possible, to observe him at his activities. Most parents bring a picnic lunch to have with their son at one of our many picnic tables around camp. Some parents take their son into Bancroft or Baptiste Village for lunch. We encourage you to bring bathing suits and swim at our beach. . During such a swim, your family's safety is your responsibility. If you visit on a Sunday, plan to arrive by 10:30 am, in time for our chapel service. On Sunday, a special program commences at 3:00 pm and we encourage all boys to participate. Please keep your dog on a leash, at all times!

AS YOU DEPART

Please leave your son at an activity, at his cabin (if during rest period), or with his counsellor. *Do not leave him in the parking lot, alone.* Please try to speak with Don or Anne during your visit. If you have any concerns, let them know. We strongly request that you leave **NO** food or drink behind, no matter how little it may seem.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

At the end of each month there is a Banquet, followed by Toasts, an Awards Ceremony and a Candlelight service in our chapel. Parents attending the banquet should plan to arrive no later than 5:30, for seating at 5:45 pm. Parents unable to attend the Banquet, should plan to arrive at 7:00 to participate in the Awards Ceremony and Candlelight service. If you are planning to take your son home that evening, please pack your car before dinner or during the break immediately following the Banquet. We encourage you to stay until the completion of the evening program (9:30-10:00 pm). *We can take only 10-15 guests at each Banquet and so request that you attend the Banquet (maximum of 3 guests) only once during your association with Ponacka.* You may however attend the rest of the closing ceremonies as often as you wish.

PARKING

If you are bringing or picking up luggage at your son's tent/cabin, or taking an elderly person into camp, please return your car to the parking lot immediately after.

TRAVEL

BY CAR

ARRIVAL DAY: Plan to arrive at camp between **2:00-5:00 pm**. It is helpful for us if parents respect this arrival time. Our cook does not plan to serve meals to campers until supper!

DEPARTURE DAY: Please pick up your son **before 1:00 pm**. In order to avoid meeting our buses on the narrow roads, plan to arrive before 9:45 am or after 10:45 am. If you plan to depart with your son following the "closing ceremonies", please expect to leave after 9:30 pm.

BY BUS:

At the **beginning and end of each month**, chartered buses escorted by Ponacka staff, travel between Toronto and camp with a pick-up in Pickering. There is no bus service in the middle of the month. **We recommend that first time campers travel to camp by bus, if convenient.** The buses load and unload at **Yorkdale Mall** in the northwest corner of the parking lot. (See map on reverse.) **There may be buses loading for other camps, so be sure you find the Ponacka buses!** Once the baggage is unloaded, please move your car away from the buses.

Please arrive no later than 1:45 pm, as the buses WILL plan to leave at 2:00 pm!

The buses will make a brief stop along the way for a snack provided by the camp staff. Remind your son to fill his water bottle for the trip.

BUS SCHEDULE:

ARRIVAL DAY		DEPARTURE DAY	
LEAVE TORONTO	2:00 pm	LEAVE PONACKA	10:00 am
LEAVE PICKERING GO STN.	2:40 pm	ARRIVE PICKERING GO STN	12:45 pm
ARRIVE PONACKA	5:15 pm	ARRIVE TORONTO	1:30-2:00 pm

The buses may be early, so please plan accordingly...

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING OUT-OF-PROVINCE CAMPERS

Ponacka counsellors will meet your son's flight. In order to take the camp bus, his flight should arrive no later than 11:30 am. Otherwise, we will arrange for our camp van to bring your son directly to camp. Please note charge on fee remittance form. On departure day, flights must depart later than 4:00 pm.

Highway 401 – Eastbound: Exit Dufferin St. and follow Yorkdale Road to mall

Highway 401–Westbound: Take 401 to Allen Rd exit. Follow Allen Rd. South to Yorkdale Road which leads into the mall.

Yorkdale Shopping Centre
3401 Dufferin St. Toronto, ON M6A 2T9 Tel. (416) 789-3261

If you have any difficulty finding your son or the camp buses, call us immediately! (613) 332-4125.
Please ensure that the person dropping off or picking up the camper has this map!!