

Spring 2009

Dear New Ponackian,

Welcome to Ponacka's **63rd season!** We look forward to welcoming you to camp and will do everything we can to make this your best summer ever.

We hope that you will tell us more about yourself, your hopes and plans on the reverse side. If a member of your family was a Ponackian, please let us know if he or she was a Blackfoot or Stoney, so that we are sure to place you in the same tribe.

The enclosed staff list will show you who is responsible for the different activities at camp. All of the counselors were once first year campers like you are and understand how it feels to come to Ponacka for the very first time. Your counselor will welcome your suggestions and be happy to listen to you.

Each month we have Talent Nights and campfires. If you would like to perform music or skits, remember to bring your musical instrument and music or costumes. There is a piano in the dining hall and one in the Centennial Barn, which is a recreation hall. If there are old wigs or costumes no longer used at your home, please bring them to camp where they will be a welcome addition to the Drama Hut! We have a library located in the Doctor's cabin and you are encouraged to borrow a book anytime. If you have books that you wish to part with, we are happy to add them to our library.

Please remember that *IPods, MP3s, Videogames & Cell Phones* are NOT permitted at camp. They will be confiscated and not returned.

Do not be surprised if you feel somewhat strange the first few days- this will soon change as you become accustomed to camp. Should you feel anxious or unhappy during your stay, we want you to tell us and your counselor. Please do not "bottle it up" and spoil your stay. If you have any questions about camp we are very happy to answer them, either by phone or by email. We all want your first summer at Ponacka to be happy and memorable for you.

Looking forward to welcoming you to Ponacka!