

Letter from the Medical Director

REVIEW THIS FORM

Welcome to Camp! We are excited that your child(ren) will be attending Camp Goodtimes or Mini Camp this summer. We want to make sure that all campers have a good time and are in good health during camp. To accomplish this goal we will need your help. Our expectation is that your child(ren) will be feeling well at the time of camp. To allow us to be prepared for any circumstance, we require the following be available upon arrival at camp check-in:

1. Record of recent blood counts (if child has received ANY treatment in the month before camp)
2. Names of drugs and dates and times given on camper application
3. ALL medications that the camper is to receive at camp, *in their original containers*

For your information, we expect all children attending camp to have blood counts that will allow for a reasonably normal ability to fight infection related to any scrapes or cuts and to maintain energy needed for the participation in camp. Children should have an absolute neutrophil count (ANC) over 500, a platelet count over 50,000 and going up, and a hematocrit of 25% or greater. If your child has blood counts that are falling, or they have received treatment which will make their blood counts fall, we MUST be made aware of this, and your child's participation in camp will need to be discussed with the medical staff. We don't want someone to come to camp when they are obviously ill or have any reason to believe they have a contagious disease. So fevers or other signs of illness occurring shortly before camp may prevent your child from coming to camp.

IMPORTANT: If your child has been exposed to chicken pox in the past 21 days please be sure to discuss with camp staff. If your child does not have immunity to chicken pox and they have been exposed, then they will not be able to attend camp due to the risk of them developing chicken pox while at camp and exposing other children. Also, we cannot allow any child to attend camp who is under treatment for infectious hepatitis.

I don't want to heighten your anxiety. Instead, I want you to be aware of the criteria we are using to determine who should attend Camp. These guidelines are being used to protect your child as well as others attending camp. If questions arise, contact Tanya Krohn, the Camp Director, at 206.255.3800.

We have an excellent camp staff and the personnel at Camp Burton are excited about our camp. Medical personnel will be onsite and available for the entirety of Camp. I believe we are prepared for a wonderful camp experience, and we look forward to seeing your child(ren)!

Please, if your child can no longer attend camp or if you need help determining if your child can attend camp, call the Camp Director immediately at 206.255.3800 or email tanya@thegoodtimesproject.org.

Sincerely,

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