SUMMER 2027

OUR ONE PACKAGE POLICY



We ask that you send no more than one package per camper, per session. Campers don't need much from home, and extra packages can become more stressful than supportive — especially for those who don't receive any.

CONTRABAND

Over the years, we've discovered candy hidden in stuffed animals, inside books, and even tucked into hollowed-out pens! Please don't send snacks or food in care packages — they'll be confiscated and not returned. Campers have plenty to eat, and we promise they don't need treats from home to have an amazing time. Helping everyone follow this rule keeps camp safe, fair, and animal-free in the cabins.

EXCESS

We've noticed that when campers receive large or frequent packages, the focus can shift from the experience of camp to the excitement of "what's in the box." Some campers begin to expect a package every day, which can lead to disappointment — especially if there's a mail delay or nothing arrives.

This package-centered mindset can also create pressure for families who didn't plan to send anything beyond letters. We want campers to feel fully present and engaged with their activities, not distracted by what might be waiting in the mailroom.

EXCEPTIONS

If your camper forgets an essential item — like medication, underwear, or a replacement — call the office. With approval, we'll allow an emergency package to be sent.

EXCLUSION

Not every camper receives packages — whether by family choice, financial limitations, or postal logistics. When some children receive something daily while others get nothing, it can lead to feelings of exclusion, comparison, or sadness.

By limiting packages to one per session, we help level the playing field and keep the focus on what truly matters: friendship, fun, and a shared sense of belonging.

WHAT COUNTS AS A PACKAGE?

Any item that requires more than one first-class stamp (over 2 oz) or doesn't fit in a standard envelope. Oversized boxes (larger than 12"x8"x10") will be held until the end of the session.

If more than one package arrives, we'll keep the extras in the camp office until departure day. Let family and friends know this policy — whichever package arrives first will count as the camper's one package.

WHAT's *NOT* A PACKAGE?

Letters, postcards, and regular-size envelopes (even padded ones) are fine. You can also send something in a 9x12 envelope if it meets the 2 oz rule — just keep it simple inside.