

Camp Agawam

Parent Handbook 2010



91st Season

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Camp Closes: Tuesday, August 17, 2010

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PARENT HANDBOOK INTRODUCTION

Dear Families,

It is our sincere hope that you are looking forward to the opening of Camp Agawam's 91st season as much as we are. We feel strongly that Agawam is a unique place where boys can grow and develop in a variety of essential ways. Obviously the physical environment is essential to growth – simply being outside for seven weeks in a beautiful and rustic place without television or computers is important. Beyond the physical setting, there are many other critical factors that contribute to the environment at Agawam. Some of those factors are reflected in our Program Goals (page 3) which delineate our focus on your son's sense of self and self-worth; his ability to make balanced and positive personal choices; his role in developing healthy personal relationships; and your son's understanding of both the responsibilities and privileges of being a part of a community.

Agawam is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), is an active member of the Maine Youth Camping Foundation (MYCF), and complies with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regulations overseeing Youth Camps. In addition Agawam has expectations of a high standard of care in areas such as safety, health and wellness, and emergency and crisis management. Agawam's camp season preparation and policies include, among other factors, staff training and certifications with the intent of complying with appropriate ACA and DHHS standards.

Much of what makes Agawam special happens because of careful planning before anybody ever arrives at Camp. With that in mind, I urge you to please take time now to review this *Parent Handbook*, which has been carefully prepared to help answer many of your questions and to act as a resource in preparation for the summer. On the back cover of the Handbook we have included a checklist with key dates and deadlines that will hopefully be a reference for you. Please take the time to complete all of the essential forms by the appointed deadlines. Missing paperwork can result in your son not being able to participate fully in the Camp program until all forms are received by the Camp Office.

Thank you in advance for your attention to all of these important details. Your cooperation is vital to a smooth and well-planned Agawam experience for your son. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions, concerns or simply need clarification about something – we would love to talk with you.

See you in June!

Best regards,



"Chief" Erik Calhoun

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PROGRAM GOALS

A camper at Agawam will develop skills that will enable him to enhance his

Self Concept and Self-Worth by:

- Learning to value and to be satisfied with his contributions to the community;
- Showing greater independence, self-reliance, resourcefulness, initiative and courage;
- Developing the ability to feel more at ease in defining and expressing his individuality;
- Internalizing a greater sense of personal responsibility;
- Displaying a greater understanding of his personal strengths and weaknesses;
- Seeking joy in daily living.

Decision-Making, Judgment and Common Sense by:

- Planning productive and constructive use of his time and talents;
- Developing a framework for healthy decision-making and healthy risk-taking;
- Considering the positive and negative impact of his choices and actions on others;
- Setting goals and showing a commitment to developing a plan to follow through on meeting those goals.

Development of Positive, Supportive Personal Relationships by:

- Seeking to connect with those around him for friendship, entertainment and support;
- Becoming more skilled in developing successful peer interaction;
- Experiencing productive relationships with people of many ages;
- Learning to value and be a role model of the character traits described in the Four Fold Laws of Woodcraft-Beauty, Truth, Fortitude and Love (page 32).

Community Citizenship and Community Service by:

- Learning the value of being kind and of service to others;
- Valuing competition in conjunction with the need for good sportsmanship;
- Experiencing the opportunity to be a part of cooperative group efforts;
- Showing increased awareness of his impact on our natural environment;
- Developing a sense of stewardship of the environment, Camp's community members and traditions;
- Showing joy in daily living.

PART I: PREPARING FOR THE CAMP SEASON

FORMS NEEDED BY AGAWAM BEFORE THE SEASON

The following forms are necessary to prepare for the arrival of your son at Camp, to ensure his health and wellness, and to allow for parent/guardian and camper input into the Camp program. Agawam has procedures in practice regarding the use and release of any and all personal information related to campers.

DUE APRIL 1st: UNIFORM RENTAL REQUEST FORM (orange) - *if needed*

As our supply of rental uniforms is very limited, we may not be able to fill your request if the *Uniform Rental Request* form is received after the deadline. If you intend to purchase the required Camp uniform, we recommend you allow ample time so adjustments can be made if needed.

AMERASPORT ORDER FORM (booklet) - *if needed*

On Amerasport orders received before May 1st, Amerasport will attach nametapes that are ordered from their catalog **free of charge**. Amerasport orders received by May 1st will be shipped before Camp. Orders placed later than May 1st may not ship until after the start of Camp. See the *Clothing and Equipment Catalog* from Amerasport that is included in this mailing.

Please see **CAMP UNIFORM** (page 7).

DUE MAY 1st: CAMPER HEALTH HISTORY FORM 1 (yellow) - *required*

It is very important that we receive this information well before Camp begins, so our health care staff can prepare for our campers. Unless the form is **complete and signed**, we may not be able to accept responsibility for your son on Opening Day.

Parents or guardians must complete the first three pages of the form, **accurate to within 6 months** of your son's arrival at Agawam. Be sure to **sign** the "Parent/Guardian Authorization for Health Care" in the **box at the bottom of the first page** (Agawam health care staff use page 4).

This form can be sent to Camp without information from a physician or physician's office personnel. However, we suggest you make a copy for your son's physician or health care provider to review. You can advise our Camp Nurse of updates closer to the start of Camp.

CAMPER HEALTH CARE RECOMMENDATIONS BY LICENSED MEDICAL PERSONNEL FORM 2 (blue) - *required*

This form must be **completed, signed and dated by a licensed physician**. The physical examination documented must have occurred **within 24 months (2 years)** of the date your son arrives at Agawam.

The **date of the exam** must be in the **second box from the top**. The examining **physician must sign and date the form in the bottom box** (Note: We can accept a physician's standard office form as a record of the examination, as long as it contains the same information as our form, including **date of exam, physician's signature, and date the physician signed the form**).

DUE MAY 1st: It is very important that we receive this information by **May 1st** so our health care staff can prepare for the season. Unless the form is **complete and signed**, we may not be able to accept responsibility for your son on Opening Day.
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SELF-ADMINISTERED EMERGENCY MEDICATION – PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER APPROVAL AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM (purple) - *if needed*

Some campers need to carry, possess and self-administer emergency medication outside the regular supervision of health staff. These medications include, but are not limited to, asthma inhalers and epi-pens. If a camper needs to possess and self-administer emergency medication, Maine State Law requires written approval from your son’s primary health care provider **AND** written permission from a parent or guardian.

If this applies to your son, please read the Camp policy and the summary of Maine State Law on the back of the form for *Self-Administered Emergency Medication*. Please note the conditions that must be met and be sure **both signatures** are provided.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S ASTHMA FORM (red) - *if needed*

Some campers suffer from Asthma. We want your child to receive appropriate care and support for his asthma while attending camp. It is very important that we receive this form so our health care staff can ensure that your child’s asthma management is consistent with his care at home.

If this applies to your son, please read and complete the form for *Additional Information about your child’s Asthma* in consultation with your physician. If your son has an Asthma plan that has been completed by your physician, please attach it to this form.

PERMISSIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FORM (white) - *required*

We seek specific permissions, releases and acknowledgement of Agawam policies. Please initial each of the permissions and acknowledgements required. We suggest that you review pertinent sections of the *Parent Handbook* as you complete this form.

You will receive this form in the mail in early April.

GENERAL INFORMATION RECORD (cream) - *required*

The information you provide on this form can be of great value to the Director and Camp Staff. The information is distributed on a need-to-know basis to Camp leadership and Cabin Counselors to help prepare for your son’s arrival and to support him throughout the summer.

Often the information provided offers important guidelines to counselors in preparing for your son’s arrival and formulating your son’s program goals and Katiaki objectives. We make every effort to get to know each of our campers well, and the information you provide on the *General Information Record* is just the beginning of the Agawam Staff members’ relationship with your son and can help create a solid foundation for a productive summer. The information you provide is not used to categorize nor discriminate, rather, your honesty and thoroughness help us to prepare the best possible Agawam experience for your son.

You will receive this form in the mail in early April.

DUE MAY 1st: **CAMPER QUESTIONNAIRE** (dark yellow) - *required*
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This questionnaire provides us with important planning information from your son's perspective. Questions included cover his activity and housing preferences, as well as his summer goals. Our older boys are also asked for information regarding out-of-Camp trip opportunities.

You will receive this form in the mail in early April.

TRANSPORTATION TO CAMP FORM (green) - *required*

Regardless of the mode of transportation you select, you must complete the *Transportation to Camp* form. For transportation via chartered bus, we need this reservation form to guarantee a seat. If you will be using one of the Camp-provided buses or airport pickups, please enclose a check, made payable to Camp Agawam, for the appropriate amount which is listed on the form.

You will receive this form in the mail in early April.

For more information on getting your son and his belongings to Agawam, please read **GETTING TO AGAWAM** (page 13) and **SHIPPING YOUR SON'S BELONGINGS TO CAMP** (page 16).

DUE MAY 15th: **ATLANTIC CLIMBING SCHOOL PERMISSION FORM** (gray) - *15 year-olds-only*

Fifteen-year-old campers participate in a special trip for our oldest campers. The trip includes an opportunity to rock climb under the supervision of trained instructors at the Atlantic Climbing School. The School requires that a parent or guardian sign their facility-specific permission form.

You will receive this form in the mail in early April.

DUE JUNE 1st: **PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION FORM** (pink) - *required*

This form updates and allows us to confirm contact information provided on the application, so that we are sure we are able to contact you if the need arises. Copies of itineraries and/or a list of contact numbers during any vacations you take during your son's stay at Agawam are also requested.

You will receive this form in the mail in early May.

INSIDE TRUNK: **CAMPER PACKING LIST** (teal) - *required*

The *Camper Packing List* should be taped on the inside of your son's trunk. Your son's counselor will use this list to help monitor your son's packing at the end of Camp.

Two copies of the *Camper Packing List* will be sent in May. You may want to retain a copy for your own reference. Please see *Sample Packing List* (page 31).

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Please see *Sample Packing List* (page 31).

CAMP UNIFORM

Required

Camp Agawam is a uniform camp. A complete set of the required camper uniform includes:

- 8 Agawam camper t-shirts;
- 4-6 pair of Agawam camper shorts (at least two must be gray twill); and
- 2 Agawam camper sweatshirts/hoodies (at least 1 must not be hooded).

Official, But Optional

The following items can be worn as part of the Camp uniform, but are not required:

- maroon soccer-style shorts;
- Agawam sweatpants;
- Agawam hat; and
- Agawam fleece pullover.

Ordering Uniforms

Our official Camp outfitter is Amerasport of Norwood, MA. All items mentioned above can be purchased through them. Amerasport sells many products, but the only mandatory items are those listed above. You can find the required Camp uniform items on pages 3-4 of the Amerasport catalog or on the "Required Items" link on their website (www.amerasport.com). You can also access the Amerasport website through www.campagawam.org/Parent.htm and click on the *Suggested Packing List* link.

Other items may have the Agawam name and/or logo, but they are not required (labeled "Official" in the Amerasport publications). Nametapes can be ordered through Amerasport or other sources. If Amerasport receives your order before May 1st, you can request them to attach nametapes to items purchased from their catalog, free of charge (if you also purchase the name tapes through Amerasport).

Renting Uniforms

We have a limited number of camper uniforms available for rent. Rental requests received later than the due date (**April 1st**) are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, until our stock is exhausted. If you wish to rent uniforms, please complete and return the *Uniform Rental Request* form no later than **April 1st**. If you are renting uniforms, please send us 20 nametapes by **April 1st** and we will put nametapes in your son's uniforms. A \$10.00 nametape fee will be charged to your son's account if we do not receive nametapes by **April 1st**. Rental uniforms include:

- 8 Agawam camper t-shirts;
- 2 pair of Agawam camper shorts (gray twill shorts);
- 4 maroon soccer style shorts; and
- 2 Agawam camper sweatshirts.

Other Required and Recommended Clothing

The following items are also required, though they may come from your son's regular wardrobe:

- waterproof, hooded raincoat;
- blue jeans; and
- 1-2 sets of informal clothing (for dances, day out, traveling home, etc.).

Other Clothing (continued)

For boys 12 years and older:

- hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes (please break-in new boots/shoes before bring them to Camp).

For boys 13 years and older who want to participate in more challenging trips:

- wool or polypropylene socks;
- polypropylene (or other non-cotton synthetic material) long-sleeved undershirt;
- polypropylene (or other non-cotton synthetic material) long underwear;
- wool or fleece winter hat;
- frame pack (recommended);
- “camelback” or comparable hydration bladder (recommended);
- nylon wind pants (recommended); and
- dry bag for canoe trips (recommended).

EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL ITEMS

Please include an inventory of your son’s equipment on the *Camper Packing List*. Please see *Sample Packing List* (page 31). The list that follows can help you and your son in packing gear for Camp. Items that are optional are so marked:

- personal trunk/footlocker;
- sheets (2 cot sets or 4 flat);
- laundry bag (2);
- Honor Band (new campers will receive Honor Bands at Camp);
- prescription medications
 - **Please mail prescription medications to Camp** in quantities sufficient to last through the summer before your son’s arrival. If you are bringing your son to Camp by personal car and you do not mail prescription medications, parents or guardians may hand deliver medications to the Camp Nurse. Medications will be stored and administered by our health care staff, except for self-administered emergency medications as specified by Maine state law. Please refer to the *Self-Administered Emergency Medication form* (page 5);
- acoustic guitar or other non-electric instruments (optional);
- pre-addressed envelopes with postage (optional)
 - These are especially helpful for younger boys or boys whose parents will not be at their home address this summer;
- personal sports equipment (optional)
 - Personal equipment brought to Camp must be used and stored under the same guidelines as Camp-owned equipment. Personal equipment includes, but is not limited to, tennis racket, baseball glove, soccer shin guards, lacrosse stick, fishing pole. Camp has equipment to borrow, but if your son anticipates lots of participation in a particular area, we suggest bringing carefully marked items from home;
- appropriate reading material
 - There is a paperback Book Fair early in the summer where boys can purchase good quality summer reading;
- daypack (optional)
 - Daypacks are used for day hikes and other possible out-of-Camp excursions; and
- sleeping bag (optional)
 - Most boys prefer to bring their own sleeping bag **for use on overnight trips**. Sleeping bags may not be used in place of linens for cabin cots.

EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL ITEMS THAT SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT TO CAMP

We request that you do not send the following items to Camp as they do not support the Agawam philosophy and detract from our Camp environment:

- candy, food or gum
 - Please share this information with friends and relatives who might consider sending such items in the mail to your son at Agawam;
- skateboards, rollerblades and bicycles or vehicles;
- aerosol spray cans (deodorant, insect repellent, etc.);
- pets or other animals;
- electronic equipment
 - Agawam places great emphasis on a boys' ability to interact with fellow campers and staff. Electronic games (like PSP), computers, iPods, disc-men, palm pilots, cell phones, etc. distract from this mission and should be left at home;
- wristwatches
 - Agawam's schedule uses bugle calls and bells, so watches are not necessary;
- knives
 - Agawam provides knives for outdoor living skills and for other crafts and boys are taught the proper safety techniques for care, use and storage of such items;
- weapons or fireworks
 - Agawam has a strict policy forbidding the possession and use of weapons and fireworks. Boys who participate in Riflery and Archery are taught the proper safety techniques for care, use and storage of such items; and
- alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and illicit or controlled drugs
 - Agawam has a strict policy forbidding the use or possession of such products. These items may not be brought to Camp nor may they be acquired during a boy's stay at Agawam.

Items that are not permitted at Camp will be confiscated and when appropriate mailed home. The fee for mailing will be charged to your son's personal account.

In general, please avoid over-packing. The guidelines outlined in this *Parent Handbook* and on the *Camper Packing List* are meant to help you and your son in preparing and packing for Camp.

Labeling Clothing, Equipment and Personal Items

Please label all of your son's gear. Our experience suggests that it is best to sew nametapes into articles of clothing. Please use a permanent marker to label equipment and other items. Laundry bags should be labeled in the center of the bag so that they can be easily spotted when laundry is returned. Please write your son's first and last name. Remember to label cases for items such as contact lenses, glasses, retainers, cameras, tennis rackets, etc.

Helpful hint - remember to label items like tennis rackets, lacrosse sticks, baseball gloves, fishing poles, beach towels, swim trunks, raincoats, books, sneakers and socks.

TOPICS TO CONSIDER BEFORE THE SEASON

AGAWAM CAMPERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES

Agawam offers a variety of activities with many different skill levels, risks and rewards in order to challenge our boys in varying stages of cognitive and physical development. Activities span waterfront, land sports, creative arts and outdoor living skills, including overnight trips for all ages. A wide-range of activities is offered to appeal to many interests and abilities. All have structured as well as more informal program components; some offering nationally recognized awards, such as Red Cross swimming and water safety. Organized team sports are available for all age groups.

Our program encourages campers to experience all activities while allowing ample time for pursuing areas of personal interest. Each camper is given guidance in selecting his program, and activity curricula incorporate a multilevel award system to monitor progress and provide motivation. Campers choose some activities while others are assigned as part of the Agawam program.

Campers must follow all safety rules. Safety rules are explained or demonstrated at their first visit to an activity and reinforced throughout the summer. Campers must pass a swim test or demonstrate certain levels of swimming proficiency in order to participate in some aspects of Waterfront and Trip programs.

Equipment is available in a variety of sizes, and campers and staff work together to ensure that appropriate choices are made. Some activities may occasionally require the use of protective gear (e.g. soccer shin pads, baseball catcher's gear, batting helmets, lacrosse helmets and pads, archery armguards, etc.). PFD's (Personal Flotation Devices) must be worn in any Agawam watercraft.

Fifteen passenger vans, with trained drivers approved by our insurance company, are used to transport campers on trips, to team sport activities and on other outings. An additional staff person, familiar with safety procedures and group management, accompanies the driver to orient and supervise the camper group and to allow the driver to pay full attention to the vehicle and driving.

You can also view Agawam's program on our website: www.campagawam.org.

The following activities may be available, though some activities are limited by age level:

Outdoor Living

Astronomy, Axemanship and Knife Safety, Fire Building, First Aid and CPR, Hiking, Backpacking and Canoeing Trips, Knot Tying, Leave-No-Trace Camping Skills, Nature Study, Orienteering, Outdoor Cooking, Camp Stoves, Weather

Land Sports

Archery, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bocce, Challenge Course - High Ropes, Challenge Course - Low Ropes, Croquet, Frisbee, Horseshoes, Lacrosse, Riflery, Soccer, Sports Training, Tennis, Volleyball/Newcomb

Waterfront

Boating, Canoeing, Diving, Diving Board Safety, Fishing, Kayaking, Racing Sailing, Red Cross Swim Lessons, Sailing, Snorkeling, Swimming, Water Safety, Windsurfing

Creative Arts

Arts and Crafts, Bugling, Camper Choir, Camper Newspaper, Dramatics, Parade Float, Skits, Woodshop (including use of hand and power tools)

Inter-Camp Teams

Archery, Baseball, Basketball, Kickball, Lacrosse, Racing Sailing, Riflery, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball

Traditional Agawam Activities

Saturday Night Council Fire, Cabin Ropes Course Days, Sunday Vespers, Sunday Awards Ceremony, Fourth of July Carnival, Pom Pom Pullaway, Buzz Ball, Frisbee Tag, Cops n' Robbers, Aqs v. Wams Intracamp Competitions, Campus Campfire Programs, Beach Trips, Movie Nights, Dances, Mixed Doubles Tennis, Sailing with Neighboring Girls' Camps

Trip Program

All campers participate in our well-organized trip program. Led by skilled and certified trip leaders, our campers venture far and wide. Younger campers participate in simple overnight canoe and hiking trips as cabin or campus groups. As campers get older the challenges and rewards available in their trip choices increase. Some 13-year-olds and older may hike in the White Mountains and Baxter State Park and canoe on wilderness lakes and rivers, including some whitewater. Multi-day trips are challenging and require that boys be prepared both physically and mentally before agreeing to participate. Boys who are thirteen years and older may choose to participate in our optional Advanced Trip Program (except for the Acadia National Park trip which is for 15-year-olds only).

Trip leaders carry cell phones for emergency situations on all trips, but some areas are outside of cell coverage. Advanced trips travel into wilderness and remote areas in Maine and New Hampshire and may be in locations where they are an hour or more from emergency assistance. All Advanced Trips (three or more days) have at least one Staff member with Wilderness First Aid certification. Trip leaders are trained specific to the geography, climate, activities and participants to assess safety concerns and potential hazards of the activity; enforce safety regulations and provide necessary instructions; and handle potential emergency situations. All trip participants and Staff participate in a pre-trip orientation that includes general information on the following topics: safety regulations and emergency procedures, each activity conducted, first aid procedures, health and sanitation procedures, practices to protect the environment, areas that are off-limits and rendezvous places. Hiking and canoeing (rock climbing and mountain biking on Acadia trip only) do include risks including, but not limited to, falling, bad weather, and risks associated with activities on the water. Transportation for most trips is by Camp vehicle and all safety rules apply (page 13). Wabinoden, Tour de Crescent and Hawthorne Cove are canoe trips and boys actually canoe to and from their destinations.

If you have any questions about trips, feel free to contact the Director, Erik Calhoun: (207) 627-4780 or chiefc@campagawam.org.

Here is a rundown of our typical trips broken out by ability:

Easy Trips:

- **Wabinoden - Easy**
 - Canoe Trip on Crescent Lake
 - Tenting
 - Overnight
- **Bradbury Mountain - Easy**
 - Hiking Trip
 - Tenting
 - Overnight
- **Tour De Crescent – Easy**
 - Canoe Trip on Crescent Lake
 - Tenting
 - Overnight
- **Pleasant Mountain – Easy**
 - Hiking Trip
 - Tenting
 - Overnight

Trip Program (continued)

Moderate Trips:

- **Baldface Mountain –Moderate**
 - Hiking Trip
 - Tenting
 - Overnight
- **Hawthorne Cove - Moderate**
 - Canoe Trip
 - Tenting
 - Overnight
- **Speckled Mountain –Moderate**
 - Hiking Trip
 - Tenting
 - Overnight
- **Imp/Carter – Moderate**
 - Backpacking/Hiking Trip
 - AMC Hut and Tenting
 - Two Nights

Advanced Trips:

- **Mt. Katahdin – Advanced**
 - Backpacking/Hiking Trip
 - Lean-to Shelters
 - Five Nights
- **Rangeley Lakes – Advanced**
 - Canoe Trip
 - Tenting
 - Four Nights
- **Moosehead Lake – Advanced**
 - Canoe Trip
 - Tenting
 - Four Nights
- **Mt. Washington – Advanced**
 - Hiking Trip
 - AMC Huts
 - Two Nights
- **Androscoggin – Advanced**
 - White Water Canoe Trip
 - Tenting
 - Overnight
- **Acadia National Park-Advanced**
 - Rock Climbing
 - Hiking
 - Mountain Biking
 - Tenting
 - Two Nights
 - AMC Hut

MUSIC AND DRAMATICS

Guitars and banjos are great camp instruments and are most welcome. Several staff and campers bring their instruments and play in campus groups and/or in Camper Choir. Boys who play the trumpet may also bring their instruments to assist with bugle calls.

Our Prop Room always welcomes additions to our costume collection (old suits, jackets, ties, shoes, Halloween costumes, wigs, etc.) to help boys in preparing for Skit Nights.

SUMMER READING AND STUDY

If your son has summer reading and/or reports or projects assigned for school, please contact the Director, “Chief” Erik Calhoun (chiefc@campagawam.org). Academic time can be worked into your son’s day, but the schedule is full and careful thought must be given to a summer academic program.

CHURCH SERVICES

We provide chaperoned transportation for a 5:00 pm Saturday afternoon Catholic Mass at a local Raymond church. If you would like your son to attend, please indicate that on the *Permissions and Acknowledgements* form which you will receive in early April. **Please discuss your request with your son.** Funds to donate to the collection will be charged to your son’s personal account.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Agawam personal appearance standards require that boys wear the Camp uniform and maintain good general hygiene. In addition, boys should not wear overly long hair, bandannas or earrings. Please see that your son has a haircut before coming to camp. During the Camp season, a local barber visits Agawam each week. If your son has reached the age of shaving, please send him with a razor (electric razor for safety reasons).

PART II: GETTING TO AGAWAM

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TO AGAWAM

PERSONAL CAR

If you plan to drive your son to camp yourself, please plan to arrive in the afternoon on Wednesday, June 30th between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Arrivals before or after this time require adjustments to the program. Please contact the Director, “Chief” Erik Calhoun (chiefc@campagawam.org), if your arrival time at Camp must be before 3:00 pm or after 5:00 pm.

When you arrive at Camp, please travel slowly on our entrance road and within Camp. Staff will meet you at the bottom of the road to check you in and direct you where to park.

CHAPERONED BUS

Agawam charters a Coach Bus from a reputable Maine firm. Agawam requires documentation that assures that the company meets regular safety and maintenance checks and that the drivers’ records, licensure and experience of company drivers are acceptable.

Agawam staff will chaperone our camper group so that the driver can focus solely on the vehicle and driving. Agawam chaperones are given information and training regarding safety responsibilities, accident procedures and group management and will orient the boys as to safety regulations and procedures while on the bus.

Safety Rules

Our safety rules for van and bus travel include:

- orientation to safety regulations by the chaperones and driver;
- orientation to loading and unloading procedures including:
 - remaining on the vehicle until instructed by chaperone to disembark and
 - remaining with the chaperone when disembarking from the vehicle;
- wearing seat belts, when provided;
- remaining seated while the vehicle is moving as directed by the chaperones and driver;
- obeying the directions of the chaperones and driver;
- keeping all body parts inside the vehicle;
- keeping noise to a minimum to avoid distracting the driver;
- keeping the aisles clear of any obstructions;
- not throwing anything while in the vehicle;
- orientation to all emergency exits;
- following loading limits of the vehicle as established by the manufacturers; and
- orientation to location of first aid kit, fire extinguisher and other emergency accessories that are included in every vehicle.

Meeting the Bus

Please be on time at the meeting place where your son will join the bus group. If you are delayed or have concerns regarding the bus, please call us at (207) 627-4780. Please provide us with a contact telephone number for that day, and we will make every effort to notify you if there is a significant change in the anticipated bus schedule.

Meeting the Bus (continued)

When you arrive at the bus-meeting place, please check in with the counselor in charge. The counselor will provide instructions about loading and boarding the bus. **Your son will remain in your care until he has loaded the bus for departure from the meeting place.** We request that parents or guardians stay with the group until the bus leaves.

Please do not give mail, medications or special instructions to your son or to any of the people in charge of the bus group. These items can be easily mislaid and should be mailed in advance to Agawam. Instructions for providing Agawam with your son's medications can be found in the **Equipment and Personal Items** section (page 8).

If bus travel bothers your son, we suggest that you check with your son's pediatrician to see if Dramamine, or something similar, might be appropriate before boarding the bus.

There are three pick-up spots starting in Union, NJ:

Union, NJ **Meeting Time – 9:15 am** \$130.00 one way

The meeting place is at the Vaux Hall Service Area. The Vaux Hall Service Area is located on the Northbound side of the Garden State Parkway between Exits 140 and 141 (mile marker 142).

Darien, CT **Meeting Time – 10:45 am** \$120.00 one way

The meeting place is at the Mobil Station and McDonald's Restaurant on the Connecticut Turnpike, Route 95 Northbound, between Exits 12 and 13.

Lexington, MA **Meeting Time – 2:45 pm** \$90.00 one way

The meeting place is at the Truck Stop/Rest Area on Route 128/95 Northbound, after Exit 30 (Route 2A).

What to Wear On the Camp Bus

Campers should wear casual, everyday clothes on the bus. Boys will change into their Camp uniform after arriving at Agawam.

What to Bring On the Camp Bus

Please provide your son with a paper bag lunch and drink. Our itinerary does not allow time to stop and purchase lunch along the way. Please do not include gum or candy that will not be completely consumed before arrival at Camp.

There is no room for trunks, duffel bags or large backpacks on the bus. Only small items described below should be transported on the bus and all items should be labeled with your son's first and last name. For information on shipping baggage, see **SHIPPING YOUR SON'S BELONGINGS TO CAMP** (page 16).

AIRPLANE

Please advise Agawam of all flight details on the *Transportation to Camp* form. For information on shipping baggage, see **SHIPPING YOUR SON'S BELONGINGS TO CAMP** (page 16).

Making Reservations

If you plan to have your son travel to Agawam by plane, please schedule travel on flights arriving in Portland, Maine (PWM) from late morning to mid-afternoon on Wednesday, June 30, 2010. Please schedule all return reservations on flights departing the Portland International Jetport (PWM) between 8:00 am and Noon on Tuesday, August 17, 2010. The Portland International Jetport (PWM) is served by the following airlines: Air Tran, Continental, Delta, Jet Blue, Northwest, Starlink Aviation, United Express and US Airways.

Unaccompanied Minor Status

Please make arrangements for your son to travel as an unaccompanied minor. Airlines have some restrictions for children flying as an unaccompanied minor, including allowing unaccompanied minors to fly only nonstop flights, not allowing unaccompanied minors on the last flight of the day for that destination, and not allowing unaccompanied minors on flights that involve a second carrier. Please check with your airline(s) as to the rules in getting your son from his initial location to Portland International Jetport (PWM) on Wednesday, June 30, 2010, and from Portland International Jetport (PWM) to his final destination at the end of the summer.

If you need the name of the chaperone who will be meeting your son at the airport to complete an unaccompanied minor form, please call Agawam (207) 627-4780, the week before Camp begins. If you need the name of a chaperone when you are making your reservations, please use Erik Calhoun, Camp Director.

Confirmations

Please confirm all flights, connections, and unaccompanied minor requests.

Return Tickets

Please send any return tickets to the Agawam Office as soon as possible.

Pick-Up Policy

Due to security procedures at the airport, your son cannot be met directly at his gate by an Agawam Staff person. After disembarking from the plane, your son should proceed to the Security Gate. As an **unaccompanied minor**, your son will be escorted through the Security Gate to meet an Agawam Staff person.

Getting From Portland International Jetport (PWM) to Agawam

Agawam will arrange for transportation for your son from Portland International Jetport (PWM) to Agawam. The Agawam staff will include a driver (minimum age 21) who has been screened by our insurance company to verify an acceptable driving record and proper licensure and who has been trained and oriented in the specific type of vehicle to which he or she is assigned. If transportation will be by Camp van, an additional staff person, familiar with safety procedures and working with groups, accompanies the Agawam driver to orient and manage the camper group, allowing the driver to pay full attention to the vehicle and driving. The safety rules for transport by van are the same as for bus travel, as is the orientation and training given to drivers and additional chaperones. See **Safety Rules** (page 13).

The one-way cost for transfer from the Portland International Jetport (PWM) to Agawam is \$45.00.

Communicating Changes or Emergencies

Please call the Agawam Office (207) 627-4780 if you know of any differences in your son's travel plans than those sent to us on the *Transportation To Camp* form. For example, please let the Camp Office know if your son's plane is delayed in departure. The Camp Office will attempt to telephone you after your son's arrival at Camp.

SHIPPING YOUR SON'S BELONGINGS TO AGAWAM

Unless you are bringing your son's belongings to Camp by car, please arrange to ship his trunk and other large luggage by United Parcel Service (UPS), FedEx or a similar shipping company. There is no room for trunks, duffel bags or bulky luggage on the chartered bus or on the transport from the Portland International Jetport (PWM) to Agawam.

Properly marked items will be waiting in your son's cabin when he arrives. Please put two tags, marked with your son's **first and last name**, on each piece of baggage – the shipping company will remove one of them! In the case of brothers, please be sure to put each boy's name on the proper trunk and duffel so that baggage can be sorted correctly at Agawam.

It is best to ship your son's belongings to arrive at Camp Agawam between Monday, June 21st 2010 and Friday, June 26th, 2010.

Shipping Address: Your Son's First and Last Name
 Camp Agawam
 54 Agawam Road
 Raymond, ME 04071

We recommend that you contact your shipping company to obtain any restrictions on shipping.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP AGAWAM

From the Maine Turnpike North (Interstate 95N)

- Take Exit 63 (Gray);
- Turn left after the toll;
- At the first traffic light, turn right onto Rte 26A (bypass around Gray);
- Go 2.7 miles from the traffic light (Rte 26A becomes Rte 26) until you reach a flashing yellow light at the Dry Mills Store;
- Turn left onto North Raymond Road;
- Go 1 mile on North Raymond Road and turn left, onto Egypt Road;
- Go 4 miles to the end of Egypt Road, where it intersects Route 85;
- Turn right onto Route 85 North, and go 4 miles;
- Turn right when you see the Agawam sign (If you get to the junction of Rte 85 North and Rte 11, you have gone about ½-mile too far. Turn around and look on your left for the Agawam driveway, just past a cemetery, also on the left);
- Follow the entrance road to the bottom of the hill, past our baseball field (Ap's Field) on your left and past a large two-storey building (Mason Hall);
- You will be directed to an appropriate parking spot.

- **Please drive slowly on the Camp entrance road.**

PART III: COMMUNICATING WITH AGAWAM

AGAWAM CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Address: Your Son's Full Name
(Your Son's Cabin)
54 Agawam Road
Raymond, ME 04071

Please include your son's full name and his cabin name on mail. We will advise you of your son's cabin in the first *Aganews* which will be published on Sunday, July 4th, 2010.

Camp Office/Director: (207) 627-4780 - We suggest that you call between 9:30 am and 7:00 pm EST.

Fax: (207) 627-8003

E-mail: chiefc@campagawam.org

Website: www.campagawam.org

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Please keep the Camp Office advised of any changes in the information on the *Parent Contact Information* form that occur during the Camp season. For example, please let us know your contact information if you go away for a weekend or on vacation.

Also, it is very helpful to the Camp Office if you can advise us of your plans to visit Agawam. Please do not depend on your son to relay this information, as it is often forgotten.

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR SON AT AGAWAM

Mail

Campers look forward to regular, cheerful and newsy letters, cards and postcards from home. Letters and cards, unlike packages, are delivered to a boy's cabin six days a week. Mail is handed out during Rest Hour and boys enjoy reading their letters during this quiet time. It is especially nice when a supportive letter is waiting on the first day of Camp.

Mail (continued)

After your son tells you what cabin his is in, please put your **son's full name** and the **name of his cabin** on envelopes and packages to facilitate our mail sorting. We will advise you of your son's cabin in the first *Aganews* which will be published on Sunday, July 4th.

We require each boy to write home at least twice a week – a letter on Sunday and a postcard (minimum) on Wednesday. You can also look forward to a weekly newsletter, called the *Aganews*. Many boys chose to write their Sunday letters on the back of this. Pre-addressed, stamped envelopes are helpful, especially for younger campers.

Please be aware that mail to and from certain parts of Maine may not be as fast as your mail, partly due to a smaller postal system and partly due to the huge influx of summer campers to the area. This delay should not cause you concern while you wait for communications from your son. Families who are overseas for the summer may be concerned about long delays for mail to arrive. See **Faxed Messages** and **Email** (page 19).

Packages

We ask that parents, relatives and friends assist us in carrying out part of our summer goals by not sending candy, food or gum. The Camp program includes three substantial and well-balanced meals a day. Soda and candy are not a regular part of our routine. Dessert is served after lunch and dinner and the boys do get candy once a week when we have "Dairy Maids".

Boys can stop by the Camp Office to pick up their packages after dinner except on Saturdays when, due to Council, they can pick them up before dinner. Food or other restricted items must be confiscated. Except for food, we will mail those items home and charge your son's personal account. We do not reship food, and since it cannot be stored at Camp, it unfortunately must be discarded. Please help us avoid an uncomfortable situation for your son and our Staff.

Telephone Calls

We feel that your son's adjustment to Camp will be much smoother if you *do not call him during the first 10 days of Camp*, unless there is an emergency. After the first 10 days, we ask you to limit telephone calls to your son to those that are absolutely necessary. Please limit calls to five minutes or less, as we have only one line at Agawam for the entire Camp family. If relatives are likely to call, please advise them of our policies.

Sometimes, when we are working with campers who are learning to cope with being away from home, the subject of a call home comes up. We have found that it is often more disruptive than helpful to the camper's adjustment to place such a call too early. The Director will call you to keep you informed of any difficulties, what strategies are being employed to support your son, and what progress is being made. It is this team approach that can help a camper to learn to cope with normal developmental changes. Campers may call home from the Camp Office only after receiving permission from the Director.

If the occasion arises when especially good or upsetting news must reach your son at Camp, it is very helpful if you call the Director first, so appropriate groundwork can be done with the Agawam staff to help as necessary.

To minimize disruption to the Camp schedule and to maximize the chances that your son will be close to the phone, please call during the following regularly scheduled meal times:

8:20 am – 9:00 am Sunday through Saturday
12:40 pm – 1:15 pm Sunday through Saturday
5:50 pm – 6:30 pm Sunday through Friday
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm Saturday only

Faxed Messages (For Families Living or Visiting Overseas Only)

For parents who are overseas during the summer, faxes can be received in the Office 24 hours a day and delivered with the regular mail during Rest Hour. If you would like to fax your son at Camp, you may do so by calling our fax machine at (207) 627-8003. Please be sure to include your son's full name and cabin on the cover sheet or faxed note.

Faxed letters, rather than phone calls, are recommended for parents who are overseas and are concerned about timely mail delivery. A fee of \$1.00 per received page will be charged to your son's personal account.

Email (For Families Living or Visiting Overseas Only)

Campers do not have access to email or computers at Camp. Please do not email messages for your son to Staff members.

If you provide an email address and if your son delivers his message to the Camp Office, we will scan and email copies of the required weekly postcard and letter home. This is **only for boys whose parents are overseas and is limited to twice a week**. We will not inspect or open mail a camper does not bring to the Office and the letter/postcard will be sent via regular mail.

For parents who are overseas during the summer, emails can be received in the Office 24 hours a day and delivered with the regular mail during Rest Hour. If you would like to email your son at Camp, you may do so by replying to the scanned letter from your son (see above). Please be sure to include your son's full name and cabin in the subject of the email.

Emailed letters, rather than phone calls, are also recommended for parents who are overseas and are concerned about timely mail delivery. A fee of \$1.00 per received page will be charged to your son's personal account.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AGAWAM TO YOU

Counselor Communications

Twice during the summer, your son's Counselor(s) will write a short letter to you about your son's adjustment to Camp, involvement in activities and accomplishments at Agawam. One is written after the first ten days of Camp and the other is written at the end of the season.

Some occasions may arise when it would be helpful for a member of the Agawam Staff to speak with you about your son's experiences at Camp. Counselors and other Staff make themselves available during your visits to Agawam and are happy to speak with you when they are not assigned camper teaching or supervisory duties. If, after consultation with the Director, it seems wise to have a telephone conversation with a Staff person, we are happy to arrange that at a mutually convenient time.

We ask that you do not telephone or email counselors or other Staff directly, however. Staff access to the telephone and email is quite restricted due to the commitments they make to campers each day. Their day begins at 7:30 am and often does not end until well after 9:00 pm. During that time they are dedicating their energy and attention to our campers, and it is difficult for them to interrupt that effort to speak on the phone or answer email messages. However, please feel free to contact the Director who will make the time to get the information you need and arrange well-timed communication.

Camp Nurse

Should you have any concerns about your son's health or health care at Agawam, please feel free to contact the Director. If necessary, our Camp Nurse, or other health care provider, will be happy to talk with you as well.

If your son visits the doctor or is admitted to the Camp Infirmary, the Camp Nurse will notify you by phone as soon as possible. If parents or guardians cannot be reached after several attempts by phone, the Camp Nurse will notify them by mail or email. Similarly, the Director or Camp Nurse will contact parents or guardians as soon as possible in the case of serious injury or illness.

Agawam Website: www.campagawam.org

Daily schedules, updated announcements about Camp activities and a few Camp pictures are posted on the website.

Camp Newsletter: The *Aganews*

A short weekly newsletter is compiled by a staff member and distributed to campers and staff. The *Aganews* contains brief descriptions of major Camp activities, events and news. We suggest that boys write their letter to you on Sunday on the back of the *Aganews*, providing a little "hard news" from the shores of Crescent Lake. We try to have this newsletter available for download from our website after it is published.

Camp Newspaper: The *Agalog*

The *Agalog* is our camper-produced newspaper. Copies are sent home with campers at the end of the season. If you would like to have it mailed to any relatives or close friends of the family, please send their names and addresses to us. We would also be glad to have you include names of families with sons who might be interested in Agawam for another season.

AGAWAM COMMUNICATIONS AFTER THE SEASON

In October or November your son will receive a DVD of the season's "slide show" shown at the end of Camp.

In December, your son will receive the Camp Agawam Calendar/Yearbook that includes photos from the 2010 summer, birthdays, campus photos and cabin pictures.

Early in January, the Winter *Agalog* will arrive with messages from campers and counselors. Please encourage your son to respond to the invitation to share news sent in November so that his news can be added to the *Agalog*.

COMMUNICATION AND PRIVACY OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Agawam provides opportunities for friendships that continue after the season and are often life-long. To respect the privacy concerns of our 21st century world, we do not share contact information with other camper families or staff. Many of our older campers exchange email addresses to stay in touch, but younger campers often rely on parents. Agawam counselors are instructed to request email addresses from parents, not campers. To support camper-camper contact and counselor-camper contact, email address requests for contact information received after the season will be forwarded to parents or staff who may then choose to respond.

PART IV: VISITING AGAWAM

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Visiting Weekends

We recommend that you plan one weekend visit for the summer, not counting dropping your son off on Opening Day nor picking him up at the end of Camp. Parents and relatives are welcome on weekends (Saturdays and Sundays): **July 17th – July 18th, July 24th – July 25th, July 31st - August 1st, and August 7th – August 8th, 2010.** Agawam does not have one set visiting weekend. We hope that visitors will spend time touring Agawam, meeting our staff and other campers and seeing the Camp program in action. We try not to alter the normal routine of Agawam for visiting purposes.

We ask parents to wait to visit until the third weekend of the season so campers will have time to settle into the Agawam routine. In addition, the final weekend before Camp closes includes special events at which visitors cannot be accommodated, though we do invite visitors to attend Final Council Fire/Grand Council (Saturday, August 14th at 7:00 pm) and Final Vespers and Weekly Awards Ceremony (Sunday, August 15th at 9:45 am). The Camp program includes backpacking and canoeing trips and inter-camp competitions that have boys traveling out of Camp between Monday and Friday, so we ask that parents plan their visits for the weekends.

GUIDELINES FOR VISITING AGAWAM

The following guidelines have been prepared to help you to know and understand Camp rules.

Arrival at Agawam

Please plan to begin your visit on **Saturday and Sunday after 9:30 am**. Before 9:30 am boys have responsibilities to clean cabins and complete other Camp improvement projects.

If you arrive in the Raymond area on Friday, you are welcome stop by for a quick visit on **Friday afternoon** between **4:30 pm and 5:30 pm**. Boys need to be at dinner at 5:45 pm and must be in Camp for Friday evening activities.

Please park where directed by Camp staff.

Guidelines for Visiting in Camp

Saturday Morning: We welcome you to observe your son participating in his activities on Saturday morning.

Sunday Morning: We welcome your attendance at our weekly Vespers at 10 am and the Awards Ceremony that begins just after Vespers and normally concludes by 11:15 am. Campers are expected to attend both of these weekly ceremonies.

General Swims: Visitors are welcome to swim at either the morning (11:30 am) or afternoon (4:30 pm) General Swim. Parents may change clothes at our Office or in the handicap accessible bathrooms which can be found adjacent to the Mason-Yale Playroom and the Middle Wayside. Visitors must check-in and check-out with Waterfront Staff and follow posted Waterfront rules.

Guidelines for Visiting in Camp (continued)

Meals: Due to limited space, we usually are not able to invite visitors to eat with us.

Rest Hour: This is our quiet period. All activities are closed between 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm, except tennis. Parents are asked not to spend this hour in cabins.

Saturday and Sunday Afternoons: Visitors may participate in activities under the guidance and supervision of Agawam Staff members.

Council Fire (Saturday Evening): All campers are expected to participate in Council Fire starting at 7:00 pm. Parents are welcome to watch Council Fire.

If weather threatens on Saturday, we may need to reschedule to Sunday evening. Please call the Camp Office after 5 pm, (207) 627-4780, to confirm the timing of Council Fire if you have any doubt.

After Evening Programs: Please do not go to your son's cabin following any evening program.

Pets: Maine state law requires that all warm blooded animals on Camp property have proof of rabies vaccination. If you bring your pet with you while visiting Agawam, please provide the Camp Office with documentation of vaccination. All visiting dogs must be leashed at all times.

Camp Policies: Thank you for respecting our policies on food, candy, aerosol cans and electronic equipment. Please see **Equipment and Personal Items** (page 8). This avoids putting campers and Camp staff in awkward positions.

Taking Your Son Out of Camp

Campers may leave Camp with parents/guardians for two days during the Camp season. Boys may be taken out of Camp (including lunch and dinner) on Saturday and Sunday, but your son must be back in Camp each evening.

Please sign your son out at the Office before leaving Camp and sign back in upon returning to Camp.

You may take another boy out with you only if his parents/guardians are not coming to visit and only if we have his parents' or guardians' written permission.

Coming Back Into Camp at the End of the Day

Please park where directed by Camp Staff. Please remember to sign your son in at the Camp Office before going to Council Fire or returning to the cabin.

Saturday by 7:00 pm: Boys are expected to participate in Council Fire on Saturday evening. Your son should be back in Camp by 7:00 pm. Visitors are very welcome to attend Council Fire.

Sunday by 6:00 pm: Many important Camp events are scheduled on Sunday evenings.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND DINING DURING YOUR VISIT

We have found that accommodations for the weekends in the middle of the season are rapidly booked. We strongly urge you to make reservations as soon as possible.

Organizations to assist in making plans

- Maine Office of Tourism
 - usa.visitmaine.com
 - “Where to Stay” tab
 - do an Accommodations Search by town or region

- Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce
 - www.mainelakeschamber.com
 - (207) 647-3472

- Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce
 - www.sebagolakeschamber.com
 - (207) 892-8265

Distances and Approximate Times to and from Agawam

TOWN	DISTANCE	TIME
Casco	5 miles	15 minutes
Poland	5 miles	15 minutes
Raymond	7 miles	15 minutes
Naples	9 miles	17 minutes
Windham	14 miles	25 minutes
Otisfield	15 miles	25 minutes
Bridgton	17 miles	30 minutes
Harrison	19 miles	33 minutes
Auburn	21 miles	35 minutes
Lewiston	21 miles	35 minutes
Waterford	25 miles	43 minutes
Fryeburg	32 miles	50 minutes
Portland	28 miles	45 minutes to 1 hour
Boston	118 miles	2 hours and 17 minutes

PART V: PLANNING FOR THE END OF THE CAMP SEASON

FINAL DAYS OF THE 2009 AGAWAM SEASON

The weekend of August 14th to 15th, 2010, is not a normal visiting weekend since many special events are scheduled. Visits at times not specified below cause unfortunate conflicts with boys' in-Camp schedules.

Visitors are more than welcome to join us at the following times:

Final Council Fire (Grand Council) – Saturday, August 14th, 2010

Please arrive at Agawam no later than 7:00 pm to be seated before Council begins. This Council Fire normally ends by 9:30 pm.

If weather threatens on Saturday, we may need to reschedule to Sunday evening. Please call the Camp Office after 5 pm, (207) 627-4780, to confirm the timing of Grand Council if you have any doubt.

Final Vespers and Weekly Awards Ceremony – Sunday, August 15th, 2010

The final vespers is presented by the Camper Council. Please arrive at Agawam by 9:45 am to be seated before Vespers begins. The Weekly Awards Ceremony follows Vespers, and the combined program usually ends by 11:15 am.

Family Buffet and Awards Night Ceremonies – Monday, August 16th, 2010

Family and friends are invited to a Buffet Supper at 5:00 pm and to the Awards Night Ceremonies that follow at 7:00 pm. These ceremonies usually conclude at 10:00 pm.

We ask that you arrive after 3:30 pm on Monday. Though the Agawam staff can be quite flexible, we appreciate your consideration in allowing them to concentrate wholly on the boys until 3:30 pm.

Please RSVP for the Family Buffet by August 1, 2010. We will send a form during the summer.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS GOING HOME

Agawam will not release a camper to a person other than his legal parent or guardian without written permission from the legal parent or guardian. If you plan to carpool, either to pick up boys at Agawam or to transport them from a bus stop, please inform the Camp Office, in writing, well before the end of Camp.

Fifteen-Year-Old Campers

We plan additional activities for our fifteen-year-olds on Monday night to conclude their last summer as a camper. These boys should plan to stay overnight on Monday, August 16th, and leave on Tuesday morning, August 17th.

PERSONAL CAR

Monday, August 16, 2010 (after the Awards Ceremony about 10:00 pm)

We ask that you pack your car before the Buffet Supper (by 5:00 pm). Vehicles are restricted to Ap's Field (Baseball field) after 5:00 pm. Boys may check out directly after Final Goodbyes, so all their belongings should be in the car before the Awards Ceremony at 7:00 pm.

Please check your son out of Camp with an Agawam staff person as you leave Ap's Field.

Tuesday, August 17, 2010 (Between 9:00 am and 10:30 am)

Please do not arrive before 9:00 am because our chartered bus departure will dominate the Camp road. Before you leave, please check out with an Agawam Staff member.

CHAPERONED BUS

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Boys will travel to Lexington, MA, Darien, CT and Union, NJ, in a chaperoned group via a Coach Bus. Please see **Chaperoned Bus** (page 13).

Reservations for the chaperoned bus can be made on a form that will be sent to you during the summer. Return the form by August 1, 2010, with a check payable to Camp Agawam. Reservations will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

There is no room for large baggage on the bus. Please see the **Shipping Your Son's Belongings Home** (page 26).

Bag lunches will be provided by Agawam. Our safety rules are the same as for travel to Agawam. Please see **Safety Rules** (page 13).

Meeting the Bus

Please be on time to meet your son at the bus as the bus must keep to its schedule at each stop. If you are not on time to pick up your son, the bus will be delayed in reaching the next stop(s) which will impact many Camp families. Please call Camp at (207) 627-4780 if you know you are going to be delayed in your arrival at the bus meeting place or if there is any concern regarding the bus arrival.

Please provide us with a contact telephone number for that day, and we will make every effort to notify you if there is any change in the anticipated bus schedule.

When you arrive at the bus-meeting place, please check in with the Counselor in charge. The counselor will provide instructions about unloading and disembarking from the bus. Agawam chaperones will only check out a camper to his parent or guardian. If you plan to carpool to transport your son home from a bus stop, please inform the Camp Office, in writing, well before the end of Camp.

Before you leave with your son, please check out with the Counselor in charge of the bus.

Meeting the Bus (continued)

There are three drop-off spots starting in Lexington, MA:

Lexington, MA **Expected Arrival Time – 11:00 am** \$90.00 one way

The meeting place is at the Truck Stop/Rest Area on Route 128/95 Northbound, after Exit 30 (Route 2A).

Darien, CT **Expected Arrival Time – 2:00 pm** \$120.00 one way

The meeting place is at the Mobil Station and McDonald's Restaurant in Noroton, CT on the Connecticut Turnpike Southbound between Exit 10 and 9 in Noroton. The drop off area is behind the McDonald's where busses and trucks park.

Union, NJ **Expected Arrival Time – 3:30 pm** \$130.00 one way

The meeting place is at the Vaux Hall Service Area. The Vaux Hall Service Area is located on the Northbound side of the Garden State Parkway between Exits 140 and 141 (mile marker 142).

AIRPLANE

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Campers will be transported to the Portland International Jetport (PWM) in a chaperoned vehicle. Please see **Airplane** (page 14).

Please make a reservation for your son to travel on a flight departing Portland, Maine (PWM), between 8:00 am and Noon on Tuesday, August 17, 2010. Be sure to confirm all flights and unaccompanied minor arrangements (page 15). Return tickets or e-ticket receipts should be sent to the Agawam office early in the summer.

Reservations for transport to the airport by Camp vehicle on August 17th, 2010 should be made on a form that will be sent to you during the summer. Please return the form by August 1, 2010, with a check payable to "Camp Agawam". The **one-way cost** for transport from Agawam to Portland International Jetport (PWM) is **\$45.00**.

SHIPPING YOUR SON'S BELONGINGS HOME

Unless you are transporting your son's belongings home from Camp by car, please arrange to ship his trunk and other large luggage. There is no room for trunks, duffels or bulky baggage on the chartered bus or on Camp transports to Portland International Jetport (PWM).

We arrange with UPS to come to Agawam on our Closing Day to box and ship camper trunks, duffels, large backpacks and other items you instruct us to ship home. A trunk or duffel bag itself is insured **only** if it is enclosed in a box, so we arrange to have all shipped items boxed. The shipping fee will be charged to your son's personal account.

Arrangements for shipping should be made on the *Camper Transportation Home* form that will be sent to you during the summer. Return the form by August 1, 2010, including your instructions regarding the shipping destination.

All items will be shipped on Closing Day, or very shortly thereafter, and will arrive within a few days. Please let us know if we should delay the shipping, if, for example, you will be traveling for a few days before reaching home.

PART VI: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

With few exceptions, our tuition is all-inclusive. The only items for which an extra charge applies are Camp-provided transportation to or from Camp, Camp uniforms, certain elective Upper Campus trips and your son's personal account.

Tuition Payment

A \$1,000.00 deposit, part of the entire tuition, is due with the camper application and is non-refundable after January 1st. The next installment of \$3,800.00 is due no later than April 1st. The tuition balance, \$3,000.00 plus any extra fees, is due no later than June 1st. A statement, detailing all charges and payments received, will be sent out at the end of August.

Transportation Charges

One-way charges for chaperoned camp-provided transportation are:

Bus:	To or from Union, NJ	\$130.00
	To or from Darien, CT	\$120.00
	To or from Lexington, MA	\$ 90.00
Airport:	To or from Portland International Jetport (PWM)	\$ 45.00

Personal Account

There are a number of miscellaneous charges your son may incur during his stay with us. These may include:

- Book Fair purchases;
- Charges at our store (which stocks only a few items such as writing pads, pencils, pens, stamps, envelopes, toothpaste, deodorant, batteries, postcards, and toothbrushes);
- Charges for the longer trips such as Acadia, Rangeley Lakes, Mt. Katahdin and Mt. Washington, Imp/Carter, Moosehead Lake, Umbagog/Androscoggin;
- Eyeglass repair;
- Tennis racket restringing;
- Postage for packages mailed home;
- Spending money on trips or outings; and
- Shipping of trunks and duffels.

We ask that you send a \$60.00 deposit for this personal account before the Camp season begins. A full accounting of such expenses is provided at the end of the Camp season.

Tipping

In accordance with the Accreditation Standards of the American Camp Association, Agawam Staff members shall not accept tips from parents of campers.

Refund Policies

If a camper leaves by mutual agreement with the Director for health or adjustment reasons, the tuition will be pro-rated. If a camper leaves of his own choice, or for failing to follow Camp rules, no refund of his tuition will be made.

PART VII: CAMP AGAWAM AND AGAWAM COUNCIL

CAMP AGAWAM AND THE MASON FAMILY

Founded in 1919, Camp Agawam was owned and operated continuously by the Mason family until 1985 (Directors: Appleton A. Mason, “The Governor,” 1920-1938: Appleton A. Mason, Jr., 1939-1956: David W. Mason, 1957-1985). Its mission was to provide an ideal summer home where the environment and activities provided would help boys grow physically, mentally, morally and spiritually. Agawam has now been long recognized for its belief in values education, upstanding moral character and youth development.

The essence of Agawam is a rustic, uncomplicated environment where there is much opportunity for fun and challenge, excitement and growth. Such benefits are gained while also learning respect for individual differences and the value of others, Counselors and fellow Campers, for companionship, friendship, learning, entertainment and support.

After a stewardship of sixty-six years, the Mason family retired in 1985. Agawam’s alumni formed the Agawam Council and, with the support from parents and friends, were able to purchase the Camp to ensure the quality summer camping that Agawam provided would continue.

AGAWAM COUNCIL CONTINUES THE STEWARDSHIP

The alumni entrusted Camp to the Agawam Council, run by a Board of Directors who transformed Agawam into a non-profit organization dedicated to continuing quality Maine camping experiences. Its charge is the same as was Camp Agawam’s mission under the Masons.

This charge vested in a Board of Directors consisting of Life and Term members, who serve a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms. The board is composed of functional standing committees including Finance, Development, HR, Alumni, Plant, Program, Long Range Planning and Governance. The Board meets at least twice each year: an Annual Meeting at Agawam in August and a Winter Meeting in February. The Executive Committee and the Director of Council Operations conduct Agawam Council’s affairs between meetings.

After a smooth transition, aided by generous alumni support, the guidance of Directors Emeriti Dave and Peg Mason, the dedication of Directors “Chief” Garth Nelson and “Chief” Erik Calhoun, and a new generation of Campers and Counselors, Camp Agawam is thriving and serving as an industry model for other camps that face transition and change.

MAIN IDEA

In addition to running Camp, the alumni wanted to continue to reach out to our Maine neighbors, as Dave and Peg Mason had previously done. To this end, with the financial support of Alumni, parents and friends, the Agawam Council continues to run the Main Idea at Camp Agawam, a unique free camping week for 105 Maine boys who might not otherwise be able to enjoy the benefits of any camping experience. During the Main Idea, Camp is fully operational, with all activities available, and with quality supervision and instruction provided by current Staff and a group of dedicated Alumni who volunteer their time to help ensure a fun, positive, learning, growing and rewarding week for the campers.

ADDITIONAL OUTREACH

Sensing that the one-week camping experience did not reach far enough in sharing Agawam with others, the Alumni funded 10 camperships to cover the costs of a full summer Camp experience for deserving boys from the general population. One of these, the “Governor Mason Campership Endowment,” honoring our founder, is designed specifically to give boys from the Main Idea the opportunity to experience a full Agawam summer. Six others, funded by the Golf Marathon, two days after Camp ends, allow Maine boys to attend Agawam. Additional camperships benefit other boys from the general population, helping enrich the diversity of our camper group.

In the spirit of being a good neighbor, Agawam has provided the use of its Upper Fields during the fall for a local youth soccer program, has been active in the State and local conservation programs, and regularly participates in traditional summer community events.

KEY DATES IN AGAWAM HISTORY

- 1919 Camp Agawam founded by Appleton A. Mason, “The Governor”.
- 1920 Camp Agawam opened for its first season on rented property on Stinson Lake in Rumney, NH.
- 1923 Camp Agawam moved to newly purchased property on Rattlesnake Pond (now Crescent Lake). The Dining Hall, Earl Hall (now the Woodshop), Mayflower (now Dartmouth), Harvard, Bowdoin and Columbia were constructed.
- 1925 First Council Fire held, based on the research by Ernest Thompson Seton and his Woodcraft League of America.
- 1927 Ags vs. Wams competition began.
- 1934 Totem Society founded.
- 1939 Appleton A. Mason, Jr. assumed the Directorship following the death in December 1938 of “The Governor,” who directed Agawam for its first 19 seasons.
The Governor Trophy first awarded.
- 1942 Katiaki instituted.
- 1947 The Cargill Trophy first awarded.
- 1957 David W. Mason assumed the Directorship, succeeding his brother, Appleton (Ap), who directed for 17 seasons.
- 1971 The Main Idea at Camp Agawam was established.
- 1972 The Dave Mason, Jr. Trophy first awarded.
- 1984 David W. Mason announced his retirement. Agawam Council established as a non-profit organization and a Board of Directors of dedicated Alumni was chosen.
- 1986 Garth R. Nelson assumed the Directorship, succeeding Dave Mason after 29 seasons as Director.
The Mason Trophy for Service first awarded, replacing the Dave Mason, Jr. Trophy.
The Agawam Council Trophy for Leadership first awarded.
- 1988 Agawam Council completed the purchase of Camp Agawam from Dave and Peg Mason.
- 1991 Agawam Council purchased 3.5 acres of adjacent woodland.
- 1992 Agawam Council Challenge capital fundraising effort begins. Donations established an endowment for The Main Idea program and full-summer camperships, a Preservation Trust and funds necessary to build Mason Hall and renovate Governor Hall.
- 1994 Agawam Council Challenge reaches \$1.25 million goal.
Mason Hall (a new Dining Room, Kitchen and Recreation building) completed.

- 1995 Governor Hall renovated and expanded.
- 1995 Twenty acres of farm property is acquired at the top of the Camp road.
- 1997 Agawam Council embarked on an ambitious program to renovate the Camp facilities. During this three-year effort, every camper cabin was raised off the ground, straightened, leveled, re-roofed and set on new supports. New Waysides (toilets and showers) were constructed for each Camper Campus and several cabins were repositioned to create better campus focus.
Due to generous response to the Fleet Campaign, Agawam is able to replace its sailboats with eight new JY-15s.
Agawam Council's First Annual 100-hole Golf Marathon inaugurated to raise funds for Camperships for Maine campers.
- 1999 Agawam alumni Bob Fryer and Peter Gould developed a wonderful video history of Agawam and presented it at Agawam's 80th Anniversary celebration in August 1999.
Two very large athletic fields are developed on the 20-acre farm parcel purchased in 1995.
Agawam alumni S.J. Baxter and Jon Sands create and establish the Woodcrafter program for 15-year-old campers.
- 2000 Renovation of Camp facilities (camper cabins and Waysides) completed.
Thanks to the generosity of many alumni and friends of Agawam, donors to our "Courts Campaign", Agawam completed the renovation and reconstruction of our Basketball court and four Tennis courts.
Thirteen-and-a-half acres of adjacent woodland are added to the Camp property.
A Site Analysis, to guide further Long Range Planning for Agawam, was commissioned and completed.
- 2001 Due to an extra heavy winter snow load, Governor Hall collapses. An extraordinary effort by Alumni, friends, Staff and Council members resulted in its total replacement from April through the following winter.
Agawam Council started on program to renovate Activity buildings (Arts & Crafts, Boat House, Ranger Trail, Woodshop) and Staff housing.
The Agawam community is deeply saddened by the passing of Appleton (Ap) A. Mason, Jr., eldest son of our founder and one of Agawam's former Directors.
- 2002 The new Governor Hall opened and re-dedicated.
- 2003 The Mary W. Gregg Endowment for Leadership Enhancement established. Provides funding to allow Staff to get training, or have experiences, that will enhance their ability to positively impact children.
- 2004 Agawam parent and volunteer Dave Griffiths compiles Agawam's 85 year history in *Braves Give Ear . . . Voices from the Great Central Fire*.
Alumni reunite at Agawam, during a weekend in August, to celebrate Camp's 85th Anniversary.
The Agawam Christmas Ski Week is inaugurated.
Agawam completes a project to irrigate its central campus area. A pipeline is also extended to the Upper Fields near the Camp entrance.
The Agawam community is deeply saddened by the passing of George G. Mason, second son of our Camp's founder.
- 2005 The Main Idea extends its age range to 14 and serves over 100 campers.
Renovations completed on the Camp Infirmary and Clausen House.
Irrigation completed for the first of the Upper Fields.
The Agawam Council Board of Directors commences Visioning and Strategic Planning to guide Agawam's programs and evolution in the future.
- 2006 Irrigation completed for the second of the Upper Fields.
Agawam Council purchased 3.5 acres near the Shore of Crescent Lake, opposite Agawam, rejoining two parcels, known collectively as Wabinoden, and used for Agawam camping experiences.
- 2007 Renovations and expansions completed on the Boat House and Tall Pines.
- 2008 Renovation of Activity buildings completed with the renovation of the Woodshop.
Renovation and expansion completed on Esty House.
"Chief" Erik C. Calhoun assumed the Directorship, succeeding "Chief" Garth R. Nelson after 23 seasons as Director, becoming the 5th Director of Camp Agawam.
- 2009 Camp Agawam celebrates its 90th Anniversary.

PART VIII: SAMPLE PACKING LIST

AGAWAM CAMPER PACKING LIST 2010 (Tape to inside of trunk and keep a copy)						
PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!						
CAMPER'S NAME:	PARENT'S NAME:					
MAILING ADDRESS:	# Needed	Notes	# Packed 6/30	# Packed 8/12	# Packed 9/30	# Packed 10/30
CAMP AGAWAM UNIFORMS		<i>Rental items are waiting at camp</i>				
Agawam Honor Band	1	Returning campers only				
Agawam Camper T-Shirts	8					
Agawam Gray Shorts	2 to 4	Minimum, 2 gray required				
Agawam Maroon Shorts	4 or more	Campers like the maroon style				
Agawam Camper Sweatshirts	2					
Agawam Camper Sweatpants	1	Optional				
Agawam Polartec Fleece	1	Optional				
OTHER NECESSARY CLOTHES						
Blue Jeans	2	Blue jeans needed for Council				
Khaki Pants	1	Optional				
Underwear	10					
Socks: white cotton athletic	12 pairs					
Baseball Cap	1	Optional				
Hooded raincoat or Poncho	1	Waterproof and hooded, please				
Pajamas or other sleepwear	2					
Swim Suits	2	Most boys choose boxer style				
FOOTWEAR						
Tennis Sneakers	1	Smooth type soles for "clay" courts				
Rubber Soled-Boots	1	For wet weather				
Hiking Boots	1	Recommended for 12, 13, 14, 15 yr. olds				
Other Sneakers or Shoes	Please list					
Other Sneakers or Shoes						
Other Sneakers or Shoes						
PERSONAL ITEMS						
Toothbrush	2					
Toothpaste	2					
Bar or Liquid Soap	2	Biodegradable, ex. Ivory				
Shampoo	2	Biodegradable, ex. Tom's of Maine				
Brush and/or Comb	1					
Sunblock	1	SPF 30 or higher				
Insect repellent	1	Non-aerosol container				
Envelopes with stamps		Pre-addressed is helpful for boys				
Books		For rest hour				
Other toiletries	Please list					
Other toiletries						
Other toiletries						
MEDICINES (All meds. must be on health form and mailed or given to the Nurse)						
1	Please list					
2						
3						

PART IX: WOODCRAFT LAWS

WOODCRAFT LAWS

Compiled by Ernest Thompson Seton

Beauty

- Be clean, both yourself and the place you live in.
- Understand and respect your body, for it is the temple of the spirit.
- Be a friend to all harmless wildlife. Conserve the woods and flowers and especially be ready to fight wildfire in forest and town.

Truth

- Word of honor is sacred.
- Play fair; foul play is treachery.
- Be reverent; worship the Great Spirit and respect all worship of him by others.

Fortitude

- Be brave. Courage is the noblest of all attainments.
- Be silent while your elders are speaking and otherwise show them deference.
- Obey. Obedience is the first duty of the Woodcrafter.

Love

- Be kind. Do at least one act of unbargaining service each day.
- Be helpful. Do your share of the work.
- Be joyful. Seek the joy of being alive.

Camp Agawam

PART X: CHECKLIST OF DEADLINES

Please use this checklist as a guide to completing your preparations for the 2010 Season:

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| Immediately | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with physician for physical examination
<input type="checkbox"/> Make reservations for air transportation to and from Agawam
<input type="checkbox"/> Make reservations for accommodations during your Agawam visits |
| April 1st | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuition payment is due at Agawam Camp Office
<input type="checkbox"/> Uniform and Equipment Order sent to Amerasport (if needed)
<input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Rental Request due at the Camp Office (if needed)
<input type="checkbox"/> 20 Name Tapes (if renting camper uniforms from Agawam) |
| May 1st | <input type="checkbox"/> Camper Health History Form 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Camper Health Care Recommendations by Licensed Medical Personnel Form 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Administered Emergency Medication Form (if needed)
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Information about your Child's Asthma Form (if needed)
<input type="checkbox"/> General Information Record
<input type="checkbox"/> Camper Questionnaire
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation to Camp Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissions and Acknowledgements Form |
| May 15th | <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic Climbing School Permission Form Forms (15-year old campers only) |
| June 1st | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Contact Information Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Payment of Tuition and Fees |
| June 19th | <input type="checkbox"/> Camper Trunks/Duffels Shipped to Agawam to arrive between June 21 st and June 26 th |
| June 30th | OPENING DAY OF CAMP AGAWAM'S 91st SEASON |
| Jul. 17th – Jul. 18th | First Visiting Weekend |
| Jul. 24th – Jul. 25th | Second Visiting Weekend |
| Jul. 31st – Aug. 1st | Third Visiting Weekend |
| Aug. 7th – Aug. 8th | Fourth Visiting Weekend |
| August 1st | <input type="checkbox"/> Camper Transportation Home Form
<input type="checkbox"/> RSVP for Parent Buffet
<input type="checkbox"/> Return Airline Tickets to Agawam Office |
| August 14th | Final Council Fire – Grand Council |
| August 15th | Final Vespers and Final Weekly Awards Ceremony |
| August 16th | Parent Buffet and Awards Night Ceremony |
| August 17th | CLOSING DAY OF CAMP AGAWAM'S 91st SEASON |