

# **PLEASE READ AND KEEP THIS INFO!**

## **NOTICE OF BUS DEPARTURES & ARRIVALS AND OTHER IMPORTANT 2019 INFORMATION**

The buses for West End House Camp will leave from Brighton, MA on the following Sundays: June 23, July 7, and July 21. The first departure has 2 buses. The other departures will have only one bus. Because of our large enrollment, we want to clarify and confirm with you your plan. Below is our current understanding/hypothesis based upon your geography and what you have indicated to us in conversations. If you would like to arrange things differently with us in terms of bus or driven/picked up, please email or call Steve by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Usually about 80% of the boys take the bus and 20% are driven and picked up. Either way is fine with us. We just need to know. We encourage all campers who are scheduled to join us at the start of camp to arrive on 6/23; however, we do understand that some may arrive a short time later due to snow days extending the school year.

Taking bus on 6/23 \_\_\_\_\_. Assigned to bus # \_\_\_\_\_. Being driven on 6/23 \_\_\_\_\_. Being driven on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Taking bus on 7/7 \_\_\_\_\_. Being driven on 7/7 \_\_\_\_\_.  
Taking bus on 7/21 \_\_\_\_\_. Being driven on 7/21 \_\_\_\_\_.

Heading home on bus on 7/7 \_\_\_\_\_. Being picked up on 7/7 \_\_\_\_\_.  
Heading home on bus on 7/21 \_\_\_\_\_. Being picked up on 7/21 \_\_\_\_\_.  
Heading home on bus on 8/17 \_\_\_\_\_. Being picked up on 8/17 \_\_\_\_\_.

If your son is being driven by car to camp, you should plan to arrive between **11:00 a.m. and noon.**

MEETING PLACE FOR BUS: Franciscan Children's Hospital front parking lot, **30 Warren St., Brighton, MA 02135** (around the corner from the West End House Boys & Girls Club).

Please be there by **9:30 a.m.** and bring your luggage directly to the bus. Small, light items should be carried on and placed overhead; trunks, duffel bags, suitcases, and larger items must be packed neatly in the underneath luggage compartments of the bus. Bus will leave when all campers are checked in (or at 10:00 a.m. at the latest). Bring a sandwich and light snack for the trip since the first meal will be served at 5:00.

### **END OF SESSION BUSES AND/OR PICKUP**

At the end of the sessions on **Sunday, July 7** and **Sunday, July 21**, a bus will arrive back at the same meeting spot at Franciscan Children's Hospital parking lot at approximately **4:00 p.m.** Please be there to pick up your son, unless you have indicated explicitly to us that you are planning to pick him up at camp in Maine between **10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** that morning. For those campers whose sessions end on the last day of the season on **Saturday, August 17**, the buses will arrive back in Brighton at approximately **12:00 noon.** If you explicitly tell us that your son will be picked up on **Saturday, 8/17** in Maine, then the pick up time is between **9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

Please note that Visiting Day this year is on Saturday, July 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. See the info that has been enclosed if your session includes that date.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

\*\*\*It is imperative that we have your updated medical forms as soon as possible and by June 1st at the latest. Do we currently have all of your son's medical info? Yes\_\_\_\_. No\_\_\_\_. If no, we still need: Med form side 1\_\_\_\_. Med form side 2 or the equivalent\_\_\_\_. Copy of insurance card\_\_\_\_. For your son's health and safety, he will not be allowed to be at camp without all this medical info!\*\*\*

Spending money: About \$35.00 per week should be sufficient for laundry, canteen, trips, etc. This money should be sent with the camper in the form of a separate check or money order payable to West End House Camp – no cash, please. This money is kept with the Directors. Any unused money is returned to the camper/family at the end of his session. **Checks, medicines, and notes to the Directors or the Health Care Supervisor should be given to the Director/Supervisor where you drop off your son.**

The canteen has been very successful. Campers will be able to purchase a small amount of snacks, drinks, and non-food items once a week. **Items brought or sent to camp for consumption must be limited. As a guideline, all items would have to fit in the equivalent of a storage container that is 16 inches long by 12 inches wide by 6 inches high (i.e. Walmart's Sterilite 12 Qt Storage Box).** Excessive items will be taken by the Directors to be either utilized as prizes for certain activities or donated to local charities. We are intent on ensuring that excessive "junk" food and beverages do not get in the way of healthy, wholesome meals, create a disparity in the cabins, cause litter problems, and/or attract insects. Supervision and monitoring to ensure this will take place daily. Each boy should not receive more than 1 package per week, but really does not need any, because of our food's variety, quantity, and quality.

Because of the increased prevalence of nut allergies, we do not allow any nut products at camp. Do not bring them and do not send them! Also, no gum or sunflower seeds are allowed.

**Since the goals of camp are for boys to be active, socialize with each other, become self-confident and independent, and not to do sedentary activities with use of constant technology that they may be accustomed to at home, we do not allow campers to have computers, video games/Game Boys, TV's, CD players, iPods, cell phones, iPhones, or any such item! Do not send them with your son. Do not allow him to take them. They will be taken by the Directors, not returned, and will be donated to one of the local charities. Also, hot plates or electrical appliances, fireworks, knives, or skateboards are not allowed at camp.**

**Please remember that we require campers to bring their own pillows and blankets or sleeping bags. The checklist of what to bring and what not to bring is on the original acceptance notice that was sent to you. Suggested items can also be found on our website [www.westendhousecamp.org](http://www.westendhousecamp.org). Take note that all campers should bring a laundry bag to hold their worn clothes until our laundry service comes to pick up and wash our laundry once per week. The laundry bag and all clothes/items should be marked with a permanent marker with the camper's name. Only the 15 year old campers in Gottlieb and G1 will have the option of doing their own laundry in town with staff supervision once per week.**

Campers will **not** be allowed to keep trunks in their cabins. Trunks and large suitcases will be stored away for the duration of their stay. Special items that need safekeeping may be kept with the directors. Items that are valuable or of great sentimental value we recommend leaving at home. We suggest bringing books or a favorite board game (Monopoly, chess, checkers, cards, etc.) for rainy days or nighttime fun, although we do have a variety of games and books in our "library." Insect repellent and sun block are also recommended.

Mailing and shipping address: Name, West End House Camp, 294 Road Between the Ponds, Parsonsfield, Maine 04047. Main telephone 207-625-9365; Bill Margolin 207-625-9382; Steve Lepler 207-625-7581; Director of Operations Ryan Wilensky 207-625-2070; Health Center- Natasha Williamson 207-625-9384.

Please communicate with Steve and Bill when necessary by telephone, mail, or email, but be aware that we do not check our messages or email as regularly as we do in the off season. We are busily engaged at camp with the campers and staff!

See the enclosed info about Bunk1 picture/email systems, the latter for parents to campers email only.

Pack 2 stamped envelopes addressed to you the parent(s) for each week so your son can write to you.

Tipping policy: It is up to each parent to determine, based on feedback from your son and individual financial situations, as to whether you wish to tip the counselors. They certainly do appreciate it! Our staff members do work hard and do all they can to enhance the WEHC experience for your children!

We have an incredibly exciting program planned for our 111th season at West End House Camp! Our entire staff is eager and ready to ensure a safe, fun, and successful season.

Steve Lepler

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**P.S. REMEMBER, PLEASE HOLD ON TO ALL THIS INFORMATION!**