



A Parent's Guide to Camp Transportation



Transportation Overview

Transportation of campers and staff is important and what we call the first "activity of the day"! Therefore, we believe that your child's camp day begins when he/she is picked up and concludes when he/she is delivered home safely.

We know that in an ideal situation, every child would be the last camper picked up in the morning and the first dropped off in the afternoon. Unfortunately this is an impossible task. Throughout the year, we plan each route to insure minimal driving time, safety, comfort, and efficiency for all passengers. Routes and times settle into a normal routine after a few days, although you may expect some changes due to varying camper schedules, weather, traffic or construction. Since we provide curbside-to-curbside service, the routes usually are planned so that the driver begins at the farthest home from camp and finishes at the closest home ... thus, your home, along with the trans counselor's home, may have a direct bearing on the length of your child's ride.

For everyone's safety, vehicles are not permitted to enter house driveways, so please have your child(ren) waiting at curbside. In some areas, centralized locations may even be used to lessen travel time.

Due to possible food allergies, we do not permit edibles on camp vehicles; therefore, all campers should be finished breakfast and ready when the vehicle arrives as drivers must maintain their schedule. For your peace of mind, drivers are not permitted to make extra stops at Wawa, Dairy Queen, Rita's Water Ice, fuel, etc.

Camp drivers are instructed to arrive at camp between 8:50 & 9:10 AM daily. In the afternoon, our camp vehicles leave the parking lot between 3:40 & 3:50 PM.

Types of Vehicles

Mini Buses

- Buses have seatbelts which carry 16 to 20 passengers. Car seats and boosters are not permitted.
- Driven by a Commercial Drivers Licensed (CDL) driver.

Camp Vans

- Seatbelts for carrying 9-11 passengers.
- Car and Booster seats are provided by parents and are required for
 - (1) campers under the age of four or weighing less than 40 lbs. for the car seat; and,
 - (2) campers under eight years old weighing less than 80 lbs. for the booster.

Transportation Staff

Drivers

- Drivers wear Camp Photo I.D. badges.
- A driver license check is performed on all drivers thru the PA. Dept. of Motor Vehicles
- Driver background checks are verified through the bus company or by camp.

Trans Counselors

- Trans Counselors wear Official Camp Shirts and Photo I.D. Badges
- Trans Counselors (aides who assist the children) are provided on vehicles whenever possible. Realistically staff members get sick or are employed for less than 8 weeks and thus may not be on vehicle the entire time.

Before the start of camp, you will receive trans information from either the Camp Office or the Driver.

Additional Information

- Campers are assigned to a route based on the exact location of the home and proximity to other families.
- Except in a family emergency, we are unable to allow campers to switch vehicles. Parents often request play dates or sleepovers; however, we are unable to accommodate such requests. We thank you in advance for your understanding.
- If you need a special early pick-up time due to your work schedule, let us know ... we will do whatever is possible.

Self Trans Options and Timing

- Parents have the option to "self transport" their child to and/or from camp. A discount is applicable based on the number of weeks.
- A **Before Camp Care Program** begins at 7:30 AM and ends at 8:45 AM ... at a cost of \$7.50 per hour (or portion used), billed weekly.
- An **After Camp Care Program** is available from 3:30 to 6:00 PM ... at a cost of \$7.50 per hour (or portion used), billed weekly.
- **Arriving between 7:30 and 8:45 AM** - Parents should park in the lot and escort the camper(s) to the Porch of the WonderKey School Building.
- **Arriving between 8:45 and 9:10 AM** - Parents should drop the camper off at the Self Trans Gate on Yost Road, located about 100 yards from the main camp entrance.
- **Arriving after 9:10 AM** - Parents should pull into the camp driveway and drop the camper off at the **Welcome Center Gazebo** located within the parking lot.

Rockwood Adventures Teen Travel

- Central Pick-up Locations are offered in lieu of curbside to curbside transportation for Rockwood Adventures Teen Travel campers in Huntingdon Valley, Bucks, Delaware and Chester Counties, and New Jersey. Campers will meet at specified locations.

The Camp Shore Shuttle

NJ Shore Shuttle to Margate Library on Fridays

- An optional motorcoach bus with a lavatory will depart camp at 2:30 PM to the Margate Library in Margate, New Jersey and is available at an additional cost. Campers are supervised by Camp Staff and usually arrive at the Library at approx. 5:15 PM.

Early Dismissals from Camp or Other Changes

- Please call the office (610) 275-2267 on the morning of the change ... rather than sending in a note.
- The latest pick-up time is 2:30 PM at the **Welcome Center** or 3:30 PM at the **Self Trans Gate** on Yost Road.
- There are **NO** dismissals between 2:30 & 3:30 PM.
- Proper Camp I.D. Card **MUST** be shown.

Self Trans Dismissals and Pick Up

- **Mini Day Dismissal** (optional only for 3 to 5 year olds) is between 12:50 and 1:00 PM. Parents should meet their child(ren) at the Self Trans Gate on Yost Road.
- **Prior to 2:30 PM** - Parents should proceed to the Welcome Center in the camp parking lot.
- **Between 3:30 and 3:45 PM** - Parents should proceed to the Self Trans Gate on Yost Road, located about 100 yards west of the main camp entrance.
- **After 3:45 PM** - Parents should park their vehicle in the camp parking lot and proceed to the WonderKey School Building. Please sign out your camper(s), indicating time of pick-up.
- **Afternoon Dismissal of Vehicles from the Parking Lot** is between 3:40 and 3:50 PM daily.
- Proper **Camp I.D. Card MUST** be shown at all dismissals.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Transportation of your "precious cargo" is a matter we take very seriously. Should you ever have any questions regarding transportation, please do not hesitate to call.