

CAMP TAKAJO

BULLETIN #2

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2010 CAMP DATES

Opening Date: Friday, June 25
Closing Date: Friday, August 13

FATHER/SON WEEKEND

Friday to Sunday, August 13-15

VISITING DAYS

Friday, July 23, and Saturday, July 24

2010 TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

PLEASE SUBMIT ON-LINE TRAVEL FORM by February 15, 2010

Dear parents,

To accommodate your busy schedules, we have simplified our camper travel arrangements. Please make your 2010 Travel Reservations on-line through our web site. Follow these simple instructions:

- Go to www.camptakajo.com
- Use "Parents" menu to select "Bulletins/Forms"
- Click on "Travel Reservation Form"
- Fill in as instructed and submit

Group flights listed below will be chaperoned by Camp Takajo staff. Debby Helbig of Colpitt's World Travel will continue to assist us. She is available to answer your questions and book flights for campers who are traveling individually from other cities. Because of changes within the agency, Debby is no longer able to help you with flights for visiting day or Father/Son Weekend.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are attending Father/Son Weekend, please make your own arrangements to get to camp and also make arrangements for you and your son(s) to return home.

We strongly encourage parents from the New York metropolitan area to use our coach buses from Westchester for travel to camp. These buses will leave from SUNY Purchase at 8:00am and arrive at camp around 2:00pm. The buses have air conditioning, restrooms and DVD players. They provide a very safe and reliable form of transportation and eliminate concerns about flight delays due to weather, etc.

CHARTER BUS options are as follows: Cost is in parentheses.

- Westchester Bus (\$250 RT / \$125 one way)
- Newton Bus (\$175 RT / \$100 one way)

GROUP FLIGHTS: Approximate round trip cost is in parentheses. (In addition to round trip flights, we are holding 25 one way seats from JFK to Portland.) Charges are subject to change in accordance with fares at time of ticketing. Remember we are booking group space, so prices may vary from supersaver fares which you can book individually with airlines. A ground transportation fee of \$40 each way will be included on the travel invoice.

IMPORTANT: IF YOU BOOK YOUR OWN TICKET ON ANY OF THESE GROUP FLIGHTS, WE HAVE NO JURISDICTION WITH THE AIRLINE AND CANNOT GUARANTEE YOUR SON WILL TRAVEL WITH OUR GROUP IN CASE OF CHANGES DUE TO SCHEDULE, WEATHER, ETC.

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| • JFK-Portland (\$405) | Jet Blue 630 | Departs 9:36am | Arrives 11:08am |
| • JFK-Portland one-way (\$250) | Jet Blue 630 | Departs 9:36am | Arrives 11:08am |
| • Baltimore-Portland (\$270) | Air Tran 610 | Departs 10:40am | Arrives 12:12pm |
| • West Palm Beach-Boston (\$365) | Jet Blue 422 | Departs 8:00am | Arrives 11:01am |
| • Newark-Portland (\$310) | Continental 3290 | Departs 8:50am | Arrives 10:25am |
| • Philadelphia-Manchester (\$215) | Southwest 741 | Departs 11:29am | Arrives 12:35pm |
| • Los Angeles-Boston on June 24 | (please see note on back) | | |

ALL GROUP TRAVEL WILL BE BILLED DIRECTLY BY THE CAMP.

ALL PAYMENTS FOR TRAVEL MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15, 2010.

NO AIRLINE TICKETS OR BUS ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.

SPECIAL NOTE re: Los Angeles flights: Arrival date for LA campers is Thursday, June 24.

- **Flight on which we will have a chaperone is American 222 departing LAX 7:25am, arriving Boston 4:00pm**
- On Friday, August 13, American has eliminated all flights between 8am and 4pm from Boston to LAX.
- **Return flight that will be used by the camp is Jet Blue 473 departing Boston 10:05am, arriving LAX 1:12pm.**
- WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CALL DEBBY DIRECTLY TO BOOK THESE FLIGHTS.
- ROUND TRIP PRICING (AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING) IS APPROX. \$440.
- THESE FLIGHTS MUST BE PAID AT TIME OF TICKETING, SO PLEASE PROVIDE DEBBY WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION TO ENSURE A SEAT ON THESE FLIGHTS.

- **WE URGE YOU to book your travel on our group space** unless there is an extenuating circumstance. This protects everyone in case of flight changes and also provides the security of having campers travel as a group with our counselor chaperones. **We have no jurisdiction over campers who book their own tickets, even if they are traveling on the same flights as our groups.**

- **IF YOU MAKE YOUR OWN FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS:**
 - **DO NOT book anything INTO or OUT OF Portland Airport before 9:00am.**
 - **DO NOT book anything INTO Manchester or Logan before 9:00am.**
 - **DO NOT book anything OUT OF Manchester or Logan before 12:00noon.**
 - **The ground transportation fee of \$40 each way is applicable to those who book their own flights and will be billed by the camp.**

- **AIRLINE TICKETS IN MOST CASES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-CHANGEABLE ONCE TICKETED.** If your son is traveling from a city other than those listed on the Travel Reservation Form, you may make your own travel arrangements or you may arrange through Debby. Wherever possible, Debby will coordinate flights from any originating city so that individual campers can meet up with one of our groups and travel to camp with counselor chaperones.

- **Any flight changes** must be made and re-ticketed *BEFORE* the departure date of each ticketed flight. Otherwise the ticket will have no value.

- **ALL CAMPER TICKETS WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE CAMP** (unless camper is traveling individually). We will apprise you of exact flight information and details about meeting our counselor escorts in Bulletin #7 in early June.

- **PLEASE HANDLE THIS IMPORTANT DETAIL IMMEDIATELY.** We know your schedules are very busy, however, we have had parents who neglected to make travel arrangements promptly and were not able to get their son or sons on our group flights.

NO MATTER WHAT ARRANGEMENTS YOU MAKE,
YOU MUST FILL OUT AN ON-LINE TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM
so we have a record of your son's or sons' travel information.
PLEASE SUBMIT BY FEBRUARY 15, 2010.

ALL GROUP TRAVEL WILL BE BILLED DIRECTLY BY THE CAMP.
AFTER WE RECEIVE YOUR ON-LINE SUBMISSION, WE WILL INVOICE YOU BY MAIL.
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Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or need any assistance with your son's travel arrangements. Specific travel questions should be directed to Debby. You may communicate with her by phone or email. You may also call our associate director, Warren Davis, on his direct line, 908-359-3298, if you have questions about any of the logistics.

For your convenience, all 2010 bulletins are available on our website at **www.takajo.com**. Use Parents menu to select Bulletins/Forms.