



# CAMP O-AT-KA

Dear Families,

We are so pleased that your camper will be joining us for Summer 2021! Our staff has been taking steps to ensure a safe, comfortable and fun experience. Together, we will make this summer a special experience.

Camp O-AT-KA was founded in 1906 by Rev. Ernest J. Dennen, as a place that boys from Lynn, Massachusetts could escape the dust and heat of the mill city and enjoy a summer close to nature. Dennen believed that it is better to build strong boys than mend broken men. Camp O-AT-KA maintains this mission to this day. We seek to instill confidence and build character in a supportive, unplugged and safe community environment.

Campers and staff come from a wide variety of backgrounds and we seek to bring them together by furthering common interests, promoting a sense of community, achieving progress towards goals, and fostering the development of lifelong friendships.

Whether your son's interests lean towards team sports, outdoor living and wilderness trips, the fine or performing arts, or what we call the waterfront "beach, boat, and canoe club", O-AT-KA has the activities and staff to help him make the most of his summer.

It is an incredible opportunity and privilege to care for your boys. Our watchful and experienced staff care for them all as if they were our own children. Several of our staff have their own children in attendance and many staff are former O-AT-KA campers themselves.

This parents' guide is designed to answer questions and prepare you and your son for his camp experience. You will also find information posted on our website at [www.campoatka.org](http://www.campoatka.org).

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail at any time. The camp office phone number is (207) 787-3401, and our email is [info@campoatka.org](mailto:info@campoatka.org).

We look forward to seeing you soon on the shores of Lake Sebago!

Yours truly,

Heather Plati  
Executive Director

Charles Donovan  
Summer Director



## AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION ACCREDITATION

We know the most important consideration in choosing a camp is its safe environment and qualified staff. Parents nationwide recognize the importance of accreditation by the American Camp Association (ACA) when choosing a camp for their child. O-AT-KA is ACA accredited, having passed an exhaustive periodic review process that is reaffirmed annually. This means we meet industry-accepted and government-recognized standards from staff qualifications and training to safety and emergency management. For more information about ACA Accreditation, visit: [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

The camp office is open daily during the summer from 9:00am to 12:30pm and 2:30 to 6:00pm. We also check messages during the evening hours.

Camp Office (207) 787-3401  
[bungalow@campoatka.com](mailto:bungalow@campoatka.com)

Infirmery (Nurse) (207) 787-3292  
[infirmery@campoatka.com](mailto:infirmery@campoatka.com)

After Hours for  
Emergency ONLY (207) 595-6074

## CAMPER MAILING AND E-MAIL

U.S. mail, packages, and e-mails are delivered to campers once a day. Campers write postcards home approximately twice per week. International campers only are permitted to send emails instead. To mail a letter or a package to your son, use the following address:

[Your Son's Name]  
[His Cabin Name]  
Camp O-AT-KA  
PO Box 239  
Sebago, ME 04029

## CAMPER PHONE POLICY

Camp O-AT-KA places a high priority on boys learning independence and self-reliance, and on building community with those around us. As we have found from extensive experience, we are best able to achieve these goals in an unplugged environment. For this reason, **campers are not allowed to bring cell phones, nor do they have access to the camp telephone during their stay.** This policy is strictly enforced. The boys are encouraged to write home at least twice a week. Members of the camp staff are always available to assist you should you have an urgent matter to discuss with your son. Birthday boys will have the opportunity to call home on their special day. **Please help support this policy by not sending phones or other unapproved technologies to camp.**

*Note: If your son is flying to camp, he can bring his phone to the office at check-in. We will lock it in the office safe until his departure day. We will charge the phone and have it ready for his travel at that time.*

## PARENT COMMUNICATION FROM CAMP

We want to share your camper's experience with you. Each day you will receive the Galahad Gazette – a one page newsletter that gives a snapshot of what is going on at camp that day. If it is your camper's first year, we will give you a call to update you within the first 3 days of his stay. Photos are posted frequently on our social media sites (no names will ever be used), as well as on Campminder.

Leading up to camp you will receive frequent emails about forms, Zoom orientation meetings, and COVID/safety procedures. Please make sure to read these thoroughly. We will also send you information about picking your camper up/ travel a few days before his stay at camp ends.

## COVID RELATED COMMUNICATIONS

Full COVID information can be found at our website at: [www.campoatka.org](http://www.campoatka.org). This area of our website will house all information needed for your camper to have a safe and comfortable stay while at O-AT-KA and includes info on pre-camp testing and screening, daily screening at camp, and safety measures.

If we have a positive case of COVID at camp, we will first inform the parents/guardian of that child. He will be in direct care of our Infirmary staff. We have contact tracing methods in place to quickly identify who has been a close contact of that positive case. Anyone that is deemed a close contact will be monitored for symptoms and a parent will be called to let them know we are monitoring. If you do NOT receive a call, your child has not been designated as a close contact.

## COVID TESTING AND MONITORING

Full information about tests and monitoring can be found at [www.campoatka.org/](http://www.campoatka.org/).

In order for us to safely run camp, we need all families to comply with our policies. All campers will be asked to refrain from large gatherings, sports tournaments, functions, and indoor events for 10 days prior to camp. While this is not a full “quarantine,” please do not take unnecessary risks.

You will need to keep a daily temperature log 10 days prior to camp arrival and present this document at check-in. Campers will also need to bring a **negative PCR test result, that was confirmed within 72 hours of arriving at camp**. Those that do not have the test results with them will need to be tested upon arrival and be in “Shadow Camp” until the test results are back. They will not be permitted to go to their cabin until that time. PLEASE make sure to have the test results with you at drop-off. Documents can be emailed prior to arrival and will be put in your camper's file.

Upon arrival, campers will have their temperature taken at their vehicle. For those flying, temperatures will be taken before entering the camp van, hand sanitizing will be required, and masks will be worn.

Campers will have their temperature taken daily via a forehead thermometer and the Units will turn a daily log into the Infirmary. On day 5 of each session, all members of the camp community will have a PCR test. This test is a swab of the lower nostril.

For any camper or staff showing symptoms, rapid tests and PCR tests will be available at camp and can be administered by our Infirmary staff.

## PACKING LIST

This packing list is based upon the experiences of generations of campers. It fits the needs of the boys and reflects the limited storage space available in our cabins.

O-AT-KA will issue one camp t-shirt, water bottle, laundry bag, and a face mask lanyard to each camper upon arrival. Camp shirts are worn on special days. Additional camp shirts and clothing are available in the camp store.

**Please clearly mark all items, both large & small, with your son's full name.**

*Clothing*

- Camp t-shirt (provided)
- 1 Polo or collared shirt
- 8 appropriate t-shirts
- 2 long sleeve shirts
- 3 pants
- 6 shorts
- 10 underwear
- 1 non-athletic shorts (special occasions)
- 12 socks
- 2 pajamas (1 warm)
- 3 swimsuits
- 2 sweatpants
- Warm jacket
- Rain jacket
- Hat

*Beddings & Linens*

Camp O-AT-KA provides sheets, pillowcases, and a laundry bag for campers. We provide pillows and blankets for international campers and, upon request, for those traveling by air. For reasons of hygiene, campers sleep in sheets, not in sleeping bags, while at camp.

- 1 pillow
- 4 towels (2 bath and 2 beach)
- 2 warm blankets
- 2 washcloths

*Footwear*

- 2 pairs of sneakers
- Sandals (with straps)
- Cleats (optional)
- Lightweight hiking boots (optional)

*Wilderness Equipment*

- Sleeping bag
- Bug spray with DEET (non-aerosol)
- Lightweight backpack/daypack

*Miscellaneous Required Items*

- Trunk or sturdy storage tub
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Toiletry kit or large plastic ziplock bag
- Sunscreen
- 10 face masks (labeled w/ name)

*Optional Athletic Equipment – if your camper would prefer his own.*

- Tennis racket
- Fishing rod & tackle
- Baseball glove
- Swim goggles
- Athletic cup/ mouth guard
- Frisbee

*Other*

- Camera (no phones)
- Musical Instruments (piano available)
- Summer reading books
- Quiet games

## **LINENS & LAUNDRY**

Personal laundry service is arranged by the camp and is included in your son's tuition. We send personal laundry out each week and get it back one day later. A laundry bag is provided to each camper. Please mark every piece of clothing with his full name. Please label all items using full names, as there may be several boys at camp with the same initials. Sheets and pillowcases are provided and are changed weekly. In an emergency, staff have access to washing machines and dryers at camp.

## **THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME**

In order to promote the healthy social and community aspects of camp life and to maintain an "unplugged" environment, we require that cell phones, iPhones, Apple watches, televisions, radios, stereo systems, computers, PDAs, hand-held electronic games, internet-connectable devices, drones, and other electronic devices be left at home. Any camper who brings electronic devices to camp in violation of this policy will have them held in the office for the duration of his stay. In addition, in view of the limited electrical supply in our cabins, we ask that campers not bring fans and plug-in lamps to camp. There will be a fan in each cabin for ventilation.

Middle and senior unit campers are allowed to have non-video and non-wi-fi iPods and other MP3 players for use during quiet times (siesta, lights out). They may not be used outside the cabins at any time. Phones without SIM cards are not acceptable. Unauthorized use of wireless connections at camp is not permitted and will result in confiscation of the device. As with any personal property, campers bring them to camp at their own risk.

## **SHIPPING TRUNKS**

If you choose to ship trunks to camp in advance of your son's arrival, please be certain to allow sufficient travel time. The UPS weight limit is 150 lbs. per trunk. We will ship trunks back at the end of camp, at the expense of the family.

## **CAMP STORE**

Campers can obtain sundries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, postcards, stamps, insect repellent, and batteries at the camp store. Purchases are charged to the boys' camper accounts.

## **PACKAGES**

Boys love to receive occasional "care packages" from home during their stay at camp. In an effort to keep our cabins free of critters, you may only send nonfood items. In addition, many children have allergies. We need to ensure that the only food served is safe for all of our campers. Comic books, trading cards and magazines are great. Please do not send gum, candy, or snacks. Campers will open all packages in the presence of office staff. Any food will be confiscated.

Rest assured that meals at camp are nutritious and plentiful. Your son will get a candy bar/candy of his choice after lunch twice a week in exchange for a postcard home. If your son has a summer birthday, he will receive a birthday cake to share with his cabin mates.

Remember that space at camp is very limited. Boys live out of their trunks, which are often packed to the brim, and only have a cubby and shelf area for storage. Please be prudent in your number of packages and what you send. Good-old-fashioned letters are often a favorite thing to receive from home!

## **ILLEGAL ITEMS**

Please discuss the serious ramifications of possession or use of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, and firearms with your son prior to his arrival at camp. Possession or use of these items by your son constitutes grounds for immediate dismissal from camp without refund. This includes e-cigarettes and vaping products.

## **TRAVELING TO CAMP O-AT-KA**

The physical address for Camp O-AT-KA is 593 Sebago Road, Sebago, ME 04029. Sebago Road is Route 114. The main entrance is on the lakeside of the street near the tennis courts.

For campers arriving by plane, fees charged to O-AT-KA by the airlines will be included on the camper's invoice. A convenience fee from the Portland Jetport is \$50, while a fee from Boston Logan International Airport is \$100.

## **VISITOR POLICY FOR SUMMER 2021**

In an effort to keep our campus as safe as possible, Camp O-AT-KA has a no visitor policy for Summer 2021. Drop off and pick up information is below, and this also includes overnight stays in the Bungalow.

## **2021 ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION**

### *The Importance of Arrivals and Departures*

Professional research has established that for children, rituals and traditions play an important part in building community, providing a sense of belonging, and creating a supportive environment – all important components of O-AT-KA's mission to build strong boys. Our opening and closing day rituals and traditions such as unit orientation, the Council Ring campfire, Candlelight, or evening cabin time help connect boys to the fabric of camp, provide stability, and create shared values. Opening and closing day are extremely important for our campers and staff. Boys that arrive late for a session or who leave early miss out on these rituals and traditions, which interferes with their ability to integrate into the community or leave with a feeling of closure.

### **ARRIVALS**

To avoid overcrowding, drop off/ pick up will be at scheduled times this year. We will be sending out a form for you to choose your arrival time. Only one person will be allowed out of the vehicle to help check your son in. That person will need to be masked and will have their temperature taken as well.

When you arrive a staff member will greet you at your car to go through the COVID screening questionnaire. Your camper's bags will be given to our staff and they will safely deliver it to his cabin for you. Your son will then check in with our Office and Infirmary stations. Any medications should be brought to the Infirmary staff at this time.

Parents/ guests will not be allowed in the cabins or other parts of camp. Everything for check in will be done on the fields near the entrance of camp and your goodbye's will be done at the car. Please arrange for your son to arrive and depart **ONLY** at the designated arrival and departure times and let us know if you are going to be late. We may assign you an alternative time.

All paperwork must be filed out prior to arrival. A member of our Infirmary staff will review medical documents and a member of our Office staff will review other forms to ensure your family is ready to go! If anything is needed, we will call you the week prior to camp starting.

After arrival, the campers will participate in an orientation to the camp's programs and staff, unit and cabin meetings, dinner, and our opening council ring campfire. Our regular activity schedule will begin the next morning.

## **Arrival Schedule: Session I**

### *SATURDAY, JUNE 26 - CIT's & International Camper Arrival*

- CITs should arrive at camp between 1pm and 2pm.
- International campers should arrange to arrive at Boston Logan airport between 10am and 6pm, where they will be greeted by O-AT-KA staff and transported to camp in time to settle into their cabins before dark and get a good night's sleep so that they are ready for opening day.

### *SUNDAY, JUNE 27 - Campers Flying to Portland Jetport*

- Domestic campers should arrange to arrive at Portland Jetport between 9am and 3pm, where they will be greeted by O-AT-KA staff and transported to camp in time for dinner, orientation, and the opening campfire.

### *SUNDAY, JUNE 27 - Campers arriving by car will have a scheduled time between 10am and 4pm*

- Please arrive during your scheduled time. If you are going to be late, please call ASAP and we may assign you a different time slot. Parents will be at camp for approximately one half hour to complete check-in.

## **Arrival Schedule: SESSION II**

### *SUNDAY, JULY 25 - Campers Flying to Portland Jetport or Boston's Logan Airport*

- Domestic campers should arrange to arrive at Portland Jetport between 9am and 3pm, where they will be greeted by O-AT-KA staff and transported to camp in time for dinner, orientation, and the opening campfire.
- International campers should arrange to arrive at Boston Logan airport between 10am and 6pm, where they will be greeted by O-AT-KA staff and transported to camp in time to settle into their cabins before dark

### *SUNDAY, JULY 25 - Campers arriving by car will have a scheduled time between 10am and 4pm*

- Please arrive during your scheduled time. If you are going to be late, please call ASAP and we may assign you a different time slot. Parents will be at camp for approximately one half hour to complete check-in.

## **DEPARTURES**

### **Departure Schedule: Session I**

### *SATURDAY, JULY 10 – 2-Week Session A Campers Depart*

- Parents of campers departing at the end of 2-Week Session A will be given a scheduled pick-up time during the hours of 10am and 2pm.
- Upon arriving, you will check in with our staff and park in the designated locations. Our staff will radio for your son to meet at this designated area.
- We will have your camper's things ready to go for you with trunks and medications packed and any equipment or art projects ready. Because we will know your pick-up time, your camper will have had time to say goodbye to friends and counselors before you arrive.
- Final check-out will be through a staff member at the entrance of camp.

### *FRIDAY, JULY 23 – Session 1 Closing Ceremony & Departure by Car*

- The closing awards ceremony will be held Friday morning and recorded to send to families.
- Parents of campers departing at the end of first session will be given a scheduled pick-up time during the hours of 11am and 3pm.
- Upon arriving, you will check in with our staff and park in the designated locations. Our staff will radio for your son to meet at this designated area.
- We will have your camper's things ready to go for you with trunks and medications packed and any equipment or art projects ready. Because we will know your pick-up time, your camper will have had time to say goodbye to friends and counselors before you arrive.

- Final check-out will be through a staff member at the entrance of camp.

*FRIDAY, JULY 23* – Campers flying out of Boston Logan Airport or Portland Jetport

- Campers flying from either Portland Jetport or Boston Logan Airport should try and depart between Noon and 6pm. We understand this may not be possible so please use your best judgement with travel plans.
- We do need campers to have left camp by 6pm on Friday as we need to disinfect and sanitize the buildings before Session II begins.

### **Departure Schedule: Session II**

*SATURDAY, AUGUST 7* – 2-Week Session B Campers Depart

- Parents of campers departing at the end of 2-Week Session B will be given a scheduled pick-up time during the hours of 10am and 2pm.
- Upon arriving, you will check in with our staff and park in the designated locations. Our staff will radio for your son to meet at this designated area.
- We will have your camper’s things ready to go for you with trunks and medications packed and any equipment or art projects ready. Because we will know your pick-up time, your camper will have had time to say goodbye to friends and counselors before you arrive.
- Final check-out will be through a staff member at the entrance of camp.

*FRIDAY, AUGUST 13* – Camp Closing Ceremony & Departure by Car

- The closing Candlelight Ceremony will be held on Thursday, August 12. This sacred tradition signifies the closing of camp and is most enjoyed in the evening. Because visitors and guests are not allowed this year, we felt it would be easier for families to pick up during the day (on Friday) instead of in the evening after Candlelight.
- The closing awards ceremony will be held Friday morning and recorded to send to families.
- Parents of campers departing at the end of second session/ summer season will be given a scheduled pick-up time during the hours of 11am and 3pm.
- Upon arriving, you will check in with our staff and park in the designated locations. Our staff will radio for your son to meet at this designated area.
- We will have your camper’s things ready to go for you with trunks and medications packed and any equipment or art projects ready. Because we will know your pick-up time, your camper will have had time to say goodbye to friends and counselors before you arrive.
- Final check-out will be through a staff member at the entrance of camp.

*FRIDAY, AUGUST 13* – Campers flying out of Boston Logan Airport or Portland Jetport

- Campers flying from either Portland Jetport or Boston Logan Airport should try and depart between Noon and 6pm. We understand this may not be possible so please use your best judgement with travel plans.
- We do need campers to have left camp by 6pm on Friday.

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

Registered Nurses and Nurse Assistants are available 24 hours a day to provide first aid, assessment, and referral of medical problems for your son. The infirmary supplies and distributes most over the counter (OTC) medications per the camp physician’s protocol. Therefore, we request you do not send typical OTC medications with your son. No medication will be allowed to stay with campers in cabins with the exception of inhalers and Epi pens.

If your son requires an Epi Pen or inhaler and you would like him to carry it while at camp you must meet the following:

1. Epi Pen/Inhaler must be in a clearly labeled pharmacy container showing child's name, physician's name, name of medicine, dosage, and expiration date.
2. If your son needs to carry an Epi Pen or inhaler at all times, a second Epi Pen/inhaler must be provided to the infirmary to ensure access during out-of-camp trips.

### *Prescription Medications*

Camp O-AT-KA uses the CampMeds pre-packaged medication program. Every camper who will be taking medication while at camp, with the exception of short-term antibiotics, dissolving tablets (e.g., Reditabs), or injectable medications should register with CampMeds at [www.campmeds.com](http://www.campmeds.com) or by calling (954) 577-0025. CampMeds will send pre-packaged doses of your son's medication directly to the camp infirmary for administration.

The only exception will be families whose insurance is not accepted by CampMeds or those for whom CampMeds was unable to provide a particular product.

Any medications (including vitamins) being left at the infirmary must be in their original package or our nurses cannot accept or dispense them.

### *Parent Notification*

Parents or guardians will be notified by the Camp Nurse, Summer Camp Director or Executive Director if an overnight stay in the infirmary is required. In addition, parents and guardians will be notified for illnesses lasting more than 24 hours, emergency medical care, doctor's visits, and medication questions or refills.

Parents will also be notified immediately if their camper tests positive for COVID-19 or is being monitoring as a close contact of someone that has tested positive.

### **VISITING DAYS**

In order to adhere to the no visitor policy necessary for Summer 2021, O-AT-KA will not be hosting in-person visiting days. If your son is staying for a full session or the full season, we will have two virtual visiting days on Saturday, July 10 and Saturday, August 7. You will have the opportunity to schedule a time to video chat with your camper through zoom. We ask that each family only has one call (siblings will be scheduled together). Information will be sent on how to sign up and specific times.

### **REQUIRED FORMS**

Many important forms, such as the health history, travel form, activity preference form, and counselor information form, can be found on O-AT-KA's CampMinder CampInTouch page. Forms should be completed online or (in some cases) printed out and mailed back to camp. Forms are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The web address is: <http://oatka.campintouch.com>

### **CABIN & UNIT ASSIGNMENTS**

Cabin life is a key ingredient of the camp experience. The cabin is your son's home away from home and his cabin mates and counselors will become a significant part of his extended camp family. O-AT-KA alumni attest that cabin friendships really do last a lifetime! Unit & cabin assignments are based upon grade in school.

Campers are limited to making ONE cabin-mate request through the form on Campminder, since meeting new people and making new friends are important parts of the camp experience. Our staff will make every effort to honor requests if they are mutual, but please understand that they are not guaranteed. Staff place a great deal of care into creating the strongest possible cabin combinations in each unit; because of the ripple effects that last-minute changes can cause, we are not able to accommodate change requests on arrival day.

## **DAILY ACTIVITIES**

O-AT-KA has over 30 daily activities, which we call crafts. When you receive the information on activity selection, please help your son complete it and submit it online as soon as possible. Some programs are age or resource-limited and are filled on a first-come, first served basis. Every two weeks, a new schedule of activities will be developed for your son based upon his interests. We make every effort to ensure campers get as many of their top picks as possible. Campers whose information is not complete by May 15 will find it harder to get their top activity choices.

## **WILDERNESS TRIPS**

The Wilderness program for Summer 2021 will be more limited than in past years as off-property overnight trips will not be permitted, with the exception of JMG test camp from July 26-30. We have a variety of day trips for our campers to enjoy in small groups and will share those with them when they arrive at camp. We also plan to utilize Greenridge, a wooded campsite on the edge of the camp property.

## **FULL-SEASON PROGRAM**

There is far more to do at camp than can be reasonably accomplished over the course of a few weeks. For this reason, our seven-week full-season program allows campers the greatest opportunity to take advantage of all that O-AT-KA has to offer. Seven-week campers take three different sets of crafts over the course of the summer, experience each of the season's special events, and are able to develop stronger ties and friendships over the course of a full summer. Since it was EJ Dennen's founding mission for O-AT-KA to "build strong boys," the longer a boy is with us, the greater the opportunity we have to build him! All full-season campers receive special recognition at the closing awards ceremony in August.

## **EXTENSIONS**

If space is available, campers who come for 2-week starter session A or B have the option to extend for one week or the balance of the session. Campers may also be able to extend from session one into session two. Every family's expectations are different, both in terms of schedule and financing, so there is never any pressure placed on a family or camper about extensions. If you indicate that extending is a possibility, camp staff will contact you by phone during the session for a check-in. Only after all agree that extending is a good idea will a conversation be initiated with the camper.

## **HOMESICKNESS**

Homesickness is something that affects nearly every boy who goes away from home, especially for the first time. It is a normal phase of development that is eased by preparing your son for the experience. It is important to encourage your son's growing sense of independence throughout the year.

By filling out the Parent Inquiry Form, you will let us know about your son – including any medical conditions, fears, favorite activities, and food preferences. This enables his counselors to help your son be more comfortable once he arrives at camp. Letters home from campers are often written during down time and bedtime when campers are not as active and homesickness surfaces more. We suggest you respond to letters that indicate some degree of homesickness with short supportive letters focused on the activities that your son is involved in at camp; it is best not to write about what is happening at home. We also ask that you not make any deals about early pick-ups – although they may be well-intentioned, experience shows that they almost always backfire. Such deals contain a negative message about your son's ability to make it through camp and may lead to him to feel like a failure. While we do not want any boy to be sad or homesick, we know that these feelings can teach self-reliance and important coping mechanisms that are invaluable. Our staff is trained in many strategies that work well to combat feelings of homesickness.

## **TUITION**

Tuition, while not all-inclusive, includes most aspects of camp life. Not included, and billed separately, are optional expenses such as wilderness trips, transportation to and from camp, any major fees incurred by the airlines, major shop and crafts projects, fishing equipment, prescription drugs, and advanced swim course materials.

## **CAMPER ACCOUNTS**

In addition to the tuition, a camper account is used in place of cash for miscellaneous expenses, including purchases at the camp store. Please do not send your camper with cash. Large purchases require parental permission, and our office will contact you directly. At the end of the session, any balance may be refunded or donated to the Camp O-AT-KA's scholarship fund. An invoice will be sent if your son's account exceeds the initial deposit.

## **PAYMENT POLICIES**

Full payment is due by May 1. Please note that tuition is 100% risk free for Summer 2021 and can be refunded at any time prior to your camper's first day at O-AT-KA. Refunds are not applicable if a child leaves camp early. Checks may be made payable to Camp O-AT-KA and all major credit cards are accepted. All payments must be made in U.S. Dollars. Payments received from outside the United States of America may be remitted by international money order or as drafts channeled through a U.S. "corresponding bank" or Federal Reserve Bank. Checks returned for insufficient funds or otherwise deemed uncollectible are assessed a \$35 administrative fee.

Refunds are not granted to campers who are asked to leave camp for disciplinary reasons. Campership aid is not directly refundable to families. In keeping with the tradition of making O-AT-KA affordable to as many boys as possible, a limited number of campers whose families demonstrate financial need are given camperships each year. Financial aid forms are available upon request.

## **OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS NEAR O-AT-KA**

For a full list of overnight accommodations, visit: [www.camboatka.org/lodging/](http://www.camboatka.org/lodging/)

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sat, June 26	CITs & International Campers arrive
Sun, June 27	Opening Day for Full Summer, Session I and 2-Week Session A
Sat, July 10	Virtual Visiting Day/ Pickup for 2-Week Session A
Fri, July 23	Awards Ceremony/ Close of Session I
Sun, July 25	Opening Day for Session II and 2-Week Session B
Sat, August 7	Virtual Visiting Day/ Pickup for 2-Week Session B
Thurs, August 12	Closing Candlelight Service
Fri, August 13	Awards Ceremony/ Close of Camp Season