

**Dennen Week at Camp O-AT-KA
August 11th through August 17th**

Important Dates

July 1 Deadline for all forms

August 11th Campers arrive from 3:30 to 5:30

August 17th Campers depart from 10:00 - noon

Dennen Week Parents' Handbook

OPENING DAY

Upon arrival (between 3:30 – 5:30 pm), our staff will be waiting to greet you as you drive into camp. Here you will be instructed where to go to complete the check in procedures. To simplify this process, we will have different check in locations for each age group (unit) complete with a nurse's station. You will receive more detailed instructions in July.

Office Hours

The O-AT-KA office is open from 9:00am to 11:00am and 2:00pm to 4:00pm every day. At other hours you will be connected to the camp answering machine, which will be checked periodically. Our fax machine (207 787-3930) is on 24 hours a day.

For EMERGENCY calls use one of the numbers listed below.

Main Office 207 787-3401

Director's Number 207 409-6149

Telephone Policy

We encourage boys to write home. We do not normally permit them to use the telephone. If you have an urgent matter to discuss with your son, please let the camp know first, so that we can be of assistance.

Food

Please do not allow your son to bring chewing gum, candy, or other food to Camp. Please do not send food packages. Our food is very good and very plentiful. Food is not permitted in the cabins. Boys who have a birthday during camp will receive a birthday cake to share with their cabin mates. **We will need to know ahead of time if your son has any food allergies or dietary restrictions.**

Forms

All forms are due by July 1st. Each year your child will need to have the following forms.

Health History

Physical Form

Information Authorization Form

All forms are on the website. You can find them at <http://www.campoatka.org/dennen-week/>

Mailing Address:

Your Son's Name
Camp O-AT-KA
P. O. Box 239
Sebago, ME 04029

Visiting

Since camp is only one week we do not have a parent visiting day. Your son will be very busy at camp and the week will be over before you know it. Please resist the urge to hop in your car and have a surprise visit. Unplanned visits can be very disruptive to camp life.

Homesickness

Homesickness is not unusual, especially for new campers. Our counselors are very sensitive to homesickness and try to keep boys active and involved in the camp program. We refer prolonged cases to the Head Counselor, and/or our nurse. We ask that letters home suggesting some degree of homesickness be answered with short, supportive letters. Please feel free to share any concerns with the Dennen Week Director, Josh Plati.

Traveling to O-AT-KA

Note: If using a GPS enter Campoatka Rd Sebago Maine. Check route carefully as GPS directions are often unreliable.

Heading North

From the Maine Turnpike take Exit 42 Scarborough
Turn left at the light onto Payne Rd.—
At the second light turn left onto Rt 114
Travel North on Rt 114 for approximately 25 miles to Sebago
Travel 1.5 miles beyond Sebago Elementary School (north)
O-AT-KA sign on left-Camp entrance is beyond on right

Heading South

Take the Maine Turnpike to Exit 63, 115/Me4
At end of ramp turn left onto Rt 115 / US 202 towards Windham
In approximately 4 miles bear slightly right onto Rt 115
Travel approximately 3.5 miles to intersection of Rts 115 & 302
Pass straight through intersection. Here begins Rt 35
Travel 6+ miles to the intersection of Rt 35 & 114
Turn right onto Rt 114. Proceed 10.5 miles
O-AT-KA sign is on left-Camp entrance is beyond on right

From the West

Take Rt 302 to Naples, Maine from Bridgton, Maine –
Turn right onto Rt 114
Proceed 8 miles.
The main entrance will be on your left, beyond tennis courts

Do Not Bring

Please do not bring televisions, portable stereo systems, cell phones, beepers, computers, hand-held electronic games, or other electronic devices. Inexpensive battery-operated radios with headphones are all a boy might need.

Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Fireworks

Camper use of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or fireworks of any kind is forbidden, and constitutes grounds for immediate dismissal. This includes e-cigarettes and vaping devices. We are serious about our commitment to keep OAT-KA a safe and healthy environment. Please make it clear to your son that casual experimentation or a “lapse in judgment” will not persuade our staff to call for anything less than dismissal from Camp.

Knives and other weapons

Absolutely no knives including pocketknives, jack knives, hunting knives etc. are to be brought to camp. The same policy holds true for any other type of weapons.

Camp Store

Available at the camp store are items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, postcards, stamps, insect repellent etc. Free candy and soda will be available at limited times. There is absolutely no need for campers to bring any money to camp!!

Necessary Clothing:

6 t-shirts or jerseys (any style)	6 pair socks
6 pair underpants	1 long-sleeve shirts
2 sweatshirts	1 pair sweatpants
2 jeans or trousers	1 pair pajamas (1 warm)
2 swimsuits	1 warm jacket
1 raincoat or poncho	3 pair shorts (any style)
1 laundry bag	1 hat

Footwear: 2 pair sneakers 1 pair sandals or flip-flops 1 pair cleats (optional)

Bedding & Linens:

2 warm blankets
Pillow and Pillowcase (O-AT-KA provides sheets)
2 towels & 1 wash cloth

Miscellaneous Required Items:

Trunk, duffle bag, or suitcase Flashlight w/batteries Toilet kit (toothbrush, soap, comb, etc.)
Non-spray bug repellent

Optional Athletic Equipment:

Tennis racket & balls (we have extras available) Fishing rod & tackle Baseball glove & ball
Water bottle

Suggested Items:

Pens, and addressed & stamped postcards to mail home Quiet games, summer reading books
Please be sure all items are clearly marked with camper's name. All unmarked lost and found items will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Important Numbers:

Main Office (207) 787-3401

Fax Machine (207) 787-3930