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PARENT NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Bring on Summer 2026! We can't wait to get back to Greeley. We've said it before and we'll say it again: community, independence, confidence, and connectedness are gifts our children need now more than ever. Enter CAMP! We're counting down the days!

In this newsletter you'll read about our policies, procedures and other important information. Even those who've been a part of our camp family for a long time should brush up on the basics and note some new, important changes for 2026!

The best thing about LOC is each and every family who makes Greeley their summer home. Your child's success is ours. We are so grateful for each one of you.

Bright skies ahead!

Kyle Silver

Jeff "Freedo" Freedman

The Black & Morin Family





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All medication must be sent through PackMyRx, a company that pre-packages medicine for safe distribution. Please register for PackMyRx at www.packmyrx.com if your child will be receiving any daily medication at camp. Feel free to call PackMyRx directly with questions: (888) 598-MEDS or email info@packmyrx.com!

Also available for download via the Parent Portal of our website!



The collage features a red arrow pointing down at the top left. Below it is a brown booklet titled "Parent's Guide to Organization at Camp" with the "Lake Owego" logo. To the left of the booklet is a blue bag with the "Lake Owego" logo and the text "FOR BOYS". To the right of the booklet are several photographs showing campers organizing their belongings in cubbies and shelves. One photo shows a camper putting items into a cubby. Another photo shows a camper organizing items on a shelf. A third photo shows a camper organizing items in a cubby. A fourth photo shows a camper organizing items in a cubby. A fifth photo shows a camper organizing items in a cubby. A sixth photo shows a camper organizing items in a cubby. A seventh photo shows a camper organizing items in a cubby. A eighth photo shows a camper organizing items in a cubby. A ninth photo shows a camper organizing items in a cubby. A tenth photo shows a camper organizing items in a cubby. 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Official 2026 Packing List



Letters

We encourage good, old-fashioned letter-writing. At mail-call each day, there is no better feeling for a camper than receiving a real, hand-stamped, hand-written letter or card. Some are treasures that are kept through adulthood. Camp is a low-tech place for children (and adults) to take a break from the hustle-bustle of daily life during the rest of the year. No TVs, no iPhones, no running to check e-mail. In their place - friends, campfires, teamwork, and, hopefully, personal growth, independence, and self-esteem.

Parents may also send e-mails through the "CampMinder" system (see back page), but letters are better.

Getting Ready

Here are a few tips:

- ✓ Leave one camp shirt out of the trunk and have your camper wear his "Camp Official" on the plane or bus. Camp Officials can be purchased on TheCampSpot.com.
- ✓ Write a letter to your child before camp starts so it is there for the first mail call.
- ✓ Only a small, carry-on bag is allowed on the bus. Trunks, duffles, and suitcases must be shipped to and from camp.
- ✓ Remember to pack bug spray, a flashlight, a water bottle and sunscreen.
- ✓ Pre-addressed envelopes are helpful to young campers.
- ✓ Bunk placement information will not be given out before camp.
- ✓ Laundry goes out once a week, so make sure your child has enough socks and underwear for 10 days.
- ✓ Label your camper's clothing! Each and every article of clothing should be labeled! Our advice? Old-fashioned Sharpie labeling works best, since some stickers don't make it through high-heat dryers!



Phone Calls

It's not easy, but part of sending children off to camp is "letting go." Although phone calls are not necessary, one phone call may be scheduled per session. The office will schedule as many calls as possible, before or after dinner, until evening activity begins. Please be reassured that there is always a counselor at the telephone. Hearing your parents' voice can be upsetting and we will be there to comfort your child. Tears only last milli-seconds after the call - until the first friend walks by, a basketball is dribbled, or a frisbee whizzes by. Don't worry, but if you have a real concern - call us (570)226-3636.

BAGGAGE INFORMATION

R&B Baggage

(603) 536-2197

www.rbcampbaggage.com

New this summer!

R&B Baggage for ALL families in ALL states!

NO Packages, Please!

Except for necessities from home that were inadvertently left behind, like a book for school, goggles, shin guards, etc. there is really no reason to send things to camp. Gifts from home like toys or games breed competition between bunkmates and leave some campers feeling left out. Birthday packages are, of course, permitted and encouraged, but no food, please.

Remember all packages are opened in the presence of staff.



Electronics

Nothing with video or capabilities, please!

We do not allow iPod Touches, Kindles, or any device capable of a wifi connection, hand-held games, portable DVD's, laptops, or cell phones. Even if the wifi connection can be disabled, we do not allow that device in camp.

If they arrive at camp, phones and electronics will be collected, and returned at the end of the summer. First of all, there's no time to use them, second, they break or are "borrowed" and lost. And lastly, this is CAMP; the perfect time and place to take a break from the onslaught of technology. The whole point of camp life is to live our lives a little differently, a little simpler than we do the rest of the year. Campers can only gain independence if they are truly independent from you and the outside world.

And what about music-only iPods, you may ask? We discourage campers from bringing these for the same reasons listed above. But if your camper can't leave home without it, their personal music-only device will be restricted - not outside the bunk and only after letter-writing at rest period or before bed, after bunk meeting time. Remember, no wifi connected devices. We suggest basic mp3 players such as Apple shuffles or old-fashioned iPods.

**Don't
BRING**



iPod Touch



Kindle



Cell Phones



Laptop

**Do
BRING**



**MP3 Player
(without wifi)**

Suggestions:



**FYRFLY PLAYER
shop.remix8.com**



A novel or two



An open mind



A sense of adventure

2026 DATES

NEW CAMPER WEEKEND

Saturday May 30 - Sunday, May 31

**OPENING DAY
Saturday, June 27**

**1ST SESSION ENDS
Tuesday, July 21**

**2ND SESSION BEGINS
Wednesday, July 22**

**VISITING DAY
Sunday, July 26**

**CLOSING DAY
Thursday, August 13**

Extraordinary Optional Activities

Learn more about specialized one-on-one instruction, including tutoring, horseback riding, tennis, basketball and personal fitness, and sign-up for these worthwhile add-ons online!

