

2011

Dear _____:

Welcome! We're excited that you are now registered to attend CAMP MONAHAN and join in the fun we have planned for YOU this summer!

You have been accepted to attend **1ST SENIOR CHALLENGE**. We ask that you arrive between 4:00 - 5:00 pm on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 13th, 2011**. Departure is on **SATURDAY, JULY 23rd, 2011**. The final campfire will begin at 10:30 am and lasts approximately 45 minutes, after which time you are free to leave.

Below is a suggested list of things to pack for camp. Please have your parent(s) refer to the back of this letter for more details. **Do not bring good clothing as you will be spending several days on the river canoeing and camping out and you will get dirty.** If possible please bring clothes that will dry fast if they get wet.

- 5 pair of pants, or sweats (preferably not jeans)
- 3 pair of comfortable shorts
- 3 t-shirts, 2 long sleeve shirts
- 1 pair previously worn hiking shoes & 1 pair sandals/ thongs/aqua shoes
- 12 pairs of socks (medium weight ,woolen socks)
- 10 changes of underwear, 1 pair long underwear - 1 pair gloves
- 1 pair of warm pajamas
- 2 warm sweaters/sweatshirts
- 2 bathing suits and beach towels
- 1 coat/jacket/windbreaker & 1 fleece jacket/sweater
- 1 hat or cap with a brim (a must for hot days)
- Toque, bandana
- Pen and paper (journal) , bring along a favorite story, book, etc to share with the group while on your trip
- Optional items: cards, small musical instrument, book birds, vegetation, etc)
- Rain gear (boots, waterproof pants, coat/poncho)
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Facecloth & hand towel
- Soap in a container, shampoo, deodorant, etc (travel size)
- Comb and brush
- 2 canteens (for drinking water)
- Sleeping bag, pillow, warm blanket, ground sheet
- Flashlight, pocket knife, extra shoelaces, sunglasses
- Insect repellent, sunscreen (30+ SPF)
- Any other personal items you may need
- 12 large green or black garbage bags to pack sleeping bag in for the trip & 1 box of large zip-lock bags for packing clothes into the knapsack (knapsack will be supplied by camp or you may bring your own if you have one)
- \$10.00 for a treat at the end of the trip (give \$ to counsellor) (wildlife, -Aloe vera lotion, lip balm with SPF (very important)

And don't forget to pack your enthusiasm, be ready for a *great* challenge and to have a *great* time this summer! We look forward to your arrival at CAMP MONAHAN, see you then!!

Yours in camping,

Stephanie Ali

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Administrative Director

FOR THE PARENTS:

- Please note the arrival and departure times for your child. **Please do not** arrive any earlier than the stated arrival time, as we are unable to provide supervision for your child any earlier. The final campfire program is the highlight of your child's camping experience, therefore we strongly urge you to share this experience with your child. The program lasts approximately 45 minutes. Your child **must** be picked up no later than 11:30am.
- **DO NOT** send valuable items (ie electronic devices) as the camp staff will not be responsible for lost, misplaced or damaged items of this nature. Should these items be brought to camp, they may be stored for safe keeping until your child's departure. It is important that all clothing and equipment brought to camp be properly labeled. Please ensure that **ALL** items are labeled for easier identification. **Do not** send good or new clothing.
- There will be a "Lost & Found" area on the closing day of camp. We encourage you to check for any items your child may have misplaced. Any items remaining after camp has ended will be washed and donated to a worthy cause.
- Meeting new friends is an important aspect of the camp experience. Campers are placed in age groups at the discretion of the Camp Administration. From past experience we have found that friends/family together can often cause problems among the campers and with the group dynamics. Campers are co-located according to sexes and therefore will not be far from their friend/family. We ask that you comply with our groupings upon arrival at camp; your cooperation is appreciated.
- **PLEASE DO NOT SEND:** food, drinks, candy, etc to camp with your child as these items will attract bugs, animals, etc into the cabin and/or tent and luggage.
- **ALL MEDICATION MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE FIRST AID ATTENDANT UPON ARRIVAL AT CAMP.** You do not need to send any aspirin, Tylenol, cough medication, etc as our First Aid Station is well stocked and our First Aid Attendant must administer all medication. If your child's health and/or medication changes between the time of registration and arrival at camp, it is in the best interest and health of your child that you inform the Director, First Aid Attendant and Counsellor upon arrival of the change (preferably in writing). All campers must visit the First Aid Attendant on arrival and check-in.
- Although we take every reasonable precaution to avoid accidents, incidents sometimes happen. In the event that a camper requires additional medical attention beyond that which is possible at camp, the Camp Director will arrange for any special services necessary for the best interests of the camper. In such situations, the camp will notify the parent(s) as soon as possible. Any additional expenses that may result from such services are the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Campers are not permitted to leave the campgrounds without permission from the Camp Director.
- Camp Monahan reserves the right to dismiss any camper (at the discretion of the Camp Director) who in his/her opinion, is a hazard to the safety and right of other campers or staff due to unacceptable behavior or attitudes, or who appears to have rejected the reasonable expectations of the camp.
- No refunds are available for campers arriving late, leaving early or for campers dismissed due to disciplinary action.
- Campers sometime get homesick the first few days usually do well thereafter. Visits or phone calls are not recommended so as not to interfere with camp activities. Parents will be notified if necessary. Any inquiries should be directed to (306) 522-1047.
- The Camp Monahan Association would like to invite your family to attend our **ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE & BARBEQUE at Camp Monahan** on Sunday, June 26th. Events will begin at noon. Activities include: Mass at the Chapel, games, swimming, canoeing and our first campfire of the season! A concession stand will be in operation all afternoon. Please plan to attend, meet the camp staff, and enjoy the beauty of **Monahan** and the Qu'Appelle Valley. See you there!
- The enclosed receipt for the camper registration fee can be used as a Child Care expense on your Income Tax return. Please retain for future use, as there will be a charge to issue duplicate receipts.
- There will be promotional items for purchase at camp on both the registration day and pick-up day. Items will include t-shirts, water bottles camper blankets and other items. Photo cd's are available but must be pre-paid on registration day. We recommend that you bring \$10.00 - \$30.00 if you wish to purchase items for your child's camp memorabilia.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the address on the front. Check out our website at www.campmonahan.ca!!