

You are
Registered
for:

•Short Stacks #5
Event # 4104

•Check-In:
Thursday, Aug. 5th
11:00 AM

•Check-Out:
Saturday, Aug. 7th
11:00 AM

Don't Forget!

There will be a short closing program at your check-out time followed by a FREE BBQ Lunch for all your friends and family!

Please keep this letter for your future reference. It contains important information that will help you prepare for your time at camp. Including:

- Dates and times of your event
- Packing lists
- Contact information
- Forms required for you to attend camp

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Welcome to Camp!

I'm coming to camp! Now what?

► First, let us begin by saying how EXCITED we are that you are going to be sharing camp with us! We are going to have a great time, share lots of adventures and meet some new friends! We can't wait to get to know you!

► As a matter of fact, we'd like to start getting to know you RIGHT NOW! Included with this letter, you will find a special form called...what else?...a **get-to-know-ya page!** Please fill it out and send it back to CAMP as soon as possible. This is an opportunity for you and your family to share any special information, ideas or concerns that will help us make your camp experience

the very best it can be. If you happen to misplace your form, you can download one from our website, www.okobojicamp.com.



Hang On! It's almost time for camp!

► Next, you'll find a "**Camper Health History & Authorization**" form, and a "**Release of Liability**" form included with this letter. These forms are both **REQUIRED** to attend camp, and

must be signed by the participant's legal parent/guardian! Again, if you misplace these forms, feel free to download them from our website. You can bring these forms with you to check-in, or you can mail them to camp ahead of time, whichever is most convenient for you.

► Now, all you have to do is keep looking forward to a wonderful time at camp! Look through the rest of this letter to find everything else you'll need to get ready!

What happens when I get to camp?

► You'll want to arrive at camp during your check-in time. There will be **TWO** tents you'll need to visit during check-in. At one, you'll meet the camp director, pick up your water bottle, **turn in your signed "Release of Liability"** form and meet your cabin leader.

► At this tent, parents/guardians will also receive your yellow **camper ID card**. This card

must be presented to camp staff at your check-out time in order to pick-up your camper.

► At the other tent, you'll find the camp health care manager. Here, you'll turn in your signed "**Health History & Authorization**" form, turn in any medications needed during camp, and be able to ask any health-related questions you may have.

► Feel free to arrive a bit early and explore the camp. Our friendly staff are available and will be happy to help answer questions and show you around the site.

► The camp store is also open during your check-in time.

► Remember, campers are required to be supervised by their parents or guardians until they are completely checked-in.



What do I need to bring?

Packing Checklist:

- ▶ It's never too late to **bring a friend!** You can even take advantage of our "bring a friend" or "family" discounts! Sharing camp with a friend makes a great experience even better!
- ▶ **Lost & Found** - please label all your belongings before you leave home and check out the lost & found box during your check-out time. At summer's end, all unclaimed items will be donated to local charities.

- Signed Health and Liability Forms**
- Medications needed during camp**
- Sleeping bag (or bedding) & pillow**
- Towel, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste**
- Sunscreen & insect repellent**
- Bible, pencil & paper**
- Flashlight & extra batteries**
- Swimsuit, beach towel, sandals/water shoes, hat**
- Clothing for each day (rainy days too!)**
- Backpack or daypack**
- Jackets & Sweatshirts**
- Camera (charger, batteries, memory card)**
- Tennis Shoes (or other closed-toe shoes)**
- Stationary & Stamps to write home**

What NOT to bring:

- Money** - your camp registration fee covers ALL expenses while you are at camp, including all meals & snacks, park entrance fees, and special events. If you would like to purchase camp store items at your check-in/check-out time, you will need to leave your money with an adult who will be picking you up, or with a camp staff member during check-in.
- Cell Phones** - If campers bring a cell phone, they will need to leave it with a camp staff member during check-in.
- iPod/MP3 players**
- Sports Equipment/Fireworks/Lighters**
- Extra Food/Snacks/Pop**
- Video Games/Computers**
- Alcohol/Tobacco/Drugs/Weapons/Vehicles**

How can I contact my camper?

- ▶ **Mail** - Campers LOVE to receive mail! Please allow at least 3 days for standard mail to reach camp. Keep in mind that for shorter events, you may need to mail letters before your camper leaves home. You are also free to leave letters for your camper with a staff member during check-in, to be distributed throughout the week. Notes from home will make a great experience even better!

- ▶ **Phone Calls** - campers are allowed to use the camp phones only for emergencies. If you have questions, concerns, or need to contact your child, please call the camp's toll free number. When calling camp, please identify yourself, your camper and your reason for calling. Our staff will deliver your message to your camper as soon as possible.

- ▶ **Emergency Contacts** - In the event of an emergency, you may contact the camp, toll free, 24 hrs. a day. Our voice mail system will route your call to the appropriate extension. You may also call the director's cell phone at (712)330-5325.
- ▶ **E-Mail** - campers may receive e-mail at camp, but will not have access to a computer to respond. Our staff will print e-mails and deliver them to campers during their mealtimes.

Camper Mailing Address:
 Lake Okoboji UM Camp
 Your Camper's Name
 21413 154th St PI
 Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Camper E-Mail:
 Subject line:
your camper's name
 Send to:
campers@okobojicamp.com

Toll Free Phone #
 1-866-856-9862

What happens at check-out?

Your check-out time is listed on the front of this letter. You may want to arrive at camp a few minutes ahead of this time to complete some of the check-out process.

- ▶ Staff will collect your **camper ID card** you received at check-in. If camper ID cards are lost or misplaced, a photo ID and/or personal call from camp staff to the contact listed on your health form will be required.
- ▶ There will be a short **closing program** on the front lawn beginning at your listed check-out time. This is a time for your campers to share about their week, and will include all events ending that day.
- ▶ There will be a slideshow playing in the dining hall of photos from the week! Stop in and see how much fun we've been having! **Don't forget** to pick up your **FREE DVD** with these photos, and added video!
- ▶ Directly after the closing program, you are all invited to a **FREE BBQ lunch** on the deck! Please join us and talk with your camper, their new friends, and the camp staff that have been with them! Give lots of hugs and encourage your camper to share about their great time at Okoboji!
- ▶ The **camp store** will be open. Make sure to check it out!
- ▶ The health care manager will be available to **return any checked-in medications.**
- ▶ Don't forget to pick up your camper's craft/s, and check the lost & found.