

Amidst the murmuring pines and hemlocks in majestic Algonquin Park, Canada, emerges Camp Tamakwa, a magical children's village founded in 1936 by naturalist "Unca" Lou Handler and celebrated canoeist Omer Stringer. We started building in 1936 and haven't stopped yet.

Our nurturing, intimate and spirited camp environment, some 22 activities, and unique programming has made Tamakwa one of the premier camps in North America. Tamakwa provides a transformative experience for children where they thrive away from technology and their competitive environments back home and accomplish milestones every day.

For over 85 years, campers and staff who have attended Tamakwa regard it as "the best days and times of their lives." We are delighted to share with you the enclosed information in this package, but much more is available on our website. We look forward to being your partners in the growth and development of your children. Dear New Tamakwa Family,

Thank you for your interest in Camp Tamakwa. Enclosed you will find information regarding our upcoming action-packed summer.

No matter how thorough our camp materials are, they are inherently limited in what they can convey about the true Tamakwa experience. We offer one of the most diverse outdoor recreational programs available and stress the development and growth of our Tamakwa campers as individuals and as a part of a collective, close-knit cabin group. While Tamakwa is a camp with many modern features, we pride ourselves on traditional values, skill development and camp spirit. Tamakwa's unique experiences and rich history are revered by campers and staff, new and old, and after 85 years, our core values are arguably more important now than ever before.

IF YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR THE COMING SUMMER:

- Apply early to save your space. We are usually optimistic about early waitlist prospects, so apply as soon as possible! Feel free to contact us right away for an understanding about space availability.
- Applications will be processed in the order in which they are completed online.
- All camp fees are listed in Canadian funds.
- You have the option to pay by VISA, MC, AmEx, Cheque or Cash.
- Information about fees and payment options can be found on the enclosed 'Fees & Payment Options' form.

ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST:

To be considered for enrollment, all applications must be completed online and include:

- A deposit of \$1,000 CDN.
- (CANADIANS only) Copy of Health Card for EACH camper.

After reading through the enclosed materials, please call the camp office for more information in Toronto (416) 924-7433 or Michigan (248) 335-6400. We realize selecting the right summer camp for your children is extremely important and we encourage you to ask lots of questions. Call us any time to arrange a personal camp presentation with one of Tamakwa's Directors.

Camp Tamakwa provides a unique life experience for children. We take pride in our 85 years of history and look forward to you joining our Tamakwa family. We believe we will surpass your expectations in providing your children a unique and rewarding camp experience and of course tons of fun in Algonquin Park, the most beautiful summer camp site in the world.



Junior Tamakwan Program (Grades 1-3)

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Camp Introduction For Boys & Girls in Grades 1, 2, or 3 (as of date of registration)

> JTS GET... A little more attention A little more supervision A little more structure A little more special programming And a little more And a little more dat the end of

Try a Shorter 2-week Session Option to stay for the full session + Discounted Fees

Since 1936, Camp Tamakwa has welcomed 7, 8, & 9 year old campers

In 1983, these campers became known as JTs (Junior Tamakwans), and a customized program was designed to better meet the needs of this young group. These campers are split into two sections: The boys are known as Foresters, and the girls are called Trailblazers.

The goal of the JT program is to ensure that our youngest campers, many of whom are attending overnight camp for the first time, have a positive and fun camp experience that is more responsive to their particular developmental stage. A significant feature of the JT program is the option to attend camp during the first two weeks of a camp session. Of course, should a JT desire to stay for the full four week session, and if the parents and camp feel that is an appropriate option for that camper, we will gladly have the camper stay with us for the entire session.



Junior Tamakwan Programming

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	4:00pm • Camper Arrival • Dinner • Cabin Night • Unpack	DAYTIME: Block schedule introduction to all activities EVENING: Camp Activity: Staff Show	DAYTIME: Block schedule introduction to more activities & JT swim tests EVENING: Camp Activity: Beaver Council Elections	DAYTIME: Individual Choice EVENING: Cabin Activity	DAYTIME: Individual Choice EVENING: TBD	DAYTIME: Individual Choice EVENING: • Services • Hobby Hubs • Campfire	DAYTIME: Individual Choice EVENING: Camp Activity: Drama Night
	DAYTIME: Individual Choice EVENING: Section Night	DAYTIME: Sleep-in Brunch 9:30am - 11:30am (8:00am Cartoons!) AFTERNOON & EVENING: Cabin Cookouts & Camp-Wide Campfire	DAYTIME: Individual Choice EVENING: TBD	DAYTIME: Individual Choice EVENING: Cabin Activity (CANOE TRIP)	DAYTIME: Individual Choice EVENING: TBD (CANOE TRIP)	DAYTIME: Individual Choice EVENING: • Services • Hobby Hubs • Campfire	DAYTIME: Individual Choice EVENING: Camp Activity: JT Play



NFFK 1

VEEK 2

JT Activities



Trip Skill Sessions

- Paddling a canoe
- Preparing a campsite
- Pitching a tent
- Campsite & trip safety
- Map reading
- Fire building

Canoe Trip

2 or 3 day trip

Special Events

Day Activities:

Twilight Activities

Big Brother/Big Sister JT Olympics & Triathalon Hike/Cookout Breakfast Cookout Berry Picking – Pie Baking Skating Party Beach Party/ BBQ

Tetherball, Nok-hockey, Wood Shop

Skill Improvement, Fishing, Ga-Ga

Night Activities: Stargazing Story Time Evening Snack Campfire

Tournaments:

Hockey / Shootouts Basketball, Dodge Ball

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JT Swim Assessment

Camp Tamakwa's Swim Assessment enables us to properly assess each camper's comfort and ease in the water, as well as to evaluate their swim level for instructional swim periods. We are not looking for speed or refined strokes. Passing this assessment allows our campers to participate in all of camp's water activities, including canoe trips. This is all done in a non-stressful, very "campy" way for the kids. For those who don't pass the JT swim assessment after their first attempt, one on one instruction is provided, and usually, the entire camp is passed in short order.

The following information regarding this assessment is provided to help parents, especially of younger campers, prepare their campers in advance of camp:

SWIMMING

• Swim 3 times around the inside of the boxed-in pool area (*) • 1st box - any front stroke • 2nd box - any back stroke • 3rd box - any stroke they choose

H.E.L.P. POSITION

• Wearing a life jacket, swimmers float on their back with their knees pulled up to their chest for 1 minute

TREADING WATER

Tread water for 3 minutes

(*) for the first lap of the swim test, campers wear a loose fitting long-sleeve shirt, sweatpants, and a lifejacket, and after some help removing all three items at the end of their first lap, campers continue with the rest of their swim assessment

JUST A REMINDER

Please be sure your camper's life jacket is:

- GOVERNMENT APPROVED
- FITS PROPERLY
- IN GOOD CONDITION
- (not faded or torn and with all buckles, zippers, and straps intact)

JT Programming Typical Day

8:00	Good Morning / Wake-Up bell	1:00	Rest Hour • mail is handed out	6:15	Dinne • eve
8:15	15 minute bell for Breakfast •campers set their tables	2:25	3rd activity	6:45	Flag l
8:30	Breakfast ∙morning announcements	3:25	 instructional swim for JTs Tootsie Frootsie 	7:00	Twilig • free
	•musical meditation		 "everybody gets" fruit break camp wide welcome for 	7:45	Bell f
9:00	Flag Raising / Anthem Singing • camp wide send off for		returning canoe trips		• sect (JTs n
	departing canoe trips • cabin clean-up	3:35	4th activity • cabin activity	9:00	Eveni • cab
10:00	1st activity • individual choice	4:25	5th activity • cabin activity		• can • bed
11:00	2nd activity	5:15	General Swim	9:30	Lights
	 individual choice 		free play activitiesshower time	10:30	Night
12:00	15 minute bell for Lunchcampers set their tables		• get ready for dinner	12:30	Coun
12:15	Lunch	5:45	Half hour bell for Dinner		
-12.13	•afternoon announcements	6:00	15 minute bell for Dinner • campers set their tables		

6:15	Dinner • evening announcements
6:45	Flag Lowering & Tuck
7:00	Twilight Time • free play activities
7:45	Bell for Evening Program • section meeting places (JTs meet at the Rec Hall)
9:00	Evening Program ends • cabin or section campfires • camper snack • bedtime Clinic Call
9:30	Lights out for JTs
10:30	Night Duty begins
12:30	Counselor cabin coverage

JTs often arrive eager, curious, and sometimes a little nervous about exploring all Tamakwa has to offer. They are met by comforting counsellors who are handpicked for their patience, enthusiasm, and maturity key components necessary to meet the unique needs of our youngest campers. Over the years the JT program has evolved, integrating our 7-9 year old campers into the regular camp routine while addressing their unique developmental needs. Additional supervision and attention are provided to these campers in order for them to participate in various camp programs. In some situations, parallel programs are developed and run alongside traditional camp programs in order for our JTs to "taste" all that camp has to offer.

In order for our JTs to feel challenged and successful, independent, confident, and supported, all of our activities include instructional "levels" specifically geared towards this young group of campers. This provides our JTs with a developmentally appropriate introduction to all of our activities, and many are able to move far beyond these initial stages in a variety of activities that might pique an individual's interest.

Having mastered new skills, lived with a tight-knit cabin group, and experienced all the fun that camp has to offer, JTs often leave with a profound sense of accomplishment and a love of camp life! It is truly a unique and transformative experience!

We recognize that sending 7-9 year olds off to overnight camp - often for the very first time - can be difficult for parents, too. Our dedicated administrative staff, many of whom are career educators and people with years of experience working with children, will partner with parents to ensure that the entire family - campers and parents - adjust to overnight camp life. While communication looks a little different at camp (we have a no cell phone policy, and access to the internet is pretty limited), we're always only a phone call away. While we welcome your calls anytime, our JT Directors will reach out to parents of each JT within the first few days of camp to provide an update on how their child has been settling in.

After nearly 40 years of the JT program, we are incredibly proud of the unique opportunities that allow our youngest campers to get the most out of camp in a loving and supportive environment.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR JT PARENTS ABOUT CHOOSING 2 WEEKS vs 4 WEEKS There are many reasons families consider when selecting a 2-week session vs 4-weeks. Regardless of the decision, our primary goal is to make sure your child's inaugural camp experience is a positive one. Our experience shows us quite often if kids know they are signed up for two weeks, with an option to stay for 4 weeks, they tend to focus too much attention on the decision-making process. They feel pressure to make up their mind instead of focusing on having the best time possible at camp. If you're hoping for or are open minded to your child staying for 4 weeks, then sign up for the full session. If towards the end of 2 weeks, and after informative conversations with us, you decide that 2 weeks is enough to ensure your child leaves feeling happy and successful, then your child will leave at the 2 week mark. There will be no pressure on your child to stay longer and there will be NO financial penalty. You will only be charged the 2 week fee and receive a refund for the difference. Every situation is unique and you know your child best, but our experience shows if you reassure your child that you are making the decision with camp and they should not think about it, they will feel relieved and enjoy all camp has to offer. If we can be of help in how to approach this issue, please call us.

We're here as your partners as you embark on this exciting chapter in your young camper's life!

Please call us at either camp office with any questions: Toronto 416-924-7433 or Michigan 248-335-6400.

REMEMBER: We are just a phone call away this summer!

Our goal is for each JT to return home as a more independent, more self-confident, and more skilled child. They're probably going to be a little dirtier than when they left, too.



APPLICATION

Camp Tamakwa's application is now open to first-time families for the upcoming summer!

Our process is quick and easy to follow and will allow you to store all family information, emergency contacts and camper information for future years.

Once completed, be sure to keep your Username and Password handy as you will need to login in later in the spring to complete additional camper forms required in advance of camp.

How to get started:

- 1) Create an account at tamakwa.campbrainregistration.com
- 2) Begin the application process and follow the step-by-step process
- 3) Review your entries and ensure that all mandatory information is completed (shown in red with an asterisk)
- 4) Confirm your payment option
- 5) Complete application by clicking the SUBMIT button

If you have any questions while applying please do not hesitate to call us at any time.

Thank you for choosing Tamakwa!





TAMAKWA'S REFERRAL DISCOUNT

Tamakwa families are always our best ambassadors and we would like to continue to express our appreciation by way of a camper fee discount for referring new camp families who attend the upcoming summer. We plan to continue to provide this benefit to those of you helping spread the word about Tamakwa and the great experience provided to all of our campers.

If a camp family with campers attending the upcoming summer refers a new family whose child(ren) attends the upcoming summer, the referring family will receive a Referral Discount of 5% of the new family's pre-tax camper fees. This discount will be applied at the end of the summer to your account.

We need to know if a new family was referred to us by a current camp family at the time of registration. If there is more than one referring family for a new family, we will simply split the referral discount. This discount is only given for a new family's first summer and not for any future siblings.

Thank you in advance for your continuing support to help broaden our Tamakwa family. Please feel free to provide prospective families with our contact information or provide us with their information and we will contact them directly.

Please let us know if you have any questions.