

# Camp Menominee

April 6, 2021

A few weeks ago we sent out an [email about out-of-state travel to camp](#). We discussed how things will be different this year and what our expectations are. We have attached that email here in case you missed it. If you did, please review it before reading this email. We also promised to send more details by early April about the travel days so you can start booking flights. We have that information for you today. See below and please let us know if you have any questions.

## **The Travel Basics:**

Fly To Chicago one day prior to the start of your session —> Visit our testing site in Chicago that day for your camper to take a Saliva PCR test —> stay local (i.e. hotel, with family or AirBnB) that evening —> meet us at the bus the next morning to travel to camp.

## **What Should I Know Before Booking?**

1. Remember from the previous email, all flights to camp are **one day prior** to the start of the session. The attached spreadsheet has those exact dates for you.
2. We are asking everyone to fly **into Chicago** and stay local the night before the session begins. Your son can a) fly with you and stay overnight with you, b) fly with a family friend and stay overnight with their family or c) fly in alone - camp staff will pick him up from the airport, arrange accommodations for the night, then get him to the bus the next morning. We highly recommend option a or b.
3. The buses will leave in the morning (around 8:30) am from Staples in Highland Park, IL (1931 Skokie Valley Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035), so when you are booking hotel accommodations for the evening, we recommend staying close to avoid any traffic issues or delays on the first day of camp.
4. On the day you fly in, you will also be required to visit our COVID-19 testing site which will be located near the bus location above (exact location TBD). Your son will take a PCR saliva test and we will receive the results in under 24 hours.
5. On the day you fly to Chicago, there will be no camp events other than the PCR test.

## **What Flights/Times Should I Book?**

1. TO CAMP: We recommend you fly in to Chicago O'hare Airport (ORD) as it is closest airport to the testing site and bus. We are not recommending a specific flight this year as there are many options flying to O'hare. However, we ask that you book the **earliest flight in possible** so you can get to our testing site at a reasonable time. If you have questions about if a time is too late please reach out.
2. Flights HOME are on the last day of the session. For Arizona campers, we are recommending a specific flight for the way home. It will be a Southwest flight from

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O'hare departing at 6:15pm. If you would like to book another airline or your son is flying to another location, please book all flights home **after 5pm** from O'hare on the last day of the session.

**\*\*If your son will be flying to Chicago alone, please reach out to us ASAP and we will discuss the best flights/times to book.\*\***

## **Airport Procedures:**

1. On the way home, we will have staff bring the boys to the airport. Those staff members will go into the airport with the boys, get their bags checked and get a gate pass. They will go through security with the campers and stay at the gate with them until their flight takes off. We will update you every step of the way via email.
2. We are tech free but we would recommend that the campers travel with their phones. We will hold on to their phones during camp and make sure they are charged before travel home.
3. **Campers 11 and Under** – southwest will usually require you to fly Unaccompanied Minor and charge you \$50 each way, however, if you link your ticket with a camper 12 and older you can avoid these fees. You do this by entering the older camper's travel information at checkout. As our campers start to book flights, we will pass along older camper's flight information so you can use it to avoid the UM fees. Please email me and we can give you more information.

Finally, please forward your travel itinerary to us at [info@campmenominee.com](mailto:info@campmenominee.com) when you book. All other questions should be answered in the FAQs attached, but if you need anything please email anytime.