



Dear Parents of Mishewah Campers,

Thanks so much for choosing Camp Mishewah for your children this summer. We are looking forward to spending time with them soon. Although it's something no one really likes to talk about, head lice are often a reality at camps. We want to take this opportunity to remind you of a few things regarding head lice. It is very important that you are checking your children's head regularly before you send them to camp. Lice can spread through a camp setting very quickly and we must be diligent so this does not happen. We have engaged the services of **Lice Squad** this summer, and consultants will be at Camp Mishewah on registration days for Scamps & Champs and Jr. Teen to perform the head checks. Their discreet and non-disruptive methods will ensure minimal interruption and get the job done quickly and quietly. If there is any sign of lice, unfortunately the camper will not be able to stay at camp, nor will they be able to return later in the week. The exception to this would be if the camper is arriving on the bus from a distance, and parents are unable to pick them up, or the parents will be away the week of camp. The only other way they would be able to stay at camp is if parents are willing to pay for treatment at the time of diagnosis. In this case the professional consultants will treat the camper at a cost of **\$75. per hour plus HST**. (It takes an average of 1 hour to treat short hair and 2 hours to treat long hair.) If you are not present, we will make a phone call to you to inform you of the procedures and credit card information will be required. Payment is due at time of treatment, by credit card only. Therefore, please be absolutely certain that your children are lice free before sending them to camp. We don't like the idea of unhappy campers who cannot stay for the week of camp that they have been looking forward to for so long. If you are unsure of how to check for lice, it would be very helpful to find someone who can help you with this. (If you require more information about **Lice Squad** and how to identify and treat lice, you can check out their website: www.licessquad.com/contact/lice-clinic-ottawa-east/)

They also will come to homes and do head checks and treatments.

We kindly ask that you please DO NOT send your children to camp if they have any nits (eggs) or lice or have recently been treated and are not completely clear of them.

We also would like to ask that if you drop your children off at camp, please do not leave until the check has been completed and they are cleared to stay.

Thank you for your assistance in this very important matter. If you have any further questions, please contact us at jeanette@ecmcamps.ca

Sincerely,

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