

Camper Parent/Guardian,

Due to economical and financial stresses for Camp Winnebago over the past few years, we find it necessary to raise the minimum amount we ask each camper to pay toward the actual cost of over \$900 to provide a week of camp to each camper. Beginning with our summer 2012 sessions, the minimum charge to campers will be \$600. In addition, our campership fund for future camp seasons (beginning with 2012) could be quite limited. Camp Winnebago will continue to do everything possible to keep its program fees at an affordable level. In order to do so we must put some policies in place in regard to campership funds and how they are distributed, using income eligibility guidelines to help us make sure that our limited funds are distributed in the most fair and equitable way possible. We are also trying to fairly distribute the responsibility of funding by requiring everyone that applies for a campership to participate in our campership fundraising efforts and make an effort to raise some funds to support your camper in attending our programs. As always, we encourage you to seek funds elsewhere to cover camper fees if possible. This will allow us to help those campers who truly have no other resources.

We will accept campership applications through May 1, 2012, and camperships will be awarded after that based on the number of requests and money available. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS on the deadline for returning campers – however we will work with first time campers as they apply and funds allow. Campership funds will be distributed as soon after May 15, as this committee is able to meet and you will receive notification by mail sometime after the 15th of May. You must have turned in all other application forms in order to be considered for a campership – including the fundraiser in which you participated. No camperships will be awarded without participation of some kind. We will be setting up a web fundraising page on firstgiving.com to assist you. Also, check our website at www.campwinnebago.org for our upcoming fundraisers and our Walk, Run, Ride, Roll fundraiser which is ongoing.

It is our mission to serve as many campers as possible, and we will work with you on an individual basis to see that your camper is not left out. Please do not ask for funds that are not needed, so that we are able to fund those that really need our help. Remember the May 1st deadline and be sure to have all requested forms in at that time.

We are looking forward to working together to ensure a positive future for Camp Winnebago and the campers we serve!