

CAMP TAMARACK

HEAD LICE POLICY

Each camper will be examined for head lice upon arrival. If nits or lice are present, **campers will be turned away with no refunds issued.** If a camper is sent home, the camp is not responsible for expenses incurred for transportation of the camper.

We want your time at Camp Tamarack to be a fun and enjoyable experience, so please **check your child for head lice.** (*Parents should do a head lice checks several weeks prior to camp*).

We have provided the following information to help you in your head lice checks.

What are they?

Head lice are small grayish-white insects, which are found in the hair, behind the ears, and on the nape of the neck. They live on human blood and their bites cause itching and scratching. These bites can lead to infection.

How can they be recognized?

The adult louse is about the size of a sesame seed. They attach their eggs (called nits) to strands of hair close to the scalp. Nits are tiny, pearl gray, oval shaped specks that are attached firmly to the hair. Nits look much like spots of dandruff, but cannot be easily removed from the strand they're attached to. These may hatch in 7 – 10 days. Frequent scratching of the head is usually the first clue of infestation.

Treatment:

Ask your pharmacist, school nurse or physician for a treatment recommendation. Treatments such as Nix Cream Rinse, RID, A-200 Pyrinate or R & C are all available without prescription. There are also nontoxic treatments available for head lice.

Thank you,

Sandra Ashton, Camp Director