
CAMP
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**PARENT HANDBOOK
2017**



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WELCOME LETTER

Dear Danbee Parents,

Welcome to Danbee 2017! We are excited that you have chosen to join our camp family. Whether this is your daughter's first summer with us or her 9th, she can look forward to a fun-filled summer. She will enjoy making new friends and reuniting with old friends. Camp Danbee is a place to feel accepted and free to be herself. We are sending you this handbook to help you prepare for camp. It contains information on our policies and procedures, how to order Danbee clothing, where to stay on visiting day and more. The handbook is updated each year with important information so we encourage you to read through it and use it as the resource it is designed to be.

Danbee is all about Spirit. From dancing in the dining hall to warm embraces between friends to cheering for teammates during Leagues, Danbee spirit and enthusiasm is prevalent throughout camp. We help girls to develop a feeling of "girl power" in everything they do. Campers are encouraged to push themselves and go for it in sports and other activities. We also foster an atmosphere of respect where everyone is included and girls are kind and respectful to others. Our campers develop lifelong friendships that are based on values – not appearances. All of these things combine to make Danbee a unique and special place where girls come for the summer to have the time of their lives.

There are many ways that we try to strengthen the Danbee Spirit. We foster positive, empowering values both at camp and during the school year; we encourage kindness, friendship, participation and acceptance by the entire camp community, and we send clear and congruent messages to our campers and their families. To accomplish all of these things we need the support of both campers and camp parents. The easiest and most important way that you, as parents, can help to foster the Danbee Spirit is by following our rules and policies while ensuring that your daughters understand and appreciate their value as well.

As the summer approaches we will be sending out more detailed information about scheduling, medications, and more. Questions are sure to arise so be sure to revisit the handbook as you prepare for the summer. Lots of valuable information is included! Please don't hesitate to contact us at any time with questions or concerns. We can't wait for another wonderful, spirit-filled summer at Danbee!

Yours in SPIRIT!



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DANBEE RULES AND POLICIES

Please review the following rules with your children before camp begins:

- 1. CONSIDERATION AND RESPECT:** The simple rule we follow for camp living is that no one is allowed to have their fun at someone else's expense. Camp has an obligation to every camper and counselor. Camp Danbee cannot tolerate disrespectful and/or inappropriate language or behavior toward peers or staff. Any inappropriate discussion or contact of a harassing, sexual, or bullying nature will result in immediate action.
- 2. CLEANLINESS:** Campers must practice personal cleanliness and keep their living quarters neat. Please remind campers that regular showers and daily bunk inspections are part of the Danbee routine.
- 3. CAMP PROPERTY:** Defacing camp property is prohibited. Any camper who writes graffiti or otherwise defaces the camp will be required to sand off or paint over the damage. Repeat infractions will result in a call to parents and possible billing for damages. This policy applies to all areas of the camp, including walls, cubbies, bathroom stalls, beds and rafters.
- 4. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:** Smoking cigarettes or using marijuana, vape products, alcohol or drugs of any kind are strictly prohibited. Any camper disobeying this rule will be asked to leave camp upon notification of her parents. We have a "zero tolerance policy." There will be no exceptions.
- 5. PACKAGES:** Danbee restricts the size and contents of packages sent to campers. We allow mail to be sent in Priority Mail or FedEx sized envelopes (8.5 x 11). We allow parents to send essential items only. No food or bunk gifts may be sent via mail. All unapproved packages will be returned to sender.
- 6. NO BUNK GIFTS:** Parents may not bring bunk gifts for campers, bunkmates, friends or counselors on our Parent Visiting Day.
- 7. PROHIBITED ITEMS:** Please do not send electric fans or other electrical equipment, as we do not want to overload the electrical systems in the cabins. Battery operated fans are acceptable. Please do not send expensive items such as good clothing or jewelry to camp. **Cellular phones and portable gaming devices are prohibited. If your daughter would like to bring a shuffle for music, that is acceptable.** Other prohibited devices include anything with video capability such as TVs, DVD players, video iPods or video cameras. The camp cannot assume responsibility for the loss or damage of campers' personal property.
- 8. GRATUITIES:** We prohibit the offering of gratuities to our counselors and staff. All of our staff has been apprised of this policy. All staff members understand that if they accept a gratuity, they will forfeit their position at camp. It has always been our philosophy to compensate our staff fairly. The American Camp Association has also made this policy one of their standards.

EXTRA CHARGES AND MONEY

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND DAY TRIPS

This fee (entering grades 4–10) covers spending money and the cost of extra expenses incurred as a group. Examples include admission charges to amusement parks, the theater, and other events. For younger girls the trip/canteen assessment covers all of their day trips plus a modest amount of spending money they may require for those trips. For older girls the trip assessment defrays the cost of the extended 2 to 3 day trips scheduled for these groups. **THOUGH IT IS NOT NECESSARY, YOU MAY CHOOSE TO SEND SOME EXTRA SPENDING MONEY FOR YOUR DAUGHTER. YOU MAY SEND A CHECK UP TO CAMP MADE OUT TO CAMP DANBEE, LOG ON TO CAMPMINDER AND CHARGE THE AMOUNT YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOUR DAUGHTER OR GIVE THE BUS COUNSELOR AN ENVELOPE AT THE BUS. EXTRA SPENDING MONEY WILL BE KEPT IN A SAFE IN THE OFFICE.**

TRANSPORTATION CHARGES

The transportation fee is for travel to and from camp. If your daughter requires transportation other than the bus to or from camp, arrangements can be made for an additional charge.

TUTORING

Tutoring is available in remedial and school subjects, and can be arranged on a private, individual basis. Our tutors will contact you directly to arrange requirements and fees. Please indicate if your daughter requires tutoring on the Camper Profile.

MONEY AT CAMP

There is no need for money at camp however we are aware some parents like to send extra spending money for their daughter. If campers do bring extra money, it must be kept in the office safe. Campers have access to their money whenever they leave camp for a special trip or activity. We cannot be responsible for any money kept in campers' possession. If you choose to send money for your daughter please send a check payable to "Camp Danbee". Specify that the check is for extra spending money and we will hold the money in the office safe for your daughter. You may also charge spending money to your credit card through Camp Minder and we will deposit the money in your daughter's account. We prefer both of these methods to sending cash to camp on the bus.

In the past, some campers have used personal money to purchase gifts for their camp sisters. We no longer allow this practice. The camp sister program is meant to provide emotional support and friendship and we feel material gifts are unnecessary and inconsistent with Danbee's philosophy regarding gifts and packages. Campers should not bring money for buying gifts for camp sisters or friends. The prohibition on camper gifts will be strictly enforced. Your full cooperation with our camp sister gift policy will be most appreciated.

CAMPER ASSURANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

In response to numerous requests from parents, Camp Danbee offers a program that protects your camp investment if you find it necessary to cancel for ANY reason prior to the start of camp. This CAP program is optional and must be selected and paid for within 30 days of the time you register your child for camp.

CAP is designed for families that are committed to camp, but who find it necessary to cancel for an unforeseen reason. Depending upon when you cancel, you will either receive a full refund or a portion of your payments will be retained as credit for a future camp session. This credit can be used for the original camper or for a sibling, but it is non-refundable. In order to cancel you must send us your notice in writing. You should send your notice as soon as you know you have to cancel as the amount you are refunded changes depending on when the notice is received.

Call us at (973) 402-0606, or visit www.campdanbee.com for more information.

REQUIRED FORMS

In the months preceding camp, we will be asking you to fill out several forms to be returned to our office. Please note the due date for each form. The information is very important for our planning and for your daughter's smooth transition to camp. We appreciate your cooperation in timely completing and returning the forms.

FORMS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FILL OUT ONLINE:

- Camper Profile - **Due May 1st**
- Bunk Request Form - **Due May 1st**
- Camper Health History Form - which includes
Emergency Contacts - **Due May 1st**
- Travel Form
- Camper Schedule
- Danbee Special Elective Sign-Up Forms

FORMS INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING:

- Camper Medical Form
- Parent Handbook
- Clothing Catalogue
- Insurance Form
- Meningitis Information
- Prescription Pharmacy Letter and
Camper Information Sheet
- Description of Elective Activities

FORMS TO FOLLOW VIA EMAIL:

- Program Schedule and Online
Instructions

CAMPER INFORMATION

CAMPER PROFILE

This form is especially important for new campers. It supplies our staff with valuable information about your daughter's personality and any special needs or requests. Please complete this form and return it to us by **May 1st**.

BUNK REQUEST FORM

Along with the Camper Profile, we use the Bunk Request Form to assist in bunk placement. It is vital that you and your daughter understand that this form is only one of the many tools that we use to put bunk groups together. Please note that the choices are numbered, so we consider those choices to be in order of preference. The choices that she indicates will help us, **BUT WILL NOT GUARANTEE PLACEMENT**. New campers are welcome to request bunkmates. They may wish to wait until the New Camper Luncheon in May to complete this form. We make every effort to place girls with a compatible group of campers. Please note that the number of spaces for preferences is a guide, and girls may list fewer names than indicated. Girls are discouraged from listing more names than spaces available. Please complete this form online and submit it by **May 1st**.

NEW CAMPER LUNCHEON / NEW PARENT MEETING

All new campers are invited to attend our **New Camper Luncheon**, scheduled for Sunday, April 30th, from 12 PM to 2 PM, at the Doubletree Hotel in Fort Lee, New Jersey. Our oldest campers are also invited to attend and meet the new Danbee girls. An invitation will be sent to all new campers in early spring. All new parents are invited to attend a **New Parent Meeting** that will take place at the same time and place as the New Camper Luncheon.

DANBEE DISCOVERY TOURS

Participating in a Danbee Discovery Tour is highly recommended. This is a great way for girls and their parents to find out just how great the Danbee experience is. Parents tour the camp while the girls are paired with a current Danbee camper to participate in a choice of activities. Following the tours everyone comes back together and is invited to join us for lunch. Please call us if you are interested or have your friends get in touch with us. "Rookie Days" are also available for your sons at Camp Winadu and Camp Mah-Kee-Nac, our brother camps. Call us at (973) 402-0606 for more information.

DANBEE DISCOVERY WEEK: JULY 17th – JULY 21st

For girls who are a year away from their first summer at Danbee we offer a 5-day Danbee Discovery Week. Discovery Week takes place while Danbee is in session and helps prepare girls for all the fun and excitement of a full season camp experience. Our brother camps also offer their own "Mini-Mak Camp" (Camp Mah-Kee-Nac) and "Rookie Days" (Camp Winadu) for your sons. Call us at (973) 402-0606 for more information.

SPECIAL ELECTIVES

The following special electives are available to campers. More detailed descriptions, fee information and sign-up forms are available to fill out online.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Beginners to advanced riders are welcome. Participants may enroll for 1 to 4 lessons per week. All participating campers will need to bring with them a riding helmet and shoes with heels.

ICE HOCKEY

Camp Danbee offers a special Ice Hockey programs. Hockey participants must have prior skating experience and must be able to skate backwards. In addition, participants must bring to camp all necessary hockey equipment. See the "Clothing and Equipment" section for a list of required hockey equipment. Ice hockey is offered 3 times per week.

PRIVATE TENNIS AND DANBEE TENNIS ACADEMY PROGRAMS

Danbee offers Private Tennis Lessons and a Danbee Tennis Academy for girls who are interested in additional instruction and match play.

PRIVATE SOCCER PROGRAM

Danbee offers Private Soccer Lessons for girls who are interested in additional instruction and skill development.

GYMNASTICS AND TUMBLING JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Danbee will offer an intensive Junior Development Program for our girls interested in higher level specialty training in Gymnastics and Cheerleading Tumbling.

DANCE

Private Dance Lessons are available for dancers at any level, to help them advance in their skills over the summer. Dancers may choose from a variety of options such as: Hip hop, Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical, Contemporary, and Tap. They may opt to either work on skill-development and flexibility, or work on a solo piece to be performed at Dance Fest, or a combination of both. Campers may register for 1 to 2 privates per week.

MAIL

Campers are required to write home at least three times a week. We request all parents to send stamped, home addressed envelopes with their child. Do not, however, send pre-canceled post cards or envelopes, as our post office will not accept them.

Please write often to your daughter throughout the summer, it is important that campers receive frequent mail from home. This is especially vital in helping new campers adjust to camp. Please avoid writing letters that dwell on home ties. Write positively about your daughter's camp experiences. **We strongly urge every parent to send one letter several days before the start of camp** so that your daughter will have a letter waiting for her when she arrives.

Please be sure to address each letter with your daughter's name and bunk number. Bunk numbers will be mailed to parents the first day of camp.

Address all mail as follows: **CAMP DANBEE**
Your daughter's name - bunk number
PO Box 337
Hinsdale, MA 01235

If you need to reach us with written information in a hurry, you can FAX us at 413-655-2956. Please do not use the fax for regular correspondence as we are not equipped to handle a large volume. Parents can also email the camp directors during the summer at jay@campdanbee.com and karen@campdanbee.com.

PACKAGES

We allow mail to be sent in Priority Mail or FedEx sized envelopes no larger than 8.5"x11". We allow parents to send essential items such as new sneakers, socks, swim goggles or a tennis racquet. Packages containing essential items must clearly and conspicuously identify the enclosed items. We do not allow packages that contain candy, food, gifts or any other non-essential items. Permitting such items not only makes it harder to keep our cabins and camp clean, it also fosters unwelcome competition among our campers and teaches them that it's OK, and even fun, to break the rules. We will return or discard every unapproved package. We need your help. **Please do not send non-essential items to camp**; please advise friends and relatives to do the same, and **please let campers know that you will not be sending them these items**.

TELEPHONE

Campers may receive one call before and one call after Parent Visiting Day. Please do not request extra calls. If you would like to speak with your daughter on a special occasion (such as a parent's birthday) please schedule one of your calls for that day. The one exception is for your daughter's birthday. If she has a birthday while at camp she can receive a special birthday call on that day. Extra calls are unfair to other campers, tax our phone lines and often upset campers who are doing fine without a phone call. Phone appointments will start around July 4th. Calls will be arranged for the morning or late afternoon/early evening as not to interrupt your child's daily activities. Your child will call you at the scheduled time. Calls are limited to **parents only** (please advise grandparents and other relatives).

Phone calls to the Director: If you need or want to speak to a director during camp, please leave a message at the office during the day, and one of them will return your call in the evening.

THE CAMP DANBEE WEBSITE

WWW.CAMPDANBEE.COM

Parents and other approved family members will be allowed access to our **"password protected"** section of the Danbee website. You will be able to look at photos, read online newsletters and send bunk notes to your camper. This summer, Bunk 1 has changed their system. Please see the enclosed letter to review their new system.

ONLINE PHOTOS, CAMPER EMAIL AND BUNK REPLIES

To set up a new account and visit our Online Community:

1. Go to our website at **www.campdanbee.com**
2. Click the "Log-in > Photos, News, Camper Email!" button
3. Click the "Register Now" link
4. Enter your Invitation Code: **DANBEE4ME**
5. Fill out all the required information
6. View camper pictures and send an email to your camper!

Note: For your camper's safety, please do not share this code.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I view pictures?

Follow the instructions above except, after registering, simply sign in and click on the Photo Gallery button. Photos are kept in folders found on the left side of the page below the words "Image Folders". Click on any folder to see the pictures within that folder. You can even purchase prints or other photo gifts (e.g., t-shirts, mugs) of your favorite pictures!

How do I send a Bunk Note (one way email) to my camper?

Follow the instructions above except, after registering, simply sign in and click on the Bunk Notes button. Enter your camper's name, select the correct cabin, type your message, and hit the "Send" button.

Please include your daughter's BUNK NUMBER and NAME in the subject section of the email.

Can other relatives use these services?

You are welcome to share your login information with grandparents and other relatives so that they can view photos throughout the summer. We ask that you limit the bunk notes to parents and siblings only. We are unable to accommodate the quantity of bunk notes that we receive if relatives and friends use this system. Relatives and friends should continue to use the regular postal service.

HEALTH CARE

CAMPER MEDICAL AND CAMPER HEALTH HISTORY FORMS

The Health Department of the State of Massachusetts requires a completed and signed Medical Form for every camper to participate in activities.

Schedule your daughter's check-up in the spring. Read the directions carefully for each form. The Health History Form is to be completed by a parent and is found on the Danbee website once you log in. The Camper Medical Form should be completed by a licensed medical provider. It is important that your physician completes this form, **signs it and prints or stamps his/her address and phone number.**

The Health Department requires that the exact and actual dates of immunizations be entered on the Camper Health History Form. The statements: "All immunizations are up-to-date" or "This child is in good health" are not acceptable.

Please note: Some physicians prefer an abbreviated medical form which does not meet our needs. Ask your doctor to use our form, otherwise we must receive both forms. You will note that our form is the one developed by the American Camp Association in cooperation with the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

If your daughter develops an illness or medical condition after you have returned your medical form please contact us. It is important that we are aware of medical conditions ahead of time so that we can provide a safe environment for our campers.

The Medical and Health History Forms should be returned to our winter office by May 1st. If sent after May 1st, mail them to the camp address.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

1. Diphtheria and Tetanus: Campers must be fully immunized against Diphtheria and Tetanus with the basic series of three injections and boosters. Campers through age 10 should have had a booster dose against Diphtheria and Tetanus within the past five years. Campers age 11 and up should have a booster dose of Tetanus Toxoid every ten years.
2. Poliomyelitis: All campers shall have received the complete series of oral polio vaccine (Sabin).
3. Measles: An inoculation of live attenuated measles virus vaccine is required for all children who have not had measles. It is important to give this inoculation two or more weeks before going to camp.
4. Typhoid-Parathyroid: This vaccination is optional. Some recommend that campers, 11 years of age and up, receive Typhoid immunization. If already immunized, a yearly booster dose is called for. Check with your physician to find out his/her recommendation.
5. Mumps Vaccine: This is mandatory for campers over 10 years of age who have not had the mumps.
6. Infectious Hepatitis: If a camper is exposed to Infectious Hepatitis, gamma globulin should be given promptly after exposure. **CAMP MUST THEN BE NOTIFIED!**

DENTAL CHECK-UP

It is important that all campers visit their dentist before camp. Parents of campers undergoing orthodontic treatment should relay any special instructions to us. During the summer, a local orthodontist will make your daughter comfortable if a wire snaps or a similar problem arises. He does not, however, do any substantial work.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Please be sure to have your child inspected for the presence of head lice two to three weeks prior to departure and immediately before camp begins. To prevent the spread of lice at camp, Danbee retains the services of a qualified lice treatment company to check every camper on her arrival for lice. Any camper who is found to have brought lice to camp will be treated until the infestation is cured. **The family of any girl that is found to have brought lice to camp will be billed for the cost of treatment.**

If your child has been exposed to any communicable disease within three weeks of departure day, notify the camp immediately. Children may not attend camp until they have completely recovered.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Our infirmary stocks basic generic antibiotics and drugs. Please do not send over-the-counter drugs to camp. If a camper requires prescription medications from a pharmacy, the charge will be made to your medical carrier. Parents are responsible for payment of all special orders for prescription and non-prescription medications.

For all medication in pill form, we require families to use the packaging service from a pharmacy of our choosing. Information and instructions will be sent out after the New Year. All medications in non-pill form should be sent to camp via FedEx or UPS, to arrive no later than June 18th.

If your child requires medication that needs to be refrigerated, the escort at departure points will collect it. If your child needs medication while on the bus to camp, please give that dose to the bus counselor with her name and the time she needs to ingest it. Do not pack medication in your child's baggage.

INSURANCE

Please complete the insurance information form and attach a copy of all medical, prescription and dental insurance cards to the form. Medical attention in our camp infirmary is covered by your tuition. All additional medical costs incurred during camp are the responsibility of the camper's parents. These include emergency room visits, local physician's visits, and/or outside providers of medical attention. All of the above will be billed to your medical insurance carrier. Visits to dentists and orthodontists are billed directly to parents. Parents are financially responsible for any and all charges related to medical treatment which may not be covered by their medical insurance, including, but not limited to, a deductible, co-insurance charges or portions of medical charges which individual insurance companies may decline to pay.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

CLOTHING POLICY

Younger Campers: Campus girls (entering grades 2-6 in September of 2017) are required to wear Danbee uniforms for all activities.

Older Campers: Acres and WBY girls (entering grades 7-10 in September of 2017) must wear Danbee uniform clothing on the weekends. See the enclosed "Amerasport" catalog for a detailed clothing list.

Acres and WBY girls may wear solid-colored shorts and t-shirts during the week. Simple, non-designer logos such as Nike, Adidas, Gap or Puma are okay. High-end designer labels such as Abercrombie or Juicy are inappropriate for camp. Camp clothing should be comfortable and functional. A competition for who has the latest designer clothing is not appropriate and is inconsistent with the spirit of inclusion and acceptance that we seek to foster. Acres and WBY girls are permitted to wear some designer tops to "socials" but we ask that appropriate attire be chosen for these special occasions as well.

Both older and younger campers must bring official camp uniform items as outlined in the clothing catalog.

We feel it is beneficial for campers of all ages to wear uniform items and non-designer clothing at camp. This is another way that we can help foster our spirit of inclusion and acceptance, while minimizing competition around clothing and appearance. We appreciate your cooperation in sending the required items to camp with your daughter.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL AGES:

1. All shorts must be outerwear. Trendy men's boxer shorts are not appropriate for use at camp.
2. Dangling earrings can be dangerous and must not be worn to activities. Please wear straight stud earrings for everyday usage. You should also send an extra pair. Earrings of choice may be worn to special out-of-camp and co-ed activities.
3. Girls may wish to bring funny shirts or outfits that could be worn as costumes for special events such as Halloween, Square Dance, Lip Sync, Casino Night, etc. Feel free to pack a few of these outfits.
4. One-piece bathing suits are required. Acres girls may wear bikinis during Acres pool parties only.
5. Girls should bring some casual outfits for social activities.
6. Team uniforms are required for girls participating in inter-camp competition. See clothing catalogue for details.

PURCHASING CAMP CLOTHING

Danbee's official clothier is Amerasport. The uniform catalogue is enclosed with this handbook. This year, they will be doing road shows. We will let you know that information when it is set.

You may contact Amerasport at www.amerasport.com. Please contact them for further information. **Be sure to order early so exchanges may be made in time.**

Review the catalogue, which includes a suggested clothing list. Follow the guidelines in the catalogue to help you equip your daughter for the summer.

We strongly urge you to use only the official camp outfitter. There are families who have used other clothing stores that often have inadequate supplies and incorrect logos that are inappropriate for camp use. Please be sure that you order a sufficient supply of woven name tapes to be sewn into every article of clothing. Amerasport will sew name tapes on articles purchased through them. **All items must be clearly marked with the camper's name.**

EQUIPMENT - Please clearly label all gear.

Eyeglasses: If your daughter wears glasses, please send an extra pair to camp.
Also send extra contact lenses and solution.

Ice Hockey: If your daughter participates in the ice hockey program, required gear includes:

- Helmet with wire cage
- Hockey socks
- Carry bag
- Hockey gloves
- Hockey tape (white or black)
- Mouth guard (inner dental)
- Shoulder pads
- Shin guards
- Skates (hockey)
- 2 sticks
- Pants with suspenders
- 2 jerseys
- Neck guard

Other Equipment: For girls who enroll in specialty activities, we recommend the following:

- Ice skates
- Riding helmet / Heeled boots
- Lacrosse stick
- Shin guards
- Softball mitt
- Field hockey stick

BAGGAGE INFORMATION

BAGGAGE SHIPPED VIA TRUCKING COMPANY: R&B Trucking is our official baggage company and serves the greater New York metropolitan area, as well as most of Connecticut, Boston, Providence, Baltimore, Washington, DC/Virginia and Florida. Because of space limitations and the complex logistics involved, all baggage must be shipped directly to and from camp. A small carry-on bag is permitted on the bus or plane. The only exception is for campers flying from the West Coast and abroad.

Baggage is picked up three to five days prior to camp and returned to you within three days after camp. Use of soft-sided trunks is preferred.

Families that choose to ship via R&B should go to www.rbcampbaggage.com and register or complete and return the Baggage Form enclosed directly to them. You will be contacted directly by R&B in June regarding baggage pick up dates. Contact R&B at 603-536-2197 (fax: 603-536-4941) if you have questions or problems regarding baggage arrangements.

FOR FAMILIES OUTSIDE OF R&B'S SERVICE AREA: R&B now is expediting baggage service to/from camp via a special arrangement with FedEx. The advantage is the ease of registering online at the R&B website and prepaying baggage services. R&B will provide registered families with pre-printed shipping labels, bag ties to secure bags for shipping, date of pick up/return and complete instructions. Bags will be sent to R&B's East Coast facility and delivered to camp in their trucks.

We urge families to sign up for this service, as it will streamline baggage delivery and allow us to serve you better. For details, rates, and more information, please visit: rbcampbaggage.com

BAGGAGE SHIPPED VIA UPS: We strongly urge you to use R&B if they service your area. In the event you are out of the R&B area, you may ship your luggage by UPS. All Florida families must ship luggage ahead. It will not be accepted on the plane. Our shipping address is: Camp Danbee, Route 143, Hinsdale, MA 01235.

LUGGAGE KEYS: It is not necessary to lock your daughter's luggage if you ship via R&B. However, if you do so, you must send us a set of keys or the combination to the lock. An extra set of keys should be kept at home.

BAGGAGE RETURN: R&B Trucking will deliver baggage to those who contracted their services. You may wish to call R&B to confirm the return address. **Baggage returned via UPS should be picked up prepaid by August 11th.**

DANBEE IN 3 IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RETURN BAG SERVICES!!!!!!

CAMP DEPARTURE

FULL SEASON AND DANBEE IN 3:

Departure for camp will be Friday, June 23rd. Please consult the departure form, which will be sent in April and advise us before May 1st if there are any changes.

DRIVING TO CAMP

Parents who are driving their children to Danbee should plan to arrive between 10:00 AM and 12:00 NOON. Driving directions are included in this handbook.

TRAVEL BY PLANE

We will send flight information in the spring. Ship your daughter's baggage ahead of time via R&B or UPS. Be sure your daughter has a minimal amount of carry-on luggage and photo ID. Consult your carrier for current travel requirements and plan to arrive at the airport well in advance of the scheduled flight.

DEPARTURE POINTS FOR CAMP BUS

Please arrive on time at departure points. Younger campers are required to dress in camp uniform. Older campers may wear appropriate solid-colored outfits. Campers should bring lunch and a drink in a small carry-on bag. Only pack enough for lunch, as we don't allow edibles to be brought to camp. June 23rd departure points to camp are listed below. **Buses will leave promptly at their scheduled departure times.**

- 1. Livingston, New Jersey:** We will meet at 8:45 AM in the Peninsula Parking Lot at the Livingston Mall. Buses will leave at 9:15 AM.
Directions: **From North and South on the Garden State Parkway:** Get off at Exit 145 (I-280W.) Follow 280W to Exit 4A – Eisenhower Parkway South. Go three miles, and the Livingston Mall will be on your left. Stay in the right-hand lane and jug handle around into the mall. Follow the outer road all the way to the right. On the right will be the Peninsula Parking Lot. **From West:** Take 287N to 80E to 280E to exit 4A (then same as above).
- 2. Garden State Parkway, Montvale (Northern New Jersey):** We will meet at 8:30 AM in the Roy Rogers/Big Boy Restaurant on the Garden State Parkway at Montvale (just before the New York State line) at the far north end of the parking lot. Buses will leave at 9:00 AM.
- 3. Long Island:** We will meet at 8:30 AM at Birchwood Shopping Center located off exit 41N of the Long Island Expressway in the parking lot near Marshall's Department Store. Buses will leave at 9:00 AM.
- 4. Manhattan:** We will meet at 8:45 AM on 77th Street between Columbus and Central Park West. Buses will leave at 9:15 AM
- 5. Westchester:** We will meet at 9:00 AM at Bloomingdale's, White Plains, parking lot. Buses will leave at 9:30 AM.
Directions: 175 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains. Near Exit 8 on Route 287. Upon entering the parking lot look for Danbee signs and staff to identify our pick-up point.
- 6. Philadelphia:** We will meet at 7:00 AM at the Double Tree Guest Suites (rear parking lot) 640 West Germantown Pike in Plymouth Meeting, PA. Buses will leave at 7:30 AM.
Directions: **From the PA turnpike:** Go to exit #25- Norristown. Follow signs to Plymouth Rd. Go to the first light and make a left. Go to the next light and make a right onto Germantown Pike. Go to the second light and make a right on Hickory Rd. Turn left onto Fountain Drive. The hotel is on the right.
From Route 476 (Blue Route): Take 476 North to the Germantown Pike West Exit 20. Go to the third light, and make a right on Hickory Rd. Turn left onto Fountain Drive. The hotel is on the right.

From downtown Philadelphia: I-76 W Plymouth Meeting Exit 331-B (Route 476 North). Take Route 476N to Germantown Pike West Exit 20. Go to the third light, and make a right on Hickory Rd. Turn left onto Fountain Drive. The hotel is on the right.

- 7. Boston:** We will meet at 9:00 AM at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, 1657 Worcester Road, in Framingham. Buses will leave at 9:30 AM.

DANBEE IN 4

Danbee in 4 begins on Monday, July 17th. **Please contact us for travel details if you are not planning to bring your daughter to camp.**

RETURN HOME

DANBEE IN 3: Danbee in 3 ends on July 14th. You may use this day to spend the morning with your daughter at her activities and join us for lunch. If you are not planning to use this day as a visiting day and bringing your daughter home from camp, please contact our office.

FULL SEASON AND DANBEE IN 4:

You will receive a **Return Transportation Form** during the summer with information about your daughter's return home. If there are any changes regarding her return, please inform us in writing.

CAMPERS RETURNING BY CAMP BUS

Buses will depart from Danbee between 8:00-8:15 AM on Friday, August 11th. The girls should be with you in time for lunch. Below we have listed the approximate time of arrival at each destination. It is important that you are there when the buses arrive. All buses are returning to their original departure points (see above for directions).

- 1. Livingston, New Jersey:** **Destination:** Livingston Mall, the Peninsula parking lot. **Arrival:** 11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
- 2. Garden State Parkway, Montvale (Northern New Jersey):** **Destination:** Service Center near Exit 172; the far north end parking area, past Dunkin' Donuts. **Arrival:** 11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
- 3. Long Island:** **Destination:** Birchwood Shopping Center located off exit 41N of the Long Island Expressway in the parking lot near Marshall's Department Store. **Arrival:** 12:15 - 12:45 PM
- 4. Manhattan:** **Destination:** 77th Street between Columbus and Central Park West. **Arrival:** 11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
- 5. Westchester:** **Destination:** Bloomingdale's parking lot, 175 Bloomingdale Rd., White Plains.
Arrival: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
- 6. Philadelphia:** **Destination:** Double Tree Guest Suites in Plymouth Meeting. **Arrival:** 12:15 - 1:00 PM
Please be advised that this is an estimated time and the bus may arrive earlier depending on traffic.
- 7. Boston:** **Destination:** Sheraton Tara Hotel in Framingham. **Arrival:** 11:30 AM - 12:00 NOON

CAMPERS RETURNING BY PLANE

Exact flight arrangements for campers traveling by plane will be sent to parents during the summer.

CAMPERS RETURNING BY CAR

Plan to pick up your daughter at camp between 8:30 and 9:00 AM on August 11th. Indicate on the Departure Form sent during camp if you will be shipping her luggage separately.

VISITING DAY AND VISITATIONS

Our 2017 Parent Visiting Day for full season campers is Sunday, July 16th.

Visiting Day for Danbee in 3 campers will be Friday, July 14th.

You will be receiving further information about our Visiting Day in a future mailing.

GRANDPARENT VISITS

Grandparents are welcome to visit camp by appointment. Our policy is as follows:

1. Call ahead of time to confirm that granddaughter will be at camp the day of visit.
2. Grandparent visitation times are from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm (lunchtime).
3. Grandparents can bring lunch to share with their granddaughter, or they may enjoy the lunch served at camp.
4. Grandparents and their granddaughters are invited to visit and enjoy lunch together at our outdoor picnic tables and gazebo, especially reserved for grandparent visits. They are also welcome to enjoy lunch in our dining hall.
5. No cell phones may be used on camp property.
6. No bunk gifts may be brought to camp.
7. Campers may not leave camp property with their visiting grandparent.
8. Grandparents are not allowed down into camp.
9. Specific concerns regarding camper-related issues should come to the director's attention through parents only.

Your understanding and cooperation with this Visitation Policy for Grandparents is most appreciated.

Grandparents may also visit on July 17th (Parent Visiting Day).

DIRECTIONS TO DANBEE (413) 655-8115

To set your GPS for Camp Danbee use our street address: 94 West Main Road, Peru, MA 01235

From New Jersey and South

Garden State Parkway North to the end. Bear left and take Route 87N towards Albany (DO NOT follow signs for New England Thruway.) New York State Thruway North to Exit 21A. Route 90E to exit B3 (first exit after toll, about 20 minutes) Turn left onto Route 22N (3 miles) to Route 295E.

*** Proceed on 295E to a "T" intersection (2.5 miles.) At "T" intersection, turn left onto Route 41N. Stay on Route 41N until another "T" intersection (3.5 miles). Turn right onto Route 20E (4.2 miles). Turn left onto Route 7N. Stay to the right at the monument and continue on East Street. Follow signs for Route 8. Go to the intersection for Route 8 South, turn right. Stay on Route 8 until you reach Hinsdale center. Turn left onto Route 143. Danbee's entrance is approximately 2.5 on the right.**

OR New York State Thruway North to Exit 17 (Newburgh.) Take Route 84E to Taconic State Parkway North. Exit at Route 295E (about 10 minutes). **Follow directions above.***

From New York City

The Major Deegan Expressway North becomes the New York State Thruway North to Exit 21A. Route 90E to Exit B3 (first exit after toll.) Turn left onto Route 22N to Route 295E. **Follow directions above.***

From Long Island

Whitestone Bridge to Hutchinson River Parkway North to Route 287W. Take Sprain Brook Parkway North, which becomes Taconic State Parkway North. Exit at Route 295E. **Follow directions above.***

OR Hutchinson River Parkway North to 684N to the end. Follow signs for Route 22N. Follow to Route 295E. **Follow directions above.***

From Westchester

West Side: Taconic State Parkway North. Exit at Route 295E. **Follow directions above.***

East Side: Take Route 684N to the end. Follow signs for Route 22N. Follow to Route 295E. **Follow directions above.***

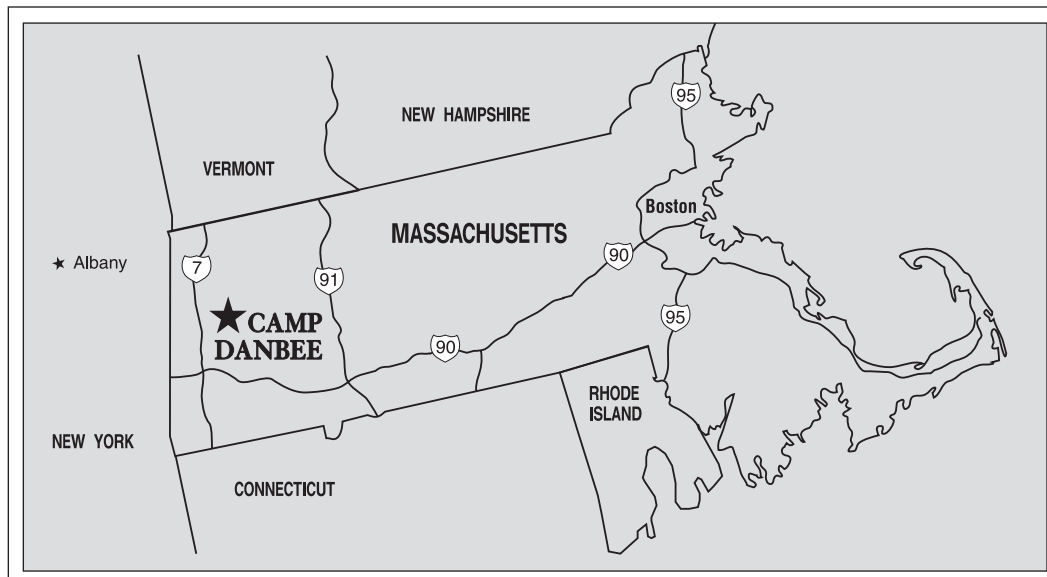
Alternate Route From New York Thruway

(This route takes a little longer but requires far fewer turns!)

New York Thruway North to the Mass Pike East (90E.) Take Exit 2 (Lee) and turn left onto Route 20E. Follow Route 20E to Route 8N. Follow Route 8N to Route 143E. Danbee's entrance is 2.5 miles on the right.

From Boston and East

Mass Pike West (90W) to Exit 3 (Westfield). Follow signs to Route 20W. Stay on Route 20W to the town of Huntington (approximately 15 miles). In Huntington turn right onto Route 112. Keep going straight when Route 112 turns right. You are now on Route 143. At the fork, bear left onto Route 143W. Proceed approximately 8 miles to camp entrance on the left.



NEARBY HOTELS

Suggested Hotels, Motels and Inns: We suggest making your hotel reservations well in advance, as rooms in the Berkshires are very scarce during the height of the summer. Many hotels require a two or three night reservation. For further information you may refer to this list or call the Berkshire Hills Hotel Reservation Hotline at 888-256-7480.

Pittsfield, MA

Comfort Inn
1055 South Street
(413) 443-4714

Crowne Plaza
One West Street
(413) 499-2000

Patriot Suites
8 Dan Fox Drive
(413) 997-3300

Ramada Inn
1350 W. Housatonic Street
(413) 442-8714

White Horse - B&B
378 South Street
(413) 442-2512

Lenox, MA

Apple Tree Inn
10 Richmond Mountain Road
(413) 637-1477

Birchwood Inn
7 Hubbard Street
(413) 637-2600
(800) 524-1646

Blantyre
16 Blantyre Road
(413) 637-3556
(413) 298-1661

Brook Farm Inn
15 Hawthorne Street
(413) 637-3013

Brunell House
15 Brunell Avenue
(413) 637-1379

Canyon Ranch Resort
165 Kemble Street
(413) 637-4100
(800) 742-9000

Chesapeake Inn
210 West Street
(413) 637-3429
(800) 966-3429

Cliffwood Inn
25 Cliffwood Street
(413) 637-3330

Cornell Inn
203 Main Street
(413) 637-0562
(800) 637-0562

Corner Cottage
26 St. Ann's Avenue
(413) 637-2740

Cranwell Resort and Hotel
55 Lee Road
(413) 637-1364

Days Inn
194 Pittsfield Road
(413) 637-3560

Foxhollow
Route 7
(413) 637-1469

Gables Inn
81 Walker Street
(413) 637-3416

Garden Gables Inn
135 Main Street
(413) 637-0193

Gateways Inn
51 Walker Street
(413) 637-2532

Hampton Inn
445 Pittsfield Road
(413) 499-1111

Hampton Terrace B&B
91 Walker Street
(413) 637-1773

Kemble Inn
2 Kemble Street
(413) 637-4113

Lenox Inn
525 Pittsfield Road
(413) 499-0324

Rookwood Inn
11 Old Stockbridge Road
(413) 637-9750
(800) 223-9750

Seven Hills Inn & Resort
40 Plunkett Street
(413) 637-0060
(800) 869-6518

Village Inn
16 Church Street
(413) 637-0020

Walker House
64 Walker Street
(413) 637-1271

Wheatleigh
11 Hawthorne Road
(413) 637-0610

Whistler's Inn
5 Greenwood Street
(413) 637-0975

The Yankee Inn
461 Pittsfield Road
(413) 499-3700
(800) 835-2364

Hancock, MA

Bentley Brook Mountain Club
1 Corey Road
(413) 738-8600
(800) 989-1574

Jiminy Peak,
The Mountain Resort
37 Corey Road
(413) 738-5500
(800) 882-8859

Mill House Inn
4190 Rte. 43
(518) 733-5606

Williamstown, MA

1896 House Inn and
Country Motels
910 Cold Spring Road
(413) 458-1896

Berkshire Hills Motel
1146 Cold Spring Road
Rte. 7
(413) 458-3950

Chimney Mirror Motel
295 Main Street
Rte. 2
(413) 458-5202

Cozy Corner
284 Sand Springs Road
Rte. 7
(413) 458-8006

Four Acres Motel
213 Main Street
Rte. 43
(413) 458-8158

Jericho Valley Inn
2541 Hancock Road
(413) 458-9511

The Orchards Hotel
222 Adams Road
(413) 458-0164
(800) 225-1517

Williams Inn
On the Green
1090 Main Street
(413) 458-9371

Willows Motel
480 Main Street
(413) 458-5768

North Adams, MA

Holiday Inn Berkshires
40 Main Street
(413) 663-6500

The Porches Inn
231 River Street
(413) 664-040

Lee, MA

Black Swan Inn
435 Laurel Street
(877) 465-3368

Chambery Inn
199 Main Street
(413) 243-2221
(800) 537-4321

Devonfield Inn
85 Stockbridge Road
(413) 243-3298

Inn at Laurel Lake
615 Laurel Street
(413) 243-9749

Morgan House
33 Main Street
(413) 243-3661

Pilgrim Inn
165 Housatonic Street
Rte. 20
(413) 243-1328

South Lee, MA

Federal House Inn
1560 Pleasant Street
Rte. 102
(413) 243-1824

Historic Merrell Inn
1565 Pleasant Street
(413) 243-1794

Oak 'N Spruce Resort
190 Meadow Street
(413) 243-3500

Stockbridge, MA

Inn at Stockbridge
30 East Street
(413) 298-3337

Red Lion Inn
30 Main Street
Rte. 7
(413) 298-5545

New Ashford, MA

Carriage House Motel
Rte. 7
(413) 458-5359

New Ashford Inn
259 Rte. 7
(413) 458-8041

Canaan, NY

Queechy Lake Motel
165 Queechy Lake Drive
(518) 781-4615

CHECK LIST FOR PARENTS

- CAMPER PROFILE:** To be filled out on the Danbee website by **May 1st**.
- CAMPER MEDICAL FORM:** To be filled out by your physician and returned to our office by **May 1st**.
- HEALTH HISTORY FORM:** To be filled out on the Danbee website by **May 1st**.
- IMMUNIZATION FORM:** To be filled out on the Danbee website or printed and filled out by your physician by **May 1st**.
- COPY OF INSURANCE CARDS AND CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:** To be returned by **May 1st**.
- EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:** Now located on the Health History Form.
- MEDICATION:** Please make sure that if your child requires prescription medication to be taken at camp all prescriptions are filled for the summer through Market32 by Price Chopper. You may fax, email or send by mail any prescriptions that your daughter will need for the summer. The pharmacy will provide camp with packets of your daughter's prescriptions, one per time of day needed. You may include vitamins in these packets as well. A form will be given to you to fill out for these needs. Please feel free to call the pharmacy at any time to discuss your daughter's needs: 555 Hubbard Avenue, Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-442-7696.
- BUNK REQUEST FORM:** To be filled out on the Danbee website by **May 1st**.
- HOTEL AND MOTEL RESERVATIONS:** These reservations should have been made already. In the event that you still need a reservation, we suggest that you refer to the enclosed list or contact the Berkshire Hills Hotel Reservation Hotline at 800-237-5747 X140.
- DEPARTURE DAY INSTRUCTIONS:** Your individual departure instructions will be sent in April. Advise us by **May 1st** of any changes.
- SPECIALTY ENROLLMENT FORMS:** Please return these to our office by the designated date at the bottom of each form.
- CAMP UNIFORM:** You should order your camper's clothing early to avoid the last minute rush and delays. www.amerasport.com
- SUMMER ITINERARIES:** To be filled out on the Danbee Website by **May 1st**. Please advise us of summer trips or alternate summer addresses.
- R&B BAGGAGE:** Return the R&B camp baggage reservation directly to R&B. www.rbcampbaggage.com
- VISITING DAY:** Details will be sent to you in June. Consult this handbook for Visiting Day Policies.
- DISCOVERY WEEK:** A few places remain for future Danbee campers. Call our office for details.

2017 CAMP CALENDAR

WEL B YON SLEEPOVER	Saturday, April 29th
NEW CAMPER LUNCHEON.....	Sunday, April 30th (Doubletree Hotel, Fort Lee, NJ)
NEW PARENT MEETING.....	Sunday, April 30th (Doubletree Hotel, Fort Lee, NJ)
CAMP OPENS.....	Friday, June 23rd
DANBEE IN 3 ENDS.....	Friday, July 14th
PARENT VISITING	Sunday, July 16th
DANBEE IN 4 BEGINS	Monday, July 17th
DANBEE DISCOVERY WEEK.....	Monday, July 17th - Friday, July 21st
CAMP CLOSES.....	Friday, August 11th



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Jay Toporoff
Mark Toporoff

WINTER:

September 1st - May 15th

Camp Danbee, 24 Woodshire Terrace, Towaco, NJ 07082
phone: 973-402-0606 • fax: 973-402-1771

SUMMER:

May 15th - August 31st

Camp Danbee, P.O. Box 337, Hinsdale, MA 01235
phone: 413-655-8115 • fax: 413-655-2956

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