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Camp Al-Gon-Quian
Parent Planner
ANN ARBOR YMCA



DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS,

Welcome to Summer 2011! We are excited for your child to join us at Ann Arbor YMCA Camp Al-Gon-Quian for another memorable summer camping season. This booklet will be a great resource as you help your child prepare for camp. Please read it carefully to ensure your child is ready for his or her time at Al-Gon-Quian.

We have been getting ready for this summer since camp ended last year and are ready to give your child an experience that is safe, fun and memorable. Summer camp provides kids with an opportunity like no other, and it is our hope that your children will return home from Al-Gon-Quian with increased confidence and maturity, with new skills and new friends, a few crazy camp songs and a ton of stories about their adventures on Burt Lake.

All health and camper information must be filled out and **returned to the Ann Arbor YMCA by June 1, 2011**. This will both prepare you and your camper for his or her Camp Al-Gon-Quian experience and assist our staff members in providing high-quality care for your camper during their stay.

These forms are:

1. Camper Health History
2. Release Form
3. Participation and Behavioral Agreement
4. Store Account Form

Please note: Your camper will not be able to attend his or her session at Camp Al-Gon-Quian without these forms. The preferred method to complete these forms is by typing into the active .pdf document, printing the forms, and then mailing them back to the camp office. Since your child will be in our care for an extended period of time, it is vital that these forms are filled out legibly. Using the active .pdf document is the easiest way to ensure we will be able to read all of the information in case of emergency.

Should you find after reading this packet that you need more information, or if you would like paper copies of the forms mailed to you, please contact us at the YMCA, (734)661-8051 or via e-mail at camping@annarborymca.org.

Thank you for choosing Camp Al-Gon-Quian for your child's summer experience. We can't wait for you to hear all about it!

Best Wishes,

Sarah Kurtz

Camp Al-Gon-Quian Director

Ann Arbor YMCA

PAYMENT

It is the goal of the Ann Arbor YMCA and Camp Al-Gon-Quian to offer quality programs at an affordable cost. The following policies help us properly allocate staff and resources and ensures that our prices remain as low as possible.

DEPOSIT: A nonrefundable deposit of \$100 must accompany your registration for each session and is applied to the total camp fee.

BALANCE: The balance of all camp fees is due by June 1, 2011. If you have not paid the balance by the June 1 deadline, your child's reservation may be given to a child on the waitlist. If your child has been removed from the program, you will be contacted by phone. **If you register after June 1, all forms are due at the time of registration, and tuition must be paid in full.**

General Payment Information

Checks, money orders and cash are all accepted. The Ann Arbor YMCA also accepts MasterCard, American Express, Visa and Discover. All payments transactions are made at or through the Ann Arbor YMCA, not Camp Al-Gon-Quian. If paying with a check, **please make the check out to Ann Arbor YMCA** and include your child's name on the memo.

REFUND POLICY

Deposits are non-refundable under any circumstance. Deposits are transferable to **new** registrations before April 1st, 2011. Multiple registration deposits may not be combined into a single session.

In case of homesickness or voluntary withdrawal, there is no refund of any fees. Program fees (including transportation and additional programs), less deposit, will be refunded for cancellations before June 1st, 2011. There will be no refunds issued for any program (including transportation and additional programs) after June 1st, 2011.

A physician-authorized written medical reason verifying illness or injury is required to receive a refund if a child cancels after June 1st, 2011. If a camper does not show for a registered session without notice, there will be no refund issued.

FORMS

A health form, release form, participation and behavioral agreement and store form are due by June 1 to the camp office. Please note that you also must include **your camper's immunization records.**

Forms will be sent via email to all families toward the end of April. If you would like to request paper copies of the forms, we are happy to mail them to you. Just call the camp office at (734) 661-8051. If you register after June 1, forms are due at the time of registration.

Copies of the forms are also available for you to download at www.annarborymca.org on the Camp Al-Gon-Quian section of the site.

CAMPER INFORMATION CHANGES

Please keep camp informed of any changes in important contact, release and health information. Correct information will help ensure the safety and comfort of your child. Please also keep camp informed of any changes in your child's life that could affect his or her stay at camp (school problems, illness in family, divorce/separation, stress, health/medication changes, etc.). While we respect every family's privacy, accurate information will allow us to be more sensitive to your child's needs and ensure he or she has a good time at camp. **If you will be away from home for more than 24 hours during your child's session, please alert the camp office of a way to contact you or to notify emergency contact in your place.**

WHAT TO EXPECT

Attending summer camp is a very exciting time for campers and parents. It is natural for both to be a bit anxious about the camper leaving the comforts of home, adopting new routines and meeting new friends. We want to familiarize you and your camper with our procedures to minimize first day anxiety.

BUS TRANSPORTATION/ DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Bus to Camp: Sessions 1–6 and Mini-Camp

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Parent and Camper Check-In with YMCA Staff at Eberwhite Elementary School parking lot (800 Soule Blvd., Ann Arbor)

9:30 a.m. Buses Load

10:00 a.m. Buses Depart

2:30 p.m. Approximate Arrival at Camp Al-Gon-Quian

Important notes for campers riding the bus to camp:

Parents must check in with staff members at **Eberwhite Elementary School**. Parents are responsible for supervising their children until s/he boards the bus.

Only campers who have registered for the bus and with paid balances will be allowed to board the bus.

Please **pack a lunch** for your camper. The first meal served is at 5:30 p.m. at Al-Gon-Quian.

Do NOT pack any peanut products for 1st and 2nd session bus trips.

Avoid packing trunks, large plastic totes or drawers, as space is limited in cargo bays.

Our charter buses are equipped with small bathrooms, but will not stop en route to camp.

Please plan accordingly.

Bus from Camp: Sessions 1, 2, 4 & 5

3:00 p.m. Buses Depart Camp Al-Gon-Quian

7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Approximate Arrival at Eberwhite Elementary School

Bus from Camp: Sessions 3, 6 and Mini Camp

11:00 a.m. Buses Depart Camp Al-Gon-Quian

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Approximate Arrival at Eberwhite Elementary School (**The Mini-Camp bus will arrive at the Ann Arbor YMCA, 400 W. Washington Street)

Important notes for campers riding the bus home from camp:

Campers must sign out with a YMCA staff member. The adult picking up your camper must present a photo ID at check out. Campers will only be released to adults whose photo ID matches the camper's release form.

The Ann Arbor YMCA offers **text message alerts** for parents picking up from the bus. Text message alerts will be sent to any cell phone number listed for the primary guardian on the health forms for any camper riding the bus.

Luggage on the Bus

Due to the limited capacity of the charter bus bays, we are unable to transport luggage for campers who are not riding the bus. For campers riding the bus, duffel bags are suggested rather than trunks. For an itemized list of what to pack, please refer to page 14.

Bus Rules

If your child is riding the bus, please review these rules prior to bus departure. All camp rules apply to the bus.

- Campers must remain seated, facing forward at all times
- Campers must use a moderate voice tone and level
- Campers must keep their feet in front of them, keeping feet and belongings out of the aisles
- Campers are responsible for their own litter and personal belongings
- Campers must listen to the counselors and follow their directions. In case of emergency, campers must stay quiet and listen for instructions

PARENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP AT CAMP

Parent Drop-Off

Our gates are open from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on check-in day (Saturday for Sessions 1, 2 & 3 and Sunday for Sessions 4, 5 & 6). Families who arrive early will be asked to wait or return at 2:00 p.m. **Camp Al-Gon-Quian does not accept early drop offs.** Staff members will direct vehicles to our parking lot and check-in stations. Campers must remain with their parent/guardian until they are settled with their counselor. No family vehicles are permitted to leave the camp parking area. Al-Gon-Quian staff members transport all camper luggage to cabins.

Parent Pick-Up

Parents may pick up campers from 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on check-out day (Saturday for Sessions 1, 2 & 3 and Sunday for Sessions 4, 5, & 6). Campers must be signed out at the parking lot table, and families will then wait for their children near the parking lot. **Adults picking up campers are required to present a photo ID. Campers will only be released to adults whose photo ID matches adults listed on the camper's release form.** Please pick up your child during the designated time.

NUT-FREE SESSIONS

Many children live with life-threatening allergies to nuts, including peanuts and tree nuts. In response to that, Sessions 1 and 2 will be nut-free environments. Do not send your child to camp with or send any packages containing food with nuts, nut traces or products that could be made in the same factory line as nut products. If you would like to send your child with snacks or send food in a care package, in addition to following our care package rules, consider sending these nut-free products: Skittles, Starbursts, Twizzlers, Kit-Kats, Goldfish crackers, fruit snacks or Peanut Free Quaker Chewy Granola Bars. All items containing peanuts or tree nuts will be confiscated.

MAIL CALL

Everyone loves to get mail! Letters can be sent to your child addressed to:

Camper's name (Cabin if known)

YMCA Camp Al-Gon-Quian

P.O. Box 4188, Burt Lake, MI 49717

You may even wish to send a letter early for your camper to receive the first full day of camp. Please remember to keep your letters cheerful and supportive! Campers are encouraged to write home during the camp session. Preaddressed and stamped envelopes with stationery are helpful. Do not worry if you do not receive mail – it means your child is active and happy. Please remember when sending mail that we are in a rural area and mail coming in or going out can take an extra day or two to reach us.

ECAMP ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY AND ONE WAY E-MAIL

We are pleased to offer an online photo gallery and blog for camper parents. The address for this service is <http://algonquian.ecamp.net> and the password is **2011algonquian**. This service allows you a one-way window into camp life. There is no fee for access to the photo gallery and blog.

You can also choose to purchase e-mails to send to your child and you'll have an opportunity to invite relatives into this password protected area. Please understand our photographer strives to get all children into the photo gallery, but not all children may end up in photos.

CARE PACKAGES

Campers often look forward to receiving care packages. Books, crossword puzzles, playing cards and magazines are all suggested items to include in a care package. Camp Al-Gon-Quian does allow campers to have a reasonable amount of snack food, but only if it is stored in an airtight container. Boxes full of treats are an invitation for mice, raccoons, skunks and chipmunks. Their sense of smell is much more sensitive than ours, and packages containing food are easy targets for hungry animals. Airtight containers keep animals and insects out of the food and away from our buildings. Camp Al-Gon-Quian will not provide storage containers or be responsible for lost or stolen food items or packages destroyed by animals foraging for food. UPS and FedEx both deliver daily to camp, but packages must be sent to camp's street address:

Camper's name (cabin if known)
YMCA Camp Al-Gon-Quian
9928 M-68, Burt Lake, MI 49717

TELEPHONE CALLS

Parents can call the camp office on Burt Lake at any time to discuss their child's experience, for information or in emergencies at **(231)548-5343**. Campers are not permitted to use the telephone while at camp except for emergencies. We have found that phone calls take away from the outdoor experience and can intensify feelings of homesickness.

Please do not promise your child he or she will speak to you on the phone while at camp.

This promise can worsen homesickness and behavioral issues. Any messages that need to be relayed to a camper can be done so through our office staff. All phone calls to camp, except emergencies, should be made during regular office hours, which are between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Sometimes we find it necessary to let the answering machine pick up calls during our busy camp days. Please be sure to leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

CELL PHONES

We have a **NO CELL PHONE POLICY** at camp. Aside from the fact that cell phones are expensive and can get lost or stolen and that the physical camp environment is not kind to such items, there is a fundamental problem with campers having cell phones at camp, and that is trust. As children learn to trust other caring adults, they learn, little by little, to solve some of their own challenges. We believe this emerging independence is one of the greatest benefits of camp. Telephone usage by campers is counterproductive to this process. Please be our partner in helping to develop strong, independent young people by not sending your child to camp with a cell phone. This opportunity could be one of the only times in your child's life when he or she is not connected by cell phone. Leaving phones at home allows campers to focus on being a kid and being 100 percent at camp.

Counsel your child that if he or she needs to contact home, he or she should speak with his or her counselor, the head counselor or the director. Parents will be contacted if any problems arise if your child is experiencing a challenge in his or her adjustment to camp.

VISITING

Parents are free to tour our camp during check-in days between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Camp Al-Gon-Quian welcomes visitors, but please arrange this with the camp office prior to visiting. At the same time, keep in mind that visiting campers during their session can disrupt the camp experience.

All visitors must register at the camp office. No pets are permitted on camp property without a leash. Drinking of alcoholic beverages or use of any tobacco products on camp property is prohibited.

FOOD SERVICES

Balanced meals are planned and served by our food service staff. Meals are intended to be kid friendly, nutritious and delicious. Campers eat family-style in cabin groups in the dining hall. We encourage campers to drink lots of water at and between meals. Vegetarian meals are prepared for our vegetarian campers, and there is always at least one alternative option to the main course. To better serve our campers and promote healthy eating, we supply fresh fruits, offer multigrain breads and serve water at all meals. If your camper is vegetarian or has special dietary needs and it was not noted on your camper's health form, please inform the camp office. **If your child has a food allergy with which he or she cannot be in the same environment, please call the camp office at least one month prior to your child's session.**

SUMMER STAFF

Through a rigorous selection process, we offer our campers fantastic role models in our staff. We spend our winters selecting our staff members through a competitive application and interview process. All staff members are put through state and national screenings and receive certifications in first aid and CPR, and our program staff have going through rigorous trainings in their particular areas. All of our staff members attend at least one week of training specifically for Al-Gon-Quian staff and are here to make sure your camper has the best experience possible. Our staff members have different skills, passions and personalities, but one thing is certain for everyone who works at Al-Gon-Quian: **KIDS FIRST.**

CABIN LIFE

Cabin groups are arranged by age, grade and cabinmate requests. We do our best to ensure all cabinmates are within one year or grade of each other. In this cabin group, your camper is expected to maintain an acceptable level of manners, behavior and attitude in order to create a living environment that is positive for all those involved. Basic requirements will include group responsibility for the cleanliness of their living area and respect for others' personal items. Your camper will also be involved in creating his or her own cabin's code of conduct, a set of standards created and agreed upon by each camper in the cabin.

Living in a cabin group is like creating a new family: They'll live together, they'll clean their cabin every day, they'll eat together, go on a campout together. As with any family, there may be conflicts, but our counselors will be there to help the campers to work through any issues and learn lessons from them. Our cabin groups are designed to help build upon those social skills campers will use for the rest of their lives.

In addition to the portion of time your camper will spend with his or her own cabin group, there will be plenty of periods where he or she will be able to spend time with other campers at camp, such as a sibling, friend or cousin who is in another cabin.

CABIN MATE REQUESTS

Campers may request to be housed with a friend if they wish. The request is required to appear on both campers' registration forms. Frequently, one camper requests another without discussing it first. If the request is not agreeable with both children (and their parents), it can create an unhappy situation between all parties on arrival day. Please communicate all requests in advance with other families to make sure everyone gets off to a good start the first day of camp.

Housing requests that exceed two children (such as four children requesting each to be in the same cabin) may not be honored. When two campers of different ages request to bunk together, the older camper will be placed in the younger bunk if, in our opinion, the age differential is not too significant. Please remember that even if two campers are not in the same cabin, there are many opportunities for them to spend time together at camp.

If you are requesting that your child NOT be placed with a certain child, it is your responsibility to inform the other family prior to arrival at camp. Total session enrollment, grade level and age, cabin size and camp programming are all taken into account when assigning campers to cabins. **Due to last minute enrollment changes, cabin assignments are done just before check-in day. Therefore, if you call in advance to check on your child's cabin, we will not be able to tell you.**

MEDICAL CARE

All AI-Gon-Quian campers are given a health screening by our camp health staff on the first day of camp. If you send medication of any kind to camp with your camper, it must be clearly marked, **in the original container**, with the camper's full name, exact description of contents and complete instruction for dosage. All medication will be kept and handled by the camp health staff for the entire session. Unmarked medication will not be dispensed. **Please make sure there is enough medication to last the duration of the session.** Have all medication accessible at check-in. Medications will normally be distributed at meal times and before lights out. Tylenol and over-the-counter cold and allergy medicines are available from the health officer, if needed, at no charge.

It is the policy of Camp AI-Gon-Quian not to allow campers to have any medication in their cabins or on their person. The only exception to this policy is emergency medications. If your child has an emergency medication that is necessary to keep on them, please review the **EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS** section below.

We do our best at YMCA Camp AI-Gon-Quian to make your child's experience accident and illness free. However, in the event something happens, we are well prepared. Our camp health staff treats minor cuts, scrapes and illnesses on site. Campers needing more medical attention than our health staff provides will be taken to Indian River to see the physician affiliated with camp, to the Petoskey Hospital or the Petoskey Emergency Care. We will make every attempt to reach parents in this event. If you cannot be reached, your signature on the health form authorizes us to secure proper medical attention.

A child who is sick before camp should be kept home for his/her own sake and that of others. Many communicable diseases begin with cold-like symptoms. For health and safety of all campers children with any form of contagious or infectious condition (lice, fever, pink eye, vomiting, etc.) will be sent home. These campers are welcome to make arrangements to return to camp when they are feeling better.

EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS

If your child is required to carry an emergency inhaler or epi-pen, please send a total of two to camp, one to be kept with your child and a second to be kept in the emergency medications cabinet. This ensures the medical staff will always have access to the emergency medication in case of an emergency.

LICE POLICY

Camp Al-Gon-Quian requires children to be lice-free to attend camp. This includes no live lice and no nits within 1/4 inch of the scalp. We ask parents to check their camper two weeks prior to the session and again within 48 hours of the session starting. A letter and lice-free confirmation form will be sent to your home two weeks prior to your child's session to remind you to complete the lice check. The lice-free Confirmation form states that you have checked your child for head lice, both two weeks and 48 hours prior to the start of his or her session, and he or she is lice free. We require a completed form, with signature, to be turned in when you drop off your child, either at the bus or at camp.

When a child arrives at camp, the camp health officer or assistant health staff member will screen all campers for head lice and nits. If it is discovered that a camper has head lice or nits at camp, his or her parents are responsible for providing the transportation home for their child that same evening. It is Camp Al-Gon-Quian's policy not to treat children with head lice or nits at camp. The camper will be readmitted only after proper lice treatment, and is required to be rechecked by the camp nurse or health officer to confirm that he or she is lice/nit free. No refunds will be issued for children unable to participate in the camp program due to lice or nits. Rescheduling to another session may not be possible, as availability is limited.

BEDWETTING

Our staff is trained to deal with bedwetting discreetly. Please notify your child's counselor at check-in and on the camper information form. Our staff will work with your child in the same preventative manner that is used at home (bedtime voiding, avoiding liquids after a certain hour, or "Good Nights"). Campers should be instructed to ask their counselor for help and every effort will be made to prevent bedwetting. While we do have washing facilities on camp, we suggest parents consider sending extra pajamas and sleeping bag if you believe your child may wet the bed while at camp.

HOMESICKNESS

Going away to camp for a week or more can be a challenging experience for a child of any age, and anxiety is perfectly normal. It is the policy of Camp Al-Gon-Quian to keep our campers involved in constant activity so as to reduce the feeling of homesickness. Temporary homesickness is a normal reaction, particularly for new campers. Parents can help prevent problems by

being positive and excited about camp. Parents can also let their child know that missing home is normal, but it will pass if the camper really tries to get into the fun. Do not panic if you receive a homesick letter from your child. Usually by the time you receive it, your child is having a great time.

With proper handling by the staff, campers and parents, homesickness can be overcome and the camper can make a big stride in maturing. We welcome this opportunity to help youngsters grow in this area and we train our staff to handle homesickness in constructive and loving ways. However, if homesickness is extreme after a brief adjustment period and is interfering with the child's camp experience, we will call parents to discuss the situation. By working together with you, we are confident that healthy adjustments can be made.

DISCIPLINE

Our staff members provide positive and realistic expectations for campers and reasonable limits are set to maintain the health and safety of all children in the program.

To promote positive behavior, emphasis is placed on guidance into constructive activities while adequate time is allowed for free choice and self-expression. Warnings, discussions of actions, brief time outs, or removing privileges are used when campers display inappropriate behavior or refuse to follow an established rule. In the event of continued problems, parents will be contacted for a phone conference to give guidance and establish mutually agreeable solutions for the child's behavior.

We rarely send children home for disciplinary reasons, but if the child's behavior is abusive (physically or verbally) towards other campers or staff, if the child's actions pose a threat to the safety of others or himself/herself or if the child commits what could potentially be considered a criminal action, the parents will be called to come pick up the child. It is unfair to have one camper's poor behavior ruin the experience of the other campers, which is why we reserve the right to dismiss a child who is unreasonably misbehaving without refund. In these rare instances, it is the responsibility of the parents to pick up their child from camp immediately.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL & CIGARETTES

We reserve the right to search and seize any illegal materials. Possession of any drugs, alcohol or cigarettes will result in immediate contact with parents and possible dismissal at the parent's expense and, if applicable, contacting of authorities.

BULLYING, HARASSMENT AND ABUSE

The Ann Arbor YMCA and Camp Al-Gon-Quian have no tolerance for bullying. Children who are found to be bullying (including, but not limited to, verbal abuse, physical abuse such as hitting, punching, pinching, spitting, kicking, emotional abuse and destruction of property) will have proper disciplinary actions taken, up to and including being sent home at their parents' expense. Please tell your camper that if he or she is being bullied or harassed to immediately inform a staff member. Bullying can and will be ended immediately if the staff members are aware of the occurrence.

It is the policy of the Ann Arbor YMCA and Camp Al-Gon-Quian that behavior that would be classified as any kind of harassment or abuse will not be tolerated by staff or campers. Such behavior results in immediate dismissal or termination and, if applicable, contacting of authorities.

WATERFRONT RULES

Every child is tested for swimming ability on the opening day of camp. The test typically includes a demonstration of proficiency in 10 meters front crawl or freestyle, 10 meters backstroke and 10 meters breaststroke or sidestroke. Campers who need stroke improvement are given swim lessons by qualified and nurturing swim instructors.

Campers who participate in swim lessons are permitted to do all aquatic activities but are required to wear a lifejacket in the water until they pass the swim test. Campers who decline to take the swim test or choose to not participate in swim lessons after failing the swim test are not permitted near the lake or to participate in any aquatic activity.

Lifejackets are required for all boating activities for campers and staff members. Camp Al-Gon-Quian has a 1:6 lifeguard to camper ratio for boating activities and 1:10 lifeguard to camper ratio for swimming activities. Burt Lake has a sandy bottom and most of our campers can touch in our swim area. Although the depth can change from year to year, the typical depth of our swim area is between 3 1/2 and 4 feet.

LAUNDRY

Please pack enough clothing for your camper's time period at camp. Laundry services are provided in between sessions for campers staying more than two weeks. The camper's store account will be billed \$8.00 per load. Please mark all items of clothing with a laundry marker.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found items are collected and displayed at camp. Our counselors make every effort to ensure your child will return with everything he or she brought to camp, but your child is ultimately responsible for what he or she brings. Please be sure all clothing and objects brought to camp are plainly marked with your child's name and counsel your child to keep close track of all items. Although we do our best to help campers keep track of belongings, things do get lost at camp. Do NOT bring any irreplaceable items.

On check-out day, be especially thorough, as laundry, medication, sleeping bags or entire suitcases are sometimes left behind. If you discover something is missing upon your return home, please call as soon as possible. The more time that passes, the less likely it will be found. Unclaimed articles are sent to the Ann Arbor YMCA after the close of each session. Articles are held for two weeks following the session, at which time they are donated to a local charity. Camp Al-Gon-Quian is not responsible for anything lost or left behind.

BIRTHDAYS

Many Al-Gon-Quian campers celebrate their birthdays while at camp. On the camper's birthday, the camper will be recognized at the meal with the AGQ rendition of "Happy Birthday" and a special cake to share with his or her cabin. Parents are welcome to deliver or have delivered other birthday items to the camp office for distribution by your child's counselor. Please inform the camp of your child's birthday prior to the start of the session so we can inform our chef and your child's counselors!

TIPPING

Camp Al-Gon-Quian and the American Camp Association have asked that parents refrain from tipping staff members in an effort to be fair to all counselors. If you are impressed with a staff member's work or want to do something as a token of appreciation, tell the camp director or assistant director how you feel and/or consider a contribution to the Camp Al-Gon-Quian scholarship fund.

CAMP STORE

Camp Al-Gon-Quian's store is open to your child at specific times during the camp session. The store contains items such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, snacks and souvenirs. In addition, trail rides, optional day trips, and stay-over laundry are charged to your camper's store account.

Please note that we have eliminated caffeinated beverages from our store. To avoid problems, all money is kept in the campers' store accounts during their stays. As your child purchases items, the amount is deducted from the total. We suggest depositing at least \$40 for each week your child is at camp.

These items are most commonly purchased by campers:

Camp T-Shirt: \$15–20

Day Trips: \$12–30

Snacks: \$1–2

Trail Ride: \$12

Camp Sweatshirt: \$30–35

Laundry: \$8 per load

Our preferred method for depositing funds into your child's account is credit/debit card (we accept Visa, American Express, MasterCard, and Discover). If you chose to use a credit card, the **total amount spent will be billed to your account AFTER the session ends**. This means no waiting for refund checks, as you will pay only the amount your child spends. If you pay with a check or cash before camp or during camp the remaining balance at the end is refunded by check through mail or the balance can be donated to Camp Al-Gon-Quian.

Please Note: Refund checks will not be available for balances less than \$10. Allow up to 4 weeks after your child's camp session for the refund to be processed.

We also offer the option to donate unspent money your child's store account to our camp scholarship fund. Please be sure to check this option on your child's store account form as an easy way to help make sure all kids can come to Camp Al-Gon-Quian!

CLOTHING

Please use the **What to Bring List** as a guide for packing your camper's clothes. Please avoid sending your camper's nicest clothes. Campers should bring some clothes that can get wet and dirty without concern. Old sneakers are also suggested as areas of camp are often muddy. We respectfully ask that boys only bring only boxer-type swimming trunks and girls wear one-pieces or modest two-pieces. Final authority on attire appropriateness lies with the camp administration.

As we strive to provide an environment of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility, we ask that you help us when packing for camp. We request that sayings/pictures on clothing be in good taste. Camp reserves the right to prohibit inappropriate clothing. Please take into consideration the weather forecast and camp activities when packing for camp. Shoes, sneakers, sandals or boots must be worn at all times at camp other than in the cabin, on the waterfront and in the showers.

If your camper plans on horseback riding, please include long pants (not sweatpants) and shoes or boots with a hard sole and a 1/2 inch heel.

If your camper is signed up for the **Frodo Journey** please bring: extra clothing, warm outer clothing (fleece or light jacket), broken in hiking boots or supportive shoes, a compactable sleeping bag, a lightweight flashlight, insect repellent, and a disposable camera is suggested. Backpacks, tents, water bottles and other necessary camping gear are all provided.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Electronic devices can detract from the benefits of being in a natural environment. Therefore, campers may bring a fan, clock, and a blow dryer, but should not bring **electronic games, cell phones, laptop computers or PDAs. iPods, MP3 players, CD players and cameras may be brought to camp at your own risk, however, will only be permitted to be used in the cabin.** Campers should also avoid bringing **good jewelry, money or irreplaceable items.** If it is discovered your child has any of these items after you leave, the items will be placed in the camp safe for the duration of the camper's stay. If a camper brings any of these items to camp and they are left in the cabin, we are not responsible for loss or damage.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Please label all items brought to camp.

Clothing

- T-shirts
- Underwear
- Sweatshirts or sweaters
- Light jacket
- Shorts
- Jeans/long pants
- Tennis shoes
- Socks
- Boots/hard sole shoes
(for horseback riding)
- Pajamas
- Bathing suits
- Rain gear

Extra Needs

- Flashlight
- Sun block
- Bug spray (long-sleeves
work just as well)

Bedding

- Sleeping bag or
2 blankets
- Pillow & case
- Sheets

Toilet Articles

- Beach towels
- Wash clothes
- Bath towels
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Laundry bag
- Shampoo
- Soap

Optional Equipment

- Baseball glove
- Lacrosse stick
- Cards
- Camera
- Sunglasses
- Laundry or garbage bag
for dirty/wet items
- Envelopes and Stamps
- Reading material

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

The camp is located on the southwest shore of Burt Lake. From Ann Arbor, take 23 North to I-75; I-75 North to exit 310, Indian River (M-68). At the end of the exit ramp turn left (west) and follow the signs toward Petoskey. Take a left turn at the stoplight at Ken’s Market, and a right at the stop light by Vivio’s Restaurant and BP. Camp is located about 4 miles on the right after Vivio’s.

Distance from Ann Arbor: 250 miles

Drive Time from Ann Arbor: 4 hours

AL-GON-QUIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Year Round

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Ann Arbor YMCA Front Desk	734-996-YMCA
Camp Registrar	734-661-8039
Camp Registrar	campregistrar@annarborymca.org
Ann Arbor YMCA Fax	734-661-8005/734-661-8060
Camp Al-Gon-Quian Office	734-661-8051

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Camp Al-Gon-Quian	231-548-5343
Camp Al-Gon-Quian Fax	231-548-5987

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