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Dear Parents or Guardians of Campers,

We need to inform you about two important health considerations for your camper.

First, Chapter 163 of the Laws of 2017 amended the New York State Public Health Law for the use of tick and insect repellents at children's camps. This change allows the following:

- Allow a camper to carry and use repellents with written permission from the camper's parent or guardian.
- Require the camp to maintain a record of the parent or guardian permission.
- Allow unlicensed personnel to assist a child who is unable physically to apply the repellent when directed by the child if permitted by the parent or guardian, and authorized by the camp.

Second, here is information about a 2014 Amendment for "Use of Sunscreen at Children's Camps." Research indicates that overexposure to UV radiation causes at least 65% of all skin cancers, as well as sunburns, premature aging, cataracts and a weakened immune system. Although skin cancer and cataracts often do not manifest until adulthood, the damage from UV radiation is cumulative and begins during childhood. Even if a child's sunburn or tan fades, the skin damage remains and, with each new sunburn or tan, that damage could accumulate and result in skin cancer. Therefore it is extremely important to encourage the use of sunscreen at Children's Camps.

In order to promote proper and safe use of sunscreen at Children's Camps, the following rules must be met:

- The sunscreen will only be used to prevent overexposure to the sun.
- Only sunscreen approved by the FDA for over the counter use will be permitted for use by the camper.
- Written permission from the camper's parent or guardian will be provided to and kept on file at the camp allowing the camper to carry and self-administer the sunscreen.
- In some cases, a camper may be unable to apply the sunscreen themselves but the camper's parent or guardian would still like the child to receive the benefits of sunscreen use. In cases such as this, written permission from the camper's parent or guardian must be provided to and kept on file at the camp allowing the camp staff to assist in the application of the sunscreen.
- Reminder: Sunscreen is considered a drug and shall be checked and logged by the camp as such in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in their Safety Plan.

Please fill out and sign the permission form for use of repellent and sunscreen.

Sincerely, Camp Hunt Directors and Staff

# Permission Form for Use of Tick and Insect Repellent and Sunscreen

Camper Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Tick and Insect Repellent:

- Permission for my child to carry and use tick and insect repellents.
- Permission for unlicensed personnel to assist my child who is unable physically to apply the repellent when directed by the child.

Please check your response and sign.

\_\_\_\_\_ I grant permission

\_\_\_\_\_ I deny permission

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ (signature of parent or guardian)

## Sun Screen:

- Permission for my child to carry and use FDA approved sun screen to prevent overexposure to the sun.
- Permission for unlicensed personnel to assist my child who is unable physically to apply the sun screen when directed by the child.

Please check your response and sign.

\_\_\_\_\_ I grant permission

\_\_\_\_\_ I deny permission

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ (signature of parent or guardian)