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To: All Camp Parents  
From: Jim and Denice Dunn  
Re: Drop Off/Pick-up Procedures

As you may or may not know, we have been putting a lot of effort and money into the management of our storm water runoff in camp and along our roads. In the course of doing this work, we took extra care to install additional drain tile, create large stone drainage ditches and a lot of new gravel. Our easement for the purposes of our camp road is only 20' wide. The combination of these two things makes it virtually impossible to allow for two-way traffic. We have come up with a good solution and have been utilizing this procedure for years.

- All vehicles will enter from Hwy. 64 using the entrance for the Hilltop Condominiums by the Old Fairfield Inn Site, roughly one hundred yards East of Camp Merrie-Woode's driveway.
- Cars will proceed to a large staging area on the left. The first cars will come through the parking area and continue down to the gravel road that leads to the gates and to the road into camp.
- After the first row fills with cars, the next cars will line up in subsequent rows.
- There will be a greeter's tent on the crest of the Old Fairfield Inn Site hill. This is a great place to catch up with camp friends, meet some new friends and enjoy some refreshments. The view of the lake and mountain is spectacular from here and may be one that you haven't enjoyed yet. There will also be a rest room available.
- At 9:00AM, the gates will open and the first group of cars will be escorted into camp by a counselor driving the Polaris Ranger (similar to the method used by road construction crews that are limited to using one lane.) This group will be guided up to the Welcome Lodge and the check-in process will begin. As always, parking will be available on the archery field. Any cars waiting to exit camp will be escorted out in the same manner and then the next group of cars will be escorted in.

This solves a number of issues because the traffic will only be one-way, cars will be able to enter and depart more swiftly. A map of this procedure has also been attached to help you better visualize the process. Please review it and remember the most important thing is to **use the Hilltop entrance**. Everything will be well marked and a number of staff members will be on hand to guide you every step of the way. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you and we can't wait to see everyone.

**Note:** We are usually able to get everyone checked in by 11:00 AM or so. Please be patient and make the best of this time. In the past, we have had parents that have been very rude to our staff and expecting it to be a speedier process. The staff members have no control over this and our experience tells us that this is the safest and most efficient way to get the girls into and out of camp. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and positive attitude.

# Fairfield Lake

