

To: All Camp Parents
From: Jim and Denice Dunn
Re: New Drop Off Procedures

As you may or may not know, we received a considerable amount of damage from the September hurricanes. Much damage was done to our roads and trails. In reconstructing our new roads, we took extra care to install additional drain tile, create large stone drainage ditches and a lot of new gravel. In doing so, it has become virtually impossible to allow two-way traffic. We have come up with a good solution and will implement this new procedure on opening day of the 2005 June, Main and August sessions.

- All vehicles will now enter from Hwy. 64 using the entrance for the Hilltop Condominiums by the 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 Inn Site hill. This is a great place to catch up with camp friends and enjoy 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 will solve a number of issues because the traffic will only be one-way, cars will be able to enter and depart more swiftly. A map has been printed on the back of this for your reference. 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.