

## Camp Kahquah “No Nit” Policy

Camp Kahquah strives to offer a healthy environment for our campers and staff; therefore, we appreciate you taking the time to review our Head Lice policy.

Head lice is NOT a sign of poor hygiene or any other disease, but can spread quickly and is hard to eliminate in close quarters. Although parents are often embarrassed to find their children have head lice, it is really a common problem. It is most common in places where people work or play together for long periods of time. Head lice cannot jump or fly so they are most commonly spread through close head-to-head contact with someone who has head lice. Lice are also spread by sharing personal articles that have touched the head such as hats, combs, brushes, barrettes, and hair elastics.

We ask that you have your child's/children's head checked for head lice two weeks prior to departure and immediately before camp begins. If any sign of head lice is found please immediately begin treatment BEFORE your children leave for camp and notify the camp that such treatment has taken place.

To ensure our camp remains Lice Free, we have a **NO NIT policy** in effect. The No Nit policy involves a child not attending or being re-admitted to Camp until all head lice, lice eggs (nits) and egg cases have been removed. Should we detect that your child has lice when you arrive at camp, there are **two** options.

- 1) Parent/guardian come and pick up child immediately and treat them off site**
- 2) Have your child treated at Kahquah by a professional from “The Lice Squad”. This is a recognized company who specializes in lice treatment and have been contracted to treat any campers who arrive to camp with lice. The base cost for this treatment is \$150+HST per camper (additional charges depending on severity).**

### **Re-Admittance**

Campers will be re-admitted to camp only when the Health Care Supervisor/or delegate has checked to determine that there are no more nits or lice, OR we are provided with a note from a recognized lice clinic clearing your child to return.

For treatment of lice, please read the other attachment that came with this email or check [www.lic Squad.com](http://www.lic Squad.com), [www.nitwits.ca](http://www.nitwits.ca), [www.thelicepeople.com](http://www.thelicepeople.com) or [www.headlice.org](http://www.headlice.org) for further detailed information regarding lice.

Thank you for your diligence in this matter. If you have any question or concerns, please contact the camp office directly at (705) 387-3923.