



# CAMP CHIKOPI

Founded 1920

TRADITIONAL SPORTS & WILDERNESS CAMP



## Quick Facts:

**Who** – Boys aged 7-17

**What** - Sports, Wilderness, Camping and Canoe Tripping.

**Where** - Magnetawan, Ontario, Canada.

**When** - See Enrollment form for session dates and fees.

**Why** – Adventure, Fitness, Confidence, Independence.

**How** – Complete and return the Enrollment Form.

**Head of Program:** Bob Duenkel, Since 1976.

## Location

Situated on beautiful Ahmic Lake and surrounded by deep green forests, Camp Chikopi is located on 400 acres in the Almaguin Highlands of Ontario, 185 miles north of Toronto and 30 miles east of Parry Sound.

## Background and Philosophy

Chikopi is a small camp, owned and operated by husband and wife team, Bob and Colette Duenkel. Camp Chikopi was founded in 1920, by U.S. Olympic Coach, Matt Mann II. We are the first "Sports Camp" in the world, with the prestigious honor of also being the First Swim Camp. For over 95 years, Chikopi has maintained the traditional values established by Matt and Lea Mann. Through sports the boys develop personal growth and strong team building skills. Some of the most important rewards of the Camp Chikopi experience are independence, self-confidence, strength, (safe) risk taking, and diversity.

Technology is not a part of the Chikopi experience, our focus is on giving each camper an exceptional experience in a variety of sports in a wilderness, traditional camp setting. Chikopi is where your son will improve his fitness, his self-confidence and his communication skills. Campers enroll from the four corners of the globe. With this variety of boys there is never a dull moment, spirits run high, and friend-ships last forever. We provide the experience every boy should have at least once in his lifetime, in a fun, safe environment.

## Daily Schedule

Days typically run as follows: early-bird fitness activity, breakfast, cabin cleanup, three classes of sports instruction, lunch, mail call, camp tuck shop/rest period, team practices: (sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis), team competition, elective activity, dinner, organized evening activity, camp fire/special event, snack and bedtime.

## Program Offerings

We offer more than 25 land and water sports. Campers range from boys who just want to have fun playing sports and being outdoors to those who are gifted athletes, we have programs to fit everyone and fulfill their summer goals. At Chikopi boys learn more than just sports. Chikopi is a life experience where boys build character, loyalty, leadership skills, friendships and an understanding of belonging. Chikopi is where your son will achieve way more than he thinks he can. Established in 1920 our camper to staff ratio remains at 3:1. By maintaining a small enrollment our staff and campers know everyone at camp in just a few days, not just the members of their cabin. Small classes ensure personal instruction in our 25 land and water sports. Tuition includes free specialization in competitive canoe, soccer, swimming, triathlon and canoe tripping.

## Sports

Camp Chikopi offers high quality, well trained who provide daily sports instruction. We often have visiting Olympic and National coaches'. Chikopi has retained a small enrollment to enable us to continue with small classes that emphasize individual attention. Optional, free specialized programs are offered in competitive canoeing, swimming, soccer, tennis, softball and sailing. Our land sports include lacrosse, soccer, archery, field hockey, tennis, triathlon, softball, golf, mountain biking, cricket, ultimate Frisbee, football, basketball, volleyball, wrestling. Water sports range from swimming and water-polo to kayaking, sailing and both recreational and competitive canoeing. These sports help build fitness, stamina, and flexibility in each camper. More importantly, participation helps build self-confidence.

## Swimming

Chikopi is internationally known for teaching the fundamentals of swimming to all levels and abilities, from those learning to swim to those with an enthusiastic competitive swimming background. Our most recent Olympic achievement is Nick Thoman, Gold and Silver medalist at the 2012, London, Olympics. Every camper is evaluated according to Life Saving Society and Red Cross standards. Recreational swimmers who are not in the competitive swimming program receive instruction to improve their swimming skills and develop better water confidence.

## Triathlon

Chikopi is ideal for those experienced in, or beginning to learn about the advantages of triathlon training. There are daily opportunities to swim, bike and run.

## Canoe Tripping

Chikopi is located in the region of Ontario popular with canoeists, the scenery is spectacular. We go on excellent canoe trips in nearby Algonquin Provincial Park as well as in Ontario's extensive rivers and lakes. The canoe trips, scheduled for 15-20 July, vary in challenge but all are a rewarding adventure. Our environmentally friendly, low-impact tripping programs make the trips a resourceful experience. There are hiking trips, great fishing, and time to appreciate nature.

## Extra Opportunities and Activities

Camp Chikopi and sister camp, Ak-o-Mak, get together about once a week. Inter Camp Competitions include; sailing regatta, triathlon, 10-kilometer run, 4 open water swims, soccer, and softball games.

## Facilities

Campers live in 12-14 man cabins, assigned by age, with 2 or 3 counselors. Washrooms have flushing toilets and fresh running water. Nutritious, home-cooked meals are hand prepared in our modern kitchen and enjoyed family style in the MainHouse. We are a nut free facility and can accommodate almost any food issue or allergy. The Camp Chikopi campus is located on the banks of Ahmic Lake and is characterized by its surroundings of rich forests on a quiet lake. Camp Chikopi has 2 large grass playing fields, 3 beaches, soccer field, 3 tennis courts, basketball courts, beach volleyball, golf driving range, biking and hiking trails, softball diamond, indoor weight-room, indoor badminton and volleyball, wrestling, 50 meter bulkhead in-lake swimming pool. We have a huge collection of boats from which to choose, including a fleet of cedar strip canoes, sunfish sailboats, and flatwater kayaks. The sauna, archery range, bocce ball courts, tether ball poles and horse shoe pits are a huge hit on the campus. Our Library and Game Room comprises an extensive collection of books, board and table games. Laundry is done on the premises. Facilities, water and services are inspected by government health officials each summer and meet all standards.

## Staff

Chikopi is one of the few remaining camps who maintains a 3:1 camper-staff ratio, that ratio means continual assistance and immediate guidance. The majority of staff members attended Camp Chikopi as a camper. They are part of a tradition that molded and continues to mold the thousands of boys who treasure their Camp Chikopi experiences. Campers and counselors attend from all over the World. Counselors and staff have undergone a thorough safety background check; have current First Aid, CPR and Life Guarding certifications. Each one has a diversity of talents and he is handpicked from qualified university students from all over the world.

## Medical Care

Each camper's health and safety is a priority to the staff. Personal health and safety are carefully and continuously monitored on a daily basis. Health files are kept on each camper. Campers have 24/7 access to a medical Doctor, and Hospital facilities are a short drive from camp.

## Religious Life

Chikopi is non-denominational; Sunday is usually marked by morning vesper where we stress the importance of good citizenship, morality, honesty, character, loyalty and friendship.

## Enrollment

Chikopi is a small family run camp; we are limited to 60 campers. Over one dozen countries are represented each summer with a 69-75% return rate. Chikopi is very International, we are very proud of our diversity and inclusiveness. With so many nationalities, languages and customs at Chikopi, it is an excellent opportunity for boys to be immersed in a variety of cultures.

Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Costs

Cost for Camp Chikopi sessions are shown on the Enrollment form. A full, itemized account of the Tuck Shop with any refund/balance due is issued mid September. Various payment plans are available.

## How to get to Camp Chikopi

Pick-up and delivery to Chikopi is included in the Tuition fee. Campers will be met at Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) or The Four Points by Sheraton Hotel Lobby. Parents may also drive directly to Camp Chikopi; we are approximately a 3½ hour drive north from Toronto.

## Questions or More Information, Contact Bob or Colette Duenkel:

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