

## **BUS TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY ISSUES**

**Bus Safety:** Your child will soon be riding the bus and we would like to make this a positive experience.

Please go over the following rules and guidelines to help prepare your child for the first day on the bus.

**Bags:** It is extremely important that your child carry a school bag each day to Camp Butwin. All papers, shoes or other items carried between home and camp should be in a bag. Loose items cause a serious hazard for campers as they get on or off the bus. Almost all accidents that occur around a bus are caused by children going back or stopping to pick up papers or other forgotten items that have been dropped or forgotten.

**Waiting at the bus stop:** Campers should wait approximately 20 feet back from the residential corner where the bus will stop. When the driver opens the door, then, it is time to walk towards the bus. Schedule your child to be at the bus stop no more than 5 minutes before the time the bus is to arrive. Arriving late can cause the camper to hurry and forget to be careful and look for traffic.

**Staying seated:** Remind your child that it is necessary to remain seated while the bus is moving. Children should not get up until the bus stops at Camp Butwin or at the bus stop. The driver will allow time to get seated in the morning or time to get off at the end of the day and safely off the street before pulling away.

**Getting off the bus:** When getting off the bus, the child should walk directly to the sidewalk. If it is necessary to cross the street, walk 10 feet in front of the bus and wait for the driver's signal before crossing. **NEVER CROSS BEHIND THE BUS!**

You will receive your bus number and pick-up time the Thursday or Friday the week before your child is scheduled to attend Camp Butwin. Bus schedules are sent only after full payment for camp has been made.

**Please have your child at the pick-up point few minutes before the scheduled time so the bus can keep to its schedule. The first few days of each session are used to adjust the bus schedules. The buses may run late the first few days. Please be patient as we adjust the schedules and pick-up points to give our children the shortest, yet safest rides possible.**

**If your child is to return to a different bus stop than usual, it is necessary that we receive a request in writing in advance. No child will be returned to any other point unless this is done.**

**Missing the bus** - Any child missing the bus may be brought to the JCC by 8:25 a.m. for the last pick-up before the bus departs for camp.



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**Early dismissal** - Please send a written note in advance, and we will have your child waiting for you at the office.

**Drop-Offs** - Younger children will not be left unattended at a pick-up spot unless we have been previously authorized to do so. In the event that a child is not met, the child will be brought back to the JCC where the parent will be called.

**Bus Programming** - Each bus is staffed with a bus counselor to supervise the ride to and from camp. To make the ride more enjoyable these counselors will lead songs, games and other activities such as "Billboard A-B-C" or "Purple Car."



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