

# Spending Accounts at Hidden Acres' Summer Camps

Hello Summer Camp Parents! Keep reading for some important information about our Spending Accounts system and how you can send spending money with your camper this summer.

## **Spending Accounts**

If you've joined us in the past for summer camp, you know that your campers can purchase items during their week at Hidden Acres. We have a craft room, a snack shop, and a gift shop. We accept cash, check, and credit at these locations, but we know that isn't always how you prefer to send money with your children. We now offer Camper Spending Accounts through CampBrain.

CampBrain already handles all of our registration software, so you've used their program when registering your children online for summer camp. We loved the benefits of having the same company handle both our registrations and spending accounts, and we feel that having everything in one place will benefit you, too!

CampBrain uses a simple search tool to find campers. Campers will approach our staff at the snack shop, gift shop, or craft room and simply give their first/last name OR cabin name. We'll bring up their account, charge their purchases, and can inform them of their remaining balance. Parents can log into their CampBrain account online to see their child's balance.

### What Do You Need to Do Now?

If you want your child to have a spending account at camp, log back into your **CampBrain account**. After logging in, you'll see a page that says "View My Registrations" and a green button under Summer Camp 2024 that says "View details." Click that green button. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and look for a section called "Camper Spending." Click the green "Add Deposit" button and you'll be taken to a page where you can add spending money for each registered child and enter your debit/credit card info to pay.

You'll want to do this before camp starts so you and your camper can talk about what to expect and how much they have to spend for their week of camp. Yes, you can absolutely still send cash with your camper if that's what you prefer. You can also log into your CampBrain account during the week to check your camper's Spending Account balance and add more funds if you desire. If you need help deciding how much to add to a Spending Account, view our <u>Sample Price List</u>.

#### **Leftover Funds**

Any amount left in your child's Spending Account will be automatically allocated to our summer camp scholarship fund after July 31<sup>st</sup>. **If you want any remaining money refunded, you must contact us prior to August 1st.** 

We suggest adding a conservative amount to start and then logging in during your child's week at camp to add more funds if their balance is low. This will prevent large remainders and/or the need to contact us for a refund.

#### Questions?

Do you have questions about Camper Spending Accounts? Email summer.camp@hacamps.org. Thank you!