

KAMAJI'S PARENT VISITING POLICY

We welcome parents to Kamaji and have “designed” our visiting policy to allow you to spend meaningful time with your daughter and to introduce you to our camp community. Camp Kamaji does not have a specified Parent Visiting Day, however we do restrict visitors to several weekends during the summer.

Families of first session campers may visit for one full evening plus one full day during the weekend of June 25th — June 27th OR July 2nd — July 4th.

Families of second session campers may visit for one full evening plus one full day during the weekend of July 23rd — July 25th OR July 30th — August 1st.

Families of 8-week campers may visit during for one evening plus one full day during any of the weekends listed above.

Visiting hours:

Friday: From 5:30 pm until 8:45 pm.

Saturday or Sunday: From 10:30 am until 8:45 pm.

Should you visit camp, don't expect that Kamaji will put on any special “airs” for you; instead we want you to see Kamaji through your daughter's eyes – to see Kamaji as it really is. You'll see your daughter in her instructional activities, meet her counselors and porch/cabinmates, eat a typical camp meal in the dining hall and participate in our all-camp evening program.

The vast majority of our campers' parents do not visit, especially if their daughter is a four-week camper. So please, **please** don't feel pressure to visit. Truth is – most Kamaji camper parents visit only after their daughter has spent three or four summers at camp. We don't discourage parents from visiting; as a matter of fact, we enjoy having parents see their daughter's “home away from home.” We simply don't want you to feel any undue pressure (or guilt) to visit/not visit.

Parents of first year campers: While we don't forbid parents of first year campers from visiting, we don't recommend it either. First year campers – especially those who may have initially been homesick – are likely to face a re-adjustment period after their parents leave camp. If you have questions about this, we would be happy to discuss this matter with you.

That said - should you decide to visit, we urge you to plan your trip well in advance. Bemidji is a popular tourist area and the local Chamber of Commerce goes out its way to plan major events every weekend (including over-the-top 4th of July celebrations, a County Fair, Rodeos, Art Fairs, etc). We cannot stress enough the importance of making airline and hotel reservations well in advance. In fact, now is not too soon to book your flight and reserve your hotel!

We would also ask that you check with us before finalizing any plans . . . so that we will be extra sure not to schedule any out-of-camp adventure for your daughter during your visit.

RULES TO REMEMBER ABOUT PARENT/FAMILY VISITS

The following are some things to keep in mind while planning your visit:

1. **Visits are limited to one evening and/or one day.**
2. Visiting hours: **Friday:** 5:30 pm until 8:45 pm
Saturday or Sunday: 10:30 am until 8:45 pm.
3. Your daughter is not permitted to leave camp; however, we invite you to eat a lunch and a dinner meal with us and spend time getting acquainted with Kamaji, its program, your daughter's cabinmates and counselors and, most importantly, enjoy quality camp time with your daughter **at her camp.**
4. You may **not** bring food (including gum, candy, bottled water, Kool-Aide, etc) into camp.
5. For some campers it might be difficult to see another camper's family visiting; please do not add "insult to injury" by bringing "gifts" of any kind for your daughter to the cabin.
6. Siblings, grandparents, etc. are welcome, but no pets.
7. Camp Kamaji is a smoke-free environment.
8. Please use your cell phone reasonably while at camp. If you can live without your phone for a few hours, please leave it in your car. At the very least, please turn the ringer OFF while in camp. If you do need to make a call from your cell phone, please do so from the Camp Office – away from campers (especially!) and staff. ***Under no circumstances should you allow your daughter or other campers to use your cell phone.*** Thanks.
9. **IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON VISITING KAMAJI, YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST LET US KNOW SO THAT WE DON'T SCHEDULE AN OUT-OF-CAMP CABIN TRIP AT THE SAME TIME YOU INTEND TO VISIT.**

TRANSPORTATION AND DIRECTIONS TO CAMP KAMAJI

Camp Kamaji is located about 215 miles north northwest of Minneapolis. If you planing on flying from home, consider flying to Bemidji. The Bemidji airport is only 15 miles from Kamaji. Delta Airlines offers 3 daily flights between Minneapolis and Bemidji. Know that this is commuter service and most flights are on 36 passenger planes. Rental cars are available at the Bemidji airport.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE BEMIDJI AIRPORT TO CAMP KAMAJI

Coming out of the airport, turn left onto Hwy 2 East. Follow Hwy 2 East (do not take road into Bemidji!) about 13 miles to **WOLF LAKE ROAD** (opposite Hwy 101). Turn left (heading north) on Wolf Lake Road. Go 0.9 miles to Kamaji's driveway on left. Turn into camp and follow camp signs to parking lot. Please park your car in the designated Visitor Parking spots only and follow signs along the pathway to Kamaji's Office.

AUTOMOBILE RENTALS

Available at the Bemidji, MN Airport :

National Car Rental — 800.227.3768 or 218.751.1880 • www.nationalcar.com

Enterprise Rental Car — 800.325.8007 or 218.759.9960 • www.enterprise.com

Alamo National — 800.332.7133 or 218.751.1880 • www.alamo.com

Hertz — 800.654.3131 or 218.751.0063 • www.hertz.com

DIRECTIONS FROM MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL TO CAMP KAMAJI

From the Twin Cities airport, take I-494 West to I-94. Follow I-94 West towards St. Cloud. Exit on Hwy 24 North to Clearwater (this is before you reach St. Cloud). Take Hwy 24 North to Hwy 10 (3 miles). Turn left (heading west) on Hwy 10. Go past St. Cloud and follow Hwy10 to Hwy 371 (in Little Falls, MN). Take Hwy 371 North all the way until it ends at Hwy 2 (Cass Lake). Turn left and head west on Hwy 2 about 4 or 5 miles to **WOLF LAKE ROAD** (opposite Hwy 101). Turn right (heading north) on Wolf Lake Road. Go 0.9 mile to Kamaji's driveway on left. Turn left into camp and follow camp signs to parking lot. Please park your car in the designated Visitor Parking spots only and follow signs along the pathway to Kamaji's Office.

It's about a 4½ drive between the Minneapolis airport and Kamaji unless you're driving on a Friday afternoon when added traffic will make the trip closer to 6 hours.

BEMIDJI-AREA ACCOMMODATIONS

Following is a list of recommended lodging in Bemidji, MN and Ye Directors personal comments. Bemidji is a popular tourist area. There's lots going on there during the summer months and every weekend the Chamber of Commerce organizes some type of tourist activity. Therefore, we urge you to make reservations as far in advance as possible. Hotels fill up quickly on summer weekends, especially July 4th!!! Trust us on this!!

Hampton Inn and Suites — 800.Hampton or 218.751.3600 • www.hamptoninn.com

Exceptional hotel located on the south shore of Lake Bemidji. Family friendly pool, Very good continental breakfast. • Green Mill Restaurant. One hint: Pay a little extra to get a room with a lake view. P.S. Very popular – weekends fill up quickly, so plan well in advance if you want to stay at the Hampton Inn!!

Ruttger's Birchmont Lodge — 888.RUTTGER (888.788.8437) or 218.444.3463 • www.ruttger.com

A fairly-pricey "Northwoods" resort with great amenities — waterskiing, sailing, other waterfront activities included; pool and health club; cabins, condos and rooms. All Main Lodge, Cedar Lodge and Cottage lodging includes continental breakfast. Also has lake-side restaurant open nightly for dinner. When making reservations, make sure you get a full description of the available accommodations.

Villa Calma Bed & Breakfast — 218.444.5554 • www.villacalma.com

Opened weekends beginning February 23, 2007. Minimum of two nights on weekends including a Friday and Saturday night stay. Full Gourmet Breakfast, specialty roasted coffee & tea included. Complimentary evening wine & snack

AmericInn — 800.634.3444 or 218.751.3000 • www.americinn.com

Clean, comfortable and reasonably priced economy motel, with suites available, in the middle of retail shopping area. Has pool, complimentary continental breakfast.

Best Western — 877.857.8599 or 218.751.0390 • www.bestwestern.com

Close to airport, large pool area, free continental breakfast, and updated amenities.

Comfort Inn — 800.228.5150 or 218.444.7700 • www.comfortinn.com

Clean, comfortable economy motel, walking distance from airport. Pool, Continental breakfast, suites.

Holiday Inn Express — 218.751.2487 or 800.617.4379 • www.hibemidji.com

Economy motel located in the middle of retail shopping area. Complimentary breakfast bar, pool.

Super 8 Motel — 800.800.8000 or 218.751.8481 • www.bemidjisuper8motel.com

Close to airport, suites available.

For rates and availability of the above plus additional lodging/dining in the Bemidji-area please contact the Bemidji Chamber of Commerce -- phone: 800.458.2223, 218.444.3541 or visit <http://www.bemidji.org>

One Last Word: We **cannot** emphasize enough the importance of making a reservation for lodging long before your scheduled visit to camp; on the other hand, we **can** provide you with a list of parents who traveled to camp without previously made reservations or waited until the last moment to make hotel reservations only to find that there was no lodging available within a 60 mile radius of camp!! Trust us on this!!

BEMIDJI-AREA RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Bemidji Town and Country Club — 218.751.4535

Full service restaurant and lounge – without the traditional country club atmosphere (dress code is totally casual) — overlooking north shore of Lake Bemidji. Kamaji's staff "rave" about it! Worth blowing your diet for the fried walleye!! Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner served daily.

The Boulders — 218.547.1006 • <http://www.thebouldersrestaurant.com/>

Definitely "upscale" dining for the Northwoods but well worth the 'price-of-admission' **and** the 30 minute drive south on 371 to Walker, MN. Casual dining, casual dress code, relaxed atmosphere. Dining Hours: Sunday through Saturday: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Brigid's Cross Irish Pub — 218.444.0567 • www.brigidsirishpub.com

Traditional and authentic Irish Pub serving full Irish menu. Dining hours: Monday-Wednesday: 4 - 8 pm; Thursday - Saturday: noon - 9 pm.

Cabin Coffee House and Café — 218.444.2899

Coffee House, Deli and Bakery all-in-one. Great wraps, breakfast sandwiches, bakery goods and tortilla soup (got to get there early lunchtime as they run out of soup quickly). Open 7:30 am till 8:00 pm Mondays thru Fridays; 8:45 am till 7:00 pm Saturdays; and 8:45 am till 4:00 pm Sundays.

Café Zona Rosa — 218.547.3558

If you want truly good Mexican food, take a 30 minute drive south on 371 to Walker, MN to Zona Rosa's. Very casual and reasonably priced. Hours: 11:00 am until 10:00 pm Mondays through Fridays; 11:00 am until 11:00 pm on weekends.

Cattails Bar & Grill — 218.444.8778 • www.cattailsbarandgrill.com

Decent steaks, pasta, burgers and more at moderate prices. Hours: Sunday through Saturday: Lunch 11:00 am - 5:00 pm daily; Dinner 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm.

Corner Bar — 218.751.8872

Great burgers, fries, onion rings — all at an unbelievable inexpensive price. Also 'rumored' to have good pizza. Hours: Monday through Saturday: 11:00 am – 1:00 am; Sunday: noontime – 1:00 am.

Dave's Pizza & Italian Cuisine — 218.751.3225

Very good pizza; the rest of the "cuisine" so-so. We recommend the house salad — they toss all the toppings for pizzas into a large bowl and serve it with a house dressing (ed. note: "yummy"). Open at 5:00 pm daily.

Dunn Bros Coffee — 218. 444.5252 • www.dunnbros.com

Featuring award winning specialty coffee drinks, whole bean coffees roasted fresh daily, bakery items, sandwiches, soups and salads. Across from Lake Bemidji, featuring upscale seating area and outside seating.

Green Mill Restaurant — 218.444.1875 • www.greenmill.com

Adjoins the Hampton Inn overlooking Lake Bemidji. Best known for hearth baked pizzas and calzones. Also has extensive menu that includes everything from pasta, appetizers, sandwiches, steaks and salads. Reservations a must for summer weekends!! Hours: Monday – Friday 11 am – 1am; Saturday 11 am – 1am; Sunday 11 am – 2 am.

Ground Round — 218. 444.3201 • www.groundround.com

Keg N' Cork — 218.444.7600 •

This restaurant's claim to fame is that it is "The First Irish Pub on the Mississippi." Full menu (with especially great burgers) available from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

BEMIDJI-AREA RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS cont'd

Market Café — 218.751.4045 •

Local “blue plate special” kind of place - located at back of Simonson’s Gas Station at 1820 Paul Bunyan Drive (across from Marketplace Foods). Great place for “breakfast anytime” and homemade dishes. . .and the decor is anything but “gas-stationish!” Open for breakfast and lunch, 6:00 am – 2:00 pm, 7 days a week.

The Pita Pit — 218.333.8978 • www.pitapitusa.com

The Pita Pit “was founded on the idea that people want an exciting alternative to fast food restaurants—a place with great tasting food that’s healthy, fresh, and still served fast.” At best, we would describe it as an alternative to the Subway sandwich chain. Hours: Monday - Sunday 10am - 10pm.

Raphael's Bakery Café — 218. 444.2867 • www.gr8buns.com

Great sandwiches and the wild rice soup and bread is outstanding. Reasonably priced. Lunch Monday through Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Ruttger's Birchmont Lodge Restaurant — 888.RUTTGER, 218.751.1630 • www.ruttger.com

Open nightly for casual dining right on Lake Bemidji. Open May to September for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Ask for lemon bread (yummy) -- they'll even give you a personal copy of the recipe if you request. Patio seating available. Reservations a must!!

Slim's Bar & Grill — 218.444.7546

Northwoods setting with outstanding burgers and chili.

Sparkling Waters — 218.444.3214 • www.sparklingwatersbemidji.com

Opened late 2008. Described as “A magical dining experience in cuisine and atmosphere- whether for a business lunch, birthday club, intimate dinner for two, the after 5 crowd or a party to toast the town.” Menu very pricey; food has potential to be great but seems to depend on day/night of the week!! We think it’s a ‘work-in-progress’ but are willing to give it a second and, even, third chance!

Tutto Benne — 218.751.1100 • Toll Free 866.727.0487

Great Italian food at reasonable prices. We dare you to compare it to any Italian restaurant “back home!” Casually sophisticated atmosphere. Specializing in traditional Italian cuisine with homemade breads, soups and pastas and desserts! Hours: Monday – Saturday Lunch: 11 a.m. – Late Afternoon; Dinner: 5 p.m. – Evening.

Wild Hare Bistro & Coffee House — 218.444.JAVA (5282) • www.wildharebistro.com

Claim to Fame: Fresh whole foods, world flavors, catering to special dietary needs. Hours: Monday – Friday 7 am – 5 pm; Saturday 9 am – 3 pm.

National chain restaurants (including Applebees, Perkins, McDonalds, Hardees, Subway, Qdoba, Quiznos, Caribou Coffee, Cold Stone Creamery, etc.) are also in Bemidji.