



Camp Courant Head Lice Policy

At Camp Courant, the health and well-being of our campers is our top priority. We are committed to maintaining a clean and safe environment while also approaching any health-related concerns with care.

Overview:

Head lice are a common childhood condition and not a sign of poor hygiene. While not dangerous, lice can spread quickly in group settings such as camps. Our goal is to minimize disruption while preventing the spread of lice among campers.

Policy Guidelines:

1. Routine Checks:

Camp Courant does not conduct routine lice screenings. However, if a camper shows signs of lice (frequent scratching, visible nits or bugs), staff may conduct a discrete check.

2. If Lice Are Found:

- If live lice or multiple nits (eggs) are found, the camper's parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up the child as soon as possible.
- A confidential conversation will take place with the parent/guardian, and treatment information will be provided.

3. Return to Camp:

- The National Pediculosis Association (NPA) recommends temporarily removing those afflicted from the group setting until all signs of nits and lice are gone.
- Camp Courant reserves the right to do a follow-up check upon return.

4. Confidentiality:

- All cases are handled with discretion and respect. Camper privacy is always maintained.
- No camper will be singled out or identified publicly.



5. Communication:

- If there is a confirmed case of lice in a camper group, general notice will be sent home to parents/guardians of that group, without identifying any individual child.
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Parent/Guardian Responsibility:

We ask families to:

- Conduct regular head checks at home, especially if they receive a notice from camp.
 - Notify us if your child has been treated for lice, so we can provide appropriate support.
 - Follow through with treatment and nit removal before returning your camper to camp.
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Thank you for helping us maintain a healthy and supportive experience for all campers.

If you have any questions, please contact the Camp Nurse.