



CAMP A TRPs Frequently Asked Questions

Q 1. What are TRPs and why would we need them?

A TRPs stand for “Trip Reward Points”. These are points that are accumulated by CAMP A families for designated fundraising events. These include family fundraising bingos, and other activities as announced by the CAMP A fundraising team each year. CAMP A has currently designated the Sobeys/Safeway gift card fundraiser to earn TRPs. One TRP is equivalent to one dollar, and can be applied to music tour fees for any student in the family.

Q 2. Why do I have to spend my TRPs only on music tour fees? Why can't I use them for uniform fees or other music program expenses?

A In order to comply with *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act, 1997*, and *The Gaming Regulations 2002*, funds earned through fundraising bingos must be applied to specific expenses. These are outlined in detail in the Charitable Gaming Licensing Manual from the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA). The types of expenses which are applicable to CAMP A are those related to music program travel (i.e. transportation, meals, accommodation). Since the majority of TRPs are earned through bingo fundraising, all TRP proceeds are applied under these same rules.

Q 3. How do I earn TRPs?

A To work a fundraising bingo, contact Maureen Pennington, Bingo Co-ordinator for CAMP A, at maupennington@gmail.com to advise her that you are a CAMP A family and would like to be added to the bingo distribution listing. You will then receive emails from Maureen advising of upcoming bingo dates and requesting you to email her with dates you wish to work, and the names of those in your family who will be working at the bingo(s). Similarly, Maureen has access to other fundraising activities that CAMP A families can work to earn TRPs, such as football games, concerts, Craven, and other organization's bingos. After each event that your family works, Maureen will confirm your attendance to CAMP A so that your family's TRP account can be allocated points for that event. For other TRP-designated fundraising activities through CAMP A, watch for CAMP A notices to be distributed to your email and on the www.campa.ca website.

Q 4. How many TRP points do I earn for working a bingo?

A Each family member who works the bingo earns 50 TRP points. This equates to \$50 in tour fees that can be offset. More than one family member can work at the same bingo, and you can also bring a friend to work for you. Please note that those attending must be at least 16 years of age, due to the nature of the work (e.g. counting and handling money). For other TRP-earning events, specifics on the TRPs that can be earned and other details will be provided at the time.

Q 5. What are the responsibilities involved in working a bingo?

A There are various duties involved, such as taking money for bingo cards, providing change, verifying bingo winning numbers, etc. Maureen can provide details on the different jobs and help determine which you are most comfortable performing.

Q 6. Where are the bingos located?

A The bingos are located at Centennial Bingo, 2311 2nd Avenue, Regina.

Q 7. How many bingos are there during the year?

A Typically, there are 2-3 bingos offered for CAMPA families to work each month. This includes the summer months. Maureen provides as much notice as possible on upcoming dates to those who sign up for the notices via email.

Q 8. What days of the week are bingos?

A Bingos offered for CAMPA families can be any day of the week, and usually vary. Maureen provides as much notice as possible so that the families who are interested can check their schedules.

Q 9. How long are the bingos?

A Bingos offered for CAMPA families are typically four hours long and start at 5:00 pm on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights and holidays. On other days of the week, they start at 5:30 pm. Workers must arrive 30 minutes ahead of the start time to get ready.

Q 10. What if I sign up to attend a bingo, but can't make it?

A It is very important that you contact Maureen as soon as possible should an emergency arise and you are unable to attend. Otherwise, there will be a shortage of workers for the bingo. You can arrange to have a substitute work on your behalf, as long as you provide Maureen with the name of that person. Or, if you are unable to arrange your own substitute, with enough notice Maureen can arrange for people from other fundraising groups to fill in for any shortage of CAMPA families. Since CAMPA currently has a favourable relationship with our bingo coordinator, we have the privilege of being offered bingo dates which are more advantageous, and we want to maintain this good relationship by continuing to honour our commitments on the dates we signed up to work, or providing as much notice as possible if an emergency situation prevents our attendance.

Q 11. Does CAMPA receive any funds from these bingos?

A Yes, for every bingo that is assigned for CAMPA families to work, CAMPA earns a percentage of the profits on that night's bingo. These funds are applied to CAMPA's operating account to help offset Campbell's music program costs, such as clinician costs, equipment, etc.

Q 12. How does CAMPA keep track of the TRPs earned by each family, and how do we know how many TRPs we have earned?

A For fundraising bingos, CAMPA's financial team volunteers receive a listing of which family members attended the bingo, and enters the appropriate number of TRPs on a spreadsheet. Similarly, for other TRP-designated fundraising activities, CAMPA's financial team enters the appropriate number of TRPs on the spreadsheet. For both the bingos and other TRP activities, the points are also entered into the family's TRP account in a software program which produces a statement. This statement is emailed to the family soon after the bingo is worked. Families can also request a special statement be produced and emailed to them if they haven't recently accumulated new TRPs and can't recall how many points are in their account. These requests should be directed to admin@campa.ca.

Q 13. What if we don't use up all of the points our family has earned during the year?

A TRPs can be carried over to future years, as long as the family has a student actively in the Campbell music program. If, however, there is no longer a student active in the program, then any TRPs that remain in the family's account are transferred to CAMPA's special assistance fund to help other students who require financial assistance in offsetting their music tour fees.

Q 14. Why can't our family get a refund if there are left-over TRPs in our family account when our student is no longer active in the Campbell music program?

A In order to comply with *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act, 1997*, and *The Gaming Regulations 2002*, funds earned through CAMPA fundraising bingos can only be applied to Campbell's music program travel expenses. CAMPA applies the same rules for all TRPs earned.

Q 15. What is the process for applying our family's TRPs to our student's music tour fees? Is this automatic, or do I need to do something?

A If a family wants to apply TRPs that have been earned to offset a music tour fee, then select the "TRP Tour Payments" button on the online payment tool (which can be found on the www.campa.ca website under the "Tour Payments" heading). Follow the instructions on the website to "purchase" the TRP payment item and at the same time, send an email to admin@campa.ca to confirm your intent and how many points you want to apply to this particular payment. Please note that for this option to work properly, your family's TRP account must have a balance of at least as many points as you are trying to apply to the

payment. A CAMPA financial team volunteer will then credit the appropriate tour fee outstanding and reduce your TRP account accordingly.

Q 16. What if I want to apply some TRPs to a tour payment, but we don't have enough in our family's TRP account for the full payment that is due?

A Although this requires additional work by the CAMPA volunteers, we may be able to accommodate your request and create a special "payment" button for the actual amount of TRPs you wish to apply for the specific tour payment. Please email admin@campa.ca with the details of your request and a CAMPA volunteer will respond as soon as possible.

Q 17. What if I have another question – who do I contact?

A Please email admin@campa.ca and a CAMPA volunteer will respond as soon as possible.