



Summer Day Camp Parent Guide

Welcome to Summer Day Camp! We are excited you have chosen to spend your summer with us and cannot wait to welcome you and your children to our Day Camp Community where we Learn Leadership, Cultivate Character, and Empower Expression!

What do Campers Need to be Successful?

- Inexpensive Backpack (Labeled with Name)
- Extra Pair of Clothes (Sometimes camp can get a little dirty!)
- Swimsuit and Towel
- Labeled Reusable Water Bottle
- Nutritious Lunch (Refrigeration and Reheating are not available)

What to Wear

- Dress for the Weather – campers may have the option to stay outside in the rain if conditions are safe.
- Campers play hard and may get dirty – please wear clothes you don't mind getting messy and free of any controversial or inappropriate symbols or slogans.
- Closed Toe Shoes and Socks – Sandals, Slides, and Crocs are only permitted during water activities for camper safety
- Optional: Raincoat, Hat, Sunglasses

What Not to Bring

- Any toys, electronics, trading cards
- Money (including Field Trips)
- Cell Phones (if needed for after camp activities cell phones must be kept put away while at camp)
- Items of personal or monetary value
- Sunscreen (Sunscreen is provided by camp. If you would like to provide your own, this must be turned in and kept with camp staff) ***No Aerosols please***

Arrival

Curbside Dropoff is offered at Camp from 6:45a to 8:30a. During this time Staff will be outside to greet you and sign you into camp (weather permitting). You are always permitted to drop off your camper, but after 8:45, camp is in full motion. Please plan to walk your camper into the camp office to sign in. Arrival after the morning curbside drop off window may experience a more extended wait time. Please plan accordingly. Thank You!

Note: If you arrive and your Campers village is offsite (at the YMCA, at the Park, or on a Field Trip) they will need to be dropped off and signed in at that location



Departure

Camp Curbside Pick Up is offered from 3:45 to 6pm. At the beginning of the Summer, you will be asked to select a preference for pickup during the first hour (3:45-5) or second hour (5-6). This allows us to get your camper to you more efficiently and allow campers who are staying a bit later in the day to stay immersed in activities without frequent interruptions for pickup. You may select different hours on different days of the week if needed 😊. If you plan to arrive for a scheduled early pickup. Please text the Camp Phone (330.316.4858) at least ONE Hour prior to your pickup time. If you arrive outside the pickup window without notice, it may take up to 30 minutes for your camper to be prepared to leave with their belongings.

Note:

1. Only Adults on your approved pick-up list will be able to pick up your camper. Photo ID will be required if the staff member checking you out is not familiar with you

Field Trips

We take an array of field trips throughout the summer. If you choose to not attend a field trip, there is no alternative available at camp. Your Camper must attend the field trip to attend camp that day. Please plan to arrive no later than 8:45am to guarantee you arrive before bus departure. If you arrive to camp after the bus has left camp, you will need to take your camper to the trip if you wish for them to attend. If you need to pick up early, you can pick you camper on at the field trip with prior notice. Most trips return by 4pm. Select Trips with early departures or late arrivals will be communicated both in your registration packet and via Facebook.

Who Are Our Staff?

The magic of camp can't come to life without a superb staff! All our counselors are well trained in building community and keeping campers safe on the inside and outside. Staff are FBI and BCI background checked and there are always ample staff on premises with First Aid, CPR, and Communicable Disease Certifications. Staff also receive training in empowering camper choice, resolving conflict through restorative practices, and helping campers build Social-Emotional Skills

Safety Around Water

Water safety is a top priority in all YMCA programs. All Campers will be assessed on their abilities and put into groups following the YMCA Swim Policy.

Purple Band: Under 6 years old or under 48 inches -> Lifejacket required, restricted to shallow end

Yellow Band: Over 48 inches tall, has not passed Deep Water Test -> No lifejacket, restricted to shallow end

Green Band: Passed Deep Water Test -> Access to entire pool, no lifejacket.

At least two lifeguards are present when swimming at the YMCA and lifeguards are always present on trips outside the YMCA.

Behavior Guidelines

Our Camp Community strives to foster a safe and inclusive environment for all. We recognize Camp is a place for Campers to make mistakes and grow under the guidance of counselors trained in restorative practices and Social Emotional Skill building.

Campers Will:

- Exhibit individual and group behavior that models our Core Values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility and that doesn't disrupt the flow of the camp experience.
- Stay with the group (Campers running from the group will need picked up immediately)
- Be pleasant to others and refrain from using foul language.
- Refrain from Physical or Verbal harm of themselves and others
- Use equipment, supplies and facilities as instructed.
- Have the ability to follow verbal and/or visual direction.

The Following Actions will result in requiring to pick up your camper immediately

- Running away from the group
- Possession of a weapon or blade
- Intentional harm to self or others
- Harmful and Targeted Identity based speech

Is Camp Right for Us?

We believe that everyone should have a camp experience and will do our best to make reasonable accommodations to set your camper up for success. Some things to consider when deciding if our camp is the right camp for you:

- Is your camper able to manage all of their own personal hygiene needs?
- Camp is very active, is your camper able to ambulate on their own or with a mechanical device in various terrains and uneven grounds?
- Is your camper able to perform gross motor functions with reasonable guidance?
- Is your camper able to experience camp in a group care setting without a 1:1 aide?

Parent Communication

We want you to know as much as possible about all the fun going on at Camp! Please be sure to join our private parent Facebook group for the most up to date information during the summer.

If you need to contact us at camp, please use the Camp Phone (330.316.4858)

YMCA Summer Day Camp: Building Community Together

