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What items do I need to bring to camp?

In addition to your child's Emergency Information Packet and a lunch with drink, we ask that you send a backpack that your child can keep his/her belongings in during the day. Everyday belongings should include: gym shoes, swim attire, swim towel, sunscreen and a water bottle. Please label anything your child brings to camp. Your camp director may also ask you to bring additional items. Morning and afternoon healthy snacks are provided.

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How should my child dress for camp?

Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. Keep in mind that the children will be active and may get dirty. Please dress your child in clothes that are okay to play in. Children must wear close-toed shoes to camp. Remember to send swimwear and a towel to camp on the day your child's camp goes swimming. Your child must wear their camp T-shirt on days the camp goes on field trips.

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How many camp shirts will my child get?

Your child will receive one T-shirt on the first day of camp. Write your child's name somewhere on the shirt. This shirt must be worn on days that camp goes on field trips.

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When is camp? What will my child be doing?

Y Summer Camp runs for eight weeks from June 4 through August 3. There will be no camp for the week of July 2 – 6.

We will be engaged in various fun and values-based activities every day including outdoor activities, swimming, hands-on environmental experiences, multicultural studies, special events and more.

Camp runs Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM. [HERE](#) is a sample daily schedule of camp activities.

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How do I register my child for camp?

You will need to complete a 2012 Summer Day Camp registration form online or at the Y. Find the online registration by clicking [HERE](#).

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When do I need to register my child? Is there a registration deadline?

Our camp is very competitive to get into, and it fills up early. While we do not have a registration deadline, we do encourage families to register as soon as they make the decision to use our camp. Registration opens on January 1, 2012.

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Do I have to register my child for the whole summer?

No. You may sign up for the entire eight weeks, but we also have two four-week blocks available (June 4 - 29 and July 9 - Aug 3). In addition, you can register for camp by the week, and only pay for the weeks you have registered for. Discounts are available for registering for four-week blocks and the whole summer.

Many families like to have their children attend camp all summer and our experience shows that once children starts at a camp, they prefer to stay at that camp. Of course, no one knows your child better than you, so please try to find the best match for your child and his/her camps.

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Can I register my child for half-day or part-time camp?

No, the Y does not offer a half-day or part-time schedule.

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Can I change the weeks my child attends camp?

In many circumstances, we can accommodate those changes. Requests must be made in writing at least one week in advance. As long as there is space in the week that you would like to change to or add, we can accommodate that change. Keep in mind that deposits are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

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Can I cancel a week of camp?

You may cancel a week of camp by providing a written one-week notice. You will forfeit your deposit for that week, but by providing a one-week written notice, you will not be held responsible for the remainder of the tuition. We have been holding that spot especially for your child, and potentially turning other children away. You will be held responsible for the tuition for that week if you fail to give a one-week written notice.

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How old does my child have to be to attend a Y camp?

Your child must be age 5 to 12. Exceptions can be made by the Youth Development Director in extreme circumstances.

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How much does camp cost, and what fees are associated with camp?

There are two components to the cost of camp: weekly deposits and tuition.

Deposits are required at the time of registration for Y Summer Camp. The deposit is \$25 per child per week. This deposit holds your child's spot at camp. It is a tuition deposit, so it is applied directly to your tuition each week at camp. Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Tuition is the cost of camp. Costs are \$120 per week per child for non-members and \$110 per week per child for members. Discounts are available for signing up for four-week blocks and for the entire eight weeks.

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Does the Y have scholarships available for camp?

Yes. The YMCA is one of the oldest, largest and most trusted charitable non-profits in the world. We want every child to have the chance to participate in Summer Camp at the Y, which is why financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

Scholarships can provide a 25% to 50% discount to your weekly tuition. You can find the scholarship application [HERE](#).

You will need a copy of your latest tax return, one month of current paystubs for every employed adult in the house and statements/letters noting all other monetary assistance coming into the household (food stamps, unemployment, Social Security, etc.).

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I already have a scholarship; do I need to reapply for Summer Camp?

Yes, please bring all forms to Y in person. Camp Scholarship application form found [HERE](#).

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Does the Y take state childcare subsidy payments from DHS?

Yes. Contact your case manager and you will be responsible for all paperwork and you will be required to pay tuition and get reimbursed by your case manager. The Youth Development Director must approve before admitted.

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Are Y Camps licensed?

No. However, our camp follows the same standards as licensed centers.

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What ratio do you have during camp?

We keep a 1:15 staff to camper ratio. We do even better than that. At camp, we strive for a 1:12 ratio, and we do even better than that on field trips. When we go swimming, our staff is required to be in the pools.

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What about safety?

Safety is very important to us. All of our staff is trained in CPR, First Aid, illnesses recognition, signs and symptoms of abuse and risk management.

Only parents/guardians and people approved at time of registration are allowed to pick up children. Anyone other than a parent must show proper ID.

Children will only be checked out of camp at the monitored check-in/check-out desk.

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How does the Y address safety on field trips?

When we are on field trips, we take all of our children's files with us.

We frequently take attendance, and use a method called "name-to-face" checks - that means that when we take attendance, we aren't just calling names and listening for the child to say "here." We want to see who is saying it. We do this every time we take attendance, and as the children get on the bus.

When we are on swimming field trips, we expect our staff to be in the water interacting with the children - but not all at once. Some staff will be in the water, while others will be equally spaced around the side of the pool monitoring the children. You will not see our staff lounging or sunbathing at the pool. We help the children apply sun block before we leave for the pool and about every hour while we are at the pool.

We always check restrooms before a child goes into a restroom in a public place. We want to know exactly who is in the restroom before they go in. We monitor who goes in and out of the restroom while our campers are in there. Children never go anywhere unattended. You should send your child to camp with plenty of water.

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How many field trips will my child go on?

Typically, our camps go on four field trips per week, and three of those trips are to the pool. Your Camp Director will have that information available for you. Also, you can check the Parent Tool Kit for schedules and lesson plans for camp.

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What forms are required for summer camp?

After the registration form is completed, you will also need to complete the appropriate Emergency Information Packet. The packet contains a set of documents that the health departments require we keep on file for each child. You will take these documents to camp on the first day your child attends that camp. If your child attends more than one week, we will keep this on file for you. Emergency Information Packets will soon be available on the web to download.

Do not send these packets back to the Y office. They need to be at the camp with your child. It is the parent's responsibility to take a copy of the Packet to the camp site.

We keep this personal information confidential.

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