

Hello 2020 Camp Seewackamano Families!

We are so thrilled to have you with us at Camp Seewackamano for the best summer ever! We want you and your camper to be as prepared for camp as possible, so here are some things to keep in mind as you get ready and excited for camp:

Contact Information:

Camp Director: Taylor Tschinkel

Assistant Camp Director: Emily Takacs

All can be reached by phone during the camp season at 845-657-8288 or email at campseewackamano@gmail.com.

All questions regarding registration or billing should be directed to Jhaunelle Anderson, Camping & Childcare Registrar, at 845-338-3810 x117 or janderson@ymcaulster.org

Find us on Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ymcacampseewackamano/>

We will be posting updates often on Facebook, so "Liking" and "following" our page is the best way to stay up to date!

Instagram: @ymcacampseewackamano

Camp Season Dates to Remember:

Session 1: June 29 – July 10

Session 2: July 13 – July 24

Session 3: July 27 – August 7

Session 4: August 10 – August 21

Session 5: TBD

Each camp day runs from 9:00am-4:00pm. Drop off begins at 9:00am. Please do not drop off your child at camp prior to 9:00am, as we do not have care in place prior to that time at camp. We do, though, have pre and post-care options at the YMCA in Kingston. This is not a drop-in service. You must be pre-registered for both options.

Pre-care begins at 7:00am and post-care runs until 6:00pm. Transportation is provided by bus to and from the YMCA and camp if enrolled in either program. To register for this contact Jhaunelle Anderson--contact info listed above.

All Camps COVID-19 Health and Safety Practices

We are prepared to do the following, and may further adjust how we operate should state and local guidance require.

Seewackamano specific, Starfish specific, Wiltmeet specific.

- Follow all applicable CDC and NYS guidelines.
- Out of an abundance of caution our organization has decided to operate under 50% of our permitted capacities. We may open up registration further should conditions improve and allowed then by local and state officials.
- Staff will be masked.
- Frequent hand washing will take place.
- Frequent, thorough cleaning will take place using an EPA-Registered Hydrogen Peroxide based cleaner.
- Hand Sanitizer will be available all throughout program spaces and staff will have sanitizer on their person at all times.
- Activities will involve little or no physical contact.
- Sharing of objects will be limited.
- Toys from home are not permitted.
- Assigned bus seating will be used to limit shared spaces. The bus will be filled back to front. 1 child per seat, except for siblings, who will sit together. Windows will be opened for increased ventilation. The attached waiver MUST be completed in order to use busing.
- Campers are only required to wear masks on the bus as long as they can medically tolerate doing so. Campers are not required to wear masks during the camp day, but are welcomed to if preferred.
- A YMCA staff will sanitize the buses prior to leaving the bus garage. Buses will again be sanitized before departing from camp in afternoon.
- Social distancing practices will be used as much as possible.
- Outdoor play will be prioritized.

- The timeline for our pool renovation has been affected by COVID-19 related restrictions, so swim lessons will not be a part of our program this summer. We will make sure to keep each camper cool with fun outdoor water games and sprinklers!
- There will be increased ventilation when time indoors is necessary.
- No nonessential persons will be entering program space. That means no guardians will be allowed into any camp buildings or invited to camp activities.
- Drop off and pick-up will be curbside only. Staff will guide you through this process. IDs will be confirmed from cars at pickup.
- Temperatures of staff and campers will be read before permitted into camp program. Any temperatures 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit and over will not be permitted to camp. If a sibling has an unhealthy temperature, all siblings will not be permitted to enter program. Guardians may not leave drop off location until camper's temperature is confirmed to be healthy.
- There will be an isolation area for any camper or staff to stay away from all other program participants if displaying signs of illness. Immediate pickup will be required in this event. Staff will leave immediately if displaying any signs of illness if not awaiting transportation.
- There will be no field trips/visitors (aside from Moriello visits once pool opens).
- Outdoor play will be prioritized.
- Tents will be on-site for added shade at Community Center location.
- "Normal" Skill and Rec periods will not take place, as to limit the mixing of camper groups.
- Absolutely no food/drink sharing permitted.
- No overnight programs.

2020 Department of Health MMR Vaccine Order

Per Ulster County Department of Health, we must have one of the following official documents on file PRIOR to your camper's attendance. We cannot allow any campers, staff, or volunteers on camp without this.

- Immunization Record noting Measles-containing vaccine. Often noted as "MMR" (measles, mumps, rubella).
- Proof of immunity to measles
- A valid medical exemption signed by a healthcare provider.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS per Dept. of Health Requirements.

Please mail these to 507 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401.

OR scan and email to campseewackamano@gmail.com

OR fax to 845-338-0423

*****We will not be able to accept these on the first day of your camper's attendance***
WE MUST HAVE THIS BEFORE THEIR FIRST DAY**

Transportation:

- Please arrive at your camper's bus stop at least 10 minutes before pick-up and drop-off times.
- There will be assigned seating. Those boarding the bus first will be seated in the back, and the bus will fill to the front. Only siblings may be permitted to sit together. Otherwise, there will be one camper per seat.
- We encourage anyone able to drive your camper to and from camp to do so to help us with efforts to socially distance.
 - Your camper will not be let off of the bus unless there is someone on the authorized pick-up list to receive them. If there is no one there for them, your camper will be brought to the YMCA in Kingston (507 Broadway Kingston, NY 12401) at the end of the bus route as to not affect the rest of the bus route's schedule. You are expected to pick your child up from the Y and may be charged for a daily rate of post care services.
- Please help to make camper dismissal as simple as possible by informing your campers of their bus assignments. Providing your camper with a reminder of the bus and bus stop that they use will put your camper and our staff at ease.
- You may review your bus and stop details by accessing your Camp Brain registration at <http://ymcaulstercountycamps.campbrainregistration.com>
- If you are not utilizing our bus transportation, please plan to do the following:
 - Drop-off: Drive through our parent parking. When facing the main entrance from Peck Road, it is to the right (not in the main entrance or on the side of the road) and drop/pick your camper up there. Do not go to the main office. There will be staff at the parent parking area to sign in your camper

- Pick-up: Park in our parent parking (not in the main entrance or on the road) and wait for staff to bring your camper to you. To sign your camper out you must bring a form of photo identification. We will not release your camper(s) unless we are 100 percent sure that they are leaving with the correct people. Again, there should be no parking on Peck Road. If you usually use busing, but instead will be picking up at camp you must notify us in advance.
- Camp is located at 432 Peck Road Shokan, NY 12481.
- The best way to get to camp is by Route 28, then Bostock Road, and then Peck Road, arriving to camp on your left side.

Camper Daily Supplies/Clothing:

- Masks are not required to be used while at camp. **Masks must be worn on the buses as long as you camper can medically tolerate wearing one.** Cloth masks/bandanas, and surgical masks are all acceptable options.
 - Backpack to contain your camper's belongings.
 - Bagged lunch and snacks to fuel your camper, with an ice pack to keep food cool if needed (No refrigeration available).
 - Refillable water bottle. Please help us and our environment by not sending your camper in with single-use plastic items. Not only is this better for the environment, but it's also a healthy choice! Water is a whole lot healthier than a juice box/pouch! These small efforts can add up to a BIG difference :)
 - Swimsuit and towel (each camper has the opportunity to swim or cool off with sprinkler/water activities every day).
 - Weather appropriate clothing (check [Shokan, NY Weather](#))
 - Closed-toe footwear (No flip-flops or sandals). Stubbed toes are no fun!
 - Extra clothing if there is anticipated need for your camper.
 - Sunblock for all, regardless of complexion. Our counselors are not permitted to apply sunblock to your campers, so please apply it in the morning and try to teach your campers to self-apply. Staff will do their best to remind campers to re-apply throughout the day.
 - Bug spray if desired. Please help your camper check for ticks after each camp day. In the event that we find a tick on your child, we will contact you. We will not attempt to remove the tick without your permission.
 - Necessary medications/health needs must be indicated in your camper's registration. We will not help administer medication without the original packaging for the medication and Doctor's orders. Please help us to best help your campers.
- No electronic devices will be allowed for use by your campers. We will not be held responsible for any misplaced or damaged electronics. Camp is a unique environment where we are lucky enough to "go unplugged" and enjoy each other's presence in real-time. Your campers will be kept busy rain or shine and their electronics will be confiscated and kept safe for them until the end of the day if we find that they are

using them. If you need to contact your camper during the camp day please call 845-657-8288 and we will gladly relay a message to them.

- Please label your camper's belongings. It makes it much easier to return items to campers if they are labeled.

Age Groups (Villages):

Kikapu: Pre-K, entering Kindergarten

Catskill: Entering 1st and 2nd grade

Esopus: Entering 3rd and 4th grade

Mohican: Entering 5th and 6th grade

Tonchi: Entering 7th, 8th, and 9th grade

Absences: If you are aware of a day that your camper will be absent from camp, please alert us prior to that day. Otherwise, we will be placing phone calls home by 9:30am to verify camper absences to make sure everyone is exactly where they should be. If you receive a voice message from us, please return the phone call at 845-657-8288.

Camper T-shirts:

Camper t-shirts will be handed out as soon as possible, though they will not be handed out on the first day. Our main focuses on the first day are to keep your camper safe, to make sure they are having fun, as well as ensuring that they are becoming more familiar with their peers and camp guidelines. T-shirts will be handed out during afternoon assembly, and placed immediately in camper backpacks. Camp T-shirts are not to be viewed as a "uniform", but rather as a "souvenir", so do not feel pressured to have your camper(s) wear their camp shirt every day.

COVID-19 has delayed our t-shirt process. We will get your camper's t-shirt to them ASAP.

Overnights? :

We have no plans to offer overnight programming at this time. This is based on NYS guidance.

Final notes...

Your camper's counselor will be calling you the weekend before the date your camper begins to check in, let you know who to look for that first day, and answer any last minute questions you

may have. They will be calling from a private number. If you do not answer, they will be leaving a detailed message, and any of your questions following then should be directed to either campseewackamano@gmail.com or 845-657-8288.

Please note that weekends and evenings are time off for all camp staff. Please do not expect a response to a question about your camper to be answered via facebook. Please email or call. We do our best to respond to all family communication as soon as possible, but while camp is SUPER fun, it's also TIRING (in the best way), so we all need our time to rest while away from camp.

Thank you for reading through this and helping your camper to be best prepared for their time at camp. If you have any further questions feel free to contact us by email at campseewackamano@gmail.com or by phone at 845-657-8288 during the camp day (9am-4pm).

Sincerely,

**Taylor Tschinkel
YMCA Camp Seewackamano Director**

**Cailin Rooney
Youth Development Director**



Camp Medication Permission Request Form

In accordance with NYS law, this camp requires that all campers who need medication **during camp hours** must do the following:

1. Present a written consent form signed by the health care provider stating what medication is needed, the dosage and when the medication is to be given.
2. Present written consent from parent for student to receive medication as prescribed by the health care provider.
3. Bring the medication in the original container, with pharmacy/ package label, to the health office personnel.

Name of Camper: _____ Date of Birth: _____

To be completed by the Health Care Provider:

Name of Medication: _____

Dosage: _____

Specific times to be given: _____

Length of time: _____

Are there any restrictions? _____ YES _____ NO

If YES, what are they and for how long? _____

Printed Name of Provider

Signature of Provider

Address

Provider Phone Number

To be completed by Parent/Guardian:

I, _____, give permission for my child to receive the above medication as directed.

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____