2023
SUMMER CAMP
FAMILY GUIDE

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Program Hours

Camp Esopus
9:00am-4:00pm Onsite drop off and pick up.

Camp Seewackamano
9:00am – 4:00pm Daily transportation is included and available for selection during registration. Self-transportation is also welcomed (no discount).
Extended Hours: Pre-Care 7:00am-9:00am and Post-Care 4:45pm - 6:00pm take place at the Y in Kingston. Those enrolled are bused to and from Camp Seewackamano.

Camp Starfish
8:30am - 5:30pm Onsite drop off and pick up.
Extended Hours: 7:00am-8:30am and Post-Care 5:30pm - 6:00pm; onsite.

Camp Wiltmeet
9:00am – 4:30pm Onsite drop off and pick up.
Extended Hours: 7:30am-9:00am and Post-Care 4:30pm - 6:00pm; onsite.

Registration Portal
https://ymcaulstercountycamps.campbrainregistration.com/
Group Assignments
Campers are grouped according to grade. Camp groups and counselors can change from week to week. While your camper may not be grouped with the same counselor or campers each week, there are ample opportunities to see friends and siblings during large group games. If your camper has a friend that you are hoping to have placed in the same group as your camper, you must identify them as a “friend request” during your initial registration process. Over the past few summers we have noticed a remarkable increase of friend requests. Please note that we do our best to accommodate your requests, but are not always able to honor them, especially if submitted near the start date of your camper’s attendance. We are constantly facilitating activities that help campers to make new friends.
Specific grade levels and activities have specific staff to camper ratios which also affect the formation of groups. Depending on grade level, group size per counselor can range from 6-12 campers/group.

Meals at Camp
Note: CAMPS EXCEPT FOR STARFISH DO NOT SERVE MEALS
Starfish: All campers are always welcomed to bring their own lunch for dietary needs or preference.

Camp Lunch Tips
All lunch boxes and all food containers should be labeled with your child’s first and last name. We highly recommend an insulated soft sided cooler or hard plastic cooler.
Pack your camp lunch the night before and keep all items in the fridge overnight to chill.
Freezer packs help keep all previously chilled items cooler throughout the day.
Fruit and veggies provide great nutrition and cool hydrating treats.
Pack plenty of snacks to help keep your camper full and active throughout their busy day.
We cannot heat up “hot lunches”.

**Dress Code**

Campers should dress in cool, comfortable play clothes that can get dirty. Campers must wear closed toe and closed back shoes at camp. We understand sandals and Crocs may seem more comfortable in the summer months, but you may not be able to safely participate in all camp activities unless you’re wearing proper footwear. Flip-flops or sandals may only be worn during swim time. Early mornings at the end of summer tend to be a bit cooler. Please label all items, especially clothing, with your first and last name so they can avoid the lost and found!

**What To Bring To Camp**

Please make sure your camper brings the following items to camp each day. Our days are full of adventures and their items may get dirty! Be sure everything is labeled with your camper’s first and last name. Our camps are not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.

- **Backpack** - for storing your camper’s items including their lunch, water bottle, water play gear, rain gear, and extra clothes.
- **Hat** - for sun and/or rain protection if desired at outdoor programs.
- **Lunch & Snacks** - a non-perishable lunch and drink should be packed every day. Camp does not provide food, microwaves, or refrigeration. (Camp Starfish does serve lunch)
- **Reusable Water Bottle** - water fountains & water coolers are available throughout each Y Camp to refill water bottles. All water bottles should be labeled with your camper’s first and last name.
- **Swim Gear** - a swimsuit and towel for water activities. Goggles & swim shoes if preferred.
- **Shoes and Socks** - closed-toed shoes with a closed back (such as sneakers) are required every day. Campers without proper foot attire may not be allowed to participate in certain activities if their footwear will interfere with their safety.
- **Extra Clothes** - campers should dress in cool, comfortable play clothes that can get dirty. An extra set of clothing is recommended, especially for younger campers.
- **Sunscreen and Bug Spray** – we recommend that you apply sunscreen before leaving home each morning and send your camper with sunscreen that they can apply throughout the day without assistance. Staff will not physically assist in the application of sunscreen.

**What To Leave At Home**

The following items are not permitted at Y Camp. Campers should not bring any item to camp that would cause their feelings to be hurt if it was lost, damaged, or stolen. Any prohibited items that are brought to camp will be stored in the camper’s backpack for the remainder of the day with their belongings. Our camps are not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.

- Toys or games (Magic: The Gathering cards/ Yu-Gi-Oh cards/ Pokémon cards may only be used during staff-led activities and NEVER TRADED)
- Electronics of any kind (cell phones, Bluetooth speakers, headphones, iPads/tablets, iPods/mp3 players, Nintendo, gaming devices, etc.)
- Animals
- Weapons or anything that looks like a weapon
- Alcohol, drugs, or other related paraphernalia
- Personal sports equipment
General Camp Activities
Campers will participate in different fun-filled activities centered around our Y Camp curriculum and geared towards developing the full body, mind, and spirit of each camper. Challenge by Choice activities allow your camper the opportunity to try new things this summer. Activities vary by location and Camp.

Progression of Learning
Y Camp focuses on enriching each camper’s experience by helping to recognize their talents, make lifelong friends, learn new skills, and understand the importance of living a healthy, active life. As campers grow and progress through the Y Camp program, they explore new aspects of camp.

Character Values
Our camps are infused at every level with the Y’s four positive character values: Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. We are committed to challenging our campers, their families, and our staff to learn and demonstrate these values throughout the camp day.

Extended Hours
During extended hours, a selection of primarily low-key, supervised activities are provided allowing campers to engage in quiet time, free play, and reading; either in small groups or individually. Your camper must be pre-registered for extended hour programs.

Daily Assemblies
Every day at the opening and closing of the day camp program, campers gather for a short camp song/cheer, a brief talk about the day, skits performances, reminders of rules and expectations, and any special announcements. Specific assembly traditions vary from camp to camp.

Daily/Weekly Spirit Events
Our camps often host spirit/themed days/events! It’s a chance for your campers to showcase their talent during the variety show, race to the finish line, show off some dance moves, or play games in camp-wide events. Your Camp Director will share planned activities and attire suggestions with you so that you and your camper may plan appropriately.

Swim Trips/Field Trips
Camp locations without access to on-site swimming may have swim trips during the week, included as part of the camp program. A signed permission slip is required for all field trips or trips off the camp site/usual programs. Your Camp Director will share specific requirements with you.

Special Camp Activities
Activities at each Y Camp location vary depending the camp environment. Below is an overview of camp activities that may be offered at your camp site. Due to the high demand or safety restrictions, a camp site may offer certain activities for specific age-groups only.

Boating (Seewackamano)
Campers receive safety instructions from staff prior to boating. Campers wear coast guard approved personal flotation devices. Campers will have their swim level evaluated prior to participating in boating activities, which determines which boats the camper may operate (rowboat/jon boat/canoe/"funyak"/CORCL/WGWAG).

Fishing (Seewackamano)
Campers have the opportunity to participate in catch-and-release fishing and what we call “newting” (catching newts with nets). All hooks are debarbed.
Archery (Seewackamano)
Archery is available to all campers. Campers age 8 and up have access to our traditional range and equipment. All campers are taught how to properly and safely use the equipment prior to firing a bow. Participants must wear safety goggles. Campers under age 8 may use our suction cup arrows and more appropriately sized equipment.

High and Low Ropes, and Zip lines (Seewackamano)
Campers ages 8 and up may participate in individual and team building challenges that support healthy personal growth, problem solving, and team work.

Swimming
Camps Esopus and Starfish swim in our Y's pool. Seewackamano has a natural body of water for swimming/boating/fishing. Camp Wiltmeet travels to Moriello pool in New Paltz on Mondays and Fridays (schedule is weather depending and subject to change). Campers must take a swim-test in order to participate in swimming and boating activities. Those who choose not to test will be considered "non-swimmers". Non-swimmers are limited to the most shallow swimming areas and can only boat with higher level swimmers; never alone in a boat.

Inclement Weather Activities

Rainy Days
Rainy days are no problem when you’re at Y Camp! When it rains, we still have fun! Our camp directors keep a close eye on the radar and weather projections. For our outdoor programs, if it is a light rain, campers may stay outside continuing with many of our normal activities. As needed, campers will be kept under shelter. Use of electronics on rainy days is not permitted.

Extreme Heat
On days where there may be extreme heat, the time campers are in direct sunlight will be minimized, as well as time spent running or doing other strenuous activities outdoors. Most camps have indoor space where a rotation of activities will occur to offer some relief from the heat. Water fountains and water coolers to refill water bottles are always available and these days are often a great time to incorporate extra water play. Please pack swim gear even on non-swim days for these kinds of water play opportunities.

Thunder/Lightning
When thunder/lightening is observed, campers are kept indoors and all water related activities are delayed for 30 minutes. This will happen each time thunder/lightning is observed. If this persists, Camp Esopus must close if at Ross Park, and campers must be picked up from camp. All other camps, if not affected by the weather in other ways, will remain open.
Water Activities

Each week campers participate in a variety of water games and activities such as swimming, slip ‘n slides, and more. Additional activities at waterfront locations include boating, fishing, and “newting”. Activities vary by location. Please pack a bathing suit and towel for all scheduled water activities. Personal flotation devices must be approved by a Y lifeguard prior to use. Please label all personal items with your camper’s first and last name.

Seewackamano: please pack water shoes if your camper does not like the feeling of the ground in natural bodies of water.

Wiltmeet: please pack swim gear on Monday & Friday, unless otherwise specified by camp staff for extra water activities on camp.

Water Games and Water Play

On hot days, we may keep cool by running relays or participating in activities that involve water, such as “leaky pipes” and “sponge relay” or getting soaked by running through a sprinkler.

Swimming

All campers will be designated a swim level either after being tested or choosing not to test. Any camper who is unable to pass the swim test, or chooses not to test must stay in the shallow end. All campers will be supervised by Y Camp Counselors and certified lifeguards at all times while swimming. Counselors are stationed in the water and on the pool deck or beach while the campers are swimming.

All campers are required to go to the pool/beach area with their group during assigned swim times. Campers who do not swim will be required to sit on the pool deck/beach area. If there are enough campers who are not swimming, alternative activities may be offered, though limited.

The Health Department requires that bodies of water, including indoor pools, close during thunder and lightning storms and in the event of bodily fluid contamination. No refunds or credits will be issued due to water closures.
Health Forms

All Health, Immunization, Allergy and Medical Care Plans and Medication Authorization forms can be found at https://ymcaulster.org/camps-2/ and in your CampBrain portal.

Allergies

It is the guardian’s responsibility to inform the Y Camps of their camper’s health conditions, especially any known or probable allergies. Please list any allergies in the Camper Health History section on CampBrain. You will need to provide additional information on signs, symptoms, treatment, and medications when necessary.

Medications and Medication Administration Policy

If your camper may require any kind of medication administration, whether prescription or over the counter, during camp hours, please indicate this in your Camper’s Health History section on CampBrain.

Medication Authorization Form

Medical Authorization Forms require a physician’s signature for prescription and over the counter medications. The physician’s and guardian’s signature must be on Y Camp paperwork. We cannot accept paperwork from your school or other camps. Medications that are not accompanied by fully completed paperwork are not able to be accepted. Except for emergency situations, campers will administer their medication while a trained staff member supervises and logs the event.

Medication Check-in and Check-out Process

Campers are not allowed to keep any medication, prescription or over the counter, on their person or in personal belongings, except when emergency self-carry medication is authorized in writing by the prescribing physician and guardian. Prescribed medications must be in original packaging, with the camper’s name and dosage clearly labeled. Completed medication forms must be submitted to your Camp Director at the beginning of your camper’s attendance.

Immunizations

Per Health Department regulations, we are required to collect camper and staff immunization records annually. These records must indicate proof of immunization against Measles. If your camper is Medically Exempt from immunizations, you must submit proof from your camper’s healthcare provider. Per Health Department regulations, only medical exemptions can be accepted.

Sick Camper Policy

Please do not send your child to camp if they are ill. Signs and symptoms of any illness (not just Covid-19) include but are not limited to:

Fever and/or chills
Cough
Congestion/Running Nose
Diarrhea
Muscle aches or soreness

Headaches
Ear aches
Sore Throat
New loss of sense of taste/smell

Campers displaying symptoms of an illness will not be admitted to camp and must be clear of symptoms for 24 hours (or longer as required by COVID protocols) to be re-admitted to camp. Depending on the nature of the illness, a doctor’s note or health department approval may be required before the camper may be re-admitted to camp.
Sick campers will be separated from the other campers and must be picked up immediately. Parents must create an emergency plan to pick up the child from Y Camp in the event of illness. The emergency contacts you list during registration should be readily available in the event of an emergency and should reside within a reasonable distance of the area of the camp. Please ensure all phone numbers are kept up to date. Only individuals listed on your camper’s authorized pick up list may pick up your camper from Y Camp.

**Sunscreen**

Y Camp does not provide sunscreen. Please apply sunscreen on your camper before leaving for camp each morning. Throughout the day, sunscreen breaks will be taken for outdoor programs. Campers should be able to apply their own sunscreen.

**Injury**

In the unfortunate event that your camper incurs a major injury at camp, Y Camp Leadership will contact you immediately. A guardian or someone on your camper’s emergency contacts list needs to always be available by phone in case of emergency.

In case of an emergency requiring immediate medical attention, Y Camp staff are trained to:
- Administer appropriate first aid
- Make the child comfortable
- Call for an ambulance
- Notify the parent/guardian
- Notify Y Leadership
- Accompany the child to the hospital

Y Leadership may follow up on any injuries by contacting parents that evening or following day.

In case of an injury not requiring emergency care, Y Camp Associates are trained to:
- Administer appropriate first aid
- Notify the parent/guardian
- Observe and monitor the child’s activity.

If there are concerns about the treatment of an injury, the guardians must assume responsibility for picking up the camper and determining whether further medical attention is necessary. Parents should ensure their camper has personal medical coverage and accident insurance. The Y does not provide this kind of insurance coverage.
Communications from Camp

Things that will be communicated via email and CampBrain include:
Alerts
Emergency information
Camper Notifications
Operational Changes

Email Communications
Mass messages will be shared via email. More personal messages may be shared either in person or by phone. Please be sure to regularly check the email account that you provided during the registration process.

Social Media
Our camps and main Y facility each have their own Social Media pages. Please check our pages to see pictures and camp announcements.

Camp Esopus
Instagram @ymcacampesopus

Camp Seewackamano
Facebook: YMCA Day Camp Seewackamano
Instagram: @ymcacampseewackamano

Camp Starfish
Facebook: YMCA Camp Starfish
Instagram: @ymcacampstarfish

Camp Wiltmeet
Facebook: YMCA Camp Wiltmeet
Instagram: @campwiltmeet

YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County
Facebook: YMCA of Kingston & Ulster County
Instagram: @ymca_kingstonulster

Communications to Camp
Contacting Camp Prior to the Start of Summer
Please contact our Youth Development Director of Camps, Cailin Rooney, with any Esopus, Seewackamano, or Wiltmeet program questions outside of the camp season. For Starfish, please contact Naisha Scott. Registration/payment related questions should be directed to our Registrars.

Contacting Camp During Camp Season (June 26- August/September)
During the camp season, please contact your camper’s site directly for the most up-to-date information.

You may also contact Cailin, Naisha, Karen, and Bianca during the camp season, but on-site Camp Directors are the best point of contact for camp day questions, requests, behavior concerns, or messages you need to share with your camper.
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Ross Park
208 Bowne Street
Port Ewen, NY 12466
ymcacampesopus@gmail.com
845-338-0849
Off Season: 845-338-3810 x 110

Camp Seewackamano
432 Peck Road
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845-657-8288
Off Season: 845-338-3810 x 110
**Camp Starfish**  
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Kingston, NY 12401  
campstarfish@gmail.com  
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Off Season: 845-338-3810 x 114

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**Camp Wiltmeet**  
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campwiltmeet@gmail.com  
845-476-4695  
Off Season: 845-338-3810 x 110

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**Our Team**

The protection and safety of children is our first concern. Staff are at least 16 years of age. Most are college aged, often pursuing youth education, recreation, or other related careers.

**Our Training**

We are strongly committed to providing quality camp programs. All staff participate in between 15 and 30 hours of pre-season trainings. Trainings include the Prevention and Identification of Child Abuse, First Aid, CPR, Y Character Development, Behavior Management, and Games & Activities.

**Child Abuse Prevention**

Camp staff complete a NYS Office of Children and Family Services sponsored training on the Prevention and Identification of Child Abuse and Mandated Reporting. Y staff must report any suspected cases of child abuse and/or neglect to New York State Central Register mandated reporter hotline.

**Policy on Staff Working with Campers Outside of Y Time**

Camp Staff are often asked by Y families to provide child care (babysitting) and other services on their own time to Y members and their families. The Y of Kingston and Ulster County does NOT permit staff to provide babysitting or other services to families or children they meet through Y programs. In addition, staff should not provide transportation in a personal vehicle or be in personal contact in any way with your camper outside of Y programs. This includes personal communications not related to Y programs through email, texting, phone calls, letters, or contact over the internet. Such policies are designed to protect children and staff from child abuse and/or false allegations. Parents are asked to report any violation of this policy to Y Leadership.
CampBrain & Online Information

Camper Health History
During the online registration process you must complete a Camper Health History form in CampBrain. There you will answer questions concerning your camper’s health history, allergies, medications, dietary concerns, immunizations, etc. This information must be updated every camp season and all questions must be completed in order to attend Y Camp. This information is kept confidential, however may be shared with emergency services staff should an emergency arise while your child is at camp.

Depending on when you register, a few months may pass until camp begins. Important information may change. It is the responsibility of the parent to communicate any necessary updates to a camper’s Registration Packet to Y Camp staff in writing to our Registration team: Karen & Bianca.

Campers with Individual Needs
When completing your Camper’s Health History, please fully describe your camper’s emotional, physical, psychological, or behavioral needs.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide one on one care for campers. If your camper requires one on one care, and you have a qualified caregiver that has been screened through an agency such as OPWDD, we are happy to welcome your camper and their one on one caregiver. Please contact Cailin Rooney with any related questions.

Emergency Contacts and Authorized Pick-Up
In CampBrain, you will list the adults authorized to pick up your child from Y Camp. Your child may be released at any time to any adult on this list. You MUST list emergency contacts with daytime numbers. Please give advanced notice to the on-site camp team if someone out of the ordinary will be picking up your camper.

Sign-In and Sign-out Policy
For the safety of our campers, parents/guardians (or another authorized individual) must sign campers in and out each day. Campers will be released only to listed authorized adults. Authorized pick up contacts must be prepared to show photo ID every day, every time they pick up a camper.

Your child will not be released to any individual including a parent or guardian without proper photo identification. Your CampBrain account enables you to enter contact information for each parent, guardian, emergency contact, and family member.

The safety of your child is considered more important than any inconvenience that may occur from showing identification on a daily basis.

Pick-Up Backup Plan
Because the unexpected sometimes happens, we strongly recommend that you establish a backup plan should you be unable to pick up your camper. Remember that all adults who may need to pick up your camper must be listed on the authorized pick up list.

Sign-in and Out Area
The location of sign in and sign out varies by camp location. Please follow posted signage as you enter the camp property. You will receive information by email prior to the week you registered for camp, containing information on specific procedures and maps (as necessary) to help guide you on your first day.

Custody Agreements
If necessary, it is required that official, current court documents be submitted to your camper’s file if custody or visitation is a concern. Without court orders, we cannot withhold a camper from their parent. The parent who registers for enrollment is responsible for the camp fees. We cannot subdivide fees and establish multiple accounts.
Unauthorized Pick-Up
Please inform the Camp Director if you have specific concerns that an unauthorized person may attempt to pick-up or visit your camper while at camp. If a visitation at camp is required for any reason by any person, please inform the Camp Director in advance so that proper arrangements can be made.

Late Pick-up Policy and Fee
All campers must be picked up by the close of the camp day unless otherwise stated (see program hours). Parents are considered late if the camper is not picked up by the close of camp. Any parent arriving after closing time will be charged a late fee of $1.00 per camper for every minute. This fee may be paid at the time of pick-up or at the latest, the next morning during sign-in.

If payment is not received by sign-in the next morning, your child will not be permitted to attend camp until the fee is paid. There is no cut off time for this fee and the authorities will be notified for any children left at camp one hour past the close of camp. Habitual lateness is cause for termination from camp.

Behavior Policy

Behavior Expectations
All campers, parents and their families are expected to promote and exemplify the Y’s core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility at all times while in Y programs, on Y property, and off-site while under the supervision of Y Staff. Appropriate and respectful language, mannerisms, and behavior is expected at all times.

Youth Behavior Policy Contract
It is the goal of the YMCA to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment for all program participants. The YMCA promotes the character development values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. Children who attend YMCA programs are expected to follow the behavior guidelines and to interact appropriately with staff and other program participants.

The following behaviors are not acceptable in YMCA programs:

- Endangering the health and safety of participants and/or staff members
- Stealing or damaging YMCA, facility or personal property
- Engaging in any violent behavior including but not limited to hitting, pushing, biting, etc.
- Leaving the program site or property without permission
- Continuing to disrupt the program
- Refusing to follow the behavior guidelines or program rules
- Use of profanity
- Acting in a lewd manner
When a participant does not follow the YMCA behavior policy the following action will be taken:

1. Staff will redirect the participant to a more appropriate behavior.
2. The participant will be reminded of the behavior guidelines and program rules through a discussion with staff. The staff will document the incident(s) in writing. This will include what the behavior issue is and the corrective action taken.
3. If behavior requires a consequence beyond redirection, a parent/guardian will be notified that day of the situation by staff. The first notification will count as a warning for temporary suspension from the program. If the inappropriate behavior continues, the participant may be asked to not return to the program for a set amount of time. Certain behavior, such as hitting, kicking, biting, throwing objects at another, etc. may result in suspension, not just a warning. This amount of time is based on the decision of the Program Director and/or the Administrative Staff.

If the inappropriate behavior continues when the participant returns to the program, a conference will be scheduled with the parent/guardian so that together they can determine the appropriate action to take.

Staff will schedule a progress check or a follow-up conference.

If the issue still persists staff will schedule a conference that includes the parent, participant, Administrative Staff and Director. The Staff will have all documentation and the notes from any previous conferences for review. If subsequent conferences have to be scheduled, the Branch Director may also be present.

Should a participant exhibit behavior deemed unsafe to themselves, other participants or the Staff by the Director and/or Administrative Staff, or if the behavior becomes so that we are not able to be fully focused on the remaining participants and the duties of running a safe program, the above steps can be skipped, the YMCA of Kingston & Ulster Co. will require a parent/guardian to arrange immediate pick-up of the child from the premises.

Should no attempt by a parent/guardian be made to assist in the pick-up of a participant, one phone call to each listed contact on child’s application will be made if we are unable to reach the parent/guardian the YMCA of Kingston & Ulster Co. reserves the right to arrange alternate transportation such as police or emergency personnel at no cost or fault to the YMCA of Kingston & Ulster County.

Should a reasonable attempt be made but a parent/guardian is unable to pick-up the camper, transport by taxi will be arranged by the YMCA of Kingston & Ulster Co., at no cost to the YMCA of Kingston & Ulster Co., to a pre-determined location agreed upon by YMCA Staff and parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian prefers a staff member to accompany the child, this will also be at no cost to the YMCA of Kingston & Ulster County. If an individualized plan has been created under the agreement of the parent/guardian and Director, then this policy will be applied. If the behavior it was desired to decrease is continuing, the program Staff and/or Director have the right to implement other methods to decrease and/or eliminate the behavior. The parent/guardian will be notified.

Immediate expulsion will occur if a participant is in possession of and/or using tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, firecrackers, firearms or other weapons, or explosives.

Credits and/or Refunds are not issued for days of camp missed due to suspension or termination, behavioral issues, and/or adjustment issues.
Runaway Camper Policy

If a child leaves the designated YMCA site area without permission from the staff or refuses to leave when the rest of the group leaves an area, the following procedure be followed:

Situation A: Child runs towards the woods when they are out of a game, refuses to join the group when they are leaving, or separates themselves from the group inappropriately for other reasons. A staff member will enlist help from another staff member, alert the rest of the staff, and will go after the child and bring the child back to the area.

1. Guardian will be notified and asked to pick up child immediately.
2. A meeting will be arranged between the parent, child, and Camp Director before the child can return to the program. The event will be documented.
3. The child will no longer be allowed to attend the program if this is a repeated incident.

Situation B: If the staff is unable to locate the child, or the camper leaves camp property the following procedure will be followed*:

1. Emergency services will be notified. This may include Police, Fire Fighter, Search and Rescue teams Ambulance, and Forest Ranger.
2. Guardian will be notified and asked to come to pick up the camper immediately.
3. The child will no longer be able to attend the YMCA care program.

*The staff team will make every effort to prevent campers from running away from camp property. This will start with giving the camper appropriate amounts of space, refraining from “chasing” the camper, and speaking with the camper. Should every attempt to redirect the camper be met with resistance from the camper, and the camper continues their efforts to leave camp property, staff will make an attempt to safely physically stop them. If unable to physically stop the camper from running away, or the camper harms the staff, themselves, or other campers, physical attempts to stop the camper from running away will be stopped, and Emergency Services will be contacted immediately. Guardians will be notified. The child will no longer be able to attend the YMCA care program.
Transportation

When the Y provides transportation for campers, either to and/or from camp, on swim trips or on field trips, there are strictly enforced safety guidelines that Y staff follow. Staff will instruct and supervise campers of the rules of the bus prior to the bus moving. Campers are expected to follow the rules or risk losing their transportation privileges. These rules include, but are not limited to the following:

- Safe seating shall be provided for each person, with the maximum rated seating capacity specified for each vehicle
- Campers must remain seated while the bus is in motion
- No camper should lie down in a seat or on each other’s laps
- At no time should head, arms, or other body parts be out of the window or in the aisle
- Conduct of bus riders must not disturb or distract the driver
- Loud music/noise and yelling is not permitted
- No objects shall be thrown from the vehicle at any time
- Campers must hold on to their own belongings. Aisles and the floor must remain clear of backpacks, lunch boxes, and any other items
Registration & Payments

Contact our Registration team for assistance with changes to your registration, payments, and financial aid. On-site camp staff will not accept payment or make changes to your registration.

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Online Financial Access
Through CampBrain, you have access to the following:
• See enrolled camp locations and weeks
• Find balances
• Generate receipts and tax statements
• Make card payments
• Add weeks/sessions

Explanation of Fees

Registration Fee
To reserve your camper’s slot in a session, you must pay a non-refundable deposit. If registering for multiple sessions, or multiple campers, you will be required to pay a deposit per session and per camper.

Promotional Discounts
Promotional discount codes must be added to your cart at the time of check out. Changes in camp weeks made after the promotion period ends are subject to full price.

Payments
Payments can be completed by card on CampBrain at your convenience. If your family has an agreement to split payments among multiple adults you must coordinate how you will handle payments/reimbursements on your own. The Y will not invoice multiple individuals.

Non-Payment
If full payment is not received by the Balance Due date, your camper’s space will be forfeited. Any fees previously paid, such as the deposit or partial balance due for the week, are also forfeited. Re-enrollment is on a first come-first served basis depending on availability.

Credits & Refunds
Credits and refunds will NOT be issued for weather related issues, ill/sick campers, damaged property and/or a camper’s/parent’s behavior. Camp fees will not be prorated for absenteeism. Any concerns with camp operations, activities or events should be brought to the attention of the Camp Director/Youth Development Director of Camps in an attempt to correct the situation. Cancelation/refund requests must be submitted no later than May 31, 2023. Any balances for a week or session must be paid in full by the Tuesday before that week/session at the very latest.
Thank you for taking the time to review this camp guide. Please feel free to contact our team with any camp questions you may have. See you this summer!

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