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YMCA CAMP WEAVER

Day Camp Parent Packet 2017

Dear Parents,

In this packet, you will find necessary information to help your child have a wonderful experience at YMCA Camp Weaver. We have been planning for a fun and safe summer and are excited that your child will be spending time with us. Please take a few moments to read over this information in its entirety. If you have any questions about your child's upcoming camp experience, feel free to call our camp office 336.697.0525. Please use the checklist below as a guideline to ensure that you have followed all the necessary steps to prepare your child for camp this summer.

Sincerely,

Jamie Cosson

Executive Director

Please read ALL important information in this packet before signing confirmation sheet.

All required forms must be received by our camp office **AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR** to the start of the camp session! All required forms can be found online on the Parent Connection page of our website.

PRE-CAMP CHECKLIST

Have you...?

- Sent in registration form OR completed online registration
- Discussed Camp Weaver discipline policy with your child
- Returned completed Health History form OR completed information online
- Paid balance due
- Returned Signed Parent Packet Confirmation Sheet OR submitted online signature
- Labeled all items being sent to Camp with your Camper's first and last name
- Signed up for one of the mandatory parent/camper orientations

Late Registrations

Late registrations may be accepted based on availability of sessions. Please call our camp office to check availability. In this case, payment in full and mandatory forms are due at time of registration. We look forward to seeing you soon at YMCA Camp Weaver!

Keep your eyes on our website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram! We post exciting camp news and photos regularly.

YMCA of Greensboro Mission

To put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Tax Information

For tax purposes our federal tax identification number is 56-0543243.

Check-In and Check-Out

Camp Weaver check-in is from 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM at the Warwick Pavilion. If you arrive at camp after 9 AM please enter the Gravelly Center (office) to check-in your camper.

Bus Site check-in is from 7:30 AM – 8:10 AM. Buses will leave promptly at 8:15 AM, so please have your child to the bus site before 8:10 AM. The bus cannot wait on late arrivals. If you are running late, you can bring your camper directly to Camp Weaver, 4924 Tapawingo Trail, Greensboro NC 27406.

Please be sure to sign in with the Camp Weaver staff, who will be wearing a staff uniform.

Check-Out at **CAMP WEAVER** is from 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM at the Warwick Pavilion. Our staff will ask you to designate a pick up password. Please share this password with anyone who will be picking up your child. Campers will not be released without proper password.

Campers will arrive at **BUS SITES** between 5:00 & 5:15 PM, and must be picked up by 6:00 PM.

We offer two bus sites conveniently located in Greensboro:

- Spears YMCA (3216 Horse Pen Creek Rd.) Check-in is at the back pavilion next to the athletic fields.
- First Baptist Church (1000 West Friendly Ave) Downtown, corner of Friendly and Tate. Check-in is at the pavilion next to the field.

You must be signed up for bus transportation prior to session start date. There is an additional \$25 fee for bus transportation. We do not prorate any fees.

Early Releases

For your child's safety, and to ensure a quick and easy checkout, **please call our office in the morning to arrange all early pickups.** Calling the office is the **ONLY** way we will accept early release requests. A note sent with your child or given to any counselor is not sufficient. Please remember that without prior notice provided, it can take up to 1 hour to get your child from their activity to the office for check-out. **Our daily closing ceremony is from 4–4:30 PM; campers will not be dismissed during this time.**

Lost and Found

Please ensure that you write your camper's name on all items so that we can return them to their owner if lost. It is very common for campers to misplace their belongings during transition at camp, **so it is important for every belonging to be labeled.** We will make every effort to return camper's lost items. All unclaimed items are donated to a charity organization at the end of the summer. Please do not send any valuable items to camp. YMCA Camp Weaver is not responsible for any lost or damaged items.

Newsletter

Each Monday we will send home a newsletter that will explain our events, menu, and announcements for the week. Newsletters will also be posted on the Parent Connection page of our website.

Items to Send to Camp Daily

- Backpack
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Swimsuit (one piece)
- Refillable water bottle
- Optional: hat and pool shoes

Day Camp Schedule 2016

Session 1 June 12-16

Session 2 June 19-23

Session 3 June 26-30

Session 4 July 3-7

Session 5 July 10-14

Session 6 July 17-21

Session 7 July 24-28

Session 8 July 30-August 4

Session 9 August 7-11

Session 10 August 14-18

Session 11 August 21-25

Cancellations and Refunds

All deposits, including the reservation deposit, are nonrefundable and nontransferable. Cancellations in writing and received before May 1st will receive a refund, less the reservation deposit. In the case of accident or illness (that prevents camper from participating in camp programs), sessions can be transferred or refunded (balance of fees, less deposit). Verification in writing from a physician is required for any medical related refund. All refunds must be approved by Camp's Executive Director. Parents will be accountable for the balance of the session if they do not follow the cancellation timeline stated above.

In addition, Camp's Executive Director reserves the right to decline the application of any child,

or send home any child who, according to the director's discretion, is not a desirable associate for the other campers, or puts themselves or others at risk. If a child is dismissed from camp there will be no refund issued.

Camp Infirmary

At YMCA Camp Weaver we strive to make sure your child's summer camp experience is accident and illness free. Should either of these occur while your child is at camp, you can feel confident in our preparedness to provide care. All staff at camp are First Aid, CPR, and AED certified. Our medical liaison and our Registered Nurse are available 24/7 to see to every camper's need. If your child has had a recent illness, or is on medication, please be sure you have noted that on the Health History information. Also, please contact our camp office if your camper requires any special attention or care. In case of accident or illness that affects your camper's experience at camp we will contact parent via telephone. If at any point during your child's camp session you have concerns you may contact us at 336.697.0525.

Medication

Many campers need to take medication during their time at Camp. We keep all medications safe and secure in our Camp Infirmary. All medication must be brought to Camp in the original container in order to be dispensed by our staff. We are unable to distribute medications that are taken out of the original containers and placed in plastic baggies or daily dosage containers. In addition, all medication must be labeled with the camper's first and last name. All medications must be checked in with a Camp Director or Program Staff Member, not a Day Camp Counselor. If your child will need to use an inhaler or similar device, please bring all prescriptions/original boxes with you on the first day of camp. Please call the office with any questions on this process.

Are you a healthcare professional that is ready for summer camp fun? Call our office today! We are always interested in working with parent Nurses, EMTs, Paramedics, and MDs to assist in our camp infirmary. We offer a week of volunteer service in exchange for your camper(s) stay at camp.

Meals

A nutritious, well-balanced lunch and two snacks are provided daily for each camper. If your child has dietary restrictions, please note so on your camper's health form. A full salad bar, fruit, and soy-nut/jelly sandwiches are available daily in addition to lunch menu items. A full menu can be found in the Weekly Newsletter.

NUT FREE ZONE

Since a large number of the children we serve have severe nut allergies we are now a completely nut free facility. Please be mindful of this policy and refrain from sending items that contain nuts to camp.

Emergencies

In case of an emergency, please call our office at 336.697.0525. If your call is after business hours, our voicemail system will direct you to an emergency number that you can call for our director on duty. Please remember, this number is for emergencies only. All non-emergency issues should be handled through our camp office between the hours of 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM. We will notify parents immediately if any emergency occurs with your child while at camp.

Items To Leave At Home

All forms of “tech toys” should be left at home, which includes but are not limited to: Cell phones, iPods, tablets, and handheld gaming systems. We encourage our campers to be unplugged while at camp, and ask that you support this request. Campers benefit greatly from camp’s unplugged environment!

Camp allows children a unique opportunity to develop better face-to-face communication and social skills in an environment that encourages conversation and community. In addition, we do not allow knives, firearms, fireworks, Heelys, trading cards (Pokémon/Yugioh Cards, etc.), or items of sentimental or monetary value. We also prohibit campers from wearing clothing with offensive logos, inappropriate images, offensive words, etc. Please call our camp office if you have any concerns or questions about this policy. Any of these prohibited items brought to camp will be collected by a Camp Director and returned at the end of the session. YMCA Camp Weaver is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

2016 Open House Dates: March 5, April 23, May 21 from 2-4 PM

We would love for your family to come out and meet the Camp Weaver staff, explore the grounds, and participate in some of our fun camp activities before camp. Come visit, and be sure to bring a friend!

Orientation Dates

These MANDATORY sessions will be led by our Camp Directors, and are a great time to have any camp questions answered. Please choose from one of the following dates:

March 5, 12 PM April 23, 12 PM May 21nd, 12 PM

Orientation will also be your day camper’s only chance to get a FREE camp Tshirt.

Telephone Calls

Your child’s time at camp is going to be awesome and at the end of each day they are going to have some great stories to tell! Some parents may wish to speak with their child during the day, but we do not allow campers to receive or place phone calls while at camp. Any message that needs to be given to campers will be done through our staff. We will notify parents immediately if any emergency occurs at camp.

Severe Weather Policy

Here at camp we play rain or shine! Camp is never canceled due to rain. We have facilities where campers are able to participate in activities under shelter or indoors, if necessary. In the event of severe weather, such as lightning and thunder, campers will be moved to a safe location until the threat has passed. Directors constantly monitor the weather conditions and make appropriate decisions in the best interests of the campers and staff. For safety reasons, check in/out will be paused if there is lightning in the vicinity.

Camp Trading Post

Each day your child will have a healthy snack provided to them and be allowed to pick a snack and drink from the camp trading post at no additional cost (this service is now included in the camp fees). There are a variety of snacks to choose from in the trading post including ice cream, pretzels, fruit snacks, bottled water, and sports drinks. Campers will also have the opportunity to purchase Camp Weaver gear/souvenirs. Please see the newsletter for specific days/times. We strongly encourage parents to set up a prepaid credit account through our office for purchasing souvenirs. The camp trading posts sells a variety of Camp Weaver merchandise and souvenir items such as t-shirts, hoodies, hats, stuffed animals, bracelets, rings, water bottles, stickers,

postcards, and much more. Please visit our website to examples of the items we offer. Souvenir prices range from \$1 - \$40.

Trading post credit is non-refundable and non-transferrable. Credit does not carry over from session to session.

Clothing

Please have your camper wear their swimsuit to camp in the morning so that they have more swimming time! Campers will have the opportunity to change out of their swimsuits after morning swim time. Be sure to double check that your camper has extra clothing to change into after swim time. All "good" clothing should stay at home, so please send their "play" clothes because we play rain or shine! **All items should be clearly marked/labeled with your child's name.** Nametape and clothing stamps can be purchased online at sterlingtape.com, or by calling 18006545210.

Visitors

Because your child's safety is our utmost concern, we do not allow visitors to enter our camp. All communication with your child can be done through our camp staff. We are happy to set up a guided tour of the camp facilities. To schedule a tour, please call our office at 336.697.0525.

Swim Testing

On the first day of camp all campers are given a swim test. Each camper earns a colored neckband to signify their swimming ability (Green , Yellow, or Orange). All campers and staff wear life jackets in the lake, no matter their band color. A swim test involves 2 lengths (50 ft) of the pool, 1 minute of deep water tread, and to submerge underwater. Swim lessons will be offered to children who learn the lowest swim band.

Green: Participant is allowed in all areas of the pool and lake, no restrictions.

Green Band Requirements:

- Swim 2 lengths of pool, with the ability to put their face in the water
- Tread water at least 1 minute
- Submerge under the water and recover
- No touches (of the bottom of the pool) until the end of the pool is reached

Yellow: Participant can swim, but does not have enough endurance or swimming ability to be allowed in the deeper end of the pool. Needs to stay in 5ft or less of water, is allowed to do all activities at the lake. These swimmers are usually pretty comfortable with water, but may not have the endurance or strength to reach the end of the pool without touching.

Yellow Band Requirements:

- Swim 2 lengths of pool (50 ft), with the ability to put their face in the water
- Tread water at least 30 seconds
- Ability to submerge underwater and recover
- 3 or less touches (of the bottom of the pool)

Orange: Participant cannot swim. Must remain in shallow area of pool (less than 5 ft). Restricted at the lake to the roped in area, can go no further than the dock by the beach. Can swim in roped area and play on Splash Mat.

Orange Band Requirements: Unable to complete the swim test requirements.

Swim lessons will be offered to campers who are given an orange neck band. Swim lessons are 30 minutes in length and take place 4:30-6:00 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Staff will call the parents of all campers who receive an orange band to coordinate swim lesson times. **Campers who participate in Swim Lessons must be picked up at Camp Weaver during swim lesson days, not at a bus site.**

Horse Specialty Camp

Our Weaver Ranch Horse Camp program is now available during every session of Overnight Camp. Horseback riding is not an included activity in Day Camp.

Did You Know?

We offer a variety of year round activities at Camp Weaver.

Save the Date for these fun activities:

- Volunteer Day, April
- Fall Family Camp, October
- Y Halloween Funfest, October
- Winter Mini Camp, December

These dates are tentative and subject to change. All our camp office at 336.697.0525 for more information.

We also offer Outdoor Education for schools, retreat, and conference rental space, as well as excellent team building experiences for both adults and youth. Bring your organization out to camp, and we can provide your group with the fun experience your child had at summer camp. Please visit our website for more information on all the services we offer year round.

11:10 AM - Lunch Time

1:00 PM - Store Snack - Campers get to choose their snack from the Camp Trading Post (at no cost, this is included for ALL campers, any store credit goes towards souvenir purchases).

4:00 PM - Camp Snack - Given at the Warwick Pavilion

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Parent Packet Confirmation Sheet, Day Camp

By signing below I agree that I have read and understand all parts of this Parent Packet and agree to abide by all YMCA Camp Weaver policies and procedures.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Printed Name:

Camper Name:

Camp Session(s):
