



YMCA Camp Weaver

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Overnight Parent Packet 2017

Dear Parents,

In this packet you will find the 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 we are excited that your child will be spending time with us. Please take a few moments to read all of this information and sign the attached confirmation form. If you have any questions about your child's upcoming camp experience, please feel free to call me at our Camp Weaver 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 Parents 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
- Turned in complete Parent/Camper Information/Discipline Form (Can be done online)
- Returned complete Health History form or completed online registration
- Paid balance due
- Labeled all items being sent to Camp with your camper's first and last name
- Reviewed recommended packing list

Late Registrations

Late registrations may be accepted based on availability of sessions. Please call our camp office to check availability. In this case (less than two weeks prior to the start of a camp session pending availability), payment in full and mandatory forms are due at time of registration. We look forward to seeing you soon at YMCA Camp Weaver!

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 number is 56-0543243.

Check-In & Check-Out

Check-In is on Sunday at 2:00 PM

Parents are asked to say goodbye to their campers for the week by 3:00 PM. At check-in you will have the opportunity to meet the camp staff that will be working with your camper during their stay at camp and view the cabin your camper will be sleeping in. Make sure you have turned in all paperwork and overdue balances at least 2 weeks prior to the start of your camper's session in order to qualify for fast EZ check-in. EZ check-in is located at the Warwick Pavilion. Our staff will transport your camper's luggage down to their cabin.

Check-Out is on Friday at 5:30 PM

All families are invited to a closing ceremony and cookout which begins at 6:00 PM and is held at Warwick Pavilion. **Please arrive promptly at 5:30** in order to get your camper checked out before the ceremony/cookout. **Please make sure that you bring photo identification for security purposes.** We will ask to see your ID at check-out. The family cookout is the perfect opportunity to spend some time with our great camp counselors and staff, learn all about the fun your camper had, and celebrate your camper's accomplishments.

Please note: If you are unable to attend the closing ceremony your camper will be unable to receive any awards they may have earned. Activity and attendance awards cannot be picked up at a later time, only during the scheduled ceremony.

*If you absolutely cannot drop off or check in during the times listed above, please call our office at 336.697.0525 to request alternate arrangements.

Early check-out is strongly discouraged. We would like to see every family at our closing ceremony and cookout so that we can share the magic of camp with you! Early check-outs are very disruptive to our closing day of camp and are difficult to schedule among all of the important closing programs on Fridays. Remember your camper has been looking forward to these programs all week! **Please keep in mind that if you arrive to pick up your camper during an unscheduled time it may take up to one hour for your camper to get ready and travel up to the office.**

2017 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!

Themes & Schedule

Pack your imagination and get ready for some fun! All campers are encouraged to bring items to camp that fit the theme of the week.

Session	Theme	Dates	Optional Stay
1	Superheroes	June 11-16	June 16-18 (Carowinds)
2	Out of this World	June 18-23	June 23-25 (Celebration Station)
3	Splish Splash	June 25-30	June 30-July 2 (NC Zoo)
4	Safari	July 2-7	July 7-9 (Grasshoppers Game)
5	International	July 9-14	July 14-16 (Wet N Wild)
6	Hollywood	July 16-21	July 21-23 (Greensboro Science Center)
7	Great Outdoors	July 23-28	July 21-23 (Ice House Ice Skating)
8	Wild West	July 30-August 4	No stayover

Visitors

In order to keep the camp program effective and safe, it is necessary to free campers from outside contacts as much as possible. All communication can be done with your child through mail or oneway email. Once you say goodbye on Sunday, your camper is going to have an experience that will last a lifetime. When you pick your child up on Friday evening they will be excited to share their new skills with you and talk about all the fun they had. Your child will also have many new friends to talk about from their

week here at Camp Weaver.

Telephone Calls

Your child's time at camp is going to be awesome and when their week is finished they are going to have some great stories to tell! Some parents may wish to speak with their child during the session, 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. Please call our office with any urgent messages – 336.697.0525.

How to Keep in Touch and View Camp Photos

Curious what your camper is up to while they are here at Camp Weaver? Visit and check out our Smug Mug account at ymcacampweaver.smugmug.com. Also, keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram accounts for updates and additional photos. We are happy to provide "one-way" email service, where we will print out emails for your camper and give them your message at camp. More information will be given out at check-in. You may also mail letters or drop items for your camper off at our camp office. We will deliver these items to your camper at dinner time each evening.

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). A swim test involves 2 lengths (50 yards) of the pool, 1 minute of deep water tread, and to submerge underwater. All campers wear life jackets in the lake, no matter their band color. Swim lessons will be offered to non-swimmers.

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 5-ft or less of water, is allowed to do all activities at the lake.

Yellow Band Requirements:

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

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.

Emergencies

In case of 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. You can also reach us via email at info@campweaver.org.

Camp Mail and Packages

We all enjoy opening the mailbox to see a personal letter from a friend or family member, and your child is no different. An encouraging note from family or a package of goodies to share with the cabin is sure to add some excitement to the evening. We request that families do not send or bring any junk food items including candy, gum, non-baked chips, non-diet sodas, or any type of energy drinks. All items must be nut free.

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. All packages and mail should be sent to camp with your camper's name, session, and cabin clearly labeled.

If you would like your child to send letters home during the week, it is a good idea to send pre-stamped and pre-addressed envelopes along with pen and paper. We do offer postcards and stamps for sale in our camp trading post.

Packages can also be purchased through a local North Carolina company, The Wrinkled Egg (thewrinkledegg.com/800.736.3998) or Camp Pacs (camppacs.com).

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 or get them confused with another camper's during transition at camp. *It is important for every belonging sent to camp to be labeled with your camper's first and last name.* 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. We suggest you only send "play" clothes that you do not mind getting dirty. We play rain or shine!

Camp Infirmary

At 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 Weaver are

First Aid, CPR, and AED certified, our infirmery counselor is a licensed EMT, and our Registered Nurse is available 24/7 to see to every camper's need. If your child has had a recent illness, or is on medication, please stop by and see our nurse on check-in day. 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.

Homesickness

It is perfectly normal for both new and returning campers to miss family, friends and pets while at camp. Most campers need around two days to adjust to a new routine and their new cabin mates. By Wednesday, parents sometimes receive a "please come get me now" letter. Campers are most likely having fun at this point in time and have adjusted to the new environment. Feel free to call the office and let us know if you receive a similar message from your camper. We are happy to check on your camper and get back with you.

Overnight camp provides a great opportunity for campers to overcome homesickness by learning to accept it as a natural feeling. We welcome this chance to help our campers grow in a safe, constructive way, and develop a new sense of independence and self-confidence.

Here are a few suggestions for DOs and DON'Ts that lessen the intensity and likelihood of homesickness:

DO try to encourage your camper to spend a night away from home prior to camp, such as at a friend's house.

DO make sure to pack a special personal item from home to send to Camp.

DO send frequent letters/one-way emails that are cheerful, happy and encouraging.

DON'T give your camper the feeling that you are struggling to get along without them.

DON'T ask your child about homesickness in a letter or email. **DON'T** tell your camper that you will come and pick him or her up if they are not enjoying themselves.

If there is instability at home, your camper is very anxious about being away, or there are any other special circumstances, please contact us so that we may further prepare the counselors and our residential Behavior Coordinator.

If a camper leaves camp due to homesickness or behavior issues, no refund is given.

Medication

Many campers need to take medication during their stay at camp. We will keep all medications safe and secure in our Camp Infirmery. **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 name. All medications must be checked in with the Nurse on check-in day. If your child will need to use an inhaler or similar device, please bring all

prescriptions/original boxes with you on check in day.

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

Items To Leave At Home

All forms of “tech toys” should be left at home, which includes but is 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 clothes 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. Camp Weaver is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

Camp Trading Post

Campers are permitted to pick a drink and snack from the camp trading post each day without charge, this service is included in the camp fees. If you would like your camper to be able to purchase additional souvenirs you must establish a trading post credit. The trading post 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 see examples of the items we offer. Items can be purchased by campers with trading post credit (that must be prepaid at time of balance due), during check in/check out and through our camp office anytime by parents. We do not allow campers to carry cash while at camp. Souvenir prices range from \$1-\$40. We carry a limited amount of toiletries for those who may have forgotten small items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, deodorant, etc.

Trading Post credit is non-refundable and non-transferrable. Credit does not carry over from session to session. Families are able to assist campers to finish spending any leftover credit at check-out or parent can choose to donate remaining credit to our Send a Kid to Camp scholarship program if preferred.

Cancellations and Refunds

The \$100 reservation deposit is totally nonrefundable/nontransferable in any case. If your child is not able to attend camp for any reason please contact our office ASAP to let us know. We are not able to refund camp fees (less the \$100 deposit) unless a cancellation in writing is received before May 1st. In the case of accident or illness

(that prevents camper from participating in camp programs), sessions can be transferred and refunded (balance of fees, less deposit) after May 1st. Verification in writing from a physician is required for any medical related refund. Parents will be accountable for the balance of the session if they do not follow the cancellation timeline stated above.

In addition, the camp 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.

Stay Over Weekends

We offer a stay over weekend program, primarily for campers staying 2 consecutive sessions or more. Nonconsecutive options are offered if needed. Each weekend, campers will travel off site to a different destination. If you would like your camper to have spending money to take with them on their trip, we are happy to collect that at Check-In and hold until your camper's trip. Spending money is optional for offsite souvenirs or snacks. Lunch will be provided during the trip. Pick-up is on Sunday at 11 AM at Warwick Pavilion.

Leadership Programs

Leader in Training (LIT) is a one-of-a-kind program at YMCA Camp Weaver designed to build leadership skills, group skills, self confidence, and character. LIT is a two week program for campers entering 10th grade. The first week of camp is spent participating in traditional camp activities and leadership training. The group of 10-12 campers and their counselors will work on a service project for the betterment of Camp. Campers will also learn a variety of outdoor skills, ranging from fire building and outdoor cooking, to Leave No Trace camping ethics. During the second week, campers will begin planning and preparing for a four day, three night whitewater canoeing trip on the New River in Virginia. In addition to two Camp Weaver Staff, our campers will be joined by a professional river guide to teach them whitewater canoeing basics and will remain with our campers for the duration of their time on the river. **Successful completion of YMCA Camp Weaver's LIT program or equivalent is required before admission to our CIT program.** An additional packing list for the LIT off site trip can be found online at campweaver.org.

Counselor in Training (CIT) is available as a three week overnight session for campers entering 11th grade. We believe that these youth are the future of Camp Weaver. They are encouraged to work together to learn the skills needed to become positive role models in both our camp and the community. The first two weeks of our CIT Program are focused on intensive training in child care skills and our various activity areas around camp. During the last week of the program, CITs are placed into cabins with some of our very best staff serving as their mentors. Our top scoring CITs will be among the first candidates to be considered for staff the following year.

<p>LIT Schedule 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 11-23 • June 25-July 7 • July 9-21 • July 23-August 4 	<p>CIT Schedule 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 11-30 • July 3-21 • July 23- August 11
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Did You Know?

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

Save the Date for these fun activities:

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

These dates are tentative and subject to change. Call 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.

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Parent Packet Confirmation Sheet, Overnight Camp

By signing below I agree that I have read and understand all parts of this Parent Packet.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Printed Name:

Camper Name:
