

# YMCA CAMP WEAVER

## 2019 OVERNIGHT CAMP PARENT PACKET

We are excited to have your camper joining us this summer at Camp Weaver! All required paperwork and balance for overnight camp must be received by our camp office two weeks prior to the start of the camp session.



### CHECK-IN

#### 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 who 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 paid your balance 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

#### 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 at their cabin before heading to 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 camp attendance awards cannot be picked up at a later time, only during the scheduled ceremony. **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. **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.**



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### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CAMPER\*



7AM Rise and Shine

7:45 Flag Raising

8AM Breakfast Family Style

9AM Morning Clinics

12pm Lunch

1PM Rest Period

2PM Afternoon Activities

5PM Cabin Activities

5:45 Flag Raising

6PM Dinner Family Style

7PM Campfires/Evening  
Programming

9PM Head to cabins for bed

**\*This is a sample schedule**

## CAMP MAIL AND PACKAGES

All packages and mail should be sent to camp with your camper's name 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. 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. **NUT FREE ZONE**- We are a completely nut free facility. Please be mindful of this policy and refrain from sending items that contain nuts to camp.

## TELEPHONE CALLS

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. 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! Any message that needs to be given to campers will be done through our staff. Please call our office with any urgent messages at (336) 697-0525

## Swim Evaluations

On the first day of camp all campers are given a swim evaluation. All campers wear life jackets in the lake, no matter their band color. A basic swim lesson in water safety will be offered to non-swimmers.

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

Green Band:

- 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
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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:

- 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

Red: 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.

Red Band: Unable to complete the swim evaluation requirements.

Basic swim lesson in water safety will be offered to campers who are given a Red wrist band.

## 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.

## 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.

## DO'S AND DON'TS

- 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.

## CAMP INFIRMARY

Should an accident or illness 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, and our weekly licensed medical volunteers are 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 parents via telephone.

## MEDICATION

We keep all medications safe and secure in our Camp Infirmary. All medications must be in the original container with the campers **first and last name** and checked into Camp Weaver's office. If your child will need to use an inhaler or similar device, please bring all prescriptions/ original boxes with you on check-in day.

## 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 7:15 AM-6:00 PM. We will notify parents immediately if any emergency occurs with your child while at camp.



## FOOD or SPECIAL DIETARY CONCERNS

Indicate any food allergies, diet restrictions or needs on the camper health history form. The dining hall is successful in accommodating campers with food allergies.

We strive to meet each child's dietary needs. A salad bar is available during lunch and dinner. Vegetarian options are always available.

## HORSE CAMP

Horse camp is an add on program that is an **additional \$150**. It takes place during the three clinics in the morning.

Campers must be rising 4th graders or older to participate. \*Younger campers with riding experience may enroll with a note from a riding instructor and approval from the camp director.\*

## CLINIC CHOICES/ACTIVITIES

- Archery
- Canoeing/ Kayaking
- Ceramics
- Cooking
- Crafts
- Dance
- Drama
- Gardening/ Mini Farm
- Mountain Biking
- Photography
- Movie Making
- Outdoor Living Skills
- Paintball Obstacle Course
- Riflery
- Ropes Course
- Skateboarding
- Sports
- Stand-Up Paddleboards
- Giant Water Slide
- Water Zip Line
- Splash Mat
- Blob
- Aqua Jump
- Swimming
- And much more!!

## MORNING CLINICS

Every Morning at Camp, campers will participate in 3 clinics. The clinics are chosen before the week begins and campers will know which clinics they have on Sunday night.

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Campers have the opportunity to go to different activities in the afternoon. Afternoon activities are chosen the night before during the activity sign up period.

## CAMPER PASSPORT

Camp Weaver's passport program is designed to help campers build character and skills. We all need goals, both long term and short term. We believe that goal setting and self-reward are important parts of life, the camper experience, and building strong character.

Every camper receives a passport on Sunday to keep a track of their schedule and learn the Camp Weaver Code. Throughout the week campers participate in activities and can earn stamps that are added to the back of their passport.

## How to 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](http://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 Gravelly Center camp office. We will deliver these items to your camper at dinner time each evening.

## 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 one way 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.

## Stayover Weekends

Stay Over Camp Weekends are only available after a camp session. They are designed to connect one overnight camp session to another for an extended camp experience. The fee includes transportation, food and entry tickets. Stay over trip destinations are subject to change. Cost for the stay over weekends is \$125. Check-out is at 11:00 am Sunday under the large Warwick Pavilion. If you would like for your camper to have weekend spending money please provide that for them on Sunday check-in at the store table.

### Trading Post

The Camp Trading Post carries a variety of YMCA Camp Weaver merchandise and souvenir items, it does not sell snacks. It is optional for campers to have money put towards their trading post account PRIOR to the start of camp. We encourage parents to prepay the money they would like for their camper to have, and suggest the campers NOT bring and carry cash as it might get lost.

## OPEN HOUSE

These sessions will be led by our Camp Directors, and are a great time to have any camp questions answered. A cookout lunch will be served and open houses begin at Herman Hall. You can choose from any of the following dates:

**March 3rd, April 14th, May 19th at 2-4PM**

### 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



**Camp Weaver also offers Outdoor Education for schools. Retreats, conference rental space, as well as an excellent team that build 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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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.