

## **Summer Day Camp FAQ's**

- **When does registration for camp begin?**
  - Camp registration begins April 18, 2011.
  - The \$30 registration fee is waived April 18-May 2, 2011.
- **When does camp begin?**
  - Camp begins Monday, June 13, 2011 for county and city schools and the last day for camp is Friday, August 19, 2011.
  - We will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2011, ONLY.
- **How much is it?**
  - Members: \$85/week Non-members: \$110/week
  - \$30 One-time Registration Fee (waived April 19-May 3)-**this fee will be charged starting Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>-NO EXCEPTIONS!**
  - \$5 discount per child per week for more than one child attending the program
  - Payment is only required for the weeks the child attends; if he/she doesn't attend, no payment is needed.
  - Payments are due on Monday of each week. If it is not paid by Tuesday at 10pm, the child will not be allowed to attend camp or participate in any YMCA activity until the account is made current.
  - There is a 10% late fee charged on all past due payments.
- **Is there a waiting list or does camp fill-up?**
  - No.
- **Are all the children together?**
  - The kids are broken down into four groups by age.
    - Climbers (5-6 year olds)
    - Hikers (7-8 year olds)
    - Mountaineers (9-11 year olds)
    - Xtremes (12-15 year olds)
  - The children are all together in the mornings (during drop-off) before camp begins and the afternoons for pick-up.
- **How many counselors are there?**
  - There are two counselors per group however; ratios are a maximum of one adult for every 15 children. We strive to maintain a ratio of 1 to 12. If a group exceeds this ratio another counselor is brought in to help supervise that group.
  - All counselors are CPR/First-Aid certified, have passed a criminal background check, have a safe driving record and have completed YMCA Counselor Training.
- **Does my daughter have to participate in Girl Scouts?**
  - Yes, even though there is an option to "not participate" on the Girl Scouts' enrollment form, it is a scheduled activity for summer camp participants.
  - The Girl Scout enrollment form is a general form for all potential Girl Scouts that is why the option is still listed.
- **Do we serve meals?**
  - No.
  - A bag lunch and a drink must be brought to camp every day.
  - We have two snack times per day (at 9am & at 3pm).
  - There is not a microwave or refrigerator available for campers.

- **What sort of activities do the children do?**
  - Each group swims once a week.
  - Summer camp has exclusive splash pad privileges and each group uses it 3-4 times per week.
  - Each group goes on 1-2 field trips per week and these trips are included in the weekly fee.
  - Each group participates in community programming, such as 4-H & Scouts, twice a week.
  - Other activities include:
    - Outdoor games & Playground
    - Arts & Crafts
    - Movies
    - Sports
    - Teambuilding Activities
    - Community Service Projects
  - Calendars for each week detailing each group's schedule of activities will be available on Thursday of the prior week.
- **What if my child doesn't know how to swim?**
  - No problem. We have floatation belts for the children to wear even in the shallow end of the pool. Many children actually learn how to swim just by "practicing" here at the Y.
  - Also, a child (regardless of age) must first pass a swim test with a lifeguard in order to go past the 5 ft mark in the pool.
  - The Aquatics Department offers swim lessons throughout the summer for infants all the way up to adults. If a camper is enrolled in swim lessons the Summer Camp Staff will take that child to swim lessons and pick him/her up. However; parents must let the staff know if their child is enrolled in swim lessons and the session time.
- **Do you accept four year olds?**
  - If your child is four years old and entering a city or county supported Pre-K program; he/she may attend the summer camp program as a Climber. However; we do not take naps.
  - We are not a licensed daycare program.
- **Do you accept DSS vouchers?**
  - We do not accept DSS vouchers.
  - We have our own scholarship program which is modeled after the voucher system. Please feel free to ask the front desk for a scholarship application which you will need to complete and return to the front desk.
- **If my child's birthday is during summer camp will he/she change groups?**
  - No, the group your child starts out in is the group he/she will stay in for the duration of the summer. For example: Sam is 6 years old and in the Climber group when camp begins. His birthday is July 1st and he will turn 7 years old. Sam will not move up into the Hiker group.
- **Can we come & visit?**
  - Yes! Please do! We would be happy to give you a tour and talk more in depth about the Summer Day Camp Program.
  - Please contact Celena Fleming or Karen Oakley to set-up an appointment-336-625-1976.