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Summer Day Camp FAQ SHEET

How do we register for Summer Day Camp?

Now registering online! We are excited to announce that parents now have an easier online registration process with CampMinder, a new software that will streamline the process. With CampMinder, the whole registration process can now be completed within the YMCA website, entirely online. You can upload all required documents directly to the site instead of emailing or sending them by mail.

Register now at ppymca.org/day-camp

Is there a registration deadline?

Many of our camps fill quickly, so we recommend registering early to ensure your child has a spot.

Do I have to register for the whole summer?

YMCA Summer Day Camp is offered on a weekly basis. You may register for one or multiple weeks at any of our locations.

May we register for half-day or part-time camp?

YMCA Summer Day Camp does not offer a half-day or a part-time schedule. Mini-camps and sports camps are available.

What is the staff to child ratio?

The state requirements are one staff to every 15 children. The YMCA strives to maintain a ratio of one staff to every 12 children.

What time may I drop off and pick up my child?

Summer Day Camp: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Drop off and pick up: 6:30 – 8:30 a.m. & 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Westside Community Center Day Camp: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Drop off and pick up: 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. & 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

What should I pack for my child?

Your child may bring a backpack with the following: water bottle, lunch, book, swimsuit and towel. Please send your child with sunscreen. This is a “keep out of reach of children” item, so staff will hold on to your child’s sunscreen and return it to you on the last day your child is in day camp. Please label all of your child’s belongings with their name. Please do not send any valuables, money or electronics.

How do I reach day camp staff?

Each site will have a designated cell phone number that will be provided to parents. You can reach camp staff at that number any time during the camp day.

How do Camp Add-Ons work?

Camp Add-Ons are held at almost all of our locations and are aimed to enhance your child’s camp experience. A YMCA staff member will accompany campers to the camp Add-Ons. Camp Add-Ons are offered at Summer Day Camp locations only.

Are the Y’s Summer Day Camp programs licensed?

Yes, all YMCA Summer Day Camp programs are licensed by the State of Colorado.

Will the kids go on field trips?

Campers go on a field trip or host a special guest once a week – usually on Fridays (weekly schedules will be provided).

How does the Y address safety on field trips?

Safety of all campers is a priority at the Y. We take all registration forms on each field trip. While there, we take attendance several times and count the children often. Restrooms are checked before campers enter them. We do not allow access to anyone else while children use the facilities. Campers are also not permitted to go anywhere unattended. When we are outside, we help campers apply sunscreen and re-apply it as needed. Water breaks are taken often, so please pack a water bottle for camp every day.

How often will my child swim?

YMCA campers are scheduled to swim four times per week, typically Monday–Thursday, however, please pack your child’s swimsuit and towel daily. Locker rooms will be closed while campers are changing for swimming.

Will my child walk to parks?

We may utilize city parks at all day camp locations.

What is Camp Readers?

The Y helps reduce and prevent summer learning loss by providing campers with a supportive environment and 30 minutes of dedicated time to read. Please send a book with your child each day. The Y is also partnering with the Pikes Peak Library District to enroll campers in the summer reading program. Your camper will be able to earn prizes from the library through their participation in Camp Readers.

Does the Y offer scholarships for Summer Day Camp?

Yes, thanks to those who donate to the Y’s Annual Support Campaign, scholarships are available. Please complete a financial assistance application (available at ppymca.org or your local Y).

Does the Y accept CCCAP (Colorado Child Care Assistance Program)?

Yes. We need a copy of your CCCAP approval letter in order to register your child for Day Camp. Please contact Carolyn Schwartz at cschwartz@ppymca.org to register.

Is the Y’s Summer Day Camp Tax Deductible?

We are happy to supply you with receipts for your payments. Tax letters will be available beginning January 1, 2018 and can be released to the responsible party listed on the registration paperwork. Please contact the business office by calling 719.329.7292 or email businessoffice@ppymca.org if you would like a copy of these documents.