

Smithfield YMCA

Summer Day Camp

Know Before You Go





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Our Impact Statement

With focus on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Y nurtures the potential of every youth and teen, improves the nation's well-being, and provides opportunities to give back and support neighbors.

Welcome to the Smithfield YMCA !

The YMCA Summer Day Camp provides a safe and fun environment where children can explore, grow, and thrive all summer long. Through a balance of structured activities and free play, campers build friendships, confidence, and lifelong skills while staying active and engaged. Our camp focuses on youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, offering opportunities for outdoor play, creative projects, team-building, swimming, and special theme days all led by caring, trained staff who create a welcoming place where every child belongs.



This "Know Before You Go" packet, will provide information regarding what to bring to camp, our sign in/out procedures, behavior expectations, required paperwork, and payment information. **Please note, this is a brief overview of our summer day camp operations. All parents are required to sign our Camp Handbook prior to camp starting.**

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to
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Childcare & Summer Day Camp Director **abby@ymca1.org.**



American Camp Association Accreditation

Being ACA-accredited matters because it demonstrates our commitment to the highest standards of safety, quality, and child development.

Accreditation by the American Camp Association means the camp meets rigorous, research-based standards for staff training, program design, health and wellness, emergency preparedness, and supervision. For families, ACA accreditation provides confidence that their children are in a safe, well-run, and nurturing environment where best practices are followed and continuous improvement is a priority.

How does it affect camp?

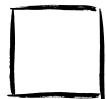
Accreditation establishes guidelines for the following different areas of camp:



- CORE** (camp mission & camper goals)
- ADMINISTRATION** (emergency procedures & human resources)
- FACILITIES** (site & food service safety)
- HEALTH & WELLNESS** (wellness policies & procedures)
- STAFF & SUPERVISION** (staff qualifications, training, & evaluation)
- PROGRAM DESIGN & ACTIVITIES** (program planning & procedures)
- AQUATICS** (swimming policies & safety around water)

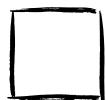
WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Everyday your camper needs:



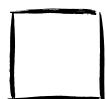
Backpack

-Campers must be able to carry by themself throughout the day!



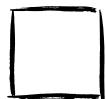
Lunch Box

- Cold-packed lunch with extra snacks.
- No candy or soda allowed.
- Pizza will be served Fridays, but please send snacks!



Bathing Suit/Towel

- Swim is optional- but always pack in case they change their mind
- Goggles. The Y does not provide goggles to campers.
- Crocs or flip flops can be packed for pool area.



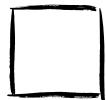
Water Bottle

- Must be refillable.
- Please label with your campers name.



Sunscreen

-Please label with your campers name.



Closed-toe footwear

-To prevent injury and allow campers full participation, all campers must wear sneakers or closed-toed footwear. Sneakers preferred over crocs.

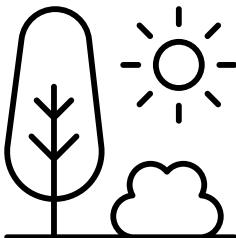
*Any items not allowed at camp will be confiscated and returned to parents at pickup. The Smithfield YMCA is not responsible for loss of damage to campers' personal property.

WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME

- All electronics
 - Cell phones, smart watches, tablets, etc.
- Pets
- Money
- Toys from home

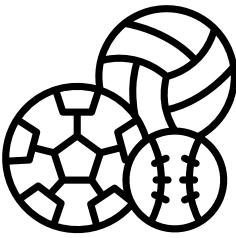
Example Activities

Adventure & Nature



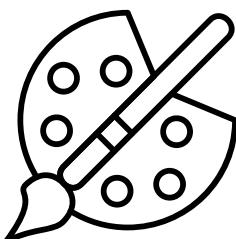
- Walking Trails at Deerfield Park
- Fort Building
- Outdoor Mud Kitchen
- Sand pit

Games & Sports

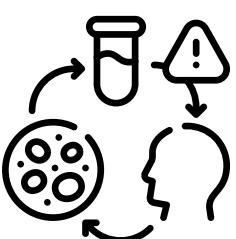


- Basketball
- Tennis
- Gaga Ball
- Soccer
- Giant Jenga
- Baseball
- Kickball
- Swimming

Creative Arts



- Drawing, painting, & coloring
- Friendship Bracelets
- Collages
- Tie Dye



STEM Activities

- Lego Challenges
- Magnet Tiles
- Slime

These are example activities built into our daily schedules.

Arrival & Sign In

Extended Hours for Campers

- Sign In starts at 7:00AM
- All parents **MUST** sign in each day

Regular Hours for Campers

- Sign In starts at 9:00AM SHARP. Parents will not be allowed to drop off anytime before, unless registered for extended.
- All parents **MUST** sign in each day.

All campers must arrive to camp no later than 9:45AM.

Important Reminders:

- Sign In desk location TBD.
- Please be mindful that parking at certain times may be difficult due to other Y programs.

Pickup & Sign Out

- Sign Out starts at 3:30PM for all campers. Any camper who needs to leave before 3:30PM, must notify camp director prior.
- All authorized pickups **MUST** sign out each day.
- Bring a photo ID each day.
- If anyone picking up is not on the registration form, they will be not allowed to leave with your camper.

Regular Hour Campers

Must be picked up at
3:30PM

Extended Hour Campers

Must be picked up at
6:00PM

Behavioral Expectations

The Smithfield YMCA's Policy, is to handle all situations by using the 4 Core Values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. In the occurrence of inappropriate behavior, a documentation or Incident Report will be written. The Director and/or PM Coordinator will discuss all reports upon camper pick-up. Based on the incident/behavior the Smithfield YMCA has the right to suspend/remove any child from program at our discretion. The duration of the suspension is up to the Child Care Director and the CEO. Upon return, if behavior problems persist, the child will be withdrawn from the program permanently.

Level 1 Incidents

- Refusing to share with others
- Not listening to counselors/staff
 - Unintentional swearing
 - Poor sportsmanship
- Throwing items towards/at others
- Running away from group/counselor
- Refusal during transitions/group participation

Level 3 Incidents

- Bullying
- Intentional hitting and/or biting of other children/counselors
- Punching, hitting, kicking, choking
- Possession of weapons or using anything as a weapon
- Talking back and/or disrespecting counselors repeatedly
- Repetitive Level 1 or 2 Incidents

Level 2 Incidents

- Spitting
- Obscene gestures
- Inappropriate writing, language or drawing
- Throwing objects and/or YMCA property
- Talking back and/or disrespecting counselors
- Repetitive Level 1 incidents



Bullying incidents will not be tolerated and YMCA Staff will intervene to handle reports on a case by case basis.

**All parents must sign our Discipline Policy and Procedures prior to first day of camp. Link will be emailed.

Health History Form



Our American Camp Association (ACA) requires all campers to submit a new health history form each year. This form will be emailed once your camper is registered for camp.

This is an online Google form only. No paper copies can be submitted.

All forms needs to be submitted via Google Form by June 1st. Forms will not be accepted after that, and your camper will not be allowed to attend camp.

Medications

- All medications, including inhalers and Epi Pens, must be handed in to the Camp Director/AM Coordinator upon arrival to camp.**
- ALL medications must be in the orginal packaging. We cannot accept them if they are not.**
- Epi pens and inhalers must come to camp each day with their Emergency Action Plan form. They will be sent home the last week of camp your child is attending.**
- We DO NOT allow students to self-carry medication, unless Camp Director approves.**



All parents will be required to sign a Medical Dispense Form prior to camper starting.

Payment Information



All campers are required to pay a \$20 deposit per week to hold your spot at the time of registration. Deposits are non-refundable.

Payment information will be collected at the time of registration.

We accept the following payments:

- Debit cards
- All Credit Cards (3% fee)
- EFT (bank account)

-Weekly camp payments are drafted automatically, the Friday before camp, to the payment method on-file.

-You must notify Camp Director via email 2 weeks before if you need to cancel a week. Any email after the 2 week mark, payment will still be processed and it is non-refundable.

Quick Camp Info.

- Camper must be entering Kindergarten through 6th grade.
- Must be fully potty trained and able to change/wipe themself.
- Registration is first come, first serve.
- You pick and choose what weeks you need for camp. It can be 1 week or all 9.
- Sibling discount of 5% for second camper.
- All field trips, pizza (Friday) and ice cream (Thursday) are included in weekly tuition. Some special events will be additional costs.
- Member or Non-Member pricing. There is an option on the form to become a member- no need to sign up now.
- Campers are grouped by ages/grades.
- Campers must bring a cold-packed lunch, water bottle and snacks everyday.
- Campers will have the option to swim everyday.
- All campers will receive a swim lesson weekly. Day/Time TBD.
- Field trips are optional- however, if your camper doesn't want to attend, they cannot come to camp that day.

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