

DAY CAMP FAQ's

CAMP CASTLEBROOK @ BENBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER YMCA

What are the camp hours?

Camp operates Monday- Friday beginning June 21- August , 2021.

We will be closed Friday,.

Camp Hours are as follows:

7:00a-9:00a- Pre Camp

This is the designated drop off time. Campers will eat snack at 8:00a and have Opening Ceremony at 8:30a.

9:00-3:00p- Camp Time

This is the time camp activities and rotations will begin. We ask that parents have kids dropped off by this time each day. If not, parents will be responsible for taking their child to his/her group. Campers cannot be dropped off after 10:00am.

3:00-6:00p- Post Camp

This is the desinated pick up time. All campers are indoors at this point participating in self-guided activiites. If you need to pick up your camper prior to this time, please notify camp in advance.

Camp Rates:

Members \$150 Nonmembers \$175

Three days or less Option Members \$90 Nonmembers \$105

What if my child will not attend the whole week?

We do not pro-rate weekly fees for camp based on attendance. We have added a three day or less option this summer. We also do not provide refunds for campers who do not attend the entire week of camp.

We encourage campers to attend the full week of camp so that they can participate in all activities. Field trips and swim days may vary as well as other activities offered at camp.

What can my child expect at Day Camp?

Each week at campers can expect a week full of adventure! Camp is a place where they will make new friends while participating in a variety of activities like crafts, and games, all geared toward a specific theme. Campers will also learn exciting new skills such as swimming, archery and fishing! Our trained staff will lead the campers in character development activities, team building games, and weekly field trips.

Reminder- We are an outdoor based day camp and our campers will spend over 80% of our day outside.

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What age does my child have to be to attend camp?

Our Day Camp program is licensed by Texas Department of State Health Services for campers ages 5-12yrs of age.

Week	Dates	Theme	
Week 1	June 1-4 closed May 31st	Camp Cruise	
Week 2	June 7-11	Tropical Adventure	
Week 3	June 14-18	Backpacking through Europe June	
Week 4	June 21-25	Soaring to South Africa	
Week 5	June 29- July 2	Foodies of the World	
Week 6	July 5-9	Born in the USA	
Week 7	July 12-16	Exploring Cultures	
Week 8	July 19-23	Movin' and Groovin'	
Week 9	July 26-30	Architectural Challenge	
Week 10	August 2-6	Year of the Ox	
Week 11	August 9-13	Off we go to	

Camper SWIM DAYS: Campers swim at the Benbrook indoor pool twice a week.
5-8yrs: Monday & Thursday, 9-12yrs: Tuesday & Friday

What should my camper bring to camp?

First, please label everything your child brings to camp. Here are a few camp necessities: Lunch, water bottle (disposable or re-useable), backpack, swimsuit, towel (designated day), sunscreen, hat, tennis shoes, and comfy clothes they can get dirty. Each camper will have a basket for their belongings.

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What staff/ child ratio does the camp follow?

Our camp follows a ratio of 1:10 (staff/ child). During some activities and field trips the ratio is lower.

Where do I go to drop off my child?

Camp opens at 7:00a however, you may drop off your camper between 7:00a-8:30a. Camp will be in Pre Camp mode which means all the kids will be together in the gym participating in self-guided centers/games. Our drop -off is on the Westside of the building near recycling bin.

What are Opening Ceremonies?

Camp opens each morning and closes each afternoon with a ceremony. This time is spent previewing or reviewing the camp day. Counselors lead songs and skits as well as acknowledge positive behaviors or accomplishments in the day. Y staff attempt to model and reward character values (caring, honesty, respect, responsibility) during all camp activities.

Does the Y provide snacks?

Yes, we provide both a morning and afternoon snack. Morning snack is at 8:30a and afternoon snack is at 3:00p. Please be sure to list any food allergies on your campers enrollment form. Monthly snack menus will be available each month.

What should I pack for my camper's lunch?

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Campers will eat lunch each day around 11:30a after washing their hands. Each group decides where they want to "set up camp" and have lunch. Some eat at the pavilions (if available); some find a nice shady area under a tree.

We will have a Food Program provided this summer. This is an optional program. If you choose to pack your child's lunch, please do not send your child with items that require a microwave or refrigeration. Lunches will be stored in coolers until it is time to eat.

Reminder: If your child has any allergies, list them on the enrollment paperwork.

What are THEME DAYS?

Each week is a different theme at camp and we have activities and games that correlate to the week's theme. One day a week is our camp's THEME DAY and on day we usually have a special activity based around our weekly theme. We also encourage staff and campers to dress up on theme days. Camp Castlebrook's theme day will be every Thursday at Camp. This year we have more providers coming to camp

Field Trips:

Safety of the campers is our main priority. We will not have field trips, but bring in providers such as; creature teacher, and High tech High touch.

What will my child do all day/week?

Each week, there will be an Activity Plan available for the parents to review. Here is a generic example of a week at camp.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00	Interest Centers/ Games	Interest Centers/ Games	Interest Centers/ Games	Interest Centers/ Games	Interest Centers/ Games
8:30	AM Snack	AM Snack	8:00- AM Snack	AM Snack	AM Snack
9:00	Opening Ceremony & ALL CAMP GAME	Opening Ceremony & ALL CAMP GAME	Opening Ceremony & Break into groups and prepare to load busses.	Opening Ceremony & ALL CAMP GAME	Opening Ceremony & ALL CAMP GAME
10:00	ADVENTURE #1: Groups will rotate through activities: group games, crafts, science, fish- ing, and archery.	ADVENTURES: Groups will rotate through activities: group games, crafts, science, fish- ing, and archery.	9:00a- Load Bus for Field Trip 9:45a- Arrive at Field trip	ADVENTURE #1: Groups will rotate through activities: group games, crafts, science, fishing, and archery.	ADVENTURE #1: Groups will rotate through activities: group games, crafts, science, fish- ing, and archery.
12:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	12:00- Check in for lunch.	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00	ADVENTURE #2: Groups will rotate through activities: group games, crafts, science, and archery.	FITNESS FUN Group exercise class for youth led by Fitness Instructor	Field trip activities 2:30- Snack	FITNESS FUN Group exercise class for youth led by Fitness Instruc- tor	ADVENTURE #2: Groups will rotate through activities: group games, crafts, science, and archery.
2:00	CAMP SWIM TIME	CAMP SWIM TIME	3:00p- Groups gather for check out and load bus.	CAMP SWIM TIME	CAMP SWIM TIME
3:00	ADVENTURE #3: Groups will rotate through activities: group games, crafts, science, and archery.	ADVENTURE #3: Groups will rotate through activities: group games, crafts, science, and archery.	4:00p- Arrive at YMCA- roll call in the gym.	ADVENTURE #3: Groups will rotate through activities: group games, crafts, science, and archery.	Snow Cone Friday! CAMP CLOSING CEREMONY
3:30	PM Snack	PM Snack	PM Snack	PM Snack	PM Snack
4:00	Interest centers/ clubs & Rockwall challenge	Interest centers/ clubs & Rockwall challenge	Interest centers/ clubs & Rockwall challenge	Interest centers/ clubs & Rockwall challenge	Interest centers/ clubs & Rockwall challenge
6:00	Check-Out	Check-Out	Check-Out	Check-Out	Check-Out

What about camp swim time at camp?

Campers at Camp Castlebrook have the opportunity to swim in our indoor pool. Campers will swim twice a week.

- 5-7yrs will swim Mondays & Thursdays.
- 8-12yrs will swim Tuesdays & Fridays.

Those campers who wish to swim in the deeper parts of the pool will be swim tested by YMCA lifeguards each day. Campers will wear Coast Guard approved floatation devices if they are not swimmers. Swimming is supervised by YMCA lifeguards at all times. Additionally, camp staff will also be in the pool area supervising.

Can my child take swim lessons at camp?

Yes, swim lessons are available during camp swim time. Campers will not be transferred to swim lessons during camp. Parents who wish to take their child to swim lessons must be able to check them out of camp and deliver them to the pool.

How can I reach the staff at my camp?

Our camp has a cell phone that a staff person keeps on them at all times. If you have

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questions you may reach them at 817- 825-6015.

What precautions are you taking to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

Below are a few of the new measures we have put into place to ensure health and safety:

- The staff:child ratio was lowered to 1:10
- Groups of more than 20 will not be in the same area during the same time
- Activities are designed to keep kids 6 feet apart from each other
- All children will have their temperature checked upon arrival and at lunch
- Parents will complete a brief health screen survey when dropping their child off
- Curbside pick-up and drop off are in place to prevent parent access to the building
- Staff will have their temperature checked each day when clocking in
- Staff will wear face masks while working and social distancing (6ft apart) cannot be maintained
- All surfaces and areas used will be deep cleaned each morning/night
- All materials will be disinfected before/after each use
- Children will have individual bins for their daily supplies (crayons, pencils, scissors, etc.)
- Hand washing and sanitizing personal spaces will take place after each transition
- Children can wear masks to camp but it is not required

How can I volunteer at camp?

WE LOVE VOLUNTEERS! Parents may volunteer to help with camp in a variety of ways. Do you have a neat talent or hobby you want to teach... great! Do you want to talk about your career with our campers...ok! Do you have some free time and want to assist on a field trip... perfect! All you need to do is talk to the Camp Director and get a Volunteer Application (also available online. Once completed, turn it in and we will notify you when you are cleared to help out. Volunteer Applications contain a Criminal History check that must be cleared before anyone is allowed to volunteer at our YMCA. This process usually takes 5-10 days.

How can I see all the fun activities at camp?

Sign up for our Bloomz account put your email information on the registration form, or you can follow us on Facebook.

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Who are my contacts for this camp?

Camp Director Amy Carter, 817-249-0500 acarter@ymcafw.org

Program Director Stephanie Johnson, 817-249-0500 sjohnson3@ymcafw.org

Day Camp email:

Once registered for camp, please see our [Parent Handbook](#) (needs hyperlink) for more camp details.