

# DAY CAMP FAQ's

## CAMP PETAH @ AIRPORT AREA YMCA



### How much is Day Camp per week?

\$135 Member

\$175 Non Member

\$50 non-refundable Registration Fee

\$20 weekly deposits to hold your child's spot in camp (non-refundable)

### What about field trip fees?

There are no field trip or additional fees for our camp weeks! See below for field trip details.

### What are the camp hours?

Camp operates Monday- Friday beginning June 1- August 14, 2020.

#### Camp Hours are as follows:

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

This is the designated drop off time. Campers will eat snack at 8:30a and have Opening Ceremony at 9:00a.

##### 9:00-4:00p- 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.

##### 4:00-6:00p- Post Camp

This is the designated pick up time. campers are participating in self-guided activities. If you need to pick up your camper prior to this time, please notify camp in advance.

### What if my child will not attend the whole week?

**We do not pro-rate weekly fees for camp based on attendance.**

**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! 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.

### What are the weekly themes and field trips this summer?

Week	Dates	Theme	Field Trip
Week 1	June 1-5 Payment due May 26	Texas Adventures	On Site Activities
Week 2	June 8-12 Payment due June 2	Animal Planet	Ft. Worth Zoo Wednesday June 10
Week 3	June 15-19 Payment due June 9	Celebration of Nations	Epic Water Park Thursday June 18
Week 4	June 22-26 Payment due June 16	Storybook Week	Camp Carter Thursday June 25
Week 5	June 29-July 3 Payment Due June 23	Wacky Week	On Site Activities
Week 6	July 6-10 Payment due June 30	Time Travel	Skatetown Thursday July 9
Week 7	July 13-17 Payment due July 7	Christmas in July	Jellystone Thursday July 16
Week 8	July 20-24 Payment due July 14	Full STEAM Ahead	Bowlero* Thursday July 23
Week 9	July 27-31 Payment due July 21	Go For the Gold	TBD Thursday July 30
Week 10	August 3-7 Payment due July 28	Myths and Legends	Ripley's Believe it or Not* Thursday August 6
Week 11	August 10-14 Payment due Aug. 4	Make & Take It	On Site Activities

**\*Field trips are tentative and subject to change**

### What should my camper bring to camp?

First, please label everything your child brings to camp. Here are a few camp necessities:

Lunch (if not utilizing our free lunch program), water bottle (disposable or re-useable), backpack, swim suit, towel, sunscreen, hat, tennis shoes, and comfy clothes they can get dirty.

### 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.

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### 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 under the tents participating in self-guided centers/games.

Parents are required to sign their camper in and out of the program each day. Our camp drop-off area is located on the West field. Campers will place their belongings under their group's name.

### 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 3:30p. 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?

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.** 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.

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### 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.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>7-8:30am</b>	Check-in/Camper choice	Check-in/Camper choice	Check-in/Camper choice	Check-in/Camper choice	Check-in/Camper choice
<b>8:30-9am</b>	AM Snack	AM Snack	AM Snack	AM Snack	AM Snack
<b>9-9:30am</b>	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony	Load Bus for Field Trip	Opening Ceremony
<b>9:30-11:30am</b>	Rotations: Group Game; Arts & Crafts; Huddle Time	Rotations: Group Game; Arts & Crafts; Huddle Time	Rotations: Group Game; Arts & Crafts; Huddle Time	Field Trip	Rotations: Group Game; Arts & Crafts; Huddle Time
<b>11:30a-12:30p</b>	Lunch & Clean up	Lunch & Clean up	Lunch & Clean up	Field Trip	Lunch & Clean up
<b>12:30-1:00PM</b>	Group A-Change; Groups B, & C -Large Group Game	Group A-Change; Groups B, & C -Large Group Game	Group A-Change; Groups B, & C -Large Group Game	Field Trip	Group A-Change; Groups B, & C -Large Group Game
<b>1-2pm</b>	Group A-Swim; Group B-Change/Huddle Time; Group C-Game	Group A-Swim; Group B-Change/Huddle Time; Group C-Game	Group A-Swim; Group B-Change/Huddle Time; Group C-Game	Field Trip	Group A-Swim; Group B-Change/Huddle Time; Group C-Game
<b>2-3pm</b>	Group A-Change/Huddle Time; Group B-Swim; Group C-Change/Huddle Time	Group A-Change/Huddle Time; Group B-Swim; Group C-Change/Huddle Time	Group A-Change/Huddle Time; Group B-Swim; Group C-Change/Huddle Time	Field Trip	Group A-Change/Huddle Time; Group B-Swim; Group C-Change/Huddle Time
<b>3-4pm</b>	Group A-Game; Group B-Change/Game; Group C-Swim	Group A-Game; Group B-Change/Game; Group C-Swim	Group A-Game; Group B-Change/Game; Group C-Swim	Return from Field trip	Group A-Game; Group B-Change/Game; Group C-Swim
<b>4-4:30pm</b>	PM Snack & Group C Change	PM Snack & Group C Change	PM Snack & Group C Change	PM Snack	PM Snack & Group C Change
<b>4:30-6pm</b>	Sign-out/Camper Choice	Sign-out/Camper Choice	Sign-out/Camper Choice	Sign-out/Camper Choice	Sign-out/Camper Choice

### What about camp swim time at camp?

Campers at Camp Petah have the opportunity to swim on non-field trip days. 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 and unable to stand with their head above water in the shallow end. Swimming is supervised by Y lifeguards at all times. Additionally, camp staff will also be in the pool area supervising.

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### What do I need to expect on Field Trip days?

We usually attend field trips on Thursday's during the week however; there are a couple of field trips this summer that will take place on different days. We ask that all campers arrive by 8:30a or earlier on these days in order to get to our destination on time. Our field trips usually take up most of the day but our goal is to return to camp by 4:00p. Each week we will post the times of our field trip at the parent desk. **REMEMBER: All campers must wear their Field Trip T-shirt on field trip days.** If you forget, you may purchase a new camp shirt for \$10.00.

### What about lunches on field trip days?

Some of our field trips will include lunch but there are a few where the campers will need to bring a lunch. We ask that parents send lunches in a disposable bag.

### Should I allow my child to bring money on field trips?

Our field trips include a variety of activities for the campers to participate in. We do not allow time for purchases during field trips. Please do not send money with your child. The YMCA will not be responsible for lost or stolen money.

### 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 fill out a Volunteer Application online. 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 e- newsletter, put your email information on the registration form, or you can follow us on Facebook. We will also have copies of the weekly newsletter available at the parent table.

### How can I reach the staff at my camp?

You may reach the camp staff by calling 817-571-3371

Camp Director-TBD | Executive Director-Jessica Bruda

Once registered for camp, please see our Parent Handbook for more camp details.