

# DAY CAMP FAQ's

**Amon G. Carter, Jr. Downtown YMCA**



## How much is Day Camp per week?

\$140 Member

\$170 Non Member

\$45 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 13, 2020.

**We will be closed Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> for staff development.**

### 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 designated pick up time. All campers are indoors at this point 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 such as swimming, archery and fishing! Our trained staff will lead the campers in character development activities, team building games, and weekly field trips.

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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 camper's 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	Texas Adventures	On Site Activities
Week 2	June 8 - 12	Animal Planet	Ft. Worth Zoo – Wed. June 10th
Week 3	June 15 – 19	Celebration of Nations	Epic Water Park – Thursday June 18th
Week 4	June 22 - 26	Storybook Week	Camp Carter – Wednesday, June 24th
Week 5	June 29 – July 3	Wacky Week	Movies – Wednesday, July 1st
Week 6	July 6 – 10	Time Travel	Skating – Wednesday, July 8th
Week 7	July 13 – 17	Christmas in July	Jellystone – Thursday, July 16th
Week 8	July 20 - 24	Full Steam Ahead	Bowling – Wednesday, July 22nd
Week 9	July 27 – 31	Go for the Gold	IT'Z – Wednesday, July 29th
Week 10	August 3 - 7	Myths and Legends	Ripley's Believe it or Not * Thursday, July 30th
Week 11	August 10 - 13	Make It and Take It	On Site Activities - Carnival

**Camper SWIM DAYS:** Campers swim at the Downtown indoor pool twice a week.

## 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, 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.

## Does the Y provide snacks?

Yes, we provide an afternoon snack. The afternoon snack is served at 3:00p. Please be sure to list any food allergies on your campers enrollment form. Monthly snack menus will be available each month.

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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 in the gym 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 in the YMCA Gymnasium. Campers will place their belongings in a basket under their group's name. AM drop off will take place in the gym at the bottom of the ramp.

## 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.

## What should I pack for my camper's lunch?

Campers will eat lunch each day around 11:45a 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.

## 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.

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

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.

## 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 questions you may reach them at 817- 825-6009.

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

We usually attend field trips on Wednesday'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 9 am 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 \$8.00.

## What about lunches on field trip days?

Lunch on field trip days- Some of our field trips will include lunch but there are a few that the campers will need to bring a lunch to. We ask that parents send lunches in a lunchbox or closed container. These go into a giant cooler and anything in a plastic bag or paper bag will get wet and ruined.

## 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. However, we understand that some campers wish to purchase extra items at some of the field trip locations. If you wish to send money with your child to camp, please understand that it is their responsibility and the YMCA staff are not responsible for their money. We also ask that you send them with exact change for the items they wish to buy.

## 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 e- newsletter, put your email on the registration form, or you can follow us on Facebook. We will also have the weekly newsletter available at the parent table.

## Who are my contacts for this camp?

Camp Director: Makenzie Fox (817) 332-3281 ext. 2026

Program Director: Mechell Green (817) 332-4434

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