

DAY CAMP 2021

FAQ's

CAMP PHEONIX @ JOSHUA COMMUNITY YMCA

What are the camp hours?

Camp operates Monday- Friday beginning June 7th- August 18, 2021.

Camp Hours are as follows:

7:00a-8:15a- Pre Camp

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

9:00-3:00p- Camp Time

This is the time camp activities and rotations will begin. If not, parents will be responsible for taking their child to his/her group. Campers cannot be dropped off after 9:30am.

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?

This year, we do have a 3-day camp week option for those that do not need a full week experience. Campers will be able to select the 3 days they want to attend! Other than that, we do not pro-rate the weeks due to attendance. The full week and the 3-day week are the only options we have available this summer.

What can my child expect at Day Camp?

Each week our 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. Our trained staff will lead the campers in character development activities, team building games, and a STEM based curriculum

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 staff/ child ratio does the camp follow?

Our camp follows a ratio of 1:10 (staff/ child). During some activities (such as swimming) the ratio is lower.

What are the weekly themes this summer?

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This summer, our campers will join our **SUMMER WORLD TOUR!**

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

Our camp will not venture off site this summer for any field trip but rather have the field trips come to us. Each week will have a special event or guest at camp and there will also be a theme day each **Wednesday** where campers are encouraged to dress up and enjoy activities that support the week's theme!

What should my camper bring to camp?

First, please label everything your child brings to camp so we know what belongs to them. Other than that, 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.

We do our very best to ensure that campers leave with all items that they brought to camp but in case that doesn't happen, we will display all Lost and Found items at check out for parents to grab.

Where do I go to drop-off and pick-up my child?

Camp opens at 7:00a however, you may drop off your camper between **7:00am-8:30am**. Camp will be in Pre Camp mode which means all the kids will be together in the gym participating in self-guided centers/games.

Post camp and pick up begins at **4:00pm**. If you need to pick up your child earlier please let staff know at drop off.

At AM Drop-Off ONLY- Parents can park in our designated camp spot which are located to

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the left of the building. A staff member will come to your vehicle to take your child's temperature. If your child has a fever over 100.4 they will NOT be allowed to come into camp. Parents will also be asked to complete a short health screening test about their children. Once cleared, you can sign them in and a staff will walk them inside to the gym!

At PM Pick-Up ONLY- Parents will need to call the Camp Phone Number and a staff will walk your child out to your vehicle. Please stay in your vehicles during this period with your ID ready. Once your ID has been checked from the approved pick up list we will release your child to you. **We will not release a child to anyone who is not on the approved pick up list.** If you need to add anyone please contact the Camp Director.

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 for parents to review.

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.

Camp Pheonix will have an optional Food Program provided this summer. These meals will be similar to school meals and will meet all USDA requirements. If you choose to pack your child's lunch, please do not send your child with items that require a microwave or refrigeration.

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

What are THEME DAYS?

Each week will have a designated 'Theme Day' where we have activities and games that correlate to the overall theme of Summer. On the THEME DAY we will have special activities, games, or an event to spark everyone's creativity. We highly encourage staff and campers to dress up on theme days. Camp's theme day will be every Wednesday at Camp.

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Below are the themes for each week:

What will my child do all day/week?

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony
Orientation	Huddle Group	Huddle Group	Huddle Group	Huddle Group
Huddle Group	Variety Activity	Variety Activity	Variety Activity	Variety Activity
Variety Activity	Mastery Activity	Theme Day & Special Theme Activity	Mastery Activity	Mastery Activity
Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch
Swim-5-6 years	Swim-7-12 years		Swim-5-6 years	Swim-7-12 years
Log Time/Crew Service	Log Time/Crew Service		Log Time/Crew Service	Camper Planned Event
Camper Choice & Play	Camper Choice & Play		Camper Choice & Play	
Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony	Camper Choice & Play	Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony

What about camp swim time at camp?

Campers will swim Monday, Wednesday, Friday in our Outdoor Pool!

- All campers will swim in the shallow end of the pool.
- Campers that are not tall enough to stand in the shallow end with their head above the water will be required to wear a Coast Guard approved floatation device (lifejacket or a puddle jumper). The YMCA does have a limited supply of these jackets and puddle jumpers at the YMCA. You are welcome to bring your child's own life saving device if you wish.
- Those campers who wish to swim in the deeper parts of the pool will need to go through a swim test supervised by our YMCA lifeguards. The swim test will consist of campers swimming the length of the pool (unassisted) and treading water for 10-15 seconds.
- Swimming is supervised by YMCA lifeguards at all times. Additionally, camp staff will also be in the pool area supervising.

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Can my child take swim lessons at camp?

Yes, swim lessons are available during camp swim time. You will need to sign up for swim lessons separately but our camp staff will ensure that your child gets to their lesson.

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 **that number** or contact our YMCA branch.

Are the children going on Field Trips?

Currently, we are not planning on participating in any off-site field trips this year however, we are working with our local community partners to still provide fun experiences for your campers during the week!

What are your COVID-19 precautions?

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

- The staff:child ratio is 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 belongings
- Hand washing and sanitizing personal spaces will take place after each transition

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

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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 group on the Bloomz app. You will be invited to join during the first week of camp. You can also follow us on our YMCA Fort Worth Facebook page.

Who are my contacts for this camp?

Camp Director- Chloe McReynolds- cmcreynolds@ymcafw.org