

DAY CAMP FAQ's

CAMP Y.E.Z. @ WILLIAM M. McDONALD YMCA

What are the camp hours?

Camp operates Monday- Friday beginning May 31- August 12, 2020.
We will be closed Friday, August 13th 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?

There will be an option during Registration to choose two sign up for a Full week of camp or 3-Day week.

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.

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.

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What are the weekly themes and field trips this summer?

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

Week 1: Camp Cruise	June 21-25
Week 2: Tropical Adventure	June 29- July 2
Week 3: Backpacking through Europe	July 5-9
Week 4: Soaring to South Africa	July 12-16
Week 5: Foodies of the World	July 19-23
Week 6: Off we go to Mexico	July 26-30
Week 7: Exploring Cultures	August 2-6
Week 8: Movin' and Groovin'	August 9-13

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.

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.

At AM Drop-Off ONLY- Parents can park in our designated camp spot which are located to the left of the building. A staff member will come to your vehicle to take your child's temperature. If you 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!

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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 8:00a 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 11:45a after washing their hands. Each group decides where they want to "set up camp" and have lunch. Some eat at the gazebo and/or inside in our Youth Empowerment Zones (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.

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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 & 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 ar- chery.	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?

- TBA by Aquatics Director

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 questions you may reach them at 817- 534-1591.

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What do I need to expect on Field Trip days?

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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?

ALTHOUGH WE LOVE VOLUNTEERS! Due to the COVID-19 we are currently not accepting volunteer applications.

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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.

Who are my contacts for this camp?

Camp Director

Program Coordinator

Program Director – Keniya Thomas | kthomas@ymcafw.org | 817-534-1591 x 6025