

YDAY CAMP™

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Lake County East End YMCA, I would like to welcome you and your child to our day camp program. We have a great line-up of activities planned and are confident that your child will have a blast this summer! In order to help the summer run as smoothly as possible for your camper, we ask that you please read the following information carefully.

- To ensure that your camper maintains a spot on the camp roster, please make sure that the balance due for each week is paid by the **FRIDAY BEFORE THAT WEEK OF CAMP**. (Example: If your camper is signed up for week 1 starting June 7, the balance is due on June 4.)
- For identification purposes on our Big Wednesday Trips, each camper must have a camp shirt. T-Shirts are free for members and \$10 for non-members. They can be purchased at the front desk. Shirts will be handed out at Open House (Wednesday, June 2nd 6:00-8:00 PM) or during your camper's first week at camp. They may also be available when you register.
- We begin camp at 9:00AM. To help us stay on schedule, please sign your camper in by 9:00AM in the pavilion. Our camp day ends at 4:00PM. For safety purposes, please be prepared to show photo identification when signing your camper out at the end of the day. Sign-out will be held in the pavilion, weather permitting.
- Due to the harmful rays of the sun, sunscreen has become a necessity. Please pack your camper with sunscreen. We will ask campers to put it on at least twice a day. Please pack a labeled bottle of water as well.
- What to bring to camp:
(Please mark all of your camper's belongings with his/her name)
Monday: lunch, old shoes, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen.
Tuesday: lunch, old shoes, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen.
Wednesday: camp shirt, lunch, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen.
Thursday: Swimsuit, towel, sunscreen
Friday: **\$1 for ice cream**, lunch, old shoes, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen.
- Any medication to be administered to your camper should be given to the camp staff on Monday morning. Please include specific times and dosage instructions.

Our camp staff is looking forward to a great summer with all of our campers. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the YMCA at 440-428-5125.

Sincerely,

Jacob Daling

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Lake County East End YMCA – *Frequently Asked Questions* SUMMER, 2010

Q: What are the camp fees?

A: It costs \$99/week for members and \$130/week for others.

Q: What are your camp's hours?

A: Our camp runs Monday-Friday from 9:00-4:00. If necessary, extended care is available from 7:00-9:00AM and 4:00-6:00PM for a fee of \$10/week for Y members and \$25 a week for non-members.

*Some Wednesdays we return later than 4 pm. Please refer to the schedule.

Q: What should my camper bring to camp everyday?

A: All campers will need a swimsuit, packed lunch, a labeled water bottle, and sunscreen each day. We do provide water, but many parents pack juice boxes in their children's lunches.

Q: Is it OK for my camper to bring his Game Boy, CD player, or MP3 player for the long bus trips?

A: No, We would rather those items stay at home. The YMCA will not be responsible for these types of items if they are lost, stolen, or damaged.

Q: Is it OK for my camper to bring her cell phone, so that she can call me when she arrives?

A: No, our policy is that NO cell phones are brought to Day Camp. If your child needs to be reached you may call the YMCA. The desk staff will forward your message to the camp director. Phones distract children from the camp program and are valuable items that could potentially be lost or stolen. Any cell phones that we find on Day Campers will be confiscated and returned to their parents. Please do not send a cell phone with your child.

Q: What are the skills or qualifications of the camp staff?

A: All members of our camp staff are at least high school graduates. They all have had extensive experience working with children and have been trained in first aid, CPR, behavior management, and general day camp situations. All of our staff has significant experience working our Fundays and past day camps.

Q: What is the staff-camper ratio?

A: We keep a 1:15 ratio. In addition to our paid staff members, we have some teen and adult volunteers who are not included in this ratio.

- Q: Where do the campers go each day?
A: Each day of camp, we will begin and end at the East End YMCA. From there, we will travel by bus to the following destinations. More specific details can be found in the brochure.
- Monday – East End (swim lesson, outdoor activities)
 - Tuesday/Friday – YMCA Outdoor Family Center
 - Wednesday – Trip Day
 - Thursday – Metropark Day
- Q: When and how can I register?
A: Register in person at the East End YMCA. You will be required to make a \$25 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit for each week that you wish your camper to attend. You can also register online at www.lakecountyyymca.org.
- Q: Will I be able to meet the camp staff prior to camp?
A: We will be holding an Open House on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the East End YMCA. At this time, you will have an opportunity to talk to our staff.
- Q: How often do campers swim during the week?
A: We plan on swimming every day. We swim outdoors at the Outdoor Family and most days we swim when we return to our YMCA. If you pick your child up between 4:00 and 4:30, please instruct them to not swim upon returning to the YMCA.
- Q: Will my child be with other children her own age?
A: At Day Camp, campers are divided into four age groups by grades for the 2010-2011 school year: Pioneers (1 & 2), Adventurers (3 & 4), Challengers (5 & 6) and Explorers (7 & 8). They will stay with these age groups for most activities.
- Q: What if I need financial assistance?
A: Scholarships are available for those in need. Forms can be picked up at the East End YMCA and are due back by April 30th. Scholarships are available for current YMCA members only. More information is provided on the form. Contact the front desk for information.
- Q: Who drives the buses? Are the buses in good condition?
A: Our bus drivers all hold Commercial Driver Licenses with a passenger endorsement. The buses are routinely checked for safety.
- Q: Can I be a parent volunteer for Wednesday Field Trips?
A: Yes, we love it when parents volunteer. We will ask that you let us know in advance, and we may require fingerprints to be put on file at our YMCA.

If you still have questions regarding this program, please contact Jacob Daling
440-428-5125.

Lake County YMCA East End Branch Summer Camp
HEALTH HISTORY & EXAMINATION

The information on this form is required of campers and staff; it is gathered to assist us in identifying appropriate care. Any changes to this form should be provided to camp health personnel upon participant's arrival in camp. Provide complete information so that the camp can be aware of your needs.

Participant Name _____ Birth Date _____ Age at camp _____
Last First Initial

Home Address _____
Street Address City State Zip

Gender: Male Female

Custodial Parent/Guardian _____

Home Address _____
(If different from above) Street Address City State Zip

Business Address _____
Street Address City State Zip

Home Ph _____ Office Ph _____ Cell/Pager _____

Second Parent/Guardian or Emergency contact _____

Home Address _____
Street Address City State Zip

Business Address _____
Street Address City State Zip

Home Ph _____ Office Ph _____ Cell/Pager _____

ALLERGIES List all known (medications, insects stings, hay fever, animal dander, etc.) and describe reaction and management of reaction.

MEDICATIONS BEING TAKEN

Please list ALL prescription medication taken routinely. Bring enough medication to last the **entire week** at camp. Keep it in the original packaging/bottle that identifies the prescribing physician, the name of the medication, the dosage, and the frequency of administration.

This person takes NO medications on a routine basis

This person takes medications as follows: *Attach additional pages as needed*

Med #1 _____ Dosage _____

Specific times taken each day _____

Reason for taking _____

Med #2 _____ Dosage _____

Specific times taken each day _____

Reason for taking _____

Identify any medications taken during the school year that participant does/may not take during the summer: _____

Does your child have any medical conditions that we should be aware of? (asthma, diabetes, etc.) Please explain. _____

Has your child had a tetanus shot in the last five years?

If yes, date. _____

Any additional information we should know? _____

PLEASE INITIAL TO VERIFY THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND EACH STATEMENT.

_____ I give the Lake County YMCA my permission to transport my child to and from the daily Day Camp program site.

_____ might arise as a result of my presence, participation or membership in the association.”

_____ I understand that in the event of any accident or emergency that every effort will be made to contact me. However, in the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected to give proper treatment, administer injections and to perform surgery as needed if necessary.

_____ I understand that the balance of camp fees is due no later than the Friday before the week of camp. The deposit per session is not refundable and a late fee will be assessed.

_____ “In consideration of the opportunity to participate in programs of the YMCA, I hereby assume all risks and release and hold harmless the association and all its members, volunteers and employees from any claims which

_____ I give permission to the Lake County YMCA for the unrestricted use of my child's name, photograph or other likenesses of his/her property for advertising trade or similar purposes. I give this consent voluntarily without any expectation of remuneration or reward and I do hereby waive my right to such remuneration or reward.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____