

WELCOME TO EXPLORER CAMP

Please note that this information is in addition to the parent handbook.

Explorer camp is the youngest of the West End YMCA Day camps. Our staff is prepared to help your child explore the great outdoors, enjoy new adventures, make new friends, and get the most out of his/her camping experience.



Here are a few things you as parents can do to help make the camping experience run smoothly for your child:

Please dress your child with their swimsuit on under their clothes when they come to camp on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, as well as any Tuesdays or Fridays that involve swimming. Underwear should be packed in their backpacks for them to change into after swimming. *A two-piece suit for girls is suggested* for easier bathroom trips.

Sneakers and socks are to be worn on all OFC days. We hike the trails. Some trails are steep and all are stone covered. Children should always have an extra pair of socks in their backpack.

Please apply sunscreen to your child in the morning before camp. We can and do reapply to shoulders and faces, but we are not permitted to do arms, legs or fronts.

Please have your child's name marked on everything they bring to camp.

Explorer campers do not yet understand money. Please do not send money on OFC days. On some field trips snack money is OK, but we do not visit gift shops.

Children who are prone to "accidents" should pack a change of clothes. We do not carry extra clothes. Please send a jacket on cool days and days it may rain. We are outside most of the time.



Water bottles are always a good idea. Please send them empty and we will fill them later to help keep backpacks lighter. Children carry their own belongings. An extra snack for after camp is nice for those children who do not get picked up at 4:00.

I am able to take along one volunteer parent for each Tuesday trip. Please see me or leave a note if you are interested in helping out for any of the Tuesdays your child will be at camp. The YMCA reserves the right to randomly request a background check for volunteers.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to me.

Happy Camping!
'Miss Beth' Opalich, Explorer Unit Director