

# Summer Camp

## Resource Guide 2024



**Ocean County YMCA**  
**1088 West Whitty Road**  
**Toms River, NJ 08755**  
**[www.ocymca.org](http://www.ocymca.org)**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like to welcome you to our Licensed Summer Camp. Ocean County YMCA Summer Camp is all about discovery and adventure. At camp, our kids have the opportunity to explore nature, try new activities, and make lasting friendships and memories. From swimming and sports activities, to nature, arts and crafts, music and more, our programs are filled with fun and engaging experiences that encourage self-confidence, leadership and team work. Our camp is based out of the Ocean County YMCA and Citta Elementary School.

Our trained and qualified staff are dedicated to ensuring a safe and caring environment for your children, while instilling the core values of the Y: Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility, into each game, activity and interaction.

Our 2024 Summer Camp begins on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and runs through Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Camp is divided into weekly sessions to better serve and meet your needs. Camp hours are from 8:30AM to 4:00PM, Monday through Friday.

We have designed this packet to provide helpful information for the parents/guardians of our program participants. For their health and safety, please read through it carefully. This booklet should answer most of the questions you may have, as we want to be sure everyone is prepared. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call at **732 341 9622 ext. 0**.

Sincerely,  
Kirsten Bowker, Summer Camp Director

## Philosophy and Goals

- Provide a safe, consistent quality care environment where children feel secure and accepted.
- Create an atmosphere of respect that promotes positive self-esteem.
- Recognize each youth as a unique person with individual needs and interests.
- Give children opportunities to learn through developmentally (appropriate) activities, to develop self-control, independence, and sense of purpose.
- Provide opportunities that stimulate social development and respect for the rights and the individual differences of others using the core values of character development: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.
- Work as a team with parents, maintaining open communication and mutual support.
- Involve the families in the program and enhance parenting skills.
- Meet and exceed the licensing requirements to ensure the highest quality of care.
- Provide qualified, caring staff with ongoing training for continued growth as caregivers.
- Monitor and appraise programs on a continuing basis.
- Work in cooperation with the schools and other social agencies.

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## Ocean County YMCA Camp Contact Information

### **Citta Camp Phone Number** (Use this as your first contact)

732-309-9693

### **YMCA Main Number**

732 341 9622 ext. 0

### **Director of Summer Camp**

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### **Camp Billing**

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[billing@ocymca.org](mailto:billing@ocymca.org)

### **Camp Scheduling**

[camp@ocymca.org](mailto:camp@ocymca.org)

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**June 17<sup>th</sup>-August 23<sup>rd</sup> (NO camp on 7/4)**

### **CAMP HOURS**

**8:30AM-4:00 PM**

**AFTERCARE AT ADDITIONAL FEE 4:00-6:00 PM**

### **Drop off & Pick up for all campers:**

Citta Elementary School (2050 Lakewood Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755)

### **REGISTRATION**

- Registration will be done in person, copy of immunization must be included
- Campers with Subsidized State Funding must register in person at the Ocean County YMCA with \$50 registration fee, copy of immunizations, and contract.
- Campers are grouped according to the grade they will be entering in September 2024.

In order to register, the following must be provided:

- A non-refundable registration fee: \$50 per child
- Bank draft form completed
- Copy of immunizations

## Schedule of Payments for Summer Camp 2024

<u>Camp Week</u>	<u>Payment Draft:</u>
Week 1	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Week 2	June 10 <sup>th</sup>
Week 3	June 17 <sup>th</sup>
Week 4	June 24 <sup>th</sup>
Week 5	July 1 <sup>st</sup>
Week 6	July 8 <sup>th</sup>
Week 7	July 15 <sup>th</sup>
Week 8	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Week 9	July 29 <sup>th</sup>
Week 10	August 5 <sup>th</sup>

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- **Payments are due according to the payment schedule above with Bank Draft.** If card(s) are unable to be processed, this may result in termination of our program.
- Bank draft must be provided at time of registration. See above for payment schedule.
- Financial Assistance is made available when funds are available on a first come, first serve basis. In order to be considered for YCares Financial Assistance, all applications and paperwork must be submitted by April 1, 2024. Please visit us at [www.ocymca.org](http://www.ocymca.org).
- Families that receive subsidized funding through the state of NJ, must have a current and valid contract upon registering their child. Parents must fill out our registration paperwork and sign off on our CHS agreement form. Parent or guardian must follow all applicable rules of their contract to continue to receive services. Please see below for more information.

#### **Refund Policy:**

- The Ocean County YMCA will refund payment, less the registration fee, if cancellation is made within 14 days prior to the camp session beginning. **NO** refunds will be given after this point. Other situations must be requested in writing to the Summer Camp Director, and are determined at the discretion of the Director. In case of illness or health related incidents, refund requests should be submitted accompanied by a doctor's note, to the Summer Camp Director. All refunds are subject to Director's approval only and are never guaranteed.
- **No credits will be issued for absences.** Credit may be given (at the discretion of the Director) for sick absences for three or more days with a Physician's note.
- Any childcare suspensions/expulsions do not receive a refund or credit.

## **CAMP RATES**

- **CAMP RATES ARE FOR A ONE WEEK SESSION – Camp payments must be made according to payment schedule above with Bank Draft.**

For billing questions call 732 341 9622 ext. 2260 or email [billing@ocymca.org](mailto:billing@ocymca.org).

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

A financial assistance application must be completed. Assistance will be granted on the basis of financial need and available funds. The Ocean County YMCA reserves the right to change, amend or discontinue a recipient's financial assistance at any time. For further information, please call Member Services at 732 341 9622 ext. 0. Applications are available on our website: [www.ocymca.org](http://www.ocymca.org) and due by April 1, 2024.

## **STATE FUNDING PARTICIPANTS**

Parents/guardians who have entered into an agreement with the State of New Jersey, Children's Home Society (CHS) and the YMCA to help supplement your child care are responsible for contacting your case manager as well as informing our billing department for any problems. For further information, please call Member Services at 732 341 9622 ext. 0.

## **CAMP COMMUNICATIONS**

Our camp has a variety of ways to keep you informed about what is happening at camp. We encourage participants to subscribe to our newsletter. We also encourage families to like us on Facebook at "Ocean County YMCA".

Here is what you can expect:

- Regular Facebook posts during the camp season full of camp activities, updates, achievements, etc.
- Announcements sent home during the summer regarding any special event
- Emails during the off-season to keep you connected to camp planning and events

We appreciate your input and feedback, please call us with any comments or concerns. Discussions are kept confidential, and we are discreet and respectful with your feedback. You can contact our staff at any time at 732-341-9622.

## **Important Information for use on a daily basis at camp:**

### **CLOTHING AND NECESSITIES**

Your child will need the following items on a daily basis. We suggest labeling your camper's belongings with their name:

- Backpack to keep all belongings
- Sneakers (no open-toed shoes allowed) however, sandals may be brought on a waterfront trip day.
- Bathing suit, towel, hat
- Lunch and snack brought from home
- Water bottle (they will be able to refill as needed)
- Sunscreen, bug spray
- Any additional clothing your child may want to change into after swimming- all clothing must be appropriate

Please educate your child to check his/her clothing at the end of each camp day.

The YMCA has a lost and found. If your child comes home without something, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to check the lost and found. The YMCA does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged items, including toys and electronics which are not allowed. Lost and found items that are not claimed will be donated to a local charity.

### **CAMPER SIGN IN/SIGN OUT**

Camp begins at 8:30 AM, we begin allowing campers to exit their vehicles at 8:15 AM with our staff directing a traffic pattern around Citta Elementary School. Everyone must remain in their vehicles. For pick up, campers will only be released to a designated person authorized on the registration form. This procedure is necessary to provide the maximum protection for our children. Photo ID is required for pick-up NO EXCEPTIONS. (For more information, please see below)

### **POLICY ON RELEASING CHILDREN (LICENSING GUIDELINES)**

Each child may be released only to the child's parent/guardian(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent/guardian(s) to take the child from the center and to assume responsibility for the child in an emergency if the parent/guardian(s) cannot be reached.

If a non-custodial parent has been denied access, or granted limited access, to a child by a court order, the center shall secure documentation to that effect, maintain a copy on file, and comply with the terms of the court order.

If the parent/guardian(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent/guardian(s) fails to pick up a child at the time of the center's daily closing, the center shall ensure that:

- The child is supervised at all times

- Staff members attempt to contact the parent/guardian(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent/guardian(s);
- An hour or more after closing time, and provided that other arrangements for releasing the child to his/her parent/guardian(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent/guardian(s), have failed and the staff member(s) cannot continue to supervise the child at the center, the staff member shall call the Division's 24 hour Child Abuse Hotline (1 877 NJ ABUSE) to seek assistance in caring for the child until the parent/guardian(s) or person(s) authorized by the child's parent/guardian(s) is able to pick-up the child.

If the parent/guardian(s) or person(s) authorized by the parent/guardian(s) appears to be physically and/or emotional impaired to the extent that, in the judgment of the director and/or staff member, the child would be placed at risk of harm if released to such an individual, the center shall ensure that:

- The child may not be released to such an impaired individual;
- Staff members attempt to contact the child's other parent/guardian or alternative person(s) authorized by the parent/guardian(s);
- If the center is unable to make alternative arrangements, a staff member shall call the Division's Child Abuse Hotline (1 877 NJ ABUSE) to seek assistance in caring for the child.

#### **LATE PICK-UPS/LATE FEES**

Summer Camp children must be picked up **NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM.**

**For aftercare for campers paid/registered: NO LATER THAN 6:00 PM.**

Any child picked up later than the designated program closing will be supervised by a staff member until he/she is picked up and will result in the following. **TIME IS DETERMINED BY THE YMCA CLOCK.**

**1<sup>st</sup> LATE PICK-UP will result in a warning.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> OR SUBSEQUENT LATE PICK-UP will result in fees that will be assessed at the rate of \$10 for every ten minutes (or any part of), after 4:00PM, that the parent/guardian is late. The same applies for aftercare campers after 6:00PM.** This applies to all registered participants **NO EXCEPTIONS.** The late fee is due to the supervisor at the time of pick-up or the following day if the person picking up is not you. If fees are not paid, your child will not be allowed back in the program until they are paid. Parent/guardian or emergency contacts may be called by the designated pick up times. If we do not hear from you by the designated pick up times or cannot reach an emergency pick-up an hour after the designated closing times, we are obligated to call the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P). Consistently late pick-ups will result in expulsion.

- If you will not be able to arrive by 4:00PM, please call the numbers listed on *page 4* to inform the staff. The parent/guardian is responsible for finding someone to come in your place, be certain that whoever picks up your child(ren) is listed on the registration form, and has a Photo ID.



## **EMERGENCIES**

If a medical emergency arises, the staff will first attempt to contact the parent/guardian. If they cannot be reached, the staff will contact the first emergency contact person listed on the registration form, if no answer is received, staff will then contact the second person listed, and so forth.

- If hospital attention is necessary, a staff person will remain with the child while he/she is transported to the local hospital and until a parent or guardian arrives. Emergency contact numbers, listed on the registration form, must be local numbers as required by the Licensing Administration.
- Emergency contact must be able to get to the program site within 30 minutes if needed and/or for a pickup. Parent/Guardians who are planning to be out of town for a day or longer should notify the Program Director/Staff Designate and leave a number for emergency purposes. Parents, who are unavailable or inaccessible during the period of the program day, must make sure the Program Director/Staff Designate is fully aware of the situation, and given an alternate plan of communication. We must be able to reach someone immediately in case an emergency or early pick-up is required.

We participate in weekly fire drills and lock down emergency procedures with the children.

## **MEDICATIONS**

### **The following is required by the State Health Department:**

Youth camps that administer medication to a child shall adhere to the following: Prescription medication ONLY shall be administered only after receipt of completed authorization form from the child's parent, guardian or the directing physician. The administration of psychotropic drugs must be approved by the camp director.

- Prescription medication shall be stored in the original prescription container.
- The Health Director or designee only shall administer medications authorized by the attending physician in the case of standing orders. The Health Director may designate an adult to administer medications for life threatening conditions and to children participating in offsite outings.
- The Health Director shall insure that the staff members are informed as to the medication needs of each child under their direct supervision, and any limitations commonly associated with the medication.
- All medications shall be properly stored as specified on the label in a secured area that is inaccessible to the children. No refrigeration available. No child is to keep any medications on their person or in the personal belongings.
- Whenever practical, unused personal medication shall be returned to the parents or guardians when no longer being administered.

**Within three days** after the campers stay at camp, **any unclaimed medication shall be destroyed.**

**When any medications are administered to a child, the camp shall maintain on file a MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM with a parent authorization:**

1. The child's name and parental authorization.
2. The name of the medication administered.
3. The condition for which the medication is being used and any cautionary information specific to the medication.
4. The instruction of administration, including the dosage and frequency; and the date, time and name of person administering the medication to a child will be logged.
5. MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM MUST ACCOMPANY ALL MEDICATIONS. NO FORM – NO MEDICATION WILL BE ADMINISTERED.
6. Medication forms are to be filled out on the campers first day of camp. These forms must accompany the medication in its original container.
7. Forms will be available at Citta Elementary School and the Ocean County YMCA.

**ILLNESS**

Children cannot attend the program if they have an illness that threatens the health of the other children. The Department of Health regulations concerning periods of infection, will be enforced. If your child has a fever or is vomiting, you will be contacted by the staff and required to make arrangements for the pick-up of your child within 30 minutes. Please do not bring a child who feels ill, has a fever, and has recently vomited, etc., as we will have to shortly thereafter call you. Parents will be called by the Director when "absolutely necessary". Children that develop signs of lice (nits) will not be allowed to attend the program until they have been treated and cleared by a Physician.

**OCEAN COUNTY YMCA POLICY ON THE MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

10:122-7.11 Information to the parents regarding the management of communicable diseases to be distributed to the parents. If a child exhibits any of the following symptoms, the child should not attend the center. If such symptoms occur at the center, the child will be removed from the group, and parents will be called to take the child home.

Severe pain or discomfort, acute diarrhea, episodes of acute vomiting, elevated oral temperature of 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit, lethargy, yellow eyes or jaundice skin, red eyes with discharge, infected or untreated skin patches, difficult or rapid breathing, severe coughing, skin rashes in conjunction with fever or behavior changes, skin lesions that are weeping or bleeding, mouth sores with drooling or stiff neck.

Once the child is symptom-free, or has a health care provider's note stating that the child no longer poses a serious health risk to himself/herself or others, the child may return to the center.

### TABLE OF EXCLUDABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

A child who contracts any of the following diseases may not return to the center without a health care provider's notice stating that the child presents no risk to himself/herself or others:

#### Respiratory Illnesses

Chicken Pox\*\*  
German Measles\*  
Hemophilus Influenzae\*  
Measles\*  
Meningococcus\*  
Mumps\*  
Strep Throat  
Tuberculosis\*  
Whooping Cough\*

#### Gastrointestinal Illnesses

Campylobacter\*  
Escherichia Coli\*  
Giardia Lamblia\*  
Hepatitis A\*  
Salmonella\*  
Shigella\*

#### Contact Illnesses

Impetigo  
Lice  
Scabies  
Shingles

\*Reportable diseases that must be reported to the health department by the center.

\*\*Note: If a child has chicken pox, a health care provider's note is not required for re-admitting the child to the center. A note from the parent is required, stating either that at least six days has elapsed since the onset of the rash, or that all sores have dried and crusted. If a child is exposed to an excludable disease at the center the parent will be notified in writing.

### LUNCH

We encourage all campers to bring a nutritious and healthy lunch for camp. Please pack lunch/snack items and water in a lunchbox with an icepack for your camper to keep with them at all times. We do not provide refrigeration or access to a microwave.

### CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health)

We provide a fun and unique way to a healthy lifestyle and exercise daily. This program consists of a wide variety of exciting non-elimination games and activities. Great ways to have fun while staying healthy.

### SWIMMING LESSONS AND RECREATIONAL SWIM

Swim and water play is offered each day. It will be the parent's responsibility to encourage participation.

### TRANSPORTATION

The OCYMCA Summer Camp partners with Toms River Schools Transportation Department to meet all of our program needs. All campers must adhere to the rules and regulations while on the buses of the Transportation System.

### SUNSCREEN

Lotion, spray, and/or sunblock sticks must be labeled with camper's first and last name and remain in camper's backpack. Parents/Guardians are responsible for applying the first layer prior to sending them to camp. Camp staff will assist with reapplying throughout the day.

## Behavioral Guide

### Discipline Policy

1. Discipline means teaching. We attempt to teach acceptable behaviors, as well as, self-control, responsibility and to promote positive self-image as children learn to make good choices by:
  - Setting up a program that is suitable for the ages and needs of the children.
  - Offering choices and interesting activities.
  - Encouragement.
  - Giving positive attention frequently.
  - Positive suggestions.
  - Developing rules with the children.
  - Discussing the situation and why the rule is needed.
  - Preventing problems.
  - Providing appropriate consequences.
  - Use of “time out” (cool down) when appropriate. This allows the child time to think of better ways to handle the problem.
  - Removal of privileges.
  - Hands off and no bullying.
  
2. Children and their parents must be respectful to the child care staff since they have definite expectations for behavior that must be met:
  - Children are to be respectful to other children and staff.
  - Respect should be mutual.
  - Children are to listen and follow directions given by the staff.
  - Children are to keep their hands and their feet to themselves. NO physical contact.
  - Follow the Y core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.
  
3. Should a child refuse to follow these rules:
  - If at any time a child exhibits inappropriate behavior, the parent/guardian or emergency contact will be contacted to pick-up the child immediately (within 30 minutes).
  - The misbehavior will be documented on an incident report and parent/guardian will be asked to sign off signifying that they have been informed. Consequences may lead to written warning, demerit, suspension, and or expulsion.
  - If ongoing misbehavior is exhibited a behavior modification contract will be necessary.
  - Offenses include but not limited to, disrespect to staff or another child, cursing, not listening, name calling, argumentative, teasing, spitting, bullying, hitting, pushing, punching, kicking, fighting, biting, wrestling, possession or use of weapons, possession or use of illegal substances terroristic threats and running away from group or facility.
  
4. Should satisfactory progress not be made:

- The Child may be suspended from the program, until a full investigation is conducted and concluded.
  - Conference between Director, parent/guardian and child may be required before returning to discuss an agreement. Behavior modification contract must be signed and agreed upon by all parties.
  - If the contract is broken, parent/guardian must have someone to pick-up the child immediately (within 30 minutes).
  - The following may result in immediate suspension and/or expulsion from the program.
    - Pulling hair, throwing rocks or other debris
    - The possession or use of weapons
    - The possession or use of illegal substances
    - Endangering himself or herself
    - Intentional destruction of property
    - Stealing
    - Running away from the group or facility
  - If you cannot be reached we will call your emergency contacts. Someone will need to come right away should we need to suspend a child.
  - Due process will be made regarding any expulsion and a full investigation will be conducted regarding the incident.
5. Parent/Guardians will speak to all staff with RESPECT. Any harassment by a parent/guardian toward a staff member may result in the child(ren) expulsion from the program.
6. The Directors reserve the right to alter this policy as deemed necessary to ensure the health and safety of all children and staff members.

## **Bullying Policy**

Bullying behavior is categorized as:

- **Physical:** hitting, kicking, spitting, choking, pushing, tripping, slapping, poking, hair pulling, biting, fighting, unwanted touching, threatening gesturing, theft, and written harassment including oppressive notes and emails. Bullying behavior also includes sexual harassment, gang or group initiations, and hazing.
- **Verbal:** insults, taunting, degrading, teasing, name calling, threats, slander, passing blame, defaming, and blackmail.
- **Psychological** (often called indirect or social bullying): social ostracism, rumors, shunning, intimidation, extortion, manipulation, and character assassination.

### **What is Bullying?**

- Bullying involves an imbalance of power. That imbalance can be physical in nature or it can be gender, cultural or racially-based.
- The National Center for Victims of Crimes stresses that anyone can be a bully, and bullying can be carried out in different ways. Physical bullying may include shoving, pushing and hitting. Words and non-verbal behavior can

also be used to hurt someone by spreading rumors, taking part in gossip, or threatening someone with looks, notes or pictures.

- According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, children and teens who are bullied are at greater risk of suffering from depression and other mental health problems.
- New Jersey's Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights. In January 2011, New Jersey enacted the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, believed to be one of the toughest state laws regulating student-related bullying, harassment and intimidation.
- The key is to promote a positive learning environment.

## **SUSPENSION/EXPULSION POLICY**

### **Causes for Immediate Suspension/Expulsion**

- The child is at risk of causing serious injury to other children or himself/herself.
- Parent threatens physical or intimidating actions toward staff members.
- Parent exhibits verbal abuse to staff.

### **Parental Actions for Child's Suspension/Expulsion**

- Failure to pay/habitual lateness in payments.
- Failure to complete required forms.
- Habitual tardiness when picking up your child.
- Verbal abuse to staff.
- Other—at the discretion of the Youth Development Director.

### **Child's Actions for Suspension/Expulsion**

- Failure of child to adjust after a reasonable amount of time.
- Uncontrollable tantrums/angry outbursts.
- Bullying or hurting other children (i.e. pushing, kicking, punching, cursing, etc.)
- Threatening other children with violent words.
- Other—at the discretion of the Youth Development Director.

### **Schedule of Suspension/Expulsion**

- If the remedial actions have not worked, the child's parent/guardian will be advised verbally and in writing about the child's or parent/guardian's behavior warranting a suspension/expulsion. A suspension/expulsion action is meant to be a period of time so that the parent/guardian may work on the child's or adult's behavior or to come to an agreement with the center.
- The parent/guardian will be informed regarding the length of the suspension/expulsion period.
- The parent/guardian will be informed about the expected behavioral changes required in order for the child or parent/guardian to return to the center.
- The parent/guardian will be given a specific suspension/expulsion date that allows the parent sufficient time to seek alternate child care (approximately one to two weeks' notice depending on the risk to other children's welfare or safety).

- Failure of the child/parent to satisfy the terms of the plan may result in permanent expulsion from the center.

**A Child will not be Suspended/Expelled if a parent/guardian:**

- Makes a complaint to the Office of Licensing regarding a center’s alleged violations of the licensing requirements.
- Reports abuse or neglect occurring at the center.
- Questions the center regarding policies and procedures.

**Proactive Measures that can be taken in order to prevent Suspension/ Expulsion**

- Staff will try to redirect child from negative behavior.
- Staff will reassess the environment, activities, and supervision.
- Staff will always use positive methods and language while disciplining children.
- Staff will praise appropriate behaviors.
- Staff will consistently apply consequences for rules.
- Staff will give child verbal warnings.
- Parent/guardian will be given written copies of the disruptive behaviors that might lead to suspension/expulsion.
- The Director and parent/guardian will have a conference to discuss how to promote positive behavior.

**RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT AGREEMENT**

Below is the conduct agreement we have asked you to review with your child before starting our program.

The YMCA provides a fun, safe and satisfying experience for our Summer Campers. It is our policy that you, the participant, in turn accept responsibility for your own personal conduct and actions. Specifically, you must agree to abide by the following rules

- I will act in a dignified manner towards other people.
- I will stay with my group at all designated times.
- I will fully cooperate with staff and fully participate in my group and program activities.
- I will wear appropriate attire based on the policy guidelines and Youth Development Director’s discretion at all times.
- I will not borrow or touch things that belong to other participants or the program without asking.
- I agree to refrain from endangering the physical safety of another child or staff. This includes, but is not limited to: fighting, play wrestling, punching, or biting. I will keep my hands and feet to myself.
- I agree to refrain from any form of “bullying” which includes, but is not limited to: disrespect to the staff or other children, teasing, name calling, and inappropriate language.
- I will, to the best of my ability, exemplify the YMCA Core Values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility at all times.

## **Camper Code of Conduct**

During camp, I will...

- Keep my hands and feet to myself.
- Tell a camp counselor when there is a problem so they may help me.
- Listen to my camp counselors and directors and treat everyone with respect.
- Treat other people's belongings with respect and keep my hands off of others' property.
- Use clean language.
- Always stay with my group.
- Remember to use good sportsmanship.
- Be responsible for my belongings.
- Respect the buildings that we use.
- Respect the staff of outside organizations that we may visit, or that may visit us.
- Clean up after myself and the litter that we may leave.
- Treat all others (campers and adults) with respect.
- Follow our four core values: Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.

During camp, I will not...

- Bring any inappropriate items with me to camp (anything that can be used as a weapon, etc.)
- Bring any electronic devices while participating in camp (phone, tablet, etc.). I understand that the YMCA is not responsible for the damage or loss of such items.
- Use my cell phone during camp, and if I need to bring one with me, I will leave it turned off and in my bag out of sight at all times.
- Borrow or take others belongings.
- Share food with other campers, or give my own personal stuff to others to take.
- Pickup or throw sticks, dirt or rocks, or climb on structures unless I am instructed to by a counselor for a certain camp activity.
- Tease, taunt or provoke other campers.
- Hit, punch, threaten or use inappropriate language to other campers or YMCA staff members.

I understand that the YMCA seeks to provide fun, safe and satisfying experiences for everyone. The YMCA asks that you in turn accept responsibility for your own personal conduct. I understand that I must follow the above rules and any others that are determined necessary by the YMCA staff. I also understand that if I break any of the above rules, the YMCA may notify my parents, and send me home immediately. I also understand that my parents will be expected to pick me up and that no refund will be issued. Any camper observed harming another camper will have their parents notified by the YMCA staff along with the parents of the camper or campers being harmed. If a problem exists or continues without change in behavior, the YMCA may remove the camper who has committed the harmful acts from camp.