



YMCA of Western Monmouth County

Old Bridge Branch, 1 Mannino Park Drive, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Parent Statement of Understanding

The following information is important for the safety and protection of your child. Please read the information, sign this form, and return the original to the YMCA of Western Monmouth County. A copy will be filed with your child's records.

I understand that YMCA staff and volunteers are not allowed to baby-sit or transport children at any time outside the YMCA program.

If a violation is discovered, the YMCA will take immediate disciplinary action toward staff and/or volunteers.

I understand that staff and volunteers are not allowed to initiate contact with members and program participants outside the YMCA, unless necessary in certain limited cases for the smooth operation of a YMCA program. If deemed necessary, contact should be made with the program participant's parent or guardian. Contact includes, but is not limited to, sharing of phone numbers, email addresses, personal websites and/or web logs.

If a violation is discovered, the YMCA will take immediate disciplinary action toward staff and/or volunteers.

I understand that I am not to leave my child* at the YMCA or program site unless a YMCA staff or volunteer is there to receive and supervise my child. I understand that my child must be escorted to and from the program area by me or another person on my authorized list. Children may not just be dropped off at the door.

*Note: The YMCA's policy is that children under the age of 9 may not be alone in our facilities/program sites.

I understand children should not receive excessive gifts (e.g., toys, video games, jewelry) from YMCA staff or volunteers, and I should report this to a supervisor if they do.

I understand that my child will not be allowed to leave the program with an unauthorized person. Any person authorized to pick up my child, including relatives, must be listed with the YMCA and must be of the age required by this YMCA. Any other alternate pick-up arrangements must be made in writing by a parent/guardian. Phone notification of an alternate pick-up arrangement is only accepted in an emergency.

I understand that should a person arrive to pick up my child who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, for the child's safety, staff may have no recourse but to contact the police.

Please do not put staff in a position where they have to make this judgment call.

I understand that I can help ensure my child's safety by taking an active interest in his or her YMCA experience. I too will monitor volunteer and staff interactions with my child and ask my child specific questions about program activities and volunteer or staff relationships with my child.

I understand that the YMCA is mandated by state law to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities for investigation.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Parent or Guardian Name (Please Print)

Program Participant's Name

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Date _____