

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...**

### YMCA Freehold Borough Summer Borough Recreation Camp QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

#### What are the Ages of Campers?

- We base our groups on age (5-7's, 8-9's & 10-13's)
- Our campers start at age 5 and must have completed Kindergarten and go up to age 13

#### Sites for Camp:

- Freehold YMCA Community Center

#### Are your Groups Coed?

- Yes, all our groups are coed.
- Sometimes a particular camp has more campers of one gender than another; the group is still open to anyone wishing to participate.

#### Can You Extend the Camp Hours?

- Yes. We provide extended care.
- Extended Care hours are from 7:30am to 9:00am and from 3:00pm to 6:00p.m.
- Morning and afternoon care is provided at the YMCA Community Center

#### Can You Enroll Anytime?

- Camp enrollment is on a 'first come, first serve' basis and many camps fill up early on. However, if we have an opening we will accept enrollment throughout the camp season.

#### Do you Provide Lunch?

- No. Please send campers to camp with a bag lunch.

#### Can Campers Buy Snacks?

- Yes. We have Camp vending machines that sell drinks and snacks. The Camp Store sells t-shirts and other items.

#### Is There Trained Medical Personnel on Site?

- No. Our staff is instructed to tend to minor injuries (scrapes and bruises). In the event of an emergency the staff is instructed to call 911 and then call the parent/guardian.

#### What Do the Campers do if it's Raining or Excessively Hot?

- The YMCA Summer Borough Recreation has plenty of indoor space to accommodate all campers on rainy days.
- Occasionally, a trip will be planned for bowling or the movies.
- In excessive heat we modify the schedule to limit high exertion activities.

#### What About Refunds or Credits?

- The YMCA of Western Monmouth County and The YMCA Summer Borough Recreation do not issue refunds.
- There are no refunds or credits for vacations.
- In the rare instance a child is expelled from camp, there will be no refund or credit issued.

#### Camp Fees:

##### (Borough Residents)

- 5-9's **\$365 (\$390 After June 1<sup>st</sup>)**
- 10-13's **\$525 (\$550 After June 1<sup>st</sup>)**
- There are no variations of the fee if a child is unable to attend all nine weeks.
- Extended Care cost **\$405 for the eight weeks** or **\$45 per week**.

##### (Non-Residence)

- 5-9's **\$845 (\$870 After June 1<sup>st</sup>)**
- 10-13's **\$1125 (\$1,150 After June 1<sup>st</sup>)**
- There are no variations of the fee if a child is unable to attend all nine weeks.
- Extended Care cost **\$585 for the eight weeks** or **\$65 per week**

#### How much of a deposit do I have to pay to secure a space in camp?

- A deposit of one-half of the program fee is due at the time of registration and balance due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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### When do I have to have the balance paid in full?

- All balances must be paid prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Any balance after June 1<sup>st</sup> is subject to a \$25 late fee.

### How do I Apply for Financial Assistance?

- You must be a Freehold Borough Resident.
- You must complete a Financial Assistance application.
- Submit a copy of your 1040, W2 and recent paystub.

### What should I do if my child is not coming to camp?

- Parent/Guardian's are asked to inform the Community Center as far in advance as possible if your child is not going to attend camp.

### Can I pick my child up early or drop him/her off late?

- If a camper needs to be picked up early from camp, a parent or guardian must contact the Community Center prior to picking their child up (Preferably in writing).
- All campers are asked to arrive at camp at their set time. If a camper arrives late they may not be able to attend the day's events and may be sent home.

### Do campers go swimming?

- All campers get an instructional swim.
- All of our campers get a recreational swim.
- While our swim instructors are trained to encourage your child to participate in both swim instruction and recreational swims, no child is forced to go into the water.
- All lifeguards and swim instructors are certified in lifeguarding, first aid and CPR and the ratio of lifeguards to campers falls well within the requirements set by the state.

### What are the Ages and Experience of your Staff?

- Our Branch Director, Mel O'Neal, has over 20 years experience in maintaining and managing children's programs.
- Many of the Camp Supervisors and Camp Counselors work with children year round.
- Our Camp Supervisors are a minimum of 18 years old while our Camp Counselors have to be a minimum of 16 years old before the summer starts.
- ALL CAMP STAFF UNDERGO A BACKGROUND CHECK AND SPECIAL TRAINING BEFORE STARTING WORK.

### Is there Bus Service?

- There is no home bussing. Campers are responsible for getting to and from camp
- We provide bus transportation for all trips.
- We use the Wehrle Bus Company.
- All drivers are specially licensed and have a background check.

### Are There Any Special Events over the Summer?

- Throughout the summer we have special programming such as Theme Days, Olympics, PJ Day and our Camp Talent Show.
- Each camper will be given a camp calendar on the first day they attend camp.

### Do You Have A Special Program for Teens?

- Yes. Our 10-13 year old's Teen Travel Camp.
- Teens have three trips per week.
- Instructional and recreational swim, Community Service Projects, Self-esteem and Team Building, Games, sports and more.

### Do You Have A L.I.T. Program?

- Our Program is called Leaders-in-Training. It last the length of the summer program.
- Our L.I.T.'s are 14-15 years old.
- Campers in the L.I.T. program are charged a program fee; they do not get paid, they are still considered campers.
- Applicants in this program must fill out a separate L.I.T. Packet and have an interview with the Camp Director.