

YMCA of Greater Indianapolis
Summer Day Camp Packet



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Dear Y Families,

Welcome to one of America's most important family traditions...enrolling your child for the adventure and fun of a YMCA Summer Day Camp. We take your confidence very seriously as you entrust your child to the YMCA.

This booklet is designed to help you and your child prepare to be safe and have fun beginning with the first day of camp. We invite you to find a special time to sit down with your child and review this booklet and follow its suggestions together in anticipation of another exciting summer season.

Please know that Summer Day Camp programs operated by the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis are accredited by the American Camp Association. This means we have passed the test requiring the most stringent standards for safety, staff leadership, and program quality.

For the 2012 summer season, we are offering 112 different camp options involving a variety of interests at 36 sites throughout the Indianapolis area.

We are very excited about this summer and we look forward to introducing your child to new friends and memories to last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Heather Perkins
Executive Director of Youth Enrichment

P.S. Please check out our overnight camp on Flat Rock River, a unique opportunity every child should experience. Call 317-266-9622 and ask for our Flat Rock River YMCA Summer Camp brochure or visit our website at www.flatrockymca.org.

The Y: We're for Youth Development, Social Responsibility, and Healthy Living

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Welcome to the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis Day Camp Program! We will serve your children with compassion, patience, skill and respect. It is our desire that staff and parents become partners to better serve your children. In turn, we ask that you, as a parent, help us. Let us know of any concerns, ideas or thoughts that you may have regarding camp. The YMCA is a place for families and we want to do everything possible to strengthen and support your family.

The staff at the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis believes that each child is a unique individual with his/her own rate of development. Our goal is to introduce children to as many new experiences as possible and help each child feel confident and secure in a fun, safe camp environment. We are dedicated to molding the lives of our campers and creating friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

All YMCA camps are designed to meet the following goals. Our camps seek to help campers:

- Grow personally
- Learn core values
- Develop specific skills
- Improve relationships
- Develop leadership ability
- Appreciate diversity
- HAVE FUN and get dirty!

YMCA of Greater Indianapolis Mission

“Our mission is to put Christian Principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.”

Core Values

The YMCA of Greater Indianapolis works to accomplish its mission by living and sharing the following core values:

Caring: love; putting others before yourself; serving youth that youth may serve; building more responsive communities.

Honesty: integrity; telling the truth; keeping promises to self and others; trustworthiness; maintaining wholeness of spirit, mind, and body.

Respect: regard; treating others, as you would have them treat you; acknowledging and accepting others regardless of differences.

Responsibility: duty; to do what you should; accepting accountability to long term relationships; pursuing excellence; following through with personal commitments.

40 Developmental Assets

The Search Institute has identified 40 developmental building blocks, or “assets,” that help young people grow up caring, competent, and responsible. YMCA camping programs are designed to give children the support they need to develop into healthy young people.

Did you know that all camps of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis are accredited by the American Camp Association?

Summer day camps of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis are proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association. Developed exclusively for the camp professional, this nationally recognized program focuses on program quality and health and safety issues, and requires us to review every facet of our operation. These camps have voluntarily submitted to this independent appraisal done by camping experts and has earned this mark of distinction.

Registration / Transfer / Payment Information

What type of deposit do you require?

At the time of registration a **\$15 non-refundable deposit is required** for each week of camp per child. All camp fees must be paid in full prior to the session of attendance.

Failure to make balance payments by the designated deadline below will cancel the registration, result in the loss of the deposit, and will advance another camper from a waiting list. A deposit may be transferred to another camp one time only.

When is the balance due for a camp?

The remaining balance for each camp is due the Tuesday (by 8:00 pm) prior to the start of the camp, or the deposit will be lost and the camper's registration will be cancelled. See below for exact camp payment due dates. If at any time you have a question regarding your "camp bill", please do not hesitate to call the YMCA Branch hosting the camp.

<u>Camp Start Date</u>	<u>Payment Deadline (by 8:00 pm)</u>
May 21	May 15
May 29	May 22
June 4	May 29
June 11	June 5
June 18	June 12
June 25	June 19
July 2	June 26
July 9	July 3
July 16	July 10
July 23	July 17
July 30	July 24
Aug. 6	July 31

Will I be billed for the remaining balance of a camp?

No. Please see the Payment Deadline schedule above to know when the remaining balance of camp fees is due.

Y For All

YMCA programs and membership are affordable with Y For All.

The YMCA is unique because your membership rates and program fees are based on total household income.

The YMCA is able to offer this sliding fee thanks to generous donors whose contributions enable us to realize our mission of being open and accessible for all. Please ask the front desk for details.

If you wish to make a CONTRIBUTION to the 2012 Y For All Campaign, you may do so by sending your donation (earmarked for "Campership") to the YMCA. Contact the YMCA at 317-266-9622 for more information.

Payment Options and Methods of Payment

We offer two convenient payment methods. As a reminder, the parent or guardian who registered the camper is responsible for the payment of fees. **Weekly payments at the branch** are due according to the schedule above. **On-line payments** are due according to the schedule above.

Payments may be made by check, money order (payable to the YMCA), credit card, or on-line at our website, www.indymca.org. **For the safety of your children and the staff, no payments are permitted at our sites.**

Our branch facilities and program offices can accept cash and will issue you a receipt. For security purposes, we are not able to keep credit card information on file. Please be prepared to supply your credit card information for each payment.

What is the YMCA's Refund Policy?

If the YMCA cancels the camp, we will give you a full credit or refund. If you request to cancel your enrollment in a camp, you may do so as long as it is prior to the first day of the camp. You will receive a credit less your deposit.

NSF Policy

We must charge a \$20.00 fee for every check returned by the bank because of non-sufficient funds, stopped payments, or closed accounts. We ask that you provide reimbursement to the YMCA for the uncollected check before your child will be permitted to return to the camp program. Only a money order, certified check, or cash will be accepted. This policy also applies to membership bank drafts.

The camp I want to register for is already full. Is there a waiting list?

Most camps have a waiting list. When a camp fills up, the staff begin a waiting list. If space becomes available, those on the waiting list will be called in order. Check with your branch to see if they offer a waiting list.

What is the YMCA's Tax Identification Number?

Use the following information for the filing of proper childcare tax credits:

YMCA of Greater Indianapolis
615 N. Alabama Street, Suite 200
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Tax ID number is: 35-0868211

Please keep your receipts for tax purposes, if needed.

Getting Ready for Camp

How can I get a Parent Newsletter?

Parent Newsletters are available at the sign in/sign out table from Camp Staff or can be emailed to you if an email is provided to the YMCA. The Newsletter provides you with information on what your child will be doing during his/her time in camp. Please note that these schedules are subject to change. We do our best to provide you with information early so you can plan ahead, but summer camp is full of surprises and we are often forced to make changes. The newsletter also gives you information on what to bring.

What should my camper wear to camp?

Camper are required to wear closed-toe shoes and socks daily. Please remember, camp is not a fashion show! We encourage our campers to wear old clothes in which they are ready to play hard and get dirty! Dress to get messy. It is also recommended to bring a plastic bag each day (for wet items).

What should my camper bring to camp?

All campers must bring their own lunch and drink to camp daily (except when noted in the weekly newsletter). Refrigerators are not available, so a lunch with a drink kept in a small insulated cooler to keep it cold is ideal. Due to hot weather and the possibility of dehydration, please avoid sending soft drinks. You are encouraged to pack an afternoon snack. It is recommended to send your child to camp with a backpack to keep all their belongings together. Send a swimsuit, towel and sunscreen (label all items). On hot days, water games will be played. Campers should pack a swimsuit even on the days when they are not scheduled to swim. Parents are encouraged to provide spray-on sunscreen.

What should my camper leave at home?

The YMCA is not responsible for camper possessions that are lost or stolen. The best way to prevent the loss of property is to leave valuables at home! Please leave new jackets/sweatshirts, all video games, ipods, cell phones, and expensive jewelry/watches at home. Also, campers are not to bring any money to camp unless

noted in the weekly newsletter. In general, please don't send your child to camp with any toys - we want to provide all entertainment for your camper! In addition, the following items are not allowed to be brought by campers to Day Camp: alcohol or drugs, personal sports equipment (unless required by camp participating in), vehicles, animals, weapons, video games.

What things should I pack in my child's lunch?

Your child will feel better and have more energy during the day with healthy items packed in his/her lunch box. Here are some ideas for great lunch box fillers from the Harvard School of Public Health:

Not all of the items listed below are non-perishable. Small coolers with re-usable ice packs help make lunches safe from the summer heat!

Pack fruits and vegetables every day:

Applesauce, grapes, raw broccoli or cauliflower, pepper slices, apples, Mandarin oranges, cucumber slices, berries, canned fruits in light syrup, zucchini and yellow squash, and raisins. (Make vegetables fun with a dipping sauce like light ranch dressing!)

Pack a protein or grain option every day:

Cereal bars, rice cakes, cheese, hard boiled eggs, yogurt, nuts, peanut butter, granola or trail mix, and dry cereal. (Use wheat bread over white bread for sandwiches. **Pack food that have NO TRANS FATS!**)

Beverages:

Water is the ultimate hydrator! Water is the best of all drinks. When packing juice, use only 100% juice. Stay away from sugar-sweetened drinks and soft drinks!

Should my camper bring money to camp?

No. Camp fees include all day trip admission fees. Any exceptions will be noted in the Parent Newsletter.

What if my camper loses something at camp?

We know that sometimes things just get lost. Please label all of your child's belongings. Each camp has a Lost and Found. Please feel free to check for your child's lost and found items. Lost and found items are kept at the YMCA for two full weeks and then donated to charity. The YMCA is not responsible for camper possessions that are lost or stolen.

What camps have additional waivers? And, how do I get them?

Every summer, a handful of our specialty camps require additional waivers. This summer Rock Climbing, Paws-itively Adorable, Scuba, SkyZone, and Equestrian require an additional waiver. You may receive one from the staff at the front desk during regular business hours or from Camp Staff at the sign in/sign out table. The additional waivers are also available to be downloaded on our website, www.indymca.org/camps. If the waiver is not filled out and signed, your child will not be able to participate in that camp.



Supervision of Campers

Who is watching my camper?

We feel confident that we have the best staff around! Our staff is as diverse as our campers. They are carefully selected and well-trained groups of young men and women. All staff has been chosen for their experience, special talents, sensitivity, and creativity. They have been thoroughly screened through a complete background and criminal history check.

Camp Counselors are either college students or high school graduates and each supervises a group of 6-12 campers (based on age). Their attentions are thoughtfully directed to the personal needs and development of each individual camper.

Professional YMCA Camp Directors provide the primary leadership for YMCA Day Camps. They are available to answer parent questions and to assist with any personal needs that you or your child may have.

Most importantly, our staff are people who love children. They want to spend their summer playing, teaching and working with children. They are good people with good hearts who are silly enough to sing camp songs at the top of their lungs!

What trainings do the camp staff receive?

All staff receive over 40 hours of intense YMCA in-house training that covers a great deal. The staff learn about the policies and procedures of Summer Camp. They learn how important it is to apply sunscreen throughout the day. They learn how to do headcounts and how to check in and out children. They learn how drop off and pick up operates.

In addition to learning all the policies and procedures of the YMCA Summer Day Camp program, they learn techniques of how to better interact with children. They learn how to use positive discipline. They learn to detect and report child abuse. They learn songs, games and arts & crafts projects. Staff are also certified in CPR, First Aid, and Child Abuse Prevention.

At the end of our training, they are ready to use their new skills and knowledge with campers.

How many staff will be watching my camper?

We operate on the following ratios, which are recommended by the American Camp Association. For camps with a wide age range, we use a 1:10 ratio.

Ages 3 to 5 years Ratio: 1:6

Ages 6 to 8 years Ratio: 1:8

Ages 9 to 14 years Ratio: 1:10

Ages 15 years Ratio: 1:12

Can staff babysit?

Staff members are not allowed to be alone with children they meet in YMCA programs outside the YMCA program setting. This includes babysitting, sleepovers, and inviting staff members to children's homes unless one of the following conditions exists:

1. Staff and child's family have a relationship that predates the staff member's employment or child's enrollment in the YMCA program.
2. Staff and child's family are related.

Can staff accept presents?

Although our staff work long, challenging hours, our policy states that employees are not to accept gratuities. If you wish, we would encourage you to make a donation to our Annual Y For All Campaign to help children who otherwise wouldn't be able to go to camp. Contact the YMCA at 317-266-9622 for more information.

What if my camper has special needs?

The YMCA welcomes families and children with special circumstances. We request you schedule an individual meeting with your Program Director to develop the best plan for your child. We will then be able to determine together what accommodations your child may need to be successful in our program.

What happens if my camper has a discipline problem at camp?

In our programs, our top priority is to provide a safe and enriching experience for all children. To do this, we must work together to develop the best plan for each individual child.

YMCA Program Expectations

(Other rules may apply depending on program site)

- Speak for yourself
- Listen to others
- Use put ups, not put downs
- Care for others, the property, and yourself
- Be honest
- Show respect for all
- Be responsible for yourself
- Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

YMCA Behavior Management Guidelines

(Depending on the severity of the behavior, the YMCA reserves the right to utilize these guidelines in any order):

1. Staff will redirect the child and discuss appropriate behavior.
2. The child will be encouraged to take "personal time" to regain composure and/or discuss other choices for behavior.
3. If a third reminder is given, a behavior report will be written by the Site Director. A copy will be shared with the person who picks up the child that day. If a child receives three written behavior reports during the summer, the child will be suspended at the end of the day and a conference is required before the child may return to camp the following Monday. The parent or guardian is responsible for calling the YMCA to schedule a conference. There will be no refund of camp fees if the child is suspended.
4. If the child returns to camp and receives a fourth written behavior report, the Site Director will notify the parent. If necessary, the parent will be asked to pick up the child immediately. After this report, the child will be dismissed from the program for the remainder of the summer. In most instances, the child is eligible to return the following summer. There will be no refund of camp fees if the child is suspended.
5. If the severity of the problem is great enough after the first incident and the Site Director consults with the YMCA Program Director, suspension from the program will be effective immediately without following the above steps. The Program Director will notify the parent. There will be no refund of camp fees if the child is suspended.

General Policies

What if my camper is coming to day camp part time?

If your child will be coming part time to day camp (1-2 days), please make sure to let the YMCA know the week prior to attending what day(s) your child will be coming so we can have the proper staffing ratios at all times.

What if my camper is going to be absent?

If your child will be absent from camp, please call the camp office by 8:15 a.m. to notify the camp director.

What if I am late picking up my camper from camp?

In order to be respectful of our staff and their family time, parents who arrive past the 6:00 pm closing time will be assessed a \$1.00 per minute per child late fee. For consistency, the program will use the clock at the site for time reference. This fee must be included in your next payment and repeated failures to pay this amount may result in removal from the program.

After three late arrivals, we will ask that you make other arrangements for summer care for your child.

If a camper has not been picked up by 7:00 p.m. and no authorized person has been reached, the staff will have no choice but to contact the local police.

What if I need to add or delete someone from my authorized pick-up list?

You may change pick up information at the sign in/sign out table. Additions and deletions to the list must be made in person at the site and **can only be made by the person who registered the child.**

What if I need to pick up my camper early? Or drop off late?

Our staff do their best to accommodate late arrivals and early departures. Please communicate with your child's Camp Director either in person during the drop off or pick up. Please be sure you know where to meet the camp at least a day in advance.

Am I required to sign my camper in and out daily?

Yes. For the protection of each camper, The YMCA requires that all children are to be properly signed in by an adult and turned over to a YMCA staff person.

At the end of each camp day, only those persons who are designated on the camper's authorized pick up list will be allowed to pick the camper up from camp. Be sure to complete the pick-up authorization area on the registration form. **ID is required until faces become familiar to staff.** After this time, ID will be required in the event of a different person picking up the camper or substitute staff working at the site. Please bring picture identification each day. **All authorized persons must be 18 years of age or older.** PLEASE NOTE: It is our responsibility to see that your child leaves with the appropriate person each day. We will ask for identification. Please do not be offended. This is done with the child's safety in mind.

In the unfortunate event of a difficult/dangerous custody situation where a court order is in place, please contact the YMCA Office to set up guidelines regarding the release of your child. You must have a copy of any court documents regarding the restriction of release of children in our care.

Parents are responsible for resolving any issues that may arise from their child's participation in our programs. The YMCA will not get involved in disputes between parents. A child may be removed from the program until parents are able to resolve their differences. For consistency, any requests for program information must be included in a court order.

The YMCA staff will encourage any adult who appears to be intoxicated or under the influence of drugs to call an emergency contact or a taxicab to take them and their child home. If an adult chooses to leave the YMCA program site, staff will document the license plate number and call the police.

My camper needs to take medication during the camp day. How does this work?

Any medication given to a child at the program site must be in its original container with the child's name on it. A Medication Release form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian with the following information:

1. Child's name
2. Type of medication
3. Physician's name
4. Amount of dosage to be given
5. Time to be given
6. Number of days to be administered
7. Possible side effects

Please note that the YMCA staff are **NOT** allowed to give the first dosage of any medication. YMCA staff are not permitted to give medication to control or contain fever. YMCA staff may dispense **ONLY PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION**. If your child refuses medication, we will contact you for further instructions.

What if my camper becomes ill or gets injured while at camp?

If your camper becomes ill while at camp, our staff will contact you to pick him/her up. Camp is not designed to handle ill children, so it is important to tend to your child in a timely manner. If your child is injured, staff will treat routine scrapes and cuts. In all cases of serious illness or accident, the Camp Director or the Branch Youth and Family Life Director will contact the parent or guardian directly. In the event that they cannot be reached, the signed authorization on the child's health form will allow the YMCA to secure prompt treatment. Injuries requiring ambulance service or medical attention are the financial responsibility of the guardian.

A sick camper is to be kept home for the camper's sake as well as others. Many communicable diseases begin with cold-like symptoms. If your child has a communicable disease, please notify the YMCA as soon as possible.

Will sunscreen be applied to my camper throughout the day?

Of course! We count on parents to apply sunscreen before children come to camp in the morning. Sunscreen is applied at various times throughout the camp day: at mid morning, lunchtime and in the early afternoon. All children will apply sunscreen. If you do not want sunscreen applied to your camper, please send a note to your child's Camp Director on Monday. **Please make sure to send sunscreen with your child daily.**

What is camp's bathroom procedure?

No camper is ever alone and no camper is ever alone with a staff member. All campers will take trips to the bathroom with the entire camp and or camp groups and camp staff. Campers will only use bathrooms inspected for safety by camp staff.

How do I communicate with the YMCA Camp Staff?

Exchange of information between parents and staff provides insight for both parties. The format may be formal or informal. We will do our best to let you know how your child's day was. It is vital that you inform us of changes happening in your family. These influence the way in which your child relates to others. Staff members can better provide for a child's needs if they are aware of the situation. We will treat this information with the utmost confidence.

Program Content

Will there be camp evaluations?

Evaluations will be available each session at each camp location. Please fill out evaluations and drop off at the sign in/sign out table. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Camp Director. We also plan to send an email survey twice during the summer. Please make sure to give us a working email address at registration. Additionally, look for an overall evaluation to be mailed to your house by the end of the summer. We appreciate and need your feedback to continually improve our camp programs. Please take the time to share your feedback with us!

How much instruction will my camper receive in his/her Sports camp?

Sports camps will spend 3 hours on the field/courts/ gym. Please remember, you are signing up your child to attend a sports camp – not a sports clinic. The YMCA views sports as a way to fulfill our Mission. Our sports camps are designed to teach self-esteem, leadership, teamwork and character values through sports. They will execute drills, learn new techniques, play games and practice the sport; however, **they are designed to be recreational.**

How much instruction will my camper receive in his/her Enrichment camp?

Enrichment Camps will spend 3-4 hours in intensive instruction with the specialty skill of that week. Whether taught by YMCA or a collaborative partner, instruction for the most part will be half of the day. The remainder of the day will be spent participating in traditional camp activities for an overall camp experience.

What happens on Rainy Days?

Camp is held rain or shine! We will be conducting activities inside and outside (provided that there is no lightning). Please send extra clothes with your camper. Don't forget a raincoat or poncho, too!

Will there be any Family Events?

Watch for announcements about family events and plan to attend. Along with being a lot of fun, family events offer parents the opportunity to interact with their child's counselor. These events are often the highlight of the summer!

How do I get a YMCA Camp T-Shirt?

Every camper will receive a YMCA Summer Camp t-shirt with his/her first paid-in-full week of camp. A camper will receive one free shirt, no matter how many weeks of camp he/she participates in or how many branches are utilized. You are encouraged to have your camper wear his/her camp t-shirt, especially for field trips to help identify our campers in public venues. Additional t-shirts are available for purchase for \$7.00 + tax (\$7.49 total) for youth and adult sizes. (\$8.75 + tax= \$9.36 total for adult XXL.)

Transportation Information

The YMCA provides transportation that is required from a Branch YMCA to a camp site. Transportation is also provided for all scheduled field trips.

All transportation is provided in YMCA certified vehicles only. The signature of a parent or guardian is required for such transportation and can be found on the camper application.

See the branch information for information on where to pick up and drop off your child at day camp.

What are the Bus Rules?

1. Campers must remain in their seats with their backs and bottoms touching the seats at all times.
2. Campers must keep their voices at an appropriate level.
3. Campers may not put anything (including body parts) outside the bus windows.
4. Campers must behave respectfully and use appropriate language.
5. No eating or drinking on the bus (except when permitted by camp staff).

All campers must follow the directions of the driver and camp staff at all times.

**Pro-rated fees for 4-Day Weeks:
May 29- June 1, 2012
July 2-6, 2012
(For all branches except Fishers)**

If the **regular fees** for the week are \$86/week for Facility Members and \$122/week for Program Members (**blue level**);
the **pro-rated rates** are \$68/week for Facility Members and \$98/week for Program Members.

If the **regular fees** for the week are \$132/week for Facility Members and \$167/week for Program Members (**orange level**);
the **pro-rated rates** are \$106/week for Facility Members and \$134/week for Program Members.

If the **regular fees** for the week are \$154/week for Facility Members and \$194/week for Program Members (**pink level**);
the **pro-rated rates** are \$123/week for Facility Members and \$155/week for Program Members.

If the **regular fees** for the week are \$178/week for Facility Members and \$223/week for Program Members (**purple level**);
the **pro-rated rates** are \$142/week for Facility Members and \$178/week for Program Members.

If the **regular fees** for the week are \$245/week for Facility Members and \$293/week for Program Members (**green level**);
the **pro-rated rates** are \$196/week for Facility Members and \$234/week for Program Members.

**Pro-rated fees for 4-Day Weeks:
May 29- June 1, 2012
July 2-6, 2012
(For the Fishers branch only)**

If the **regular fees** for the week are \$88/week for Facility Members and \$124/week for Program Members (**blue level**);
the **pro-rated rates** are \$71/week for Facility Members and \$99/week for Program Members.

If the **regular fees** for the week are \$134/week for Facility Members and \$169/week for Program Members (**orange level**);
the **pro-rated rates** are \$107/week for Facility Members and \$135/week for Program Members.

If the **regular fees** for the week are \$156/week for Facility Members and \$196/week for Program Members (**pink level**);
the **pro-rated rates** are \$125/week for Facility Members and \$157/week for Program Members.

If the **regular fees** for the week are \$180/week for Facility Members and \$225/week for Program Members (**purple level**);
the **pro-rated rates** are \$144/week for Facility Members and \$180/week for Program Members.

If the **regular fees** for the week are \$247/week for Facility Members and \$295/week for Program Members (**green level**);
the **pro-rated rates** are \$198/week for Facility Members and \$236/week for Program Members.

Baxter Center YMCA

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Camp Leadership

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read pages 1-12 for important information regarding our camp program.

Camp Hours:

Camp hours are 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Extended Care Hours:

Extended care is included in your camp fee.

Baxter YMCA Location Camps

- Extended Care drop-off begins at 6:30 a.m. Pick-up can be as late as 6:00 pm.

Off-site Location Camps:

- Extended Care drop-off begins at 7:00 am at all offsite locations. Pick-up can be as late as 6:00 pm.

Drop-off and Pick-up:

Baxter Location Elementary Age Camps

(Explorers, Voyagers, Rangers, Pioneers, Trailblazers, Teen Adventures, Leaders-in-Training, Sports, and Specialty)

- Indoor Drop-off and Pick-up
 - The drop off and pick up area for these camps is to the east side of the YMCA, in the Pavilion.
- Drive-thru Drop-off
 - Between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., you have the opportunity to pull your car through the parking lot by the playground.
 - When you get to the camp staff, they will hand you a clipboard to sign your child in. Your child will then head into the pavilion, under the supervision of our staff.
 - Gives you the ease and comfort of signing your child in to camp without leaving your car.

Baxter Location Preschool Camps (1/2 and Full Day Discovery Camp)

- The drop-off and pick-up area for these camps is in Preschool Room 4.

Gathering Place Camps

- The drop-off and pick-up for this camp is behind the Gathering Place building. There is a driveway that goes all of the way around the building and leads to a back door where pick-up and drop-off will take place.

All other off-site camps (Center Grove, Franklin Township and Perry Township):

- Please check with the Camp Director one month before the camp starts, as schools often change the door that we will have access to during the summer months.

Early Pick-Up: (Between the hours of 9:15am and 3:30pm)

Planned Early Pick-Up:

If you know that you will need to pick your child up early from camp, please fill out the Early Pick-Up Form and turn in to the Extended Care Staff. Your child will be ready for pick-up at the time you specify.

Late Drop-Off and Unplanned Early Pick-Up:

If you are dropping off your child late or unexpectedly picking up your child early, please visit the sign-in table. Please allow for extra time in these instances. When picking up, please remember to bring a picture ID.

Rainy Day Pick-Up:

Baxter YMCA Location Camps

- When Rainy Day pick-up is in effect, our blue Rainy Day Banner will be hanging on the fence in front of the Pavilion to help guide you to the correct Pick-Up location!
- For pick-up between 4-6 p.m.:
 - Explorers, Voyagers and Specialty campers will be in the Day Camp Pavilion.
 - Rangers, Pioneers, Trailblazers, Teen Adventures and Sports campers can be picked up by going to Preschool Room 2.

Off-site Location Camps

- Pick-up will take place in its normal area during rainy days.

Inclement Weather:

Camp will take place rain or shine! In the event of severe weather, children will be brought into the designated inclement weather shelter at their site. The YMCA Office monitors the weather and will notify each camp's director should severe weather occur. Rainy day activities will be planned by the Day Camp staff to help make these days more fun!

Parent Communication:

Thursday is the Parent Communication Day for Baxter YMCA Summer Day Camps. All information regarding your child's camp and other programs at the YMCA, including newsletters, counselor letters, and flyers, will go home in your child's backpack or lunch box on Thursday. Be sure to ask for and read the camp newsletter each week, as it contains important updates, changes and special events specific to your camp. We will also send out an electronic version of the newsletter if we have your email on file!

Payment for Camps:

There are multiple payment options available:

- The Camp Registrar is available in the pavilion on Monday & Tuesday during morning and afternoon extended care to take payments.
- A payment drop box is available at the member service desk of the Baxter YMCA for your convenience. Please enclose payments in the payment envelopes provided.
- Camp payments will be accepted at the Baxter YMCA during regular office hours- Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday 12:00-4:00 p.m.
- Payments can be made by phone Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. by calling (317) 881-9347. Please have your VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express information available.
- Once you have an online YMCA account set up, you can also make online payments at www.indymca.org

Free Hot Breakfasts and Lunches

Free Hot Lunches will be offered through the Winchester School program only at the Baxter Branch location camps. Free breakfasts and lunches will begin on Tuesday, May 29th through Friday, July 27th. Breakfast will be served from 7:30–8:30 a.m. and lunch will be served during your campers scheduled lunch time. If your child will be taking advantage of the free breakfasts and lunches, you will need to notify the staff during sign-in on Monday mornings. On days when the campers will be gone on field trips during lunch times, a bagged lunch will be provided, if you have requested the free hot lunch program for that week.

Below is a sample breakfast and lunch schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Pop Tarts Juice/Milk	Sausage Biscuit Juice/Milk	Cereal Bar/Grahams Juice/Milk	Pancakes w/Syrup Juice/Milk	Muffin Juice/Milk
Lunch	Grilled Cheese Corn Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Fruit Milk	Corn Dog Green Beans Fruit Cup Cookie Milk	Pizza Celery w/ Dip Frozen Fruit Bar Milk	Chicken Patty Sandwich Green Beans Frozen Fruit Bar Milk

Swimming:

Campers will have scheduled pool time throughout the week. Please check the weekly newsletters at the Sign In/Out table for specific times. Baxter Branch location camps will swim daily. Off-Site camps (Beech Grove, Franklin Township, and Perry Township) will swim three days per week. Gathering Place location camps will swim two days per week.

Swim Tests and Pool Procedures:

- On Mondays or the camps first visit to the pool during the week, the head lifeguard on duty will meet the campers at the East wall to discuss pool rules. Each camper will then take a swim test. Swim test will take place in the shallow end of the pool on the camp side. Each child needs to be able to swim a distance of 25 yards with their head above water without assistance. The head lifeguard will determine each camper's skill level.
- There will be three levels of swimmers:
 - **Non-swimmers:** (those who cannot swim and are unable to touch the bottom of the pool) = Lifejackets.
 - **Intermediate swimmers:** (not strong swimmers but able to touch in shallow end) = no wrist band.
 - **Advanced swimmers:** (allowed access to deeper end of pool) = Orange wrist bands.
- The deepest area on the camp side of the outdoor pool is approx. 5ft.
- Counselors will have camps ready to swim so that time may be used wisely. They will have rosters ready so that they can mark their campers swim level. On Mondays the majority of the camp time will be used for swim testing. Let your campers know this so that they will not be disappointed.
- Once a camper has taken a swim test they will be assigned a swimming area. The campers swim level will be logged in the swim test binder and their counselor will make note of it on their rosters. Each week only new campers that have not taken a swim test will need to be given a test.
- Approved swimming apparel consists of a swimsuit and if the camper wants to they can wear a light colored t-shirt in the pool to help protect them from the sun.
- What to pack for your camper when they go swimming:
 - Swimsuit
 - Towel

- Sunscreen
- Goggles if they want them, NO masks that cover the nose.
- Non-swimmers may provide their own coastguard approved lifejacket; make sure to put their name on it.
- Items that will not be allowed in the pool:
 - Water wings
 - Water guns
 - Large floatation devices

Speed Limits:

For the safety of the children, please monitor your vehicle speed at all of our sites, all summer long!

Parking:

Due to the amount of campers arriving and departing at the same time, please be cautious when driving in the parking lot. Please follow the parking lot directional arrows when dropping off and picking up campers.

Lost and Found:

Lost and found will be donated on a bi-weekly basis to a local organization. Please be sure to label all of your campers belongings and check the lost and found regularly!

Summer School:

If your child will be attending summer school during a week that he/she is in camp, please be sure to let us know, so we can make sure he/she gets on and/or off the bus safely. The YMCA does not coordinate the summer school transportation, so be sure to talk to your school about that ahead of time.

Other YMCA Activities:

For the safety of your child, camp staff are unable to escort campers to other activities. For camp swim lessons, the camp staff and the aquatic staff will communicate and make arrangements for your child to arrive at the pool for their lessons. Campers participating in other activities at the YMCA will need to be signed out by an authorized adult.

FAMILY EVENTS

Open House:

A Camp Open House will take place on Saturday, March 24th, from 3-5 p.m. Families are able to come, learn more about camp and meet some of the staff. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions you have and get a better understanding of camp.

Pool Party Family Nights:

On Tuesday, June 12th and Wednesday, July 11th, from 5:00-7:30 p.m., we will have an evening swimming, music, and eating! Come on out and have a great time at our outdoor pool!

Benjamin Harrison Center YMCA

317-547-9622

Camp Leadership

Sara Noyed, Senior Program Director, snoyed@indymca.org
Ashleigh Coster, Associate Program Director, acoster@indymca.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read pages 1-12 for important information regarding our camp program.

Camp Dates:

The Benjamin Harrison YMCA offers camp weekly, May 29th through August 10th. Please see the camp chart for specific camp offerings.

Camp Hours:

Camp Hours are from 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. However, we have extended care available at no extra charge, as early as 6:30am for drop-off and as late as 6:00pm for pick-up.

Drop off and Pick-up:

A **pre-designated adult (18 and over)** must sign all campers in and out of camp each day. Campers may only be released to persons who are on the authorized pick-up list and **MUST HAVE a picture ID**. Please be cautious when driving in the parking areas of the camps. Young campers may be nearby. Prior to the first day a camper attends camp, a completed pick up authorization form for your child (ren) must be submitted. **Additional names can only be added in person and will not be accepted over the phone.** Please allow extra time for arrival on Mondays.

Drop off/pick up location at each site:

- All camps held at the Benjamin Harrison YMCA will be dropped off at the Annex.

Parking:

Everyone must park in a designated parking space. **DO NOT** park alongside sidewalks. Please pay attention to cones and signs that indicate where to park and where to drive. These are put in place to help maintain the safety of children and staff. Due to the amount of campers arriving and departing at the same time, please be cautious when driving in the parking areas.

Newsletters:

Be sure to ask for and read the camp newsletter each week! **Newsletters contain very important contact information, updates, changes, schedules and special events specific to your camp.** These newsletters are your link to important camp information and details. Newsletters will be available each Monday at your camp and will be emailed to you if your Site Director has a valid email address.

Swimming:

ALL FEMALE CAMPERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR ONE-PIECE SWIM SUITS. Swim days and times will vary on the specific camp and pool availability. However, please have your child bring their swim suit and towel on a daily basis, camps will be playing water games if they are not swimming. All children are encouraged to swim, but it is not required. Swim lessons are available at a small fee if you would like to enroll your child.

Friday Family Lunch:

Traditional camps will host a family lunch every Friday from 11:30am-12:15pm, parents and other family members are welcome to join their camper for lunch. Please bring your own lunch. This is a special time to see what your campers have been up to and meet their counselors. Please ask your Site Director for more details.

FAMILY EVENTS

Camp Open House

Friday, June 1st, 6:00 – 8:00pm:

Bring the whole family, and join us for an evening of food and fellowship to celebrate the beginning of summer! Camp counselors will be on hand to meet families and lead games. Staff will be available to answer questions about our camps. More information regarding this event will come out closer to the date.

Largest Pool Party

Please Stay Tuned for Date and Time

IMPORTANT General Information:

- Campers will spend most of their day outdoors.
- Be prepared! Send campers in clothes that can get dirty. Your camper will most likely come home tired, wet and dirty...and smiling!
- Please send your camper with plenty of sunscreen and insect repellent!
- Campers get thirsty in the summer sun- please send them with a water bottle!
- Campers will be active, so tennis/athletic shoes are a MUST! Sandals are welcome during pool or water play, but closed toe shoes are needed for the rest of the day!
- Label *everything!*
- Be prepared for FUN!!

Fishers Center YMCA

317-595-9622

Camp Leadership

Sarah Reynolds, Program Director, sreynolds@indymca.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read pages 1-12 for important information regarding our camp program.

Drop off and Pickup:

A **pre-designated adult (18 and over)** must sign all campers in and out of camp each day. Campers may only be released to persons who are on the authorized pick-up list and **MUST HAVE a picture ID**. Please be cautious when driving in the parking areas of the camps. Young campers may be nearby. Prior to the first day a camper attends camp, a completed pick up authorization form for your child (ren) must be submitted. **Additional names can only be added in person and will not be accepted over the phone.** Please allow extra time for arrival on Mondays.

Drop off/pick up location at each site:

- Fishers YMCA: Teen Center
- Cumberland Road Elementary: Cafeteria
- Fall Creek Elementary: Cafeteria
- Geist Elementary: Cafeteria
- Sheridan Elementary: Cafeteria
- Stonycreek Farm (Mini Maestro Preschool): Log Cabin

Speed Limits:

For the safety of the children, please observe 10 MPH speed limit at all times, at all of our sites, all summer long!

Parking:

Everyone must park in a designated parking space. **DO NOT** park alongside sidewalks. Please pay attention to cones and signs that indicate where to park and where to drive. These are put in place to help maintain the safety of children and staff. Due to the amount of campers arriving and departing at the same time, please be cautious when driving in the parking areas.

Newsletters:

Be sure to ask for and read the camp newsletter each week! **Newsletters contain very important Site Director contact information, updates, changes, schedules and special events specific to your camp.** These newsletters are your link to important camp information and details. Newsletters will be available each Monday at your camp and will be emailed to you if your Site Director has a valid email address.

Swimming:

Not all camps will have pool time. Those camps that do will have a scheduled pool time throughout the week. Check the weekly newsletters for specific days and times. All campers that swim will participate in a weekly swim test with the YMCA Aquatics Staff. Please let us know if you have any concerns with your child's swimming abilities. All pools will be life guarded by YMCA certified Lifeguards. **All campers should bring a**

swimsuit and towel every day as water is sure to be part of many activities this summer. Please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on all items (clothing, swim suits, towels, etc.).

Contacting Camp:

Please read your Camp's Weekly Newsletter for ways to directly contact your Camp's Site Director.

Alternatively, you may contact any Fishers YMCA camp during camp hours by calling the Fishers YMCA Membership Services Desk at 317-595-9622 or the Youth Enrichment North office at 317-577-2070.

Inclement Weather:

Camp will take place rain or shine! In the event of severe weather, children will be brought into the designated inclement weather shelter at their site. The YMCA Office monitors the weather and will notify each camp's On-Site Director should severe weather occur. Rainy day activities will be planned by the Day Camp staff to help make these days more fun!

Pre-camp Parent Orientations:

All parents are strongly encouraged to attend one of the two scheduled parent orientation sessions. We will give parents an overview of what to expect at Camp, what to bring and not bring to camp and walk you through how everything works from drop off to pick up. You will have the opportunity to meet some of our fun, well-trained staff, ask questions, address concerns and learn about camp procedures. You only need to attend one of the dates listed below:

Tuesday, May 29

6:00- 7:30 PM

Fishers Y Multipurpose Room

****OR****

Wednesday, May 30

6:00- 7:30 PM

Fishers Y Community Room

Family Nights:

Family nights may involve a family cookout or pitch-in, skits, songs and activities for the whole family. Don't miss out on these fun opportunities for quality family time while getting to know your child's favorite counselors! Families from ALL of our Camps are invited to these FREE events! This summer's family nights will be held at each of our camp locations. The Site Director's will plan these and determine when they will be held throughout the summer. Look in newsletters and emails for more details!

Many additional special events will be held at other Camp locations! Please check your Camp's Newsletters for any plans they may have and for specific days and times.

Equipment:

Campers involved in the following Camps should come prepared with their own equipment in addition to wearing athletic/tennis shoes and appropriate clothes for the weather:

- **Digital Photography Camp:** campers should bring their own camera if they have one
- **Soccer Camp:** campers will need shin guards
- **Baseball Camp:** campers will need their own Baseball mitt.
- **Tennis Camp:** campers will need to bring a racquet
- **Golf Camp:** campers should bring their own clubs if they have them
- **Scuba Camp:** campers need to bring their own swim suit, snorkel and fins
- **Equestrian Camp:** campers should wear long pants (preferably jeans), closed toe shoes, and bring a bike helmet if they have one.
- **Geocaching:** campers may allowed to bring your smart phone to download the free Geocaching App or a GPS.

EQUESTRIAN CAMP, SCUBA CAMP, SKYZONE and ROCK CLIMBING CAMP:

All have a waiver that must be signed by a parent or guardian prior to the camper participating at each of these camps. Please pick up a waiver at the Fishers YMCA or download it from our website (www.indymca.org), complete it and return it to the Fishers YMCA.

IMPORTANT General Information:

- Be prepared! Send campers in clothes that can get dirty. Your camper will most likely come home tired, wet, dirty...and smiling!
- Please send your camper with plenty of sunscreen and insect repellent!
- Campers get thirsty in the summer sun- please send them with a water bottle!
- Campers will be active, so tennis/athletic shoes are a MUST! Sandals are welcome during pool or water play, but closed toe shoes are needed for the rest of the day!
- Label everything!
- Be prepared for FUN!!

Seek out and get to know your Camp's Site Director and Counselors. Ask your camper specific questions about their exciting day! There will be information sent home with your campers throughout the summer. Make sure you check their lunchboxes and bags for the latest information!

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR FISHERS YMCA CAMPS IN 2012:

Stonycreek Adventure Camp: Parents interested in extended care should drop off and pick up all campers at Fall Creek Elementary. Extended care is provided at Fall Creek Elementary for all Stonycreek Campers, and parents may drop off anytime between 7AM and 8:30AM and may pick up any time between 4PM and 6PM. All Stonycreek Campers will be transported via bus from Fall Creek Elementary to Stonycreek Farm in the morning and back from Stonycreek Farm to Fall Creek Elementary in the afternoon. Parents may also drop off and/or pick up directly from our Stonycreek location any time between 9:15AM and 3:30PM- please contact the Site Director in advance so that we may help best coordinate pick up or drop off (contact information for our Site Director will always be in the weekly Newsletter). **Our usual transportation schedule for Stonycreek Adventure Camp is as follows: June 4 – August 3:** The bus will leave Fall Creek Elementary promptly at **8:45am** and return at **4:00pm**. **Parents please have your camper arrive no later than 8:30AM for bussing!** Early/late stay option is available at Fall Creek Elementary. **IMPORTANT TO NOTE: August 6 – 10: Drop off and pick up will occur at the Fishers YMCA** (Fall Creek Elementary will be closed in preparation for the school year starting). The bus will leave the Fishers YMCA promptly at **8:45am** and return at **4:00pm**. Parents please have your camper arrive no later than 8:30AM for bussing! Early/late stay option is available at the Fishers YMCA.

- **Please note that Stonycreek Farms is a true outdoor experience! There will be port-o-potties for restrooms at this location.**

Hendricks Regional Health YMCA

(317) 273-9622, Fax: (317) 484-2360

Camp Leadership

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Monica Richardson, Associate Program Director, mrichardson@indymca.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read pages 1-12 for important information regarding our camp program.

Camp Hours:

9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Extended Care is included in your camp fee. Extended Care drop-off begins at 6:30 am at all camp locations. Extended care is available until 6:00pm at no additional cost. Parents who arrive after 6:00 pm will be charged a late pick-up fee.

Lunch:

Each child is responsible for lunch, drinks and snacks. Lunches are not refrigerated, so we recommend bringing a small cooler daily, as well as a filled water bottle. Water is strongly encouraged as your drink of choice. We do not recommend soda or excess sugar for lunch. Water breaks are taken on a regular basis and increased in cases of extreme heat.

Swimming:

All campers are encouraged to bring a suit and towel every day, as well as water shoes. Campers will have scheduled pool time during the week, but there is a possibility for unscheduled outdoor water play. Please check the weekly newsletters at the Sign In/Out station for specific times. Campers will be given a swim test weekly.

Sign-In/Sign-out Procedure:

An adult (18 years or older) must sign each camper in and out of camp each day. Campers may only be released to persons who are on the authorized pick-up list and have a picture ID. Names may be added to the authorized pick up form in person – phone calls will not be accepted.

Payment Schedules – Deadlines – Transfers & Credits:

Full payment for camps at the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA must be made by the Tuesday prior to the week of attendance. Failure to pay balances on time will result in loss of the \$15 deposit for that week and may result in the loss of your child's enrollment in that camp. You can fax registration form to the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA at 317-272-0939. Deposits for camps are non-refundable. Payments may be made in person at the office, by mail or by telephone at 301 Satori Parkway, Avon or you may pay online at www.indymca.org. For additional questions, please call 317-273-9622.

Field Trips & Guest Speakers:

Campers will enjoy periodic field trips and guest speakers that correspond with the weekly camp themes. Check your weekly newsletters for further information.

Family Events at the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA Camp Sites:

We want to meet YOU! We want to encourage you to take part in one or more of our family events scheduled throughout the summer. This is a chance to meet the YMCA staff as well as take part in fun, family oriented

activities. Information will be posted in the camp newsletters and flyers will be available at each site prior to each event.

Arthur Jordan Center YMCA

317-253-3206

Camp Leadership

Sara Noyed, Senior Program Director, snoyed@indymca.org
Brian Shelley, Associate Program Director, bshelley@indymca.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read pages 1-12 for important information regarding our camp program.

Hours:

Camp hours are 9:00am – 4:00pm. Extended care is included in your camp fee. Extended Care drop-off begins at 7:00am, with pick-up as late as 6:00pm.

Contacting Camp:

Please read your weekly newsletter for ways to directly contact your camp's Site Director. Alternatively, you may contact the Jordan YMCA camp during camp hours by calling the Jordan YMCA Member Services Desk at 317-253-3206 or the Jordan YMCA Camp Office at 317-253-3206 ext. 816-216.

Swimming:

Campers will have scheduled pool time throughout the week. Please check the weekly newsletters at the Sign In/Out table for specific times. On Site and Northview Camps swim daily. Off Site camps swim at least three days per week. Campers will be given a weekly swim test to assess their abilities.

Drop off and Pick up:

The drop off and pick up area for the Maverick, Thunderbird, and Elite (elementary and teen-age) camp at the Jordan YMCA is the **Southwest** corner of the YMCA building, near the gym door. **Sports campers will be dropped off at the Southwest corner of the YMCA building at the usual pick up spot but will be picked up at the Sports field.** An adult, over the age of 18, must sign all campers out of camp each day. Discovery (preschool) campers may be dropped off and picked up in the Preschool II room located inside the building. ALL enrichment camps are dropped off and picked up at Northview Middle School.

Newsletters:

Be sure to ask for and read the camp newsletters each week! These newsletters contain important information about how to contact your site director, changes to the schedule, special events and any updates. Newsletters are your link to important camp information and details. Newsletters will be available each Monday at your camp and will be emailed to you if your Site Director has a valid email address.

Inclement Weather:

Camp will take place rain or shine! In the event of severe weather, children will be brought into the designated inclement weather shelter at their site. The YMCA Office monitors the weather and will notify each camp's On-Site Director should severe weather occur. Rainy day activities will be planned by the Day Camp staff to help make these days more fun!

SCUBA CAMP, EQUESTRIAN and ROCK CLIMBING CAMP:

These camps have a waiver that must be signed by a parent or guardian prior to the camper participating at each of these camps. Please pick up a waiver at the Jordan YMCA or download it from our website (www.indymca.org), complete it and return it to the Jordan YMCA, to Brian Shelley's attention.

Lunch Information:

A free lunch can be provided for the campers at our Jordan YMCA and Indiana School for the Deaf locations only. This lunch is a service from Indy Parks, and is available to all the campers at both locations. If you do not wish to take part in the program, please send your child to camp with a packed lunch. ALL CAMPERS need to bring plenty of water and two snacks for the day. If you have any questions regarding the lunch program, please contact Brian Shelley by phone- 610-3775 or the Jordan Y front desk 253-3206.

IMPORTANT General Information:

- Be prepared! Send campers in clothes that can get dirty. Your camper will most likely come home tired, wet, dirty...and smiling!
- Please send your camper with plenty of sunscreen and insect repellent!
- Campers get thirsty in the summer sun- please send them with a water bottle!
- Campers will be active, so tennis/athletic shoes are a MUST! Sandals are welcome during pool or water play, but closed toe shoes are needed for the rest of the day!
- Label *everything!*
- Be prepared for FUN!!

SAVE THE DATE!

Pre-camp Parent Orientation:

All parents are strongly encouraged to attend the scheduled parent orientation session. We will give parents an overview of what to expect at camp, what to bring and not bring to camp and walk you through how everything works from drop off to pick up. You will have the opportunity to meet some of our fun, well-trained staff, ask questions, address concerns and learn about camp procedures.

Wednesday, May 30

ALL SUMMER CAMPS

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Jordan YMCA

Family Nights:

Family nights involve a family cookout, skits, songs and activities for the whole family. Don't miss out on these fun opportunities for quality family time while getting to know your child's favorite counselors! Families from ALL of our Camps are invited to this FREE event! This summer's family night will be held at:

- **Jordan Y Camp Woods Experience on July 15th, 2012 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Additional Family Nights may be held at other camp locations! Please check your camp's newsletters for any plans they may have and for specific days and times.

School's out...Camp's got you covered!

Additional on-site care will be available in accordance with Washington Township school schedule. The following dates are currently available:

- **May 31st & June 1st**

Pike Center YMCA

317-297-9622

Camp Leadership

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Monica Richardson, Associate Program Director, mrichardson@indymca.org
Kelly Beck, Billing, kbeck@indymca.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read pages 1-12 for important information regarding our camp program.

Extended Care:

Drop-off begins as early as 7:00 AM. Extended care is also available until 6:00pm at no additional cost. **Parents who arrive after 6:00 PM (according to the YMCA clock) will be charged a late fee. This fee must be paid upon pick up that evening (\$1.00/minute per child).**

Meal Arrangements:

- **Option A:** FREE Lunch Provided by MSD Pike Township Food Service Program
- **Option B:** Campers may pack and provide their own lunch.

Snacks/Lunches are not refrigerated so pack appropriately for the weather. We also do not recommend soda or a lot of sugar for snacks. Water is strongly encouraged as a recommendation for a drink. We take plenty of water breaks in the heat of the afternoon.

***Each child is responsible for bringing a water bottle and 2 snacks daily.**

Swimming:

Campers will have scheduled pool time throughout the week. Check the weekly newsletters and parent info board at the Sign In/Out station for specific times. **Campers who do not pass a weekly swimming test will be required to wear a life jacket while in the pool or on the pool deck.** All life jackets will be provided by the YMCA and meet ACA and YMCA safety standards.

Sign in/out Procedure:

On the day of registration, a completed pick up authorization form will need to be submitted. **Campers may only be released to persons who are on the authorized pick-up list and have a picture ID.** Names may only be added to the authorized pick up list in person – phone calls will not be accepted.

An adult, over the age of 18, must sign all campers out of camp each day.

Please allow extra time for drop off on Mondays – upon arrival, parents will need to review their pick-up authorization cards and check-in, then campers will receive a camp identification wristband to be worn the entire week of camp (10 minutes).

Inclement Weather: Camp will take place rain or shine! In the event of severe weather, the children will be brought into the designated inclement weather shelter at their site. The YMCA office monitors the weather and will notify each site camp director. Rainy day activities will be planned by the Day Camp staff to help make these days more fun! Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather! Dry shoes make camp more fun!

Parking:

Due to the amount of campers arriving and departing at the same time, please be cautious when driving in the parking lot. Please observe 10mph speed limit at all times at all program sites.

Transportation:

Transportation for field-trips will be by buses provided by Miller Transportation, a private contractor with the YMCA. All drivers are certified and all buses are inspected and meet federal safety regulations.

Family Nights/Events:

Family nights/Events may involve a family cookout, skits, songs and activities for the whole family. Don't miss out on these fun opportunities for quality family time while getting to know your child's favorite counselors! Families from ALL of our Camps are invited to these FREE events Information will come home with your child regarding dates and times!

SITE INFORMATION

Preschool Camp: (ages 3-4) Child must be at least 3 years old and toilet trained. Camp begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 4:00 PM with extended care available (**Full Day Preschool**). A camp newsletter will go home weekly outlining our exciting camp activities including swim time!

Traditional Camp: (ages 5-11) Camp begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 4:00 PM with extended care available. A camp newsletter will go home weekly outlining our exciting camp activities including swim time!

Sports Camp (Ages 5-11) offers a wide variety of experiences with different sports. Each day the children spend several hours working on skills for the designated sport and then participate in organized games in the afternoon. The YMCA curriculum is designed to meet the needs of a variety of skill levels. A camp newsletter will go home weekly outlining our exciting camp activities including swim time! Equipment needs: Please check the information sheet sent home at registration for equipment needs.

Enrichment Camps (ages vary) and **Adventure Camps** (ages vary) and will include a variety of activities; both on-site and off-site. These camps cater to special interests. There may be some additional forms to sign on the Monday that camp begins. Please see the camp brochure for more information about these camps. A camp newsletter will go home weekly outlining our exciting camp activities including swim time!

Teen Camp (Ages 12-16) Teens will have fun with weekly themes and activities designed to enhance learning and creativity. Teens will also develop leadership skills, team building assets, and group work. Parents will be informed at the beginning of the week about special activities to allow for planning. **All teens must be signed out by an authorized adult.** A camp newsletter will go home weekly outlining our exciting camp activities including swim time!

SAVE THE DATE!

Camp Open House:

Thursday, May 24th, 5 to 7pm: Pike YMCA Lobby.

Come as a family to our Camp Open House and meet the camp counselors and/or inquire about your camper's camp day. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about our camp.

Ransburg Center YMCA

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Camp Leadership

Sara Noyed, Senior Program Director, snoyed@indymca.org

Cecily Taylor, Camp Coordinator, ctaylor@indymca.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read pages 1-12 for important information regarding our camp program.

Lunch Arrangements:

Lunch will be available for free through the Indy Parks Lunch Program for those parents that want this option. **Indy Parks Lunch program does not include snacks.** Each child should also bring a drink and two snacks. If your child does not want to take part in the free lunch program, they can bring their own lunch. Lunches are not refrigerated so pack appropriately for the weather. Please refrain from sending soda and sugary snacks for your camper. We take plenty of water breaks in the heat of the afternoon.

Camp Open House —Friday, May 18th from 6:30–8:00pm

Come as a family to our Camp Open House for food and fellowship. Meet some of our camp counselors and tour camp facilities. Staff will be available to answer questions about our camps and provide fun activities for the kids.

Drop off and Pickup:

The drop-off and pick-up area for the elementary age camps at the Ransburg YMCA is the entrance north of the YMCA (Crossroads Bible College). Look for the Y Day Camp sign. Preschool Camp drop-off and pick-up is the north YMCA entrance near the playground (use Crossroad Bible College entrance). If your child attends an offsite location, they will need to be dropped off and picked up at that off site location. Rainy Day pickup for elementary aged camps will occur at the double door entrance on the north side of the building.

Late Arrivals:

The camp gates will be shut and locked for the safety of all of our campers promptly at 9:00 a.m. We strongly encourage all parents to drop off no later than 9:00 a.m. If you arrive after 9:00 a.m. please use the YMCA's front entrance and you may enter the camp through the family gym doors.

First Day Procedures:

On the first day a camper attends camp please make sure to have your receipt to identify your child's camp. Registration forms will be checked to make sure that all the necessary information has been obtained for pick-up and emergency authorization. **Additional names may only be added to the authorized pick-up list in person and will not be accepted over the phone.** Please allow extra time for arrival on Mondays. If your child is taking medication please make sure to have the Medication Dispensation Form completed and medication in the original container with description of dosage and type. These forms may be obtained at the Member Service Desk prior to camp beginning.

Swimming:

All campers are encouraged to bring a suit & towel every day. Campers will have scheduled pool time each day. Check the weekly schedules/newsletters for specific times.

Financial Assistance:

Assistance in the form of a waiver or reduction of fees is available subject to qualification of personal need, enrollment limitations, and financial resources of the YMCA. These scholarship funds are made available through the United Way and local YMCA contributors. Copies of your 2011 1040 tax return, one month of recent pay stubs (no older than 1 month), and any other proof of assistance or income of everyone working in the household is required for assistance.

SITE INFORMATION

Preschool Camps (Ages 3-5) - These camps are based in the youth wing at the branch. Full Day Preschool Camp is a traditional day camp experience with activities that focus on those children that are no less than 3 years of age and potty trained at time of attendance. Camp activities begin at 9:00am and end at 4:00pm. Extended care options are also available. **The Half Day Preschool Camp operates from 9:00-12:00pm. Lunch is not served to our half day campers.**

Traditional Camps (ages 6-11)– Traditional Day Camp Programs offer theme based activities and typical day camp experiences such as arts & crafts, games, sports, outdoor education, character development and swimming. The camp is offered primarily outdoors. Ransburg Traditional Day Camp Programs are provided at the Ransburg Branch YMCA (east).

Sports Camps (ages 6-12) – Sports Camp provides a variety of experiences in various sports activities. Campers will spend ½ the day in a concentrated sports activity and the other ½ in traditional day camp activities.

Teen Camps (ages 12-15)–Teen Camp offers leadership and character building activities for teens through devotions, service learning, teambuilding, and a variety of activities. Teens will also participate in field trips and swimming.

Enrichment Camps—There are many specialty camps offered this year including Cooking, Science, Skating, Wii, Computer and more. All enrichment camps will be held at the YMCA. For most enrichment camps, themed-activities will take place for ½ day and the other ½ will include traditional day camp activities.

Family Events at the Ransburg YMCA Camp

Parent Orientation: Friday, May 18th from 6:30-8:00pm

Come as a family to this event for information, to meet the camp staff, ask questions and participate in a camp activity.

Father's Day Lunch: Friday, June 15th, from 11:30am-12:30pm

Come join us for a lunch time cookout. This event is not only open to Fathers...Mothers, Brothers, Uncles, and Sisters are all welcome.

Family Night Open House: Thursday, June 21st, from 4:00-7:00pm

Meet the counselors, meet directors, sing songs, eat hot dogs, swim, find out about other programs, play games and just have fun!

Witham Family YMCA

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Camp Leadership

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Please read pages 1-12 for important information regarding our camp program.

Camp Hours:

9am-4pm. Extended care is included in your camp fee. Morning drop-off begins at 7am and afternoon extended care ends at 6pm. Parents arriving after 6pm will be charged a late fee.

Lunch Arrangements:

Each child is responsible for lunch, a drink, and two snacks. Lunches are not refrigerated so pack appropriately for the weather. Please refrain from sending soda and sugary snacks for your camper. We take plenty of water breaks in the heat of the afternoon.

Swimming:

All campers are encouraged to bring a suit and towel every day. Campers will have scheduled pool time during the week. Campers will be given a swim test weekly.

Sign-In/Sign-out Procedure:

An adult (18 years or older) must sign each camper in and out of camp each day. Campers may only be released to persons who are on the authorized pick-up list and have a picture ID. Names may be added to the authorized pick up form in person – phone calls will not be accepted.

Payments:

All payments are due in full by 8:00 pm the Tuesday prior to your child attending camp.

Family Events:

We will host several family events throughout the summer. This will give you a chance to meet the YMCA counselors and spend some time with your child at camp! Family event times and dates will be posted in the weekly newsletter.

Camp Orientation:

Families are invited to see the location, learn more about camp and meet some of the staff. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions you have and get a better understanding of camp. Orientation date soon to come.

Site Locations:

The Witham Family YMCA will have a camp site in Lebanon at the Witham YMCA, as well as one in Zionsville.

Enrichment Camps:

NEW this year! We are offering more new and exciting enrichment camps for your children to choose from. Our front desk staff will have descriptions of each camp, so please call for further information or descriptions on specific camps!