



South Brunswick Family YMCA Summer Day Camp

Summer Camp Frequently Asked Questions

What is the ratio of counselor to camper?

The counselor to camper ratio is 1:12

Does your camp staff have First Aid and CPR certifications?

All Senior Counselors are required to be certified in First Aid and CPR. In addition, Lead Counselors will travel with a first aid kit at all times.

What type of requirements did you use when choosing camp counselors for the summer?

Counselors are required to submit a resume and two letters of reference. In addition, they have had some form of experience working with children, preferably in a camp setting. We place a significant emphasis on hiring reliable individuals.

What type of training have the counselors completed?

Each counselor will go through 15 hours of training and one in-service day before the start of camp. During the summer there are scheduled training days.

Will older children be mixed in with younger children in the camp setting?

We make every effort to keep all campers with their respective camp with the exception of camp activities that are planned for the entire camp. We strongly enforce the camper: counselor ration of 1:12, which means that your camper will be supervised during all activities from lunch, to trips, to pick-up. We realize the concerns parents have with older influences, and strongly encourage our four core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility.

What if I need to drop my child off early or late?

The earliest a child can be dropped off is 7:30am; pickup is required by 6:30pm. You will be charged for every ten minutes after 6:30pm that you are late. The fee is \$25.00.

Will I know what my child is doing during each day of camp?

We provide all parents with constant communications beginning with our Parent Orientations on June 9th and June 10th. Any questions or concerns you may have in regards to your children's daily activities can be addressed by the coordinators at the camp site.

Will parents be allowed to watch their children in of the camp activities?

Yes, there will be occasions that parents will be able to participate in activities. We will give all parents notifications of these dates.



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Frequently asked questions continued.....

Do you offer part-time camp?

No, unfortunately we are not offering a part-time session this success.

Is half-day camp available for my children?

No, we do not offer half-day camps.

I have two children, and they both want to be in the same camp, but the age requirements are different for each, can I have an exception for them?

While we try our best to accommodate each request, this is decided on an individual basis.

What will my child need for trips?

For field trips, your child must wear the YMCA T-shirt provided at the start of camp. In addition, the child will need to wear appropriate clothing and shoes for the type of trip.

Can my child still attend camp if I opt for him/her not to participate in field trips?

Yes, children who remain behind, join another camp for the day.

When will my child need to bring a bathing suit?

Swim days will be announced at the parent orientation and on our website.

Will my child need to bring lunch and snack each day?

Yes, unless informed by the camp staff, all campers should bring a snack and bag lunch each day. Campers should bring extra snacks if they are taking part in extended care.

Are electronic devices allowed at camp?

We prohibit the use of all electronic devices including cell phones. It is our experience that these devices distract the campers from the group setting.

What is your flexibility regarding age requirements for camps?

We have established grade levels that we feel are the most adequate for each type of camp that we offer. However, we are flexible for some camps depending on the individual need.

What happens if it rains the day of a planned outdoor camp trip?

We have backup plans for all trips and outdoor camp activities. In the event that a trip is cancelled due to weather, campers may attend an alternate venue.

What if my child is allergic to peanut butter, how do I know they won't have any during camp?

All children's allergies are kept in a log book that is reviewed by our counselors to make sure that any allergic reactions are prevented.