



South Brunswick Family YMCA Summer Day Camp

May 2011

Dear Parents:

We are very excited that you have chosen the South Brunswick Family YMCA for your child's camp experience.

If you have not yet submitted your child's current immunization record please do so as soon as possible. You may mail the immunization record or fax it to us at 732-329-1026.

Free Extended Care

While our main camp activities begin at 9:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. We offer free before and after camp extended care from 7:30 am – 9:00 am and from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Under the guidance of Y staff, campers will participate in open recreation and a variety of fun activities!

Parent Orientation

Tuesday, June 8 6:30 – 7:15PM

Wednesday, June 9 6:30 – 7:15PM

(Choose the date that is most convenient for you)

Free supervised open recreation available for children on both nights

- ❖ Meet camp staff
- ❖ Answers to the many questions regarding the camp day
- ❖ Trip highlights
- ❖ Pick up your child's complimentary camp shirt
- ❖ Tips for a hassle free drop off and pick up
- ❖ Swim Schedule for each camp
- ❖ Trip schedules will be available at the parent orientation and posted on our website:
www.southbrunswickymca.org

Please contact me at 732-329-1150 ext. 221 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Banks
Senior Program Director

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Camp Payments

Full payment for camp is due by 10:00 am on the Friday before to full weeks *prior* to the start of each camp week. If you pay by credit card, your card will be charged on that day. If you pay by check and your check is not received by the due date, there will be a \$25 late fee. To avoid a late fee, you must complete the [Summer Camp Credit Authorization Form](#). Your card will only be charged if a check is not received by the due date. Returned checks and credit card declines will incur a \$30 processing fee.

Camp Balances are due the two full weeks *prior* to the start of each week.

Session Dates	Balance Due Date
Blast Off June 20-June 24	Friday, June 3
Week 1. June 27-July 1	Friday, June 10
Week 2. July 4-July 8	Friday, June 17
Week 3. July 11-July 15	Friday, June 24
Week 4. July 25-July 29	Friday, July 1
Week 5. Aug. 1-Aug. 5	Friday, July 8
Week 6. Aug. 8-Aug. 12	Friday, July 15
Week 7. Aug. 15-Aug. 19	Friday, July 22
Week 8. Aug. 22-Aug. 26	Friday, July 29
Last Blast Aug. 29-Sept. 2	Friday, August 5



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CAMPER BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

Your child's experience at summer day camp is greatly enhanced through a positive partnership between campers, parents and YMCA staff. Camp should be a place where your child can laugh, learn, play and make new friends. To ensure the safety of all campers, the South Brunswick Family YMCA has established the following discipline policy:

- A verbal warning is issued when a camper exhibits unacceptable behavior. Redirection toward another activity is attempted.
- If the camper continues to repeat the unacceptable behavior, he/she is removed from the group until the behavior is under control.
- When the camper is ready to cooperate, he/she is returned to the group.
- If the camper continues to exhibit unacceptable behavior, the Camp Director will be notified, a phone call to the parents made and/or a behavior report will be written.
- A suspension may be issued if the camper receives three or more behavior reports.
- Immediate suspension may be issued for behavior that may cause injury to oneself, another camper or staff, fighting, destruction of property and/or running away. If more than two suspensions are issued for a camper, the YMCA may expel the child from camp for the remainder of the summer.
- The YMCA will **not** refund money for days your child has been suspended.

Refund Policy

Membership fees are non-refundable. Camp fees are non-refundable. Any child unable to attend for a minimum of 5 days due to a medical condition may supply a doctor's note and request that the Camp Director consider your case for a YMCA credit. The Director will make decisions on an individual basis. Only a YMCA credit will be issued. Credits are not exchangeable for cash.

Late pick up

Day camp will run daily from 9am – 5pm. We offer free before and after camp care 7:30am – 9am and 5pm – 6:30pm. A late pick up fee of \$25 will be collected for every ten minutes past 6:30pm.



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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.

Frequently asked questions continued.....



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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.