



Camp Frank A. Day FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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WHAT KIND OF CAMP ARE YOU?

We are a co-ed residential camp serving 7-16-year olds. We offer a wide variety of elective classes, traditions, and evening programs. Our campers—gender identified ages 7-16—come primarily from the Greater Boston area, although some come from other states and other countries, like France, China and Spain. They stay at camp for anywhere from three days to seven weeks. In 2021 we will have between 100 and 120 campers onsite. During their stay, campers are divided into three units by age. The Freshman Unit is for ages 7-10, the Junior Unit is for ages 11-13, and the Senior Unit is for ages 14-15. Our Leader-in-Training Program is composed of 16-year-old campers.



HOW DO I REGISTER FOR CAMP?

Paper applications are available at the West Suburban Y, and online registrations are accepted through our website:
<https://www.wsymca.org/camps/frank-a-day> .

DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING AFTER I REGISTER?

After you register, you will receive an invitation to CampSite, our camp web app. There you will need to complete the required forms. You will also have access to “Camp Today,” the unique blogs for each of our three camps. You can use this to stay up-to-date on the latest news during your camper’s session!

WHAT DOES THE SESSION FORMAT LOOK LIKE FOR 2021?

Dates and Rates for Summer 2021 can be found here (they will be posted on our web site shortly as well). Our session structure is changing in light of COVID-19 for 2021. In order to maintain our program quality and consistency we will be moving to TWO 3-week sessions for both our campers and our LITs.

One thing that was consistent with camps that ran successfully this past summer was that everyone arrived on the same day — there were not any embedded sessions where campers arrived in the middle. Therefore, at this time we will not be able to split any of the 3-week sessions we are offering. Registration into a session will require a child to arrive on move-in day of that session.



Session 1 July 3 -July 23rd (Color War 1)

Session 1 July 25th -August 14th (Color War 2 & Awards Night)

Camper Pricing: \$2,855.00 + \$995 Covid Fee = \$3850.00

LIT Pricing: \$1900.00 + \$995 Covid Fee = \$2895.0

Every year the tuition at camp increases due to rising operating costs and ongoing improvements and upgrades to our program. This year, we also anticipate additional expenses related to COVID-19 around staffing, equipment, supplies, PPE, and more.

Upon registering and paying the \$350 non-refundable administrative deposit per camper per session, families will have three options for payment:

1. Payment in full at the time of registration
2. The two-payment plan (50% on April 15 & 50% on May 15)
3. Individualized payment plan with the West Suburban YMCA Camping Services Branch. Please contact campings@wsymca.org for details.

WHAT PRECAUTIONS ARE YOU TAKING IN LIGHT OF COVID-19?

We are working to open camp safely and will be as transparent as possible as we further develop our summer plans. We anticipate that elements of camp will look different this year. Areas that are currently under examination include dining hall and health center procedures, capacity and spacing, programming, supply and equipment needs, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) usage (such as masks), limiting individuals coming and going from camp, physical distancing requirements, housekeeping protocols, and more.

We know that the best practices surrounding COVID-19 are continually changing. We will remain responsive to ever-evolving local standards and protocols. The WSY Camping Services Branch is working with a team of medical experts, including infectious disease doctors, to guide our decisions and revamp our protocols and procedures. We are also working in close coordination with the American Camping Association and the Massachusetts Camping Association to gather insights from the field. We continue to closely monitor Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines as well.



WILL CAMP RUN AT FULL CAPACITY?

While it is our hope to run camp at full capacity, as a precautionary measure, we will not be initially opening registration at full capacity. The current 2021 plan is to operate at 60% capacity. We are being mindful that COVID-19 protocols may necessitate the need to maintain additional space in camp. We will be monitoring our numbers and our needs on an ongoing basis and will make adjustments accordingly.

WHAT'S THE REFUND POLICY?

If camp is unable or elects not to open camp due to government regulations, or if camp chooses not to open at its own discretion, you will receive a full refund, including your deposit, without penalty.

Should a family decide to cancel on their own, all normal cancellation policies will apply:

- Cancel before April 1, 2021 – 100% program fees paid are refundable, less non-refundable deposit*
- Cancel on or after April 1, 2021 – 50% program fees paid are refundable, less non-refundable deposit*
- Cancel within 30 days of program start date – No refund, except in the case of medical necessity (documentation required).*

*Deposits are not refundable or transferrable under any circumstances.

WHAT UNIT WILL MY CAMPER BE IN?

We know that missing out on a whole summer at camp was challenging. In 2021 Camp Frank A Day will handle Units in this manner:

- Any LIT applicant from 2020 may choose to return as an LIT or they may apply to be a Junior Counselor. LITs may choose to register for 1 or both 3-week sessions. Junior Counselors must be willing to enter the camp bubble and remain for the 7.5 week commitment (6 weeks of camp and 1.5 weeks of training)
- Any last year Senior from 2020 may choose to be a last year Senior in 2021 or may apply to be a Leader in Training (LIT).
- All other campers should register for the unit that they should be in based on their current age.

WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO SEE THE CAMP AND MEET THE DIRECTOR?

Stephan Lockney works out of the West Suburban YMCA in Newton Massachusetts and can be reached by calling 617-244-6050 x3030 or by email at stephanl@wsymca.org. Additionally, there will be several information sessions and open houses at Camp

throughout the winter and spring. The Camping Services Office will notify families in a timely manner about the details of these events. These events will also be posted on our website and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/campfrankaday.

WILL STAFFING LOOK DIFFERENT THIS YEAR?

We pride ourselves on having amazing staff whose focus is the care and wellbeing of our campers. This year will be no exception. We know that our staff are eager to return. Staff will be trained in the latest health and safety precautions, including COVID-19 training. Days off and staff excursions out of camp may have limitations. In addition, each year we hire amazing international staff, from across the globe, who bring a wealth of skills and experience to our community. At this time we unfortunately will not be working with our international staffing agencies in 2021 to hire NEW international staff. We currently plan on hiring most staff from within the continental United States.

DOES YOUR DINING HALL ACCOMMODATE SPECIFIC DIETARY NEEDS?

Yes! Our Dining Hall aims to accommodate the needs of all our campers, including gluten intolerance, lactose intolerance, nut allergies, vegetarianism and veganism. If your camper has specific needs, let us know and we can discuss how best to accommodate them!

WHAT ARE YOUR MEDICAL AND FIRST AID ARRANGEMENTS?

The camp infirmary is well equipped and is staffed 24 hours a day with medical personnel. We have a physician in the neighboring town for any medical needs requiring follow up as determined by our medical team.

**More information to come regarding the structure and activities at
Camp Frank A Day for summer 2021!**

