



Summer Camp At the Wells Ave Y

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Contact Camping Services for Questions at campings@wsymca.org

Why camp?

At camp campers have the opportunity to explore a multitude of programs. Much like in a traditional camp setting, campers engage in activities such as teambuilding, arts and crafts, swimming, active games, music, and nature.

Whether your camper is brand new to camp or a seasoned vet, our counselors ensure that your camper gets the most out of each day at camp in a fun, safe and supportive environment. Each day offers swim, group organized games, arts & crafts, team building activities, and more!

How do I register for camp?



Do I need to do anything after I register?

After you register, you will receive a registration confirmation. Later you will receive a welcome letter and an invitation to CampSite, our camp web app. There you will need to complete the required forms.

What is your staff like?

We seek to hire caring, responsible, and positive servant-leaders. We set the highest expectations for our staff to be the best role-models and nurture a culture of inclusion and youth development at camp.

What should my camper expect on their first day at camp?

On Monday of each session, you check in with our camp staff. Your camper is directed to their assigned group and introduced to the group's counselors. Once all campers are checked in, we have morning assembly, a spirited meeting with morning announcements, a song or skit, and events of the day ahead. Then you head out with your group to your scheduled periods. As we go through the day, we discuss more specific rules about food at snack time and swimming before we go to the pool. We meet again in the afternoon for an assembly and announce the afternoon options – every day is different!

Where do I drop off and pick up my camper?

Drop-off and pick-up will occur in the parking lot. Pull into the Wells Ave Y parking lot. Signs will be posted and staff will be positioned to direct you.

Can my camper request a friend in their group?

Yes! We do our best to accommodate one friend request for each camper. When completing the health paperwork there is a space to request a buddy.

Camp age requirements	Children's groups	Membership Required	Transportation	Hours of camp	Staff Ratio	Lunch Options
5 to 12 years old	Groups are based on age and grade.	No but you receive a reduced rate with a membership at the WSYMCA	Not Available	Extended AM care: 7:30am – 9:00am. Regular drop off is from 8:45am-9:15am Regular pick-up is from 3:45-4:15 Extended PM care: 4:00pm – 6:00pm.	1:5 (5 years old) 1:8 (6-8 years old) 1:10 (9+ years old)	Please Pack a lunch and snacks every day.

Are cell phones allowed at camp?

Camp is a time to unplug and enjoy being outside. Cell phone use and other electronic use, including calls, texting and internet, is not permitted at camp. The Camp Office has a phone which campers will be able to use in case of emergency. This number is also available to parents if they need to contact their camper. If it is brought to our attention that a camper is in possession of a cell phone, we will hold onto it until pick-up. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this policy.

What happens when it rains?

We monitor the weather very closely while campers are in our care. We will move indoors during moderate to heavy rain. In cases of thunder and lightning or other severe weather predictions, we will follow our Emergency Action Procedures, remain indoors, and stay out of the pool until the threat has passed. In the event of light rain, we generally stick to our planned schedule which includes indoor and outdoor activities. Playing in a sun shower is all part of the fun.

Does my child need to know how to swim?

What should my camper bring each day?

No, but we will help them learn! We swim evaluate new campers every Monday before they are allowed into the water and place them in the appropriate swim group. Campers will receive a combination of swim lessons and free swim during their camp session. We will provide a personal floatation device (life jacket) to all campers who require them.

Do I Need to provide a lunch?

Yes! All campers must bring their own lunch. We store lunches away until lunch time, so if you pack snacks, please make sure to pack them separately from the lunch.

Will the campers be indoors or outdoors?

Both! As long as the weather cooperates, campers spend the majority of the day outside. Each group has its own individual meeting spot outdoors for lunch, snack, and small group games. Arts and crafts, archery, gaga ball, 4-square, large group games, morning and afternoon assembly, and pick-up and drop off are all outdoor activities. We will swim and play gym games indoors.

Please add your child's name on EVERYTHING they bring to camp!

Backpack		Lunch and snacks
Change of clothes		Water bottle
Plastic bag for wet swimsuit and towel		Hat or visor
Swimsuit		Sneakers
Sunblock SPR 15+		

Please leave all electronics, cell phones, toys etc. at home. The WSYMCA is not responsible for lost items.