



Dear Parents,

Summer is here and we are very excited about our Summer Day Camp for the Union County area. We have a big summer planned, full of activities and fun for everyone.

Here are a few very important items to remember:

1. Please fill out all forms that you receive in your parent packet and return before Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
2. Payment is due on Friday for the following week in order for us to plan activities for the next week. We must know how many children to plan for. Failure to comply may result in expulsion from the program.
3. Please put your child's name or initials on all of his/her clothing/items and swim towel. This will cut down on lost items.
4. Please make sure to send sun screen for your children. We do plan on spending a great deal of time outdoors.

If you ever need assistance, don't hesitate to call 864-427-0668. We are going to have a great time!

Sincerely,

Lindsay Rogers  
Director of Healthy Living

## Welcome to Summer Day Camp 2015

Union County Family YMCA-its staff, volunteers, and members-WELCOME you and your child to this YMCA Day Camp Program.

Day Camp is designed especially for school-age children (ages 5-12), this closely supervised and carefully planned program will be held Monday through Friday throughout the summer.

Children can be dropped off at:	7:00 AM-9:00 AM
Official Summer Day Camp Hours:	9:00 AM-5:00PM
Closing Time:	5:00 PM-6:00PM

### DATES OF CAMP

Summer Day Camp will begin June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and will end August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### OUR MISSION

“To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy, spirit, mind, and body for all.”

### OUR GOALS

Our goal is to deliver the program in a positive YMCA environment of safety, support, and care for the children. Through our activities we will incorporate the basic Christian Values: Responsibility, Respect, Honesty, and Caring. Our program is designed to provide a fun environment and to enhance your child’s day through activities such as field trips, songs, large and small group games, and devotions.

### Activities

Games  
Crafts  
Devotionals  
Field Trips

Sports  
Y-Walking  
Canoeing  
Archery

Swimming  
Fishing  
Character Development  
Camp Readers

# **NEW THIS SUMMER**

## **\*SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM**

### **OUR GOALS**

To reduce summer learning loss among children in low-income households

Our summer learning program will be a minimum of 3 ½ hours per day. The program will include:

- Certified teacher instruction
- Virtual learning
- Y-USA Camp Readers\*\*
- School District Recommendations
- Active Academics, Story Stretchers, Fun With Nature, Journal Writing

\*\*Camp Readers includes 30 minutes of reading each day to help advance your child's reading skills so that they return to school in the fall proficient in reading. We will help to motivate our youth to read for fun, build general reading skills and increase their reading confidence.

### **EXPECTAIONS**

To maintain or an improvement of MAP testing scores from year end testing date to retesting in the fall.

This program will be included in regular day camp. Day camp will still consist of all usual activities including field trips, swimming, games, etc., and children will get the required amount of physical activity everyday.

## POLICIES & PROCEDURES

### WEEKLY DAY CAMP FEES

\$75.00 for YMCA Members

\$85.00 for Non-Members

\$30.00 Registration Fee per camper

\*If the child is currently registered in the Afterschool Program they will not pay registration fee.

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Full payment is due on Friday for the following week. Compliance by all insures quality operation for all children with appropriate leadership, supplies, and equipment. Also your child could lose their space for failure to pay fees on time.

Payments are to be made to the Union County Family YMCA.

### DISCIPLINE POLICY

Children deserve the opportunity to participate in a safe, friendly environment. The following rules are in place to maintain this standard. Other rules may be added which are deemed necessary.

- Be respectful of staff and fellow participants.
- Follow directions on the first request.

Behaviors that will not be tolerated at the YMCA:

- Fighting.
- Any action that compromises the safety of yourself or another camper.
- Cursing. (includes use of graphic or sexually explicit language)
- Inappropriate touching.
- Damaging or defacing of YMCA property or property on a field trip.

Consequences for breaking these rules:

- Verbal warning
- Time-out.
- Child will receive a Discipline Report that must be signed by the parent.
- If a child receives a second Discipline Report during the summer, the child will be suspended for one to five days.
- If a third report is received the child will be expelled from the program.
- The YMCA reserves the right to dismiss any child at any time.

## MOST COMMON QUESTIONS

Do I receive credit for absences?

We cannot deduct days missed from your fee. Your fee pays for direct operating costs. All of these things must be available for the number of children enrolled in the program. When you enroll your child, you are reserving the time, space, and provisions for your child whether they attend or not.

What about a refund if we withdraw during the week?

Your child may be withdrawn from the program under certain conditions, but no refunds are given if a child drops out during a weekly session.

Who is authorized to pick up a child?

Only persons authorized in writing by the parents may pick-up child-children will not be released to any person other than the parent or other authorized individuals. The only exception will be in a case of an emergency, and then someone must notify the YMCA in writing for your child's protection. The staff will question those whom they are unfamiliar with and check their authorization. Anyone without proper authorization will be stopped from taking a child. If someone else is picking up your child, you can save that person the trouble of being stopped if you notify the YMCA Staff in writing.

What happens if I am late picking up my child?

Summer Day Camp concludes at 6:00 PM. If you arrive later than the specified time, you will be required to pay an additional \$1.00 for every minute after 6:00 pm. Payment is due at pick-up of the child. If you do not have the payment you will be billed.

Is lunch or snacks served?

Camper will be served lunch. Campers will be provided two snacks per day.

What does my child need to bring?

Your child will need to wear shorts, shirt, or comfortable clothing and gym shoes. No flip flops are allowed for your child's safety. Children are not allowed to bring toys from home. Also, bring swimsuit and towel for swimming each day. Please bring these items in their labeled summer camp bags. No Cell Phones or MP3 Players are allowed at camp and will be taken away if brought to camp.

What happens if my child is ill?

A sick child is to be kept at home, for their own sake and that of others. Many communal diseases begin with cold-like symptoms. Though you may think that it is just a cold the child should not attend because:

It may be a cold, but a communal disease

If it is a cold, other children may catch it.

Your child's resistance to disease is lowered.

The YMCA should be informed about the nature of the illness. If your child has a communal disease, tell us when it first appeared.

What happens if my child needs to continue taking medication?

We will dispense medications only as directed by prescription. No over-the-counter medications will be administered. All medications will be given by the YMCA staff. Any medicines in a child's possession will be confiscated and may be reported to the authorities.

What happens if my child is injured?

If your child is injured, a YMCA Staff will take whatever steps necessary to obtain emergency medical care. These steps may include but are not limited to the following:

Attempts to contact parent or guardian

Attempts to contact you through any of the persons listed on the emergency information form you complete for us, if we cannot contact you, we will do any or all of the following:

Call an ambulance or paramedic

Have the child taken to an emergency hospital in the company of a staff member.

## **DAY CAMP RULES**

- Campers must cooperate and participate in all activities planned and follow rules set up by staff.
- Be respectful at all times.
- DO NOT bring any toys from home.
- DO NOT bring cell phones to camp.
- Please take care of all games and other equipment.
- Be respectful to other campers.
- Show respect to others in the way you talk and act.



After reading this packet, please complete and return the form below before enrollment.

## **Union County Family YMCA Summer Camp 2015**

I have received and read the afterschool Parent's Handbook. I understand all of the rules and procedures that apply to this program. I understand that if my child or I fail to abide by these rules and procedures my child may be released from the program.

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_



## YMCA SUMER CAMP 2015 REGISTRATON FORM

Please complete this registration form. It is important that each area be completed, signed, and dated, Thank you.

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Medical concerns/Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Physician/Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (not parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

People authorized to pick up child \_\_\_\_\_

### Release and Waiver of Legal Liability

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the parent or guardian of the above mentioned, hereby give approval for his/her participation in any/all camps, sports and activities. I understand that the Union County Family YMCA assumes no responsibility for injuries or illnesses which the above referenced child may sustain as a result of physical condition or resulting from participation in any athletic activities, sports programs, and the use of any equipment, exercise or other activities. I hereby release and discharge the Union County Family YMCA, its agents, assigns and/or employees from any and all claims for injury, illness, death, loss or damage which may result from that above referenced child's participation in these activities. I further understand that the Union County Family YMCA is not responsible for personal property lost or stolen while members and/or program participants are using YMCA facilities or on the YMCA premises. I give my permission to the Union County Family YMCA to use, without limitation or obligation, photographs, film footage, or tape recording which may include me (or my dependent's) image or voice for purposes of promotion or interpreting YMCA programs. I also grant permission to the Union County Family YMCA to authorize and obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital or medical clinic, should the above reference child become ill or injured while participation in YMCA activities if I am not available to grant authorization for emergency treatment. I realize I may be responsible for the resulting medical bills.

HAVING READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREED WITH THESE TERMS, I HAVE EXECUTED THIS RELEASE TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





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FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

# 2015 SUMMER CAMP PARENT HANDBOOK