



## **Welcome to Summer Camp 2025**

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

Summer 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.

A certified teacher will come twice a week to work with the children on their math and reading skills in order to be sure that progress made in school is not lost over the summer.

**NO DROP OFFS BEFORE 7:00AM!!!**

Children can be dropped off at: 7:00 AM-8:30 AM

**Please do not send your child in alone. Your child must be signed in and out each day.**

### **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 songs, large and small group games, and devotions.

### **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. Every week MUST be paid each Friday regardless if your child attends, except for 1 week of vacation that will be allowed. Please advise us of what week you will choose as your vacation week on the registration form. Payments are to be made to the Union County Family YMCA.

## HOURS/DAYS OF OPERATION

This program follows the schedule of Union County Schools. The program operates during the school year from dismissal of school year until the day students return to school after summer break. If you arrive to pick up your child later than the specified time, you will be required to pay an additional fee of \$1.00 every minute you are late. (ex: if you are 10 minutes late, you will pay \$10.00) Payment will be due at pick-up of child or will be charged to your child's account.

## PRICES

Members: \$90.00 weekly

Non-Members: \$100.00 weekly

Financial Assistance: \$75.00 weekly

(Price includes breakfast, lunch, 1 snack and field trips.)

**\*\* No Part-Time positions allowed! \*\***

## 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.
- No cell phones are allowed; this includes but not limited to smart watches, electronic devices of any kind or toys.

Behaviors that will not be tolerated at the YMCA:

- Fighting
- Bullying
- Any action that compromises the safety of yourself or another camper.
- Cursing. (includes use of graphic or sexually explicit language or gestures)
- 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 (depending on the nature of the offenses).
- If a third report is received the child will be expelled from the program for the duration of the summer.
- 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 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.

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 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.

## SUMMER CAMP RULES

- Campers must cooperate and participate in all activities planned and follow rules set up by staff.
- Be respectful at all times.
- Be respectful to other campers.
- Show respect to others in the way you talk and act.
- DO NOT bring any toys from home.
- DO NOT bring cell phones or any other electronic device, including smartwatches to camp.
- Please take care of all games and other equipment.
- No flip flops allowed.
- DO NOT bring any food that must be microwaved.

**SUNSCREEN-** We are committed to keeping your child safe from the sun. To help prevent sunburn, it is recommended that parents apply sunscreen prior to arriving at camp because campers spend a large amount of time participating in outdoor activities. Parents should provide campers with spray sunscreen to keep with them throughout the day.



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

## **Union County Family YMCA Summer Camp 2025**

I have received and read the Summer Camp 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **Release and Waiver of Legal Liability**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the parent or guardian of the above mentioned, hereby give approval for his/her participation in any any/all camps, sport 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 program, 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 the 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 recordings which may include me (or my dependent's) image or voice for purposes of promoting 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 referenced child become ill or injured while participating 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. My signature below indicates that I have received a copy of the current Union County Family YMCA summer day camp handbook for the current 2025 summer containing our discipline, nutrition, physical activity, and payment policies. I have read and understand these policies. I am also giving my permission for my child to be transported by the Union County Family YMCA summer camp program. This is including but not limited to field trips, nature walks, etc.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's name

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

## **Summer Camp Waivers**

- 1. I permit my child to participate in activities the YMCA conducts outside the YMCA facility.**
- 2. Photography: I permit the YMCA to use images of my child as a YMCA program participant in internal and external promotional material. This includes any printed material, broadcast and print advertising, promotional videos and the YMCA website which are published by the YMCA. I also permit the YMCA to use images of my child in broadcast and print media news coverage of the YMCA.**
- 3. Accident insurance – Participants are responsible for their own accident insurance when using the YMCA and when participating in YMCA programs.**
- 4. Medication- The YMCA does not administer any medication.**
- 5. Babysitting Policy- The YMCA cannot and does not endorse or recommend its present or former staff members as babysitters to any parent or guardian of any child in any of our programs. All Y staff are forbidden to make any baby-sitting arrangements with program participants. Present or former staff of the YMCA is separate and independent from any YMCA program and must be based on the independent investigation, responsibility and judgement of the parent or guardian. I agree that the YMCA shall not be responsible and will be held harmless from any claims or liability in connection with such employees acting in such a private, independent capacity.**
- 6. What NOT to bring to camp: Money, toys, sandals (only acceptable at the pool), electronic devices such as cell phones, tablets, gaming devices, and etc.**
- 7. Bus Transportation- By signing this form, parents permit the child to be transported by the YMCA bus when/if necessary as well as trips to the park during the day.**
- 8. Nature Walks- By signing this form parents permit the child to leave the YMCA building to go on nature walks within the area.**
- 9. Climbing wall & Gym Waiver- The participant assumes any and all risk of injury, illness, damage or losses arising out of his/her presence on or about the premises, or his/her intended use of the equipment of facilities, or his/her participation in the activities of the YMCA of Union County, on or about the premises, and does not here by himself/herself, his/hers theirs, executors, and administrators, forever waive, release, and agree to hold free from all claims for damages, the YMCA of Union County and its respective officers, directors, Board of Directors, members, employees and agents. The participant, and if appropriate, his/her parent or guardian authorizes treatment of the participant by a licensed medical doctor in the event of an emergency. I have read and agree to be bound to these terms.**
- 10. Refunds- I understand that non-attendance does not entitle me to a refund. I understand that no refund or adjustments are granted for illness, vacation, or when YMCA programs are cancelled due to inclement weather.**
- 11. Payments: All YMCA summer camp payments will be made through credit card drafts, checks, or cash. Payments are due every Friday prior to the week of attendance. There is a \$30 fee for all returned credit cards and checks. In case of a return payment, you will be contacted through the contact information you provided during registration, once you are contacted you will have 24 hours to make this payment before you will be canceled from the session. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are no longer attending and will be canceled from the camp.**
- 12. Discipline: Basic rules of safety and conduct are included in our policies. Parents will be informed by phone and through parent conferences if their child continually**

**displays inappropriate behavior. General discipline techniques involve positive reinforcement of appropriate behavior and careful explanation of behavior that is appropriate. Failure to stop unacceptable behavior (hitting, Kicking, biting, etc.), of other children or teachers will result in a write-up and may result in a suspension or expulsion from the YMCA summer camp program. At no time will physical discipline or corporal punishment be used.**

**13. In addition to what was stated, I have reviewed the summer camp rules and discipline policy in the summer camp handbook. I understand and agree to all the terms presented in the document.**

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/ Legal Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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