



Welcome to summer camp 2023!

The following is a list of suggestions for sending your child to camp that will make camping a delightful and enjoyable experience for both you and your child:

1. Have your child ready to be picked up at least 20 minutes before the scheduled pick up time. PLEASE BE PATIENT FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF CAMP.
2. **If your child will not be attending camp on any given day, please call the bus company at (631) 737-0695, Ext. 4612 and let them know.** This is the fastest way to get the information to the bus driver.
3. **MEDICATION:** If your child needs to take medicine for allergies, etc., please make sure the bus driver is given the medication IN THE ORIGINAL PACKAGING WITH WRITTEN DOSAGE INSTRUCTIONS. *We also need a completed **DOCTOR'S ORDERS FORM** on file.* No medicine requiring refrigeration will be accepted. If this is a problem, please contact us.
4. **No child will be admitted to camp without a current medical form on file.** The NYS Department of Health, as well as the American Camping Association mandate this. Please make sure that your child is well enough to participate in daily activities. If your child is ill in the morning, please keep him or her at home. Sending a sick child to camp is unfair to everyone else.
5. PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST NAME AND LAST INITIAL AND AGE GROUP WITH A WATERPROOF LAUNDRY MARKER ON ALL CLOTHING AND TOWELS.
6. **LUNCH:** There are 2 options for lunch - either send your camper with lunch from home OR sign up for our lunch program.
 - a. **SEND LUNCH:** If you send lunch, please put your child's name and age on the bag. Lunches will be placed in coolers in the morning. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND GLASS** or anything that requires refrigeration.

- b. **ENROLL IN THE LUNCH PROGRAM:** You can purchase lunch for \$50.00 per week, per child. We have a set lunch menu that you can see in the form below. We always have alternatives if your camper doesn't like what we are serving on any particular day.
 - i. **Step 1 - Pay for Lunch:** You will need to purchase lunch through your account in CampBrain. Please log into your account by [visiting the camp portal](#) and entering your log-in information. From there, you can view your camper and add on lunch by week. Please note that lunch must be purchased by Thursday of the week prior (ie. If you would like lunch for week 3, you must sign-up by Thursday of week 2). You also have the option of signing up for all of your lunch weeks at one time. ***If you are an 1199 member, please skip this step.***
 - ii. **Step 2 - Select lunch choices:** Please [visit our lunch selection form](#) where you will select your camper lunch preferences for each day. **Any questions about lunch can be directed to Ellen at: (631) 278-8421**
7. **CANTEEN:** In addition to lunch, we have an optional canteen at the end of the day. You may send in a few dollars a day for your child to purchase a snack or you may send in an extra snack for them to have at that time.
8. Be sure to have younger children wear a bathing suit under their clothes on swim days. Older children may bring their swimsuits to camp and change in the locker room. We recommend sending in a second, dry, bathing suit and a change of clothes for younger campers since they swim twice on most days - this way, they can change out of their wet bathing suit and have a dry one for the afternoon.
9. **CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT SWIMMING MUST HAVE A WRITTEN NOTE FROM HOME**, including an explanation for not swimming.
10. ALL CAMPERS **MUST** WEAR WHITE SOCKS, SNEAKERS AND SHORTS (NO LONG PANTS) AT ALL TIMES. THIS IS FOR YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH AND SAFETY. **SANDALS ARE ONLY PERMITTED AT THE BEACH. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
11. ALL CAMPERS **MUST** WEAR THEIR CAMP SHIRTS EVERYDAY!!
12. YPDC is **NOT** responsible for personal belongings brought from home, including all electronic items. **The use of electronic equipment, including cell phones, is prohibited while at camp**, unless approved by the Director.
13. Periodically, we have sent children home because of HEAD LICE. We **STRONGLY** urge you to check your child's head DAILY, and seek medical attention if your child is affected. A medical note will be required when the child returns to camp.
14. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Check your child daily for ticks, especially their head.

SUMMER CAMP CODE OF CONDUCT

In our efforts to ensure that all campers have a safe, healthy and qualitative experience, we are notifying Parents of the following guidelines regarding our code of conduct. Please discuss these guidelines with your children, anticipate and request your full cooperation:

We will not tolerate bullying in any form.

1. Fighting will not be tolerated

- a. First offense may result in a 1 day suspension
- b. Second offense will result in up to a 3 day suspension
- c. A third offense will result in the camper being removed from camp permanently

2. Cursing – Child will be spoken to. If it persists, a parent will be notified.

3. Endangering self or others – While children sometimes do things without thinking (so do adults!), it is our goal to create a safe and structured environment. Anything that can be construed as possibly dangerous will be discussed with the camper and, if necessary, brought to the parent's attention.

Examples:

- a. Diving into a pool that is too shallow, or on top of others;
- b. Running around pool decks (slippery);
- c. Not wearing appropriate clothes/footwear, i.e. sandals for sports. Children should wear sneakers with socks.

4. Social Awareness – We have many children from diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds. It is part of this camp's mission to promote and advance self-esteem and pride in all of our campers. To that extent, we will celebrate our cultural differences, as well as similarities. We trust that all campers will share in this celebration and maintain respect for one another's heritages.

We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable summer with your child. Your cooperation with the above suggestions will help ensure a fun filled camping experience.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please call us.

Sincerely,



Michael Davidson, Director

Camper Bus Transportation: Things to Know

- 1) **Campers attending week 1 (week of June 26) - Bus drivers will conduct dry bus runs on Friday and Saturday. Your driver will leave a pamphlet in your mailbox with their name and approximate pick up/drop off times. If your camper is starting after the first week, you will be contacted with pickup and drop off information.**
- 2) PLEASE UNDERSTAND that pick up and drop off times are an approximation and will vary, due to traffic, weather, “running late”, and camp trips. Keep this in mind BEFORE CALLING THE BUS COMPANY.
- 3) WE MUST HAVE AN UP TO DATE CONTACT NUMBER in case of an emergency. Otherwise, we can't contact you!
- 4) Please know your child's bus/van route number when you call. (For example: THIS IS MS. JONES, MY SON JIMMY IS ON BUS . . .)
- 5) IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FOR ANY REASON, CALL THE BUS COMPANY.
WE DON'T WANT TO DISTURB YOUR NEIGHBORS IN THE MORNING AND CREATE A PROLONGED WAIT FOR OTHERS WHILE WE TRY TO CONTACT YOU.
- 6) DRIVERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO WAIT NO MORE THAN 3 MINUTES – PLEASE BE READY
- 7) **PLEASE, SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE IN WRITING. *We cannot change pick up, drop off, or allow “going home with a friend” on a different vehicle without a signed and dated note from YOU, including a phone number where YOU can be reached.***
- 8) We cannot drop a child off if a parent or designated adult is not home. If you are going to be late in the afternoon, please call us. We'll do our best for you. But it is not fair to have a busload of children sit and wait for you.

SUFFOLK BUS COMPANY is our bus provider.

Their contact number is: (631) 737-0695, Ext. 4612

Please remember to contact them if your child is going to be absent.

Most Important Things to Remember...

- As a parent or guardian, you are responsible for providing lunch every day for your child(ren). You must either send in a bag lunch (no glass, no perishables), or join the camp lunch program, \$50.00 a week per child. Please see details above.
- Each camper must bring a bathing suit and towel on pool and beach days. Please label each with a permanent marker, first and last name.
- If your child needs to use sunscreen, please either apply it before camp or send it in their camp bag (preferably in a Ziploc bag) with their name on it. Younger campers should have it applied by a parent before camp.
- Campers must wear their camp T-shirt every day. Two camp T-shirts will be given to each camper on their first day of camp. Please label the T-shirts with a permanent marker. You have the option to purchase additional T-shirts through your camper's account or you can contact Theresa at (631) 310-6880.
- Sneakers must be worn daily.
- Please help us in instructing all children in proper hygiene techniques to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. NYS Department of Health urges the frequent washing of hands, especially before meals.