

Fairfield YMCA
Parents Camp Handbook
For Camp Clubhouse, Sunshine Club
2010



YDAY CAMP™

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.



Happy summer!

Welcome to Camp Clubhouse and Sunshine Club!

Terry McLaren, Child Care Director of Preschool and After School programs is acting Camp Director for Clubhouse and Sunshine Club. Page Flournoy, with many years of experience as Head Teacher at a local preschool, brings her many talents to the Arts and Crafts Director's position again this year. Several of our counselors will be returning this summer including Megan Garrity, LaMour McDaniel; Krista Beam, Nikki Brower, and Emily Regan.

Primary Purpose

Our primary purpose at the Fairfield YMCA Summer Day Camp is to instill the YMCA four core values of CARING, HONESTY, RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY in campers while providing a safe and fun environment. We want to help your children build strong relationship skills, which will serve them for a lifetime.



Hours

Sunshine Club (2 year olds)

Mon/Wed or Tues/Thur → 9:00am-11:45am @ YMCA

Camp Clubhouse (3, 4, & 5 year olds)

Mon-Fri → 9:00am-1:00pm @ YMCA

Extended Care (3, 4 and 5 year olds ONLY)

Mon-Fri → 1:00pm-4:00pm @ YMCA

After Care (for Badakookala)

Mon-Fri → 3:00pm-6:00pm @ the Fairfield YMCA

Session Dates for All Camps

Session I	June 28-July 9
Session II	July 12-July 23
Session III	July 26-Aug 6
Session IV	August 9-August 20

DROP OFF

No Early Drop offs!!

Please walk your child to his/her counselor to sign in.

No drive by drop offs! Your child is NOT our responsibility until you have signed in the camp attendance book. State Licensing requires we maintain a specific child/staff ratio. Early drop offs will create understaffing and could result in state fines and/or closure.

DROP OFF TIMES

Camp Clubhouse - 9:00am @ YMCA

3s - in Classroom B

4s - in Classroom C

5s - in Classroom A

Sunshine Club - 9:00am @ YMCA

Classroom D or G

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Where can we reach an adult responsible for your child during CAMP HOURS in the event of an emergency? Counselors MUST have current and accurate emergency numbers. All messages for your child's counselor or the director should be left at 255-2834 x2315, for Child Care Director Terry McLaren.

PICK UPS

Camp Clubhouse - 1:00pm @ YMCA

3s - Classroom B

4s - on Playground

5s - Classroom A

Sunshine Club - 11:45am @ YMCA

2's - Classroom D or G

Extended Care for Camp Clubhouse - 4:00pm @ YMCA

3's, 4's & 5's - Classroom B/C

NO LATE PICK UPS!!

→ Late pick up fee: \$20 for any part of each 15 minutes late.

PICK UPS BY OTHER ADULT

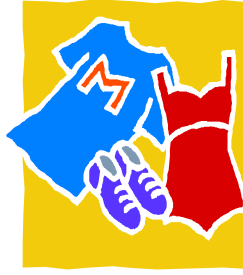
For your child's safety, we must have a note stating the name and date of another adult who will be picking up your child. Counselors have blank notes you may fill out that morning. This adult must show a picture ID and sign out the child.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

Absences are not reimbursed without medical documentation.

For late arrivals/early pick ups:

Please advise counselor in advance in a note and discuss drop off/pick up location.



CAMPERS SHOULD BRING THESE ITEMS DAILY

- Lunch (see restrictions in FOOD) LABELED
 - Sunshine Club does not need lunch
- Snack (separate bag from lunch) LABELED
- 2nd Snack (if attending aftercare) LABELED
- Water Bottle (Filled) LABELED
- Bathing suit LABELED
- Dry clothes LABELED
- Towel LABELED
- Spray Sunscreen LABELED
- Bug spray LABELED
- Sneakers or other closed toe/heel shoes LABELED

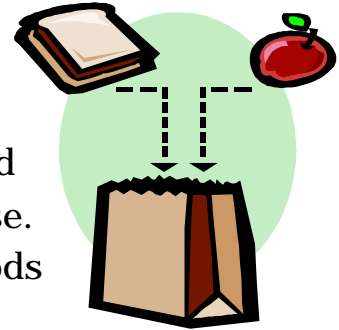
In case you didn't notice, all these items should be LABELED with camper's name. This avoids confusion, disputes and wasted time sorting items.

CAMPERS SHOULD NOT BRING THESE ITEMS

- Sandals... NO! Safety issue outside
- Electronics... NO! Theft, loss and destruction possible
- Cellphones... NO! Theft, loss and destruction possible
- Cash... NO! Vending machine use strictly prohibited
- Other items of value... NO! The Fairfield YMCA Summer Camp is not responsible for any items lost, stolen or destroyed.

FOOD

Absolutely NO peanut or tree nut products are allowed due to the risk of allergic reactions. For Sunshine and Clubhouse, campers should bring a small mid-morning snack in a separately labeled bag and a filled water bottle. Additional water will be available for frequent water breaks. Refrigeration is available. Please label all snack and lunch bags with child's name. No glass bottles please. Soda, caffeinated drinks, candy and other junk foods are strongly discouraged.



HEALTH/WELFARE

Sunscreen - Please send child with sunscreen applied.

- Sunscreen will be reapplied before outdoor activity.
- Counselors may only apply SPRAY sunscreen.
- Lotion must be applied by self or fellow camper.

Water - Frequent water breaks to insure proper hydration.

Food - NO peanut or tree nut products.

- Avoid junk food.

Dry Clothes - If camper wears bathing suit to camp, he/she MUST have a dry set of clothes to change into each day.

ILLNESS

If your child is on any prescribed OR over the counter medication, Physician and Parent authorization forms are required to be on file BEFORE the start of the camp session your child will attend. Epi pens will be kept directly with your child's counselor for immediate access. Each group will have a minimum of one counselor trained in medications administration as well as Infant and Child CPR and Pediatric First Aid. If a child should become ill, he/she will be isolated from the other children and supervised by a staff person. Parents will be called immediately in order to have child picked up.



Answers to FAQ regarding illness;

- All children and staff must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to camp.
- Any child or staff with a contagious illness or condition must have a Physician's note to be returned to camp.
- Any child or staff with a communicable disease, such as Chicken Pox, cannot return to the program for 5 days.
- Any child or staff with a condition, such as Pink Eye, must be free of any seeping fluid from the infected area and antibiotics must be taken.

DISMISSAL

In the rare event of...

Behavioral Problems – 3 incidents and you're out!

1st – Incident report and action taken.

- Parents will be informed verbally.

2nd – Incident report will be taken.

- Parents will be notified in writing.

- Plan will be discussed with parents to prevent a third incident.

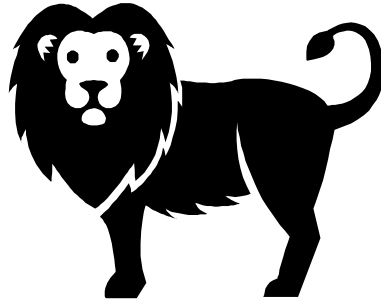
3rd – Incident report taken.

- Child will be dismissed from camp.

About a week before camp begins, a letter introducing the child's counselors and his/her group's schedule will be sent to you.

Let's all have a great summer!!

Activities for Camp Clubhouse



Camp Clubhouse is made up of:
Lions ; Tigers and Bears.

Children will be grouped according to age. Those 5 or soon to turn 5 will be Lions. Those 4 or soon to turn 4 will be Tigers and The 3 year olds are Bears.

Each group has its own mascot, theme songs and group theme related activities. Be sure to note theme related **Special Days and Special Events**. See the activities list at the end of the handbook.



Each session, all Lions, Tigers and Bears will have one **Special Event** visitor which is related to that session's theme.





Weekly, the campers will have two half-hour sessions of Arts and Crafts where they will create delightful theme related projects to bring home. In addition, the children will experiment with arts and crafts mediums in less structured sessions with their counselors.

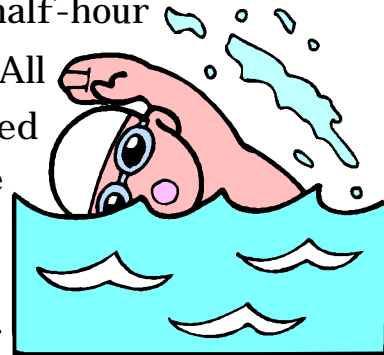


The children will also have one weekly session of Music

forty-five minute in which they will explore

the current theme. Here the children will learn traditional childhood favorites you may well remember from your own childhood as well as international “favorites.”

Each week, the campers will have three half-hour Splash and Play sessions in our pool. All children will be tested by Red Cross certified Life Guards for their swimming ability before being allowed to play in the pool. Those children who can not demonstrate an adequate degree of swimming proficiency will wear



either life vests or floatation devices depending on their abilities. Each group’s counselors will accompany them in the pool.



Session I: Crazy for Cartoons

Campers will explore the crazy world of their favorite cartoon characters through stories, arts and crafts, music and special activities.

Special Event – Thursday, July 1, Amazing Andy

Tall and very silly, Amazing Andy could be cartoon character!

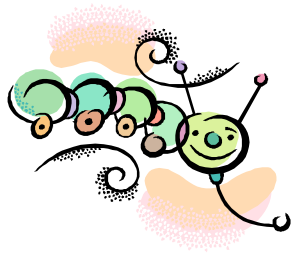
Special Day -, Friday, July 9th Cartoon Character Tea Party.

Each camper should dress up as his or her favorite character to attend a very crazy tea party!

Field Trips – Thursday, July 9th

Lions (5s) and Tigers (4s) - Jennings Beach; 10-11:30am

Bears (3s) - Sandcastle Playground field trip; 9:30-10:30am



Session II: Ocean Critters and Creepy Crawly Things

Campers will explore the world of bugs and sea creatures through stories, arts and crafts, music and special activities.

Special Event – Thursday, July 22nd, Drum N' Dance

Campers will participate in making music with Drum N Dance using drums form many cultures, “singing” frogs and other percussion and rhythm instruments.

Special Day – Bug and Worm Safari, Friday July 23rd

Using their homemade bug “hotels” campers (with counselors’ help of course) will go on a safari for all that creeps and crawls in the Y’s side yard.

Field Trips - Thursday, July 15th

Lions (5s) and Tigers (4s) - Jennings Beach; 10-11:30am

Bears (3s) - Sandcastle Playground field trip; 9:30-10:30am



Session III: Fabulous Folk and Fairly Tales

Campers will visit the world of kings and queens and other magical folk through stories, arts and crafts, music and special activities.

Special Event - Thursday, July 29th

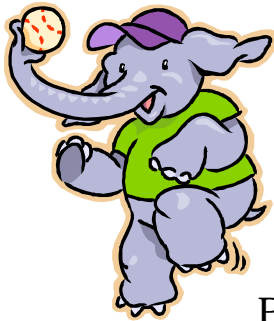
A Princess in the Bag Story book Theatre with
“Acting Out with Ms. Karen”

Special Day – Friday, August 6th Queen (or King) for the Day.
Campers should wear all their royal finery.

Field Trips - Thursday August 5th

Lions (5s) and Tigers (4s) - Jennings Beach; 10-11:30am

Bears (3s) - Library Story Time field trip; 9:30-10:30am



Session IV: Wild Kingdom to Pet Shop Animals Great and Small

Special Event – Thursday, August 12th

Pied Piper Petting Zoo - Campers will groom, feed and pet a goat, a pig, some ducks and some bunnies, all very gentle and child friendly.

Special Day – Friday, August 20th Share Your Furry Friends
Campers may bring a real (kid-friendly) furry friend or a favorite stuffed animal to share with their group. (Live animals must be accompanied by human grown up.)

Field Trips – Thursday, August 19th

Lions (5s) and Tigers (4s) - Jennings Beach; 10-11:30am

Bears (3s) - Sandcastle Playground; 9:30-10:30am

Sunshine Club

Our Senior Counselors are all experienced preschool teachers in our regular Tiny Tots Nursery School program. With gentleness and endless patience, they and the other counselors will help your child meet the challenges of “Block Sharing Negotiations”, “Who Goes First?” and “When’s Mommy (or Daddy) Coming Back?” We want your child to go home with a positive first camp experience.

