

YMCA Camp Mataucha & Oakasha Frequently Asked Questions

1. Dates & Times

Preview Week: June 21st – June 25th – Muscle Beach Week

Session 1: June 28th – July 9th – Mataucha Idol

Session 2: July 12th – July 23rd – Wild West

Session 3: July 26th – Aug 6th – Mataucha All Starts

Session 4: Aug 9th – Aug 20th – Color Games

Finale Week: Aug 23rd – Aug 27th – Ma-Tach-A-Pa-Looz-A *-or-* Oak-Ash-A-Pa-Looz-A

Camp starts at 9 am and ends at 3 pm. We do offer extended care for additional fees.

**Field trips are only for Pequots and Trailblazers & Nehantics and Cherokees. A detailed list of trips will be available at the beginning of each session.*

2. How much does camp cost?

Depends upon the program you wish to sign up for.

Explorers, Mohawks, Iroquois, Podunks, and Mohawks = \$340 for two weeks

Pequots, Trailblazers, Nehantics, and Cherokees = \$360 for two weeks and fee include field trip costs

CIT's = \$340 for four weeks

Specialty camps range from \$360 to \$420

3. How long is my camper's physical valid?

Physical forms are valid for 3 years from the date of the examination. Camp does keep valid physical forms from previous summers. If you are unsure when your last physical was, please contact your doctor. Camp will mail out reminders to registered families who's physicals are expired or not on file in May.

**NEW - Health forms are due annually, and can be completed by parent/guardians*

4. How do I apply for financial aid?

Financial aid packets will be available at the front desk Monday, March 30th for new families and those wishing to apply for camperships. Complete the packet and someone from the YMCA will get back to you. A \$50 deposit is needed to reserve your camper's spot until financial aid awards are given.

**Return FA families will be approved at the 2009 level until all the required paperwork is received.*

5. Does camp provide a lunch?

No. But we do refrigerate all lunches. For storage purposes we ask that you do not send a cooler or large lunch box. Brown paper bags work best in our refrigerator.

6. Can I pick my child up early?

Campers can be picked up early from camp if parents send a note or call the office, 860-274-4820 for Mataucha, 203-264-2817 for Oakasha, to make prior arrangements. Pick up cannot occur between 2:30-3:00 pm. During that time the entire camp is going through closing

ceremonies and removing children is very challenging. Children will only be released to individuals that are listed on the camp registration form and can produce a valid photo ID.

7. What is the camper to counselor ratios?

Our youngest tribes have ratios of approximately 1 counselor to 6 campers. Other tribes remain at 1 to 8 and some of our Oldest Tribes have a ratio of 1 to 10.

8. What are the ratios at the waterfront?

Our waterfront is staffed by certified Lifeguards who practice their skills weekly. We keep the waterfront ratio at approx 1 to 10.

9. What happens on rainy days?

It never rains at camp (it's only liquid sunshine). When there is liquid sunshine at camp we get everyone under cover and continue the fun. Some older campers will go on field trips, but everyone else plays indoor games and sings songs and does lots of special activities.

10. Open House Dates

Open Houses are a great way to see camp, meet the staff and get ready for the summer.

YMCA Camp Mataucha will host 3 Open Houses from 10am-2pm on Saturday, April 17th, Saturday May 8th and Saturday June 12th. YMCA Camp Oakasha will host 2 Open Houses from 10am-2pm on Saturday, May 15th and Saturday June 12th.