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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



YMCA CAMP OAKASHA | SOUTHURY, CT

Registration starts on 3/5/12 at the Greater Waterbury YMCA

Register online at:
www.CampOakasha.org

WELCOME FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

YMCA Camp Oakasha is a great place for children to develop friendships, experience great adventures and make memories that last a lifetime. This summer will be one of our best yet as we prepare to have fun and excitement during our 16th year of providing quality camping experiences for campers and their families. Our mission, *To put Christian principals into practice through programs that develop a healthy spirit, mind and body for all*, is ever present and is the focus of our entire staff.

Licensing & Safety

One aspect of YMCA Camp Oakasha that stays constant from year to year is our staff's focus on camper safety. Our staff are trained in First Aid and CPR, including our Specialty Area Directors, our Unit Directors and our bus monitors. During the summer season we have a local physician as a consultant.

YMCA Camp Oakasha is a licensed program through the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Family

Campers and their families are invited to come to YMCA Camp Oakasha's Family Sleepovers for an exciting afternoon of camp activities followed by an exhilarating night under the stars! It is your decision if you child is old enough and ready for an overnight experience. There will be no additional fee for this overnight program! Overnights for the 2012 camp season will be on Saturday, July 14th and Saturday, August 11th. Both family overnights will be hosted at YMCA Camp Mataucha in Watertown, CT. A detailed schedule of the Family Overnight will be available during the sessions that the overnights take place, but any registered camper and their family throughout the camp season are welcome to participate in the overnights.

Financial Assistance

Our goal is to provide quality programs for all. The YMCA extends financial assistance based upon demonstrated and documented need and availability of funds. Financial Assistance application will be available beginning April 1st. Applicants are encouraged to apply for a United Way Campership and to the State of Connecticut Care 4 Kids childcare subsidy program.



YMCA CAMP OAKASHA PROGRAMS

We've Got Something For Everyone!

TRADITIONAL DAY CAMP

Podunks (Entering K-2)

This program provides a tremendous full day of camping fun! Traditional camp activities are highlighted through personal attention and discovery.

Mohegans (Entering grades 3-4)

A true camp experience! This program offers fun filled activities, songs and much more!

Nehantics (Entering grades 5-6)

An exciting program where campers get an "in-depth" camp experience which exposes them to advanced camp and craft activities.

Cherokees (Entering grades 7-9)

These campers gain a camp experience that focuses on self-confidence, leadership and values clarification.

CIT (Entering grade 10)

This influential leadership program is designed to teach counseling skills, develop responsibility, encourage teamwork, and help clarify personal values.

Fun Special Events

At certain times during the summer, Mohegans and Podunks will have special guest visitors and special events. Whether it's a petting zoo or fun inflatables, it's sure to be a blast!

Exciting Field Trips (Nehantics & Cherokees)

Campers will have a chance to embark on adventurous day trips within Connecticut each session. A great way for campers to develop new skills and make new friends!



SPECIALTY CAMPS: YMCA Camp Oakasha Specialty Camps grow in popularity every summer. Specialty Camp give campers an opportunity to spend a majority of their day in very specific areas or skill-based activities. Campers spend their mornings participating in the specialty camp of their choice, and after lunch have the opportunity to participate in our traditional camp activities including archers, boating and ropes courses.

ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

Wilderness Camp

(Entering Grades 3-5 & Grades 6-9)

Adventurous campers will enjoy a mix of Fort-Building and Survival camp. Campers will learn basic survival skills like knot-tying, shelter construction and outdoor cooking. Campers may have the opportunity to build a fort and learn to live in it!

Science Camp (Entering Grades 3-5 & 4-6)

Young minds will be challenged with a variety of cool hands on experiments and lessons. Campers will be guided through discoveries in energy and motion as well as the world of animals and bugs.

Bugs and Slugs (Entering Grades 1-3)

Explore new worlds both large and small in this environmental based camp. Campers will enjoy lots of field work, sample collecting, and activities focused on plants, insects and animals with a focus on responsibility for the environment.

SPORTS CAMP PROGRAMS

Sports Camp "Minors" (Entering Grades 2-9)

Campers will enjoy learning and participating in a wide range of traditional and non-traditional sports. Sports Camp is great for campers who want more and more sports but still want to enjoy the greatness of summer camp. Campers will experience sports, contests, games and much more while also getting to participate in traditional day camp activities.



"The kids loved the camp counselors! They are all great!"



IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFO

Please register early, as many camps and buses fill long before camp begins. Submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance into camp. Acceptance into camp will be verified by a confirmation packet that includes a parent handbook, statement of account, physical form and other detailed information. Please provide a separate registration form for each child you are registering.

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PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment Policy

\$50 deposit per child per session must be received with camp registration form. Registrations will not be processed without a deposit. Full payments of each session must be made two weeks prior to the start of each session. A \$15 late fee will be assessed to payments made after the deadline.

MONTHLY BILLING

Payments can be made in even installments beginning **March 5th** and ending June 31st, or from the time you register through **June 31st**. **Families that register in June or later will need to make payment in full.**

EZ PAY

Provide us with credit card information (Visa or MasterCard) and we will divide your balance into equal monthly payments that will automatically be charged on the 10th of each month. EZ Pay will begin on the 10th of the month in which you register and will be split into equal payments through August 31st. The earlier you register, the lower your payments will be! *\$35 administrative charge will be applied to any returned payments.

PAY IN FULL

Families can pay off the entire balance at the time of registration if they choose.

SPLIT SESSIONS

Parents who wish to split a session to accommodate vacations, sports camps, etc., must clearly indicate in the registration form the week their child will attend during a selected session. A \$50 split session fee applies. Specialty Camps cannot be split.

CAMP STORE

This summer YMCA Camp Oakasha will sell healthy snacks and bottled water along with a variety of fun t-shirts, water bottles and yo-yos. If you wish your camper to purchase these items, and not risk losing their money, you can pre-pay for your child's use at the store. Camper's accounts are adjusted accordingly as they purchase items.

BUS SCHEDULE – Choose one of our many convenient bus stops!

ROUTES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RACCOON BUS

	Pick Up	Drop Off
Long Meadow School	8:00 am	4:15 pm
Tommy K's	8:10 am	4:05 pm
Oxford Center School	8:15 am	3:55 pm
Great Expectations	8:25 am	3:40 pm
Community Field	8:35 am	3:20 pm
Exit 14 Commuter Lot	8:50 am	3:10 pm
YMCA Camp Oakasha	9:00 am	3:00 pm



YMCA CAMP OAKASHA

Session	Dates
Preview*	June 25 – June 29
Session 1*	July 2 – July 13
Session 2	July 16 – July 27
Session 3	July 30 – August 10
Session 4	August 13 – August 24

Open House at YMCA Camp Oakasha:	
Saturday, May 19, 2012	10am–2pm
Thursday, June 7, 2012	5pm–7pm
Saturday, June 16, 2012	10am–2pm

Volunteer Clean Up:

Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 8am–1pm at YMCA Camp Oakasha

*Preview week may not run due to school schedule and snow days. Please contact YMCA Camp Oakasha for more details at 860-274-4820, or during the summer at 203-264-2817.

Field Trips are for Nehantics and Cherokees. A detailed list of trips will be available at the beginning of each session.

Special events may happen throughout the session. A detailed list of events will be available at the beginning of each session.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

- State Law requires that all campers have a health form completed annually by a parent/guardian prior to attending camp and physical exam completed by physician prior within the past 36 months. Health Forms and Physicals are required to be on file prior to start of each campers' first session.



YMCA CAMP OAKASHA ACTIVITIES INCLUDE...

YMCA Camp Oakasha provides quality traditional day camping experiences that aim to teach the positive values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

SWIM ACTIVITIES

Everyday campers have the opportunity to go swimming in the Southbury Training School pool. A team of certified lifeguards closely monitors the swimming area. Daily swim may be cancelled due to inclement weather or special events.

LOW ROPES COURSE!

Led by certified instructors, campers learn trust and relationship building through a progressive series of ground initiatives and low ropes activities. Course is inspected annually.

TOWER

Campers, wearing a helmet, are harnessed and hooked into a belay system by our certified staff. Campers participate in "challenge by choice." That is to say, all campers determine their own routes and goals while climbing our 30 foot tower. Grades 3 & up.

ARCHERY

Targets may be placed at different distances to provide a challenge for even the more experienced archer. Led by certified staff, straight-limb and recurve bows are used. Campers are taught the fundamentals of safety, nomenclature, scoring, and technique. Grades 3 & up.

BOATING

Watercraft includes canoes and rowboats that are used for instructional and recreational use. Instructed by a canoe and rowing certified staff, campers have opportunities to learn different strokes, maneuvering techniques and have time to enjoy the pond at their leisure. All participants wear Coast Guard Certified Floatation Devices (Life Jackets).

ARTS & CRAFTS

Campers have the opportunity to participate in a variety of creative projects that may include tie-dying, candle-making, sand painting, weaving, and more. Our qualified staff is always on hand to make sure projects are age appropriate and campers receive any necessary assistance.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Increase awareness and responsibility through a variety of activities. YMCA Camp Oakasha and the surrounding area are home to hundreds of animals. These include toads, turtles, fish, butterflies, and a spectacular array of bugs. Our goal is to help campers learn to recognize these creatures and come to appreciate their beauty and importance.

SELECT CAMP PROGRAMS & SESSION (please mark appropriate registration information)

	Grade in Fall	Preview 1 week 6/25-6/29	Session 1 2 weeks 7/2-7/13	Session 2 2 weeks 7/16-7/27	Session 3 2 weeks 7/30-8/10	Session 4 2 weeks 8/13-8/24	
Traditional Camps							TOTAL
Podunks	K - 2	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190	<input type="checkbox"/> \$355	<input type="checkbox"/> \$355	<input type="checkbox"/> \$355	<input type="checkbox"/> \$355	
Mohegans	3 - 4	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190	<input type="checkbox"/> \$355	<input type="checkbox"/> \$355	<input type="checkbox"/> \$355	<input type="checkbox"/> \$355	
Nehantics	5 - 6	<input type="checkbox"/> \$215	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	
Cherokees	7 - 9	<input type="checkbox"/> \$215	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	
Fees for Nehantics & Cherokees include all Field Trips!							
CIT	14-15 yrs		<input type="checkbox"/> \$375		<input type="checkbox"/> \$375		
SPECIALTY CAMPS – shaded area indicates session is not available.							SUBTOTAL
	Cost		Grade	Grade	Grade	Grade	
Sports Camp	\$380		<input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 9	
Bugs & Slugs	\$380			<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 3		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 3	
Science Camp	\$380		<input type="checkbox"/> 4 - 6		<input type="checkbox"/> 3 - 5		
Wilderness	\$380		<input type="checkbox"/> 3 - 5		<input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 9		
EXTENDED CARE							SUBTOTAL
Before Camp	K - 10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55	
After Camp	K - 10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	
AM & PM Camp	K - 10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115	
PER SESSION CREDITS							SUBTOTAL
YMCA Memb. Disc.		<input type="checkbox"/> -\$8	<input type="checkbox"/> -\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> -\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> -\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> -\$15	
ONE-TIME OPTIONAL FEES							SUBTOTAL
Camp Store – Pre-pay for fun camp items (Check amount)		<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25			
Would you like to donate your end of summer store balance (if any) to Camp?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No				
YMCA Youth Membership – receive discounts on camp and other programs		<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Annual Fee					
							SUBTOTAL
If a prior balance exists on a campers account they will not be able to register for the 2012 camp season until the previous balance is paid in full.							
							Total Fees

PARENT'S AGREEMENT IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ CAREFULLY I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- A \$50 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is required for each session and must accompany each application. This deposit will hold the camper's place and will be applied to the total camp tuition. Remaining balance is due according to payment plan selected but no later than two weeks prior to each session. Late charge of \$15 applies to each late payment. Lack of payment (or late payment) will result in loss of reserved space. We recommend using our E-Z Pay Option where payments are automatically drafted, no late fee, no risk of lost space. Please see page 3 in the Camp brochure for payment options.
- All cancellations must be received IN WRITING at least 30 days prior to the start of the camp session to receive a full refund minus the \$50 non-refundable deposit per session.
- All cancellations must be received IN WRITING between 15-29 days prior to the start of the camp session to receive a 50% refund minus the \$50 non-refundable deposit per session.
- No refunds will be granted less than 15 days prior to the start of the camp session.
- NSF Fee of \$35.00 will be charged to all NSF transactions.
- I will be responsible for payment of any collection fees incurred by me should my account become delinquent.
- Bus service is provided for all campers. Routes for campers are predetermined for specified towns. Each bus will have a YMCA bus monitor. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to meet their camper at the appointed stop at both the scheduled drop off/pick up time each day unless permission is granted otherwise. Podunks and Nehantics Campers MUST sit in the front of the bus and will not be dropped off without a parent or older sibling at the stop. Without permission, the camper will stay on the bus for the remainder of the route and will return to camp or the YMCA. Parents will be responsible for picking up their camper at either location. Times may not be exact, please give a 10-minute grace period for pick up and drop off times.
- I give permission for photographs and other recording devices of my camper to be used in marketing and camp publicity.
- Campers must be in good health, injury free and well enough to fully participate.
- I give permission for my camper to participate in all camp activities, including swimming ropes and archery.
- I authorize transfer of my camper to the Greater Waterbury YMCA during inclement weather if needed.
- I authorize YMCA officials to secure medical/emergency treatment and transportation for my camper if deemed necessary.
- The YMCA reserves the right to dismiss a camper whose presence is detrimental to the camp or campers.
- Fees will not be refunded for absence, failure to attend during the term of enrollment, delayed attendance at camp, or dismissal.
- We are required by the State to have health history forms for each camper prior to attending camp. Forms will be given to parents at the time of registration and MUST be completed by the family physician and parents before the camper attends camp. Physicals are valid for three years.
- The undersigned voluntarily agrees to hold the YMCA harmless for injuries or accidents resulting in bodily injury or property damage during my child's participation at YMCA Camp Oakasha. I further waive, release, absolve, and indemnify the Greater Waterbury YMCA, YMCA Camp Oakasha, its directors, volunteers, officers or employees for injuries or accidents occurring while participating in the programs of YMCA Camp Oakasha.
- Any unauthorized video, picture, twitter, facebook post or any other social networking site posts about YMCA Camp Oakasha, the Greater Waterbury YMCA or their participants is prohibited. Violations of these conditions will result in immediate dismissal without a refund.
- Any unauthorized video, picture or social networking site post that is found and contains any material or reference to YMCA Camp Oakasha or The Greater Waterbury YMCA must be taken down off the social networking site within 24 hours after notification.

Parent Initial _____

YMCA CAMP OAKASHA 2012 REGISTRATION FORM

To register complete steps 1-10 and the previous page, return with a \$50 non-refundable per session deposit to the Waterbury YMCA, 136 W. Main St., Waterbury, CT 06702. Or, register on our secure website, www.CampOakasha.org. Registration begins March 5th.

1 Camper Information

Camper's name _____
Date of Birth (M/D/Y) _____ Sex M F Previous Camper Yes No
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Child's School _____ Grade in Fall 2012 _____

2 Household/Family Information

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Email _____
Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Employer _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Email _____
Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Employer _____

3 Emergency Contact Information

Additional adults (not listed above) authorized to pick up your camper from camp, extended camp care, bus, or emergency dismissal from camp.

Contact _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____
Contact _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____
Contact _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

4 Camper Insurance Information

Insurance Name _____
Account Number _____

5 Medical/Behavioral/Custody Information

Please use the space below to provide detailed information regarding any medical, behavioral, or parental custody issues that would enable us to provide appropriate services to your child. If relevant, please list any behavior modification methods used at home or at school. Please note that appropriate medical documentation is also required on your child's health form.

6 Friend Request

Please put my child with camper _____ or _____
I realize that not all requests can be accommodated. Note: For any "Friend Request," campers must be in the same age group or specialty camp.

7 Select Bus & Bus Stop

Please refer to the Transportation Section for bus information and mark appropriate registration information here. Note: Camper must take same bus to and from camp.
SELECT: BUS & BUS STOP

Example: Chipmunk _____ Long Meadow School _____

- I will pick up my camper at the bus each day
 My camper can walk home from the bus (Cherokee and older only)
 NO BUS. Parent/guardian will pick up and drop off at camp
 Camper will attend both AM and PM Extended Day Program at camp

8 Deposit Information Section

\$50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT Per Session X _____ Sessions = _____

Total = _____

Filled out by YMCA Staff at time of registration

9 Payment Method

A \$50 deposit is required per child per session. Remaining balance is due according to payment plan but no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of each session. Late charge of \$15 applies to late payments and a \$35 fee applies to returned payments. Lack of payment (or no late payment) may result in loss of reserved space. We recommend all parents pay by credit/debit card, or sign up for EZ pay. Checks and Money Orders should be made payable to Waterbury YMCA. All cash payments must be made in person at the YMCA.

Please check payment option:

- MasterCard Visa Check Cash

Credit Card #: _____ Exp: ____/____ Authorization Code: _____

- Please enroll me in the E-Z Pay Option using the credit card listed above.

10 Parents Agreement

I HAVE READ THE PARENT'S AGREEMENT (ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM)
AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Parent's Signature: X _____ Date: _____



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Located at

**Adventure Center
Southbury Training School
Southbury, CT**

Mailing Address

**Greater Waterbury YMCA
136 West Main Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
203-754-9622**

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DIRECTIONS

I-84: (From Hartford)

Take I-84 West to Exit 14 (S Britain Road). Take a right at the end of the exit onto Rte. 172. STS is 2.6 miles on left. Turn left at Thrift Shop into campus and bear left on Constitution Avenue winding up hill to camp (follow signage).

I-84: (From Danbury)

Take I-84 East to Exit 14 (S Britain Road). Take a left at the end of the exit onto Rte. 172. STS is 2.6 miles on left. Turn left at Thrift Shop into campus and bear left on Constitution Avenue winding up hill to camp (follow signage).

“Camp met our high expectations!”

*“I’m amazed at the positive
attitudes & energy of the staff!”*

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