



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the Session Dates and Times?

The camp day starts at 9:00am and ends at 3:00pm, we offer extended care for additional fees.

- Preview Week: June 22 – June 26
- Session 1: June 29- July 10
- Session 2: July 13 – July 24
- Session 3: July 27 – August 7
- Session 4: August 10 – August 21

2. How much does camp cost?

That depends on the program you wish to sign up for.

Traditional Camps Programs are \$525 for a two week session. Specialty Camps are \$575 for a two-week session.

Traditional Camp Sessions can be split when registering online, (please select the week your child will be attending). Split sessions have a separate fee. Due to limited spaces, Specialty Camps cannot be split.

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 the previous summer. Camp will send reminders and make phone calls to registered families whose physicals are expired or not on file. Health Assessment forms are due annually and only need to be completed by parents/guardians. Per state regulations, a child who does not have a valid physical cannot attend camp.

4. How do I apply for financial aid?

Financial Aid packets are available online at www.waterburyymca.org or at the front desk of the YMCA and families can begin applying in April as well as the applying for a campership. Complete the packet and someone from the YMCA will get back to you. A \$200 per session deposit is still required to reserve your camper's spot until financial awards are given.

5. Does camp provide lunch?

NO. But we do refrigerate all lunches. For storage purposes we ask that you do not send a large cooler or large lunchbox. Brown paper bags work best in our walk in cooler.

6. Can I pick up my camper(s) up early?

Campers can be picked up early from camp if parents send a note or call the camp office, 860-274-4820, to make prior arrangements. Pick up cannot occur between 2:45 – 3:00 pm. During that time the entire camp is going through closing ceremonies and removing campers is very challenging. Campers will only be released to individuals that are listed on the camp registration form and have valid photo ID.

7. What is the camper to counselor ratio?

Our youngest age groups have ratios of approximately 1 counselor to 6 campers. Other groups remain at 1 to 8 and some of our oldest groups have a ratio of 1 to 10.



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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 approximately 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. We continue with our normal day as best as possible, if we can't then everyone plays indoor games and sings songs and does lots of special activities.

10. What should my camper bring each day?

Each camper should bring a backpack containing their lunch, bathing suit, a towel, and maybe a hat and water bottle to camp. Lunches are collected every morning by the counselors. Please be sure to label all of your camper's items with camper's first and last name.

11. What should stay at home?

Campers will be actively participating in outdoor activities, so they should not bring game boys, personal music players, personal toys or games, cell phones, I-pods, role playing card games or other valuables. Our goal is to have as much fun as possible here at YMCA Camp Mataucha with our camp activities and outside games and equipment may hinder your camper from fully participating.

12. Can I talk to my camper's counselor?

Absolutely! We encourage you to share your input with our staff. At the start of each session, our counselors call every camper's family. You may also contact the office, 860-274-4820, and leave a message for your camper's counselor to contact you at the end of the day. Another great way is to attend a family night and meet your camper's counselor in person.

13. What if my camper loses something while at camp?

We try our best to return all lost objects to campers. We have a lost and found at camp. Please place your camper's name on each article of clothing and be sure to visit lost and found on family nights. Items are generally kept for 2 weeks after a session and then donated to a local charity.

14. What if my camper gets sick or injured while at camp?

We have either an RN on camp property Furthermore, all of our staff are CPR certified and most of our staff also have a First Aid Certificate. Parents are contacted to remove ill campers from camp. In case of emergency, the local EMS responders will transport campers to Waterbury Hospital.

If you question(s) has not been answered here, please contact us at YMCA Camp Mataucha
(860)274-4820 or email adubois@waterburyymca.org