

YMCA Camp Mataucha Frequently Asked Questions

1. Session Dates and Times

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

Preview Week, 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

**Preview week may not run due to school schedules

2. How much does camp cost?

Depends on the program you wish to sign up for.

Explorers, Mohawks and Iroquois are \$385 for a two week session. Pequots and Trailblazers are \$405 for a two session. Our CITs are \$425 for four week session and Specialty Camps are \$415 for a two week session. Sessions can be split; you will need to contact our Camp Registrar to make the split. Split sessions have a separate fee. 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 previous summers. Camp will mail out reminders 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.

4. How do I apply for financial aid?

Financial aid packets will be available at the front desk the first week of April for new families and those wishing to apply for camperships. Complete the packet and someone from the YMCA will get back to you. A \$200 per child deposit is still required to reserve your camper's spot until financial aid awards are given.

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 walk in cooler.

6. Can I pick my camper up early?

Campers can be picked up early from camp if parents send a note or call the office, 860-274-4820, to make prior arrangements. Pick up cannot occur between 2:50-3:00 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 a valid photo ID.

7. What is the camper to counselor ratios?

Our youngest 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.

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. 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.

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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. Lunches are collected in the morning by the counselors. Please be sure to label all of your camper's items with their 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 any 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 can 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 each 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 two 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 an RN on camp property. Furthermore all of our staff are CPR certified and most of our staff also have a First Aid Certification. Parents are contacted to remove ill campers from camp. In cases of emergency the local EMS responders will transport campers to Waterbury Hospital.

15. What is family night and when is it?

Mark your calendars now for one of the best nights you'll have all summer, **Family Night**. Our campers and Staff will show you a GUARANTEED great time! The fun begins at 6:00 PM and are scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, July 11th
- Wednesday, August 8th

If your question(s) has not been answered here, please contact us at YMCA Camp Mataucha (860) 274-4820 or e-mail adubois@waterburymca.org