

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 26 - June 30

Session 1: July 3 - July 14

Session 2: July 17 - July 28

Session 3: July 31 - August 11

Session 4: August 14 - August 25

2. How much does camp cost?

Depends on the program you wish to sign up for.

Explorers, Mohawks and Iroquois are \$380 for a two week session. Pequots and Trailblazers are \$400 for a two week session. Our CITs are \$420 for a four week session and Specialty Camps are \$410 for a two week session. Preview week is \$205/\$230. 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. 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 \$100 per camper 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?

Yes, 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 due to closing ceremonies it is very challenging to remove campers. 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?

We get everyone under cover and continue the fun. We continue with our normal day as best as possible, we play indoor games, sing songs and have a lot 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, sunscreen, water bottle and maybe a hat. 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 electronics of any kind including cell phones. All valuables should be left at home. Our goal is to have as much fun as possible here at Camp Mataucha with our camp activities electronics will hinder your camper from fully participating.

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

Absolutely! 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. Please place your camper's name on each article of clothing and be sure to visit lost and found, behind Woodward Hall 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 and almost all of our staff are CPR and First Aid certified. 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. Come play at camp with your campers and meet the Mataucha Staff. The fun begins at 6 PM on July 12th and August 9th.

If your question has not been answered here, please contact
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