

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the difference between Camp Greenknoll and Summer Club?

YMCA Camp Greenknoll is an all outdoor camp with approximately 400 children broken into groups based on gender and grade. All activities are outdoors. Camp does not participate in field trips. Camp runs for 10 weeks. Greenknoll Summer Club is a smaller program based indoors with no more than 50 children. Children in the Summer Club are for the most part, one group. Summer Club participates in one field trip per week. Summer Club runs for 8 weeks.

When does camp start and end?

Camp will begin on June 19th and ends on August 25th

Do I have to sign up for all ten weeks?

No. You can sign up for 10 weeks or 1 week. To get a more complete experience, most families sign up for 3 or more weeks.

How much does it cost to attend camp?

The cost per camp varies. Camp is \$273 per week. Full day for children 3 and 4 years old is \$273 per week. Half day for children 3 and 4 years old only (9:00am – 12:30pm) is \$195. CIT Program is \$200 per week.

What are the Hours?

Both camp and Summer Club schedule activities are 8:45am- 4:00pm. We have pre camp and post from 7:00am - 8:45am and from 4:00pm- 6:30pm for no extra cost.

What are the themes for this summer?

Week 1 June, 19th	Game Show
Week 2 June 26th	Cruise
Week 3 July 3rd (Closed 7/4)	Party at the Y
Week 4 July 10th	Happy Holidays
Week 5 July 17th	Carnival
Week 6 July 24th	Camp Show
Week 7 July 3rd	Summer Fiesta
Week 8 August 7th	Color Wars
Week 9 August 14th	Space
Week 10 August 21st	Amazing Race

What are electives?

Electives are a variety of activities that will be offered each week from Monday Thursday. The choices will range from field games to art. They will vary from week to week. Campers will choose the activity for the week. They will not be able to switch because some elective will be limited.

How are the children divided into groups?

At YMCA Camp Greenknoll children are divided into group's bases on gender and grade. For example a boy going onto 2nd grade will be in a "tribe" of all boys going into 2nd grade.

Do you provide transportation to YMCA Camp Greenknoll?

No. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

What do I do if I need to pick up my child early?

You must come into the office and sign out your child. A note is always helpful.

I need to be at work early. What can I do?

To meet the needs of the working parent, children may be dropped at camp at 7am and picked up no later than 6:30pm for pre and post camp. There is no additional cost for pre camp.

May I come to visit my child at camp?

Yes, parents can visit the camp at any time to observe their child and camp. Parents are required to check in with the camp director. If concerns arise or special issues need to be addressed, parents are encouraged to speak personally with their child's counselor or the camp director.

If I am unable to pick my child up in person, what is the procedure?

In the case where you cannot pick up your child and someone else will, we ask that you inform the office. An email or fax stating to full name of the person may be sent. Your child's safety is important to us. Unknown persons will be asked to present an I.D. to camp staff.

Is there an emergency phone number?

YMCA Greenknoll Camp phone number is 203.775.9363. Someone is always available in the office during camp hours.

My child takes medication, what do I do?

As a licensed camp, we must follow strict guidelines. You must fill out a permission form and give the medication to the camp director or first aid provider in the original container, physician's name, and dosage and expiration date. The medication is locked up and the first aid provider will administer the prescription per instructions from you and your physician. The permission form must also be signed by your child's physician.

Does my child need lunch every day?

Yes, except on Fridays. Each Friday we have a hotdog cook which is free. Campers should bring a brown bag type lunch, which will be stored in large lunch bags and brought to the walk in cooler until lunch time. Clearly mark the campers name on lunch bags. No glass containers!!! Any food allergies your child has should be indicated on the medical form

How should my child dress for camp?

Dressing your child appropriately is important to insure that your child has a good time at camp. Shorts and t-shirts, sneakers and a sweatshirt are standard dress. No open toed shoes are allowed except on pool deck. Swimming occurs daily, so a bathing suit and towel are necessary. It is helpful to have children use a back pack of some kind so they can keep track of their belongings. Clearly marking your child's name on all clothing and towels will reduce the possibility of lost items.

What if it is raining?

In the event that there is liquid sunshine (rain) at camp, activities will be going on as scheduled. Camp is held despite liquid sunshine, so it is helpful to send raingear with your child. Although outdoor activities will be available some exciting rainy day activities will be planned.

Whom do I notify if my child will be absent from camp?

Parents should call the camp at 203.775.9363

How many times does my child swim?

Each tribe swims twice per day. Mornings swim is instruction and afternoon is free swim.

If my child attends camp am I able to get childcare tax credit?

Yes. A tax letter is sent out at the end of the year.

Can my child bring personal belongs to camp?

We discourage children from bringing any personal belongings to camp. YMCA Camp Greenknoll cannot and will not take responsibility for any person belongings.

What can you tell me about the discipline policy?

It is the goal here at YMCA Camp Greenknoll to provide each camper with a fun, healthy and safe camp experience. Campers are treated equally and responsibility, caring, respect and honesty are the cornerstone for learning and understanding the camp rules and abiding by them. Campers may be given a time out and the opportunity to discuss the problem with the staff. If progress were difficult we would ask you to help. If this is not productive, a day away from camp will be discussed. Should behavior continue to be a problem after a full day time out, then the child may be asked not to return to camp.

Should I pack sunscreen and bug repellent?

Absolutely! If your child is sensitive to bug bites and sun, both are recommended. We ask you apply sunscreen in the morning before coming to camp. Younger campers will receive help applying sunscreen and older campers will be supervised. Campers will be encouraged to reapply during the day.

How does swim lessons work?

Each Monday children are tested and placed in the appropriate swim group. During the week children taught appropriately. At the end of the week children are retested, some children may remain in their group and some may up move up to the next group.

What if my child can't touch the bottom in the shallow end?

Any child that cannot touch the bottom or is not a good swimmer, which is determined by the lifeguard, must wear a life vest. Life vests are provided by the camp. Campers are given bracelet identifying them as deep end swimmers or shallow end swimmers. This is for the safety of all our campers.

For further information contact

Camp Greenknoll

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