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YMCA CAMP HANES

Summer Day Camp Parent Information Packet 2025

TO THE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF YMCA CAMP HANES DAY CAMPERS:

Thank you for enrolling your child in our Summer Day Camp program. Inside this packet you will find information regarding the procedures and practices of our YMCA Day Camp program. We look upon everything we do in camp through the eyes of a parent. Safety, fun, and growth opportunities are our greatest focus. We want your child to be ready to make new friends, try new activities, and grow while having fun in a positive environment.

To ensure we are providing the best possible care, we ask you complete paperwork when you register your camper. If you need to update your camper's medical form, health history form, or update us on any changed physical, emotional or mental health information please contact our registrar at registrar@ymcanwnc.org.

These forms will provide us with the information needed to provide an unforgettable experience for your camper. If you have any questions or would like to discuss plans for your camper's success, please do not hesitate to contact me at 336 983 3131 or by email at r.crisp@ymcanwnc.org.

You can also reach our team on our Day Camp site phone at 336 409 2382 to get in touch with a Day Camp staff member for pick-up, drop-offs, and any other questions you might have.

Please look over this packet so we can begin to work together to create an exciting, unforgettable summer experience for your child

Sincerely,
Riley Crisp
Day Camp Program Director

CAMP HOURS AND FEES

Hours: Monday-Friday

In order to change pick-up/ drop-off point you must notify the day camp director, Riley Crisp, in writing at r.crisp@ymcanwnc.org. We will do our best to honor requests based on bus capacity.

Buses leave the Jefferson Middle School bus site (Formerly Robinhood Road Family YMCA bus site) promptly. If you miss the bus, you may drop campers off at the Reynolds Building at YMCA Camp Hanes or follow the Day Camp Drop off signs at camp if between 7:30am and 8:00am. Please call the day camp duty phone at 336 409 2382 when you are nearby and a staff member can direct you.

Drop off times in Winston-Salem can be affected due to traffic. We try our best to arrive at the branches at listed times.

JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL BUS SITE:

AM Drop Off: 6:30-7:00am PM Pick Up: 5:30-6:00pm**

CAMP HANES SITE:

AM Drop Off: 7:30-7:55am PM Pick Up: 4:45-5:30pm**

**Campers picked up after hours will be charged a late fee.

TRADITIONAL CAMP DATES FOR 2025 (Ages 6–12)

Week	Dates
Session 1	June 9–13
Session 2	June 16–20
Session 3	June 23–27
Session 4	June 30–July 4 (Open July 4)
Session 5	July 7–11
Session 6	July 14–18
Session 7	July 21–25
Session 8	July 28– August 1
Session 9	August 4–8

CAMPERS IN LEADERSHIP TRAINING (CILT) (Ages 13–15)

Week	Dates (excluding weekends)
Session 1	June 9–13; June 16–20
Session 2	June 30–July 4; July 7–11 (Open July 4th)
Session 3	July 14–18; July 21–25
Session 4	July 28– August 1; August 4–8

FEES PER SESSION:

\$415 for potential members/ \$395 for members of the YMCA (Day Camp)
\$450 for potential members/ \$430 for members of the YMCA (CILT/ Teens)
We accept payment in cash, credit card, or check.
Checks should be made payable to YMCA Camp Hanes.

Reservation Deposit and Refund Policy:

A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit per session is required for the registration form to be processed and to reserve your child's spot. The deposit will be deducted from the total amount due. If a camper cannot attend due to communicable disease, accident, or if Camp Hanes must cancel the program to follow health and safety guidance the session can be rescheduled or the deposit can be used for a future Camp Hanes program within the calendar year. Verification from a physician must accompany cancellations. Fees are due the first of the month prior to your session.

Financial Assistance:

Assistance, based upon application, are available for those in need. Camp Hanes is open to all, regardless of race, ability, faith, gender identity, or sexual orientation. For more information, please contact our office manager at 336 983 3131 or visit our forms and additional information tab on our website.

ALL BALANCES MUST BE PAID IN FULL THE FIRST OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO YOUR CAMPER'S SESSION!!

ABSENTEE POLICY

There are no refunds or prorated days for camper absences. If the camper is unable to attend a session due to injury, sickness, or family emergency we will do our best to reschedule, or a refund maybe issued on a case by case basis. Please reference the refund policy above.

AGES

Traditional day camp is open to children ages 6–12. All day campers must have completed kindergarten as we ask campers to manage their own things and bathroom needs.

Campers age 13–15 are eligible for our Campers in Leadership Training program. It is a two week program focusing on growing campers leadership skills and giving back to camp and the larger community.

DAY CAMP GOAL

Day Camp allows children to experience a wide variety of activities and adventures, which are used as tools to enhance a camper's self-esteem, confidence and ability to interact with others. Children will be placed in appropriate age groups where they will play and work together in a positive atmosphere. Well-trained staff members will stay with the children and provide them with adult role models throughout the week. Day Camp is designed to offer well-balanced, age appropriate activities to suit the interest and needs of all ages. Our goal is to ensure a safe, positive environment where children continue to learn and grow physically, mentally, and spiritually all summer long.

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication during camp hours, you are required to please follow these steps:

- All medication must be handed over to staff in the morning.
- Please fill out a medication information sheet at the bus stop and clearly indicate times and dosage.
- Prescribed medication must be in original package, indicating child's name, prescription date, dosage, doctor's name, and name of drug.
- Only the camp nurse will administer medication to a child. **NO CAMPER MAY CARRY MEDICATION WHILE AT CAMP.**
- No over-the-counter medication will be given without the written consent of the child's guardian.
- If your child uses an EPI pen or inhaler, either your child or child's counselor will carry it during camp hours.
- Parents will be notified by the director or nurses of any head injuries, physical markings, temperature over 100, social/emotional concerns, and any other issues at the director's discretion.

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:50 am	Unload Buses	11:55 am	Flag Pole
8:00 am	Breakfast	12:00 pm	Lunch
8:50 am	Flag Pole (raising/ pledge of allegiance)	1:00 pm	Siesta/ Pool (dependent on age groups)
9:00 am	Chapel	1:45 pm	Pool/ Siesta
9:15 am	Get ready for the day (visit home base)	2:50pm	Snack at Store
9:30 am	Activity 1	3:00 pm	Activity 3
10:45 am	Activity 2	4:30 pm	Wrap Up & Load Buses

ACTIVITIES

A wide variety of activities will be offered throughout the summer. Each child will be given the opportunity to try a variety of activities and is encouraged, not forced, to do so. Our activities are developed to help each individual achieve a sense of accomplishment and raise self-esteem. Daily activities may include: swimming, archery, canoeing, diving boards, lake slide, water zip line, pool slides, sling shots, etc. Some activities may not be appropriate for each age group.

BUS PROCEDURES & RULES (CHANGES PLEASE READ)

Drop-off

PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR. In the morning, form an orderly line while in your vehicle. A Day Camp staff member will confirm your code word, pick-up time, get medication, and gather a signature from the parent. **Monday check-in does take some additional time, so please be patient.** Once campers are checked in they may exit the car and head onto the bus to find their seat. Every Monday morning a staff member will go over the bus rules and expectations.

Pick-up

PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR. In the afternoon, before a camper can exit the bus, an approved adult must give the campers code word and sign out the child. Once a counselor has that information then the camper is able to get off the bus and is free to leave.

Pick up/ Drop off Change

Due to limited amounts of seats on our transportation we do ask that anyone who signs up for transportation utilize it for the entire session. If you need to change your pick up or drop off location please do so at least 1 week prior to your session so that we can remove people from our waitlist in a timely manner.

In order to change pick-up/ drop-off point to YMCA Camp Hanes you must notify the day camp director, Riley Crisp, in writing at r.crisp@ymcanwnc.org. This especially applies to campers who have a sibling attending overnight camp and parents would like to pick up both campers on Friday afternoon. Please confirm the change with camp staff at least one route prior to the change. Before leaving camp in the afternoon, roll will be taken on each bus to ensure each camper is on the correct bus.

Bus Rules

Camp counselors on each bus will have all contact information of campers in case of emergencies. In addition to the driver, any bus carrying campers will carry a camp staff member who has been trained in safety responsibilities and group management. An additional counselor will be present on buses in the event of a camper with any mental or physical disability. Campers are expected to follow rules of both bus driver and camp counselor during their trip to and from camp. Failure to follow bus rules will result in camper's expulsion from bus for duration of their week.

Volume and behavior will be maintained by the camp counselors on the bus. Fighting of any kind or profanity will not be tolerated and will be cause for immediate expulsion from the bus for the remainder of the week.

1. No standing while bus is in motion
2. Keep hands and arms inside the bus
3. Do not throw objects of any kind out the windows
4. Campers must face forward while bus is in motion
5. Campers will not sit on top of the seats
6. Campers will respect driver, counselor, passengers, other motorists, and themselves.
7. Campers will keep noise under control while bus is in motion
8. Campers must remain on bus until signed out by parent or guardian
9. Emergency exit must remain closed unless an emergency occurs
10. Food and drink is permitted as long as trash is properly disposed of, please no snacks containing peanuts or tree nuts.
11. Fighting, teasing, or any type of bullying will not be permitted

Campers are allowed to enjoy snacks and beverages while on the bus. We do ask that snacks be peanut and tree nut free, following our camp policy. Please remind campers how important it is to never throw items out of the window during bus rides. A healthy snack will be provided to each camper at camp in the afternoon. It is a good idea to encourage campers to bring water bottles to fill up and use the bathroom before boarding the bus.

Our goal is to make the bus ride as enjoyable for campers as possible, thus games, books, toys, and electronic devices will be permitted on the bus, provided the campers understand and agree once at camp, electronic devices must be put away or given to the counselors for safekeeping. Camp Hanes will not be responsible for any lost or broken items, but we promise to search the camp high and low for any missing items!

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP:

- Wear casual comfortable clothes that you do not mind getting dirty
- Bathing Suit
- Closed Toe Shoes
- Water Shoes
- Towel
- Change of clothes
- Water Bottle
- Medication (if needed)
- Sunscreen
- Rain Gear
- Hat/Sunglasses
- Small fidget/ entertainment for bus ride

DO NOT BRING:

- Valuables
- Electronics
- Glass
- Weapons
- Money (EXCEPT ON FRIDAY- our Camp Store will be open if campers would like to make purchases. Items range from \$5-\$30)

Dress

Comfortable, washable, and inexpensive clothes, campers **WILL** get dirty. Please send campers with a bathing suit, towel, and a spare change of clothes, just in case. Campers should be prepared for both wet and land activities each day.

Shoes

Shoes with rubber soles must be worn at all times while at Camp Hanes, except in and around the pool. Day Campers will not be permitted to hike nor do any high ropes or low rope elements in flip flops, sandals, or any shoe without proper ankle support! It may be a good idea to have both a pair of shoes for water and land activities.

Rain gear

On rainy or colder days, please have your camper bring rainwear or a sweatshirt.

Sunscreen

Please send campers with the appropriate level of sunscreen. Camp keeps plenty of sun block handy and will make sure campers apply, reapply, and reapply throughout the day. Unless otherwise told by parents, counselors will insist campers wear sunscreen during aquatic activities.

Labels

Please label all personal items including clothing, sunscreen, towels, and backpacks. Day campers tend to misplace items during the day; labels will help ensure socks, underwear, goggles, shirts, and hats come home with campers.

Lost and Found

Campers are walking all over our 400 acre memory maker camp and while our counselors do their best to ensure everything goes home with a camper, things do get lost or go unclaimed. If you have something that you feel got lost and you are still attending a session please notify the staff at pick-up or drop off so that we may attempt to locate it the next day. For those who have items still lost after their session, please submit a form on our website located under the forms tab of the Day Camp page.



Water Bottles

We supply campers with a water bottle on the first day. It is important for campers to keep up with their water bottle in order to stay hydrated during activities.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Electronic devices

iPads, video games, cell phones, etc. are not necessary at camp. Campers may use electronic devices on the bus in the mornings and afternoons, but not during camp activities. If a counselor sees electronic devices during the day they will take them and return those items to parents at the end of the day.

CAMP HANES DOES NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST, STOLEN, OR BROKEN PERSONAL BELONGINGS!

Glass bottles

Glass breaks easily and becomes a safety issue, thus glass bottles are not permitted at camp.

NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND!

Other items

Animals/pets, money, jewelry, and other expensive items.

On Friday's our Camp Store will be open for campers to make purchases!

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our Summer Day Camp program, please contact Riley Crisp, our Day Camp Director at:

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