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YMCA CAMP HANES

Summer Day Camp Parent Information Packet 2026

HELLO FROM YMCA CAMP HANES!

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.

Please be sure to read through all of our material and fill out all paperwork thoroughly. We partner with our camper families to meet our goal of a great time at camp. Please contact us with further questions at 336 983 3131 or visit www.camphanes.org.

Sincerely,
Riley Crisp
Day Camp Program Director

OUR MISSION

Helping all people reach their God-given potential in spirit, mind and body.

OUR GOAL

Campers 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 your camper at all times. 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 campers continue to learn and grow physically, mentally, and spiritually all summer long. After your campers stay at camp, they have achieved one or more of the following. Create a new friend while at camp, learned or bolstered their skills within a camp activity. Actively made a decision to act on or had a discussion on how to live out the values of honesty, caring, respect, responsibility, and faith.

CHECKLIST FOR CAMP:

We are looking forward to a great week. Below is the checklist of the steps we ask for you to complete. These can be done on our registration website or with paper forms.

- Balance paid in full
- Complete Camper Information and all other online permission forms
- Complete Health Forms
- Complete Waiver
- Look over the packing list (what to bring and not bring, label all items)
- Go over Camp Hanes behavior expectations with your camper

KEEPING IN TOUCH:

Photos

While your camper is enjoying themselves we take lots of photos to connect you to their experience. There is a link on our website as well and we will email the link and passwords to you the week prior to your camper's session to our SmugMug page. We do our best to get every camper on the site every day. If you haven't seen them please know it is probably because they were on a hike and out of our main camp area or we were focused on weather-related safety or programming.

Social Media

If interested you can also stay connected by checking our Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube accounts.

CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT:

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/airnasium to find their seat/play. 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/be picked up, an authorized adult must give the campers code word and sign out the child. Once a counselor has that information then the camper is free to leave.

Buses leave the Jefferson Middle School 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 336 917 8381 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 time.

JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL BUS SITE:

AM Drop Off: 6:45-7:00am 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.

DIRECTIONS/CONTACT INFO:

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Registration Information

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Riley Crisp Program Director of Day Camp & Outdoor Education

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DAILY SCHEDULE

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

ACTIVITIES

A wide variety of activities will be offered throughout the summer. Each camper 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, v-swing lake slide, water zip line, pool slides, outdoor cooking, sling shots, etc. Some activities may not be appropriate for each age group

POLICIES

Behavior

At Camp Hanes we want every camper to have a positive experience. To create this environment we ask for campers to follow our rules.

Rules:

1. Respect Yourself.
2. Respect Others.
3. Respect Camp Hanes.
4. Have Fun!

Campers not adhering to camp behavior expectations and rules will be handled on an individual basis. Camp Hanes will not tolerate bullying. We do not tolerate fighting. Severe or frequent behavior violations can result in a camper being sent home for a single day of camp or dismissal from the program at the discretion of the director. No refunds will be given due to behavior situations. We work hard for all campers to have a great week, talk to your camper about helping us achieve this goal. Let them know to ask for help and support while at camp. We also will share these policies with campers at our opening chapel and in their day groups. If your campers behavior requires consistent one-on-one staff support in order to be successful, it may result in their dismissal from camp. Although we want camp to be for all, we do not maintain a staff capacity for consistent one on one attention such as a camper may maintain at school through a para pro or IEP. In preparation, please share any social, emotional, or physical restrictions we should be aware of by contacting our Program Director at 336 983 3131 ext.6607 or through email at r.crisp@ymcanwnc.org prior to the beginning of the session. As the guardian it is your responsibility to reach out to the Program Director directly to discuss how your campers needs may be able to be met in order to have a successful camp experience for both themselves and their fellow campers. Lack of prior communication may result in an unsuccessful camp experience leading to early dismissal from camp.

Electronics

Camp is most meaningful when campers are focused on developing relationships rather than looking at electronic devices. For our Day Campers we allow and know they will use their phone on the bus for entertainment and to help with guardian communication for pick up. Once we are at camp though, we ask campers to tuck it away within their back packs so as not to distract from the day. If we have consistent issues with a camper being on their phone during the camp day, it may lead to us locking it up during programming to then be given back before bus loading. If you need to speak with your child and they do not have a phone or are not responding, please call our office at 336 983 3131 with any urgent messages. If a situation arises at camp we will call camper parents.

Financial

After registering you will receive a financial statement. This statement reflects payments and discounts including your deposit. The balance is due by May 15th, if you register after this date you will be expected to pay in full at time of registration. Camp fees are non-refundable without a doctor's authorized medical reason or family emergency. No refunds are given if a camper leaves early due to disruptive behavior or homesickness. Health situations will be discussed with families. There is a \$50 nonrefundable fee for all campers. Campers may switch sessions (change weeks) at no additional cost prior to May 15th. After May 15th, deposits are non-transferable and any changes are subject to full session tuition charges.

Medication

If your camper 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 verify/fill out a medication information sheet at the bus stop and clearly indicate times and dosage.
- Medication sent to camp must clearly be marked in an original container, with the camper's name, doctor's name, and exact dosage and instructions. All medications will be kept and handled by the nurse during the duration of the camper's stay. Medication must come in the original container and unmarked medication will not be dispensed. Please make sure you have provided enough medication for the stay of the camp. Medications are not permitted in the cabin except for an epi-pen or inhaler that may be carried with the cabin/staff. All information is held in strictest confidence.
- 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.

MEALS

One of the most important parts of our day at camp is meal time. At Camp Hanes we eat "family-style" and provide a tray of food for each table. The food platters are refillable for seconds throughout the meal. In order to offer well rounded meals we have a variety of choices along with our hot meal. At breakfast we offer a fruit, cold cereal and yogurt bar and a bagel and toast station. At lunch we offer a full salad bar, sandwich station, and fruit. We also provide a sweet treat as a snack in the afternoon after day camp has completed their siesta and pool session before completing their final activity block for the day. We are a peanut/tree nut free facility. We work to accommodate food allergies and needs. Please contact camp and speak with our Food Service Director to talk through your camper's needs.

TRANSPORTATION SITE/TIME 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!

LOST AND FOUND

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.

Campers are walking all over our 500 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 or email registrar@ymcanwnc.org.

WHAT TO BRING

Wear casual comfortable clothes that you do not mind getting dirty (please label)

Bathing Suit

Closed Toe Shoes

Water Shoes

Towel

Change of clothes

Water Bottle

Medication (if needed)

Sunscreen

Rain Gear

Hat/Sunglasses

Optional:

Small fidget/ entertainment for bus ride

Cards, Crafts for Siesta Time

Sports Equipment

Musical Instruments

Bible/Books

Camera

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)

ALL MEDICATIONS WILL BE KEPT WITH NURSES, EXCEPT EPI PENS OR INHALERS.

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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