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CAMP KIRKWOOD

Day Camp Parent Packet



YMCA Camp Kirkwood

2015 Camp Kirkwood Rd.
Watha, NC 28478

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GREETINGS FROM CAMP KIRKWOOD!!!

We are so excited you will be joining us for another fantastic summer! In this packet you will discover important information as well as the answers to your questions. Please be sure to read through all of the material and fill out all required paperwork. If you still have questions regarding our programs, feel free to contact me directly.

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OUR MISSION

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

POLICIES

We want every camper to have a positive experience while at Camp Kirkwood. To create this environment we expect our campers to follow our 4 rules of camp:

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

Campers not adhering to camp behavior expectations and rules will be handled on an individual basis. Camp Kirkwood will not tolerate bullying of any kind. Sever or frequent behavior violations can result in a camper being sent home from the program at the discretion of the director. No refunds will be given due to the 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.

CHECKLIST FOR CAMP

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

- Registration complete for session
- Balance paid in full
- Complete Health Forms
- Be sure to select Bus Drop off/Pick up location
- Go over behavior expectation with camper.

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BUS PICK UP & DROP OFF

Each day our buses will arrive at the pick up locations at specific times. It is important campers are not late for pick up as the bus cannot wait on campers. We must leave at certain times to ensure all campers arrive back at camp on time for breakfast. Counselors will be on the bus to sign campers in each morning. If you have camper medication, give it to the bus counselors along with the specific instructions for administering the dosage. Please be sure to sign your camper in with a counselor each day. If you will not be the person picking up in the afternoon, remind the counselor who will be picking up your camper. Campers are free to bring food, books, or electronics on the bus provided they use these items appropriately and agree to not use electronic devices while at camp. Make sure your camper knows exactly which bus they are riding. We will call buses based on locations: Wilmington, Hampstead, Rocky Point, and Burgaw. There will be two counselors on the bus to help maintain control and allow the driver to focus on the road. If you have an outstanding balance or are not on the week's rosters, the counselors will ask you to contact Luke Dooley before your child boards the bus. You must sign your camper out at the end of the day before they may go home with you. The specific times for each stop are as follows:

Topsail Presbyterian Church | Hampstead

Bus Arrives 6:50am - 7:10am (bus must leave no later than 7:10am)

Bus Returns 4:45pm - 5:00pm

Midtown YMCA | Wilmington

Bus Arrives 6:50am - 7:10am (bus must leave no later than 7:10am)

Bus Returns 4:45pm - 5:00pm

For both Hampstead and Wilmington locations, please try and be there by 7:00am

Paul's Place | Rocky Point

Bus Arrives 7:20am - 7:30am (bus must leave no later than 7:30am)

Bus Returns 4:30pm

*There will be a counselor at Paul's Place to sign in campers as early as 7:00am

PARENT DROP OFF

Parents may drop parents off at Camp Kirkwood each morning if they prefer not to use the buses. There will be a counselor in the Airnasium in front of the dining hall. Be sure to sign your camper in with the counselor. If you are not picking them up in the afternoon or would like them to ride the bus home be sure to remind your camper and the counselor.

Drop Off

Drop off begins at 7:30am. Please do not arrive early as there will not be a counselor ready till 7:30am.

*Breakfast begins at 8:00am

Afternoon Pick Up

Pick up is between 4:30pm - 5:00pm

*If you are going to be later than 5:00pm please contact us at camp.



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GROUP ASSIGNMENT

Group assignments are based on the age of the child. There is no need to request campers be placed in the same group if they are the same age. If you would like your child to be in a another child's group of a different age, please contact Luke Dooley directly to make arrangements. Our rule is younger campers are never moved into older groups. The older camper must join the younger group.

FORMS/MEDICATIONS

All campers must complete a medical form. Medical forms will be emailed to parents and also available the day of check in. Medications sent to camp must be clearly 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 campers stay. Medication must come in the original container. Unmarked medication will not be dispensed. Please make sure you have provided enough medication for the stay of camp. Medications are not permitted in the cabin. All information is held in the strictest confidence.

MEAL REIMBURSEMENT FORM

The first Monday of each campers first week will require a swim test. Campers will be asked to swim from one end of the pool and back while keeping their head above water, as well as treading water for 30 seconds. Campers who do not wish to take the swim test will not be allowed to swim in the 10 foot area, but instead only where they can stand. Once a camper takes the swim test, they will not be required to take it again this summer. If a camper fails the swim test, they may ask to take it again any day during the week. Our staff will work with campers during swim time to ensure they are becoming stronger swimmers.

PACKING LIST

When packing for your time at camp we recommend marking all of your camper's clothes. Please do not send new cloths to camp since we will be outside all day and items get dirty. Before leaving camp on Friday, be sure to stop by the dining hall to check our lost and found for any missing items. We hold items till September 1st. Your camper needs to bring a bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, bug spray, water bottle, change of clothes, comfortable tennis shoes, and water shoes for swimming in the pool and lake.

MEALS

Meal times are crucial moments in our day. At Camp Kirkwood we eat "family style" and provide a tray of food for each table. The food is passed around the table encouraging conversation and relationship building. The food platters are refillable for seconds through the meal. We work to accommodate food allergies and needs. Please contact camp and speak with our Food Service Director to talk though your campers needs.

CAMP STORE

There is a camp store located in our Dining Hall. Campers are allowed to purchase items provided parents have informed camp of their desire to do so.

