

SUMMER CAMP 2010



WHAT OUR PARENTS SAY



WHY CHOOSE YMCA SUMMER CAMP? Quite simply, we believe that our program, staff, and facilities are top-notch. But don't take our word for it. Parents responding to our post-camp surveys agree that their child had a safe and fun experience, felt included, and had counselors who were good role models. Below are comments we've received from parents last year:

My daughter is already asking to come back next year!

My kids had a great experience in camp. There was not one time they did not want to go to the YMCA. I have seen a difference with both of them understanding honesty and respect most. My son will think before he reacts now and is more honest when he makes a mistake. I thank you very much for the values you teach them. It has made a difference in their lives.

The staff was great and my son always came home excited. The staff were always positive and informative.

(YMCA summer camp) has been the best summer camp for my 6 year old son. With such a large variety of activities and a wonderful staff there was always something to look forward to. The camp counselors this summer always greeted us with a smile. We're going to miss the exciting summer days and would like for everyone to know how much we appreciate all the time spent encouraging and influencing the kids this summer at camp.

You totally "WOWED" me and exceeded all of my expectations! We look forward to seeing you all next summer.



HELLO CAMPERS!

PHILOSOPHY & GOALS

It is the philosophy of the YMCA of the Palms to provide a safe, fun, and educational experience to each child regardless of race, religion, or national origin. Our goal is to improve the physical, mental, and social health of each child through quality, creative, values-oriented activities under close supervision.

BUILDING STRONG KIDS

Youth are our community's most valuable resource and the YMCA of the Palms is committed to helping them develop their talents and character in positive ways. Researchers at the Search Institute have identified 40 key building blocks, or developmental assets, that help promote healthy moral, spiritual, and physical growth in youth. Through character-building activities and interaction with positive role models, YMCA summer programs reinforce these developmental assets in order to help our youth become strong, responsible, caring, and successful adults.

LEADERSHIP

The YMCA and its entire staff maintain the highest standards for the safety and well-being of the children enrolled in our programs. Our staff members are trained and well prepared to meet your child's needs and serve as positive role models. We maintain a quality counselor-to-child ratio dependent on child age and activity to provide a safe environment to help your child learn and grow. All YMCA Summer Program Staff undergo an intensive interview/selection process, criminal background screening, child abuse prevention training, and an additional 40 hours of training before interaction with your children. In addition, staff is CPR and First Aid certified and attend weekly staff meetings/trainings. Our staff will provide the best possible experience for your child this summer!



WHAT WE OFFER

FULL DAY SUMMER PROGRAMS

Ages Kindergarten - 12 years

The YMCA's traditional style summer program will give your camper an opportunity to expand their talents and interests, build self-confidence, and create lasting friendships. The days are action packed with games, swimming, nature activities, arts and crafts, character development, team building, special events, themed weeks, and more! Before/After Care is included. Your camper will need to bring comfortable clothes, sneakers, a lunch, water bottle, snack for the afternoon, swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen.

HALF-DAY SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Ages 7 - 13

Half-Day Specialty Programs offer fundamental instruction to help your child learn specific skills. Campers will participate in activities and drills to help improve their abilities in the focus area for the week. Each session will end with a mini-tournament. The programs are half day, but Before/After care is available for an additional \$60/week. Your camper will need comfortable clothes, sneakers, and a water bottle. (Campers will also need to bring a lunch, snack for the afternoon, swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen if enrolled in Before/After Care program.)

FULL-DAY SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Ages 8 - 13

Full-Day Specialty Programs offer a break from the traditional day camp and give your camper the opportunity to try something new. Whether it's dancing, cheering, playing a new sport, or learning lifeguard skills, these camps will be an incredible way to spend the summer. Campers will need to bring a lunch, water bottle, snack for the afternoon, swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen. (Full day programs run from 8:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Before/After Care is available for an additional \$15/week)

LIT (LEADERS IN TRAINING)

Ages 13 - 15

The YMCA is looking for teen leaders who are ready to go on a summer adventure and learn valuable lessons such as leadership training, professional development, interview skills, and working with children. Teens can pick up an application from the Member Service Desk or on our website at www.ymcapalms.org. They will have to be interviewed and be chosen to participate in our CIT program.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The YMCA offers financial assistance to those who may need a reduction in fees. You may request a financial assistance application at the YMCA Member Service Desk or download an application from our website: www.ymcapalms.org. Deadline for financial assistance applications is May 14.

PARENT INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

- Registration for YMCA camp is done weekly – you can register for whatever weeks fit your child’s schedule and interests.
- The only way to secure a spot in camp is to pay for the session. YMCA Camps – especially specialty camp programs – do fill up so please register as early as possible to secure your spot.
- Registration fees are due the Wednesday before the camp session your child is attending.
- Registrations made after the Wednesday deadline are subject to a \$15 late fee per child.

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PROGRAM REFUND POLICY

If you need to request a refund on a YMCA of the Palms’ program, you are required to notify the Member Service Desk, in writing via a Refund Notification Form, before the second day of the program, and:

- We will give you a 100% credit (good for three months) to be applied to another YMCA program, or
- We will provide a full refund for medical/family emergency reasons.

No refunds or credits can be given after the second day of the program. If an individual misses or must drop out of a class for a medical/family emergency, classes may be made up where space is available.

If the YMCA has to cancel a program, you will be given a full refund.

All credits are non-transferable.

Refunds for payments made by cash or check will be refunded via check. Refunds for payments made by credit cards will be returned to the same card. Checks will be issued by the YMCA of the Palms’ Association office. The check will be issued to the Primary Member. Please allow a minimum of 14 days to process.





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YMCA SUMMER CAMP

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 14

Financial Assistance Applications Due

June 14

First day of summer camp at the Greater Naples YMCA

June 21

First day of summer camp at the Bonita Springs YMCA

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