

SUMMER DAY CAMP KEY INFORMATION

2022

YMCA OWEN SOUND



Welcome!

Welcome to YMCA Summer Day Camp. This document gives an overview of important information you need to know before sending your child to their first day of camp. Please feel free to contact us at any time using the contact information on the final page. Our YMCA Day Camp programs emphasize fun, safety, skill and social development built upon a foundation of our YMCA core values; caring, honesty, inclusiveness, respect and responsibility.

Thank you for choosing to register your child in our camps this summer. We look forward to getting to know them.

Location: Day Camp & Specialty Camps

All Day Camps will take place at Alexandra Community School and Specialty Camps will be held at the YMCA. This school is a great fit for camp due to the proximity to our YMCA Facility. Pick up and drop off will be at the front of the school.

Please note at no point will access be granted through the front door.

Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures

Emails will be sent out every Friday afternoon before the camp week, letting you know where your child is to be signed in.

Each day a parent or guardian will meet the day camp staff in the designated sign in/out area and sign their camper(s) in. For safety reasons, please do not leave your child to find their counsellor on their own. The child will go through a screening protocol that includes having their temperature taken. Any child with any symptoms of Covid 19 or a fever of 37.8 degrees or higher, will not be permitted to attend camp.

Only people listed under the authorized pick-up list may pick up your child unless it's communicated in writing otherwise. If someone not listed on your registration form will be picking up your child, please ensure you provide a signed written note **Campers will only be released to the person AFTER providing PHOTO ID.** If photo id is not provided to the staff, the camper will not be released. The person attempting sign out must go retrieve ID before sign out will be allowed. If no ID can be shown, camp staff will call the parents / guardians of the camper to verify that the pick up is allowed.

All campers must be signed in by 9:00AM unless a previous arrangement has been set in place with the Day Camp Director.

Camp Hours & Extended Care

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7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Extended Care: All campers MUST be picked up by 5:00PM.

Late Pick Ups

If you are late picking up your child(ren) from Day Camp more than twice, dismissal from our camps will occur.

Absences

If your child will be absent from camp, please call the Day Camp cell at 519-379-8355 and leave a message outlining the reason for absence.

To help avoid spreading colds and illnesses, please keep your camper at home if he or she is not feeling their best. The consequence of you sending an unwell camper into our site could be catastrophic and not just to your family. Please be considerate and take everyone's health into consideration.

Registration Changes & Refunds

A service charge of \$20 is applicable to every refund or change in schedule.

Camp fees are refundable prior to start date (less \$20 service charge.) Refunds requested within the 2 week period prior to the camp will receive a credit on account only (less \$20 service charge). Refunds will not be granted on or after start date of camp except for medical reasons. All refunds for medical reasons require a doctor's note.

Camper Cohort Names

At Day Camp this summer each of the cohort groups will be named after a Super Hero! Half of the cohorts will use Entrance 1 and the other half will use Entrance 2 (both are labelled on the map). If groups are not outside during sign out, the same doors apply.

A: Pac Man 1(Yellow): 4-5yrs

B: Pac Man 2(Yellow): 4-6yrs

C: Blinky (Red): 6-7yrs

D: Clyde (Orange): 7-8 yrs

E: Funky (Green): 8-10yrs

F: Ghost (Blue): 9+yrs

The Friday before the start of the Day Camp week you will receive an email letting you know which group your child has been placed in and what entrance to use.

Once a child has started the week in a cohort, they cannot be switched to another one.

Ages are approximate and some groups ages may blend based on registration numbers.

Why a Code of Conduct?

Our Code helps to:

- Build team spirit and a sense of belonging
- Ensure everyone takes responsibility for their own behaviour and attitude
- Contribute to the safety of campers and staff

YMCA Camper Code of Conduct

As a camper I pledge that:

*I will make **honesty** the basis of all relationships and interactions.*

*I will **care** for myself, those around me and our environment.*

*I will **respect** all campers and staff; and allow each camper equal opportunities and involvement.*

*I will be **responsible** for my own actions, attitudes and behaviours.*

Parent Tips for Happy Campers

1. Make sure your campers have a water bottle and a full, healthy lunch. We play hard and need lots of nutrition.
2. Try your best to make sure the campers are arriving after a good night of rest. We are very active at camp!
3. Preach Positivity! Get excited and talk about what to expect at camp such as making friends, playing games and doing crafts. If you are excited, that goes a long way.

Behaviour Management Philosophy

It is our goal to provide a healthy, safe and secure environment for all participants. Day Camp staff and managers will redirect camper behaviour and respond to inappropriate choices on an individual basis. Children who attend our camps are expected to follow behaviour guidelines and interact appropriately.

If a situation arises where a participant threatens the safety of another person or shows disregard for camp guidelines, we will inform and work with parents to correct the child's behaviour in order to provide a positive camp experience for everyone.

Campers are required to abide by our Camp Code of Conduct (at left) at all times.

Contrary behaviour may result in the participant may be dismissed from camp at the discretion of the Camp Director.

The YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce will not be held responsible for any costs associated with a participant's dismissal, including camp fees. Refunds will not be granted if a child is asked to leave our programs due to misbehaviour.

What to Pack Your Camper

Please ensure that your child arrives every day with the following items, each labelled with their first and last name:

Hat
Sunscreen
Refillable water bottle
Closed toe shoes (sandals with back strap ok; no flip flops please)
Bathing suit and towel (in a labeled plastic bag)
Healthy lunch and snacks (must be **nut free**: check labels!)
Litter free lunches (pack in reusable containers)
Suitable clothing for weather conditions, rain or shine
2-3 masks that fit child's face so they will not fall down

Snacks & Lunches

Our YMCA Day Camps strive to be environmentally sensitive and to encourage healthy lifestyles. Please send your child to camp with litterless, nutritious snacks and lunches each day. As many of our campers have allergies we encourage a nut free environment.

Tips for litterless, healthy snacks and lunches:

Purchase a reusable drink container and fill with 100% juice or water each day. Staff will encourage your child to refill the container throughout the day.

In hot weather do not use mayonnaise and other heat sensitive food items, such as meat or dairy. Avoid single serve snack items in disposable packaging (for example, Lunchables, fruit cups, and juice boxes – all of these items can be served in small, reusable containers. Please note we cannot heat up your child's lunch.

Medications

All medication sent to camp must be:

- In the original packages, stored in individual plastic baggies
- Clearly labeled with camper's name and dosage
- Accompanied by a completed Medication Administration Form

NOTE: Our staff cannot administer anything other than a prescribed medication.

Medication must be turned in to camp staff who store it in a locked location and will assist in administration at required times throughout the day.

Please ensure that you communicate your child's medication needs with the Day Camp Director.

What Not to Pack Your Camper

IMPORTANT: As per our permit with the Bluewater District School Board, there is to be no spray on sunscreen at Day Camp. It adheres to the floors and makes it very hard to clean. It causes many instances of children getting sunscreen in their eyes, or the eyes of others.

Please do not send your campers with any valuables such as electronics, Pokemon cards, toys, etc... These items are a distraction and can cause issues with participation and theft.

If a camper arrives at camp with any of these items, the on-site coordinator will take the item for the duration of the camp day and return it at departure time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Camp Communications

Communication before, during and after your child's camp experience is incredibly important to us. We use different tools in order to ensure optimum communication between you, the camper and our camp staff.

Please be sure to pay attention to camp communications materials as this is how we will inform you of changes, give reminders and keep you informed about what has been happening at camp.

Day Camp Numbers

Cell Number : 519-379-8355

Text this cell as well instead of leaving a voice mail. Please feel free to contact us with any questions during the camp season. This is also the number to call if your child will be absent.

Day Camp E-mail

daycamp@osgb.ymca.ca

Camp Calendars / Parent Messages

Look for a dry-erase board near pick up/drop off areas with reminders and last-minute information. There will be calendars available for the months events as well as some specialty camp week calendars.

Facebook Group

Staff have created a closed group on Facebook where they will post camp information. Use Facebook's search bar to look for "YMCA Summer Day Camp" and ask to join. To protect everyone's privacy one of our staff administrators will confirm your child is part of the camp programs before admitting you to the group.

