

HELLO CAMP FAMILIES!

Welcome to the Princeton YMCA Summer Camp Family!

Can you believe that our first day of summer camp is right around the corner!!! I just wanted to touch base about a few things before the summer begins!

STAFF TRAINING: This week we wrapped up two weeks of amazing training. As part of the training, last Saturday our camp staff traveled to the Hamilton YMCA and participated in a full day of workshops, games, songs, dancing, and competitions called Day of Camps. This is an amazing event that featured 12 New Jersey YMCA's with over 700 camp counselors coming together for an incredible day. Check out this video that highlights the day – maybe you will catch a glimpse of me leading the day as well as our staff learning and bonding together - <https://vimeo.com/221615378>

STAFF BIOS: This past week during training, each staff member created an informative bio sheet for you to become familiar with them! Here is the link to all of our awesome summer camp staff - http://princetonymca.org/media_files/docs/pdf/campstaff2017.pdf
I hope you enjoy their creativity as much as I did!

JOIN OUR REMIND APP AND RECEIVE TEXT ANNOUNCEMENTS! We will once again utilize the REMIND app (<https://www.remind.com>) You can opt into this free service to receive updated text messages and announcements from camp. Our group name is **@pfycamp17** I have attached a pdf with directions on how to be part of the REMIND messages. This is an easy way to quickly and efficiently communicate with everyone! Messages such as “RAINY DAY PICKUP” or “THE FIELD TRIP BUS WILL BE ARRIVING AROUND 3:55pm” or “DON'T FORGET, BBQ TODAY!” To my knowledge, you can always opt in and opt out of receiving the messages throughout the summer.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP: Just as in years past, Drop off and Pick Up will occur at the back of the field directly beside our red and yellow playground and large white camp tent. I have attached a map to this email with more information regarding drop off and pick up! During inclement weather, sign in/out will occur at the back door to the gymnasium. This is the door located near the outdoor field (not the main entrance to the YMCA). Please remember, sign in begins at 7:30am, and no campers can be dropped off before 7:30am. All campers must be signed out by 6pm. Parent/Guardian/Authorized Pick-Up individuals must sign in and out their camper(s) each day on the appropriate clipboard.

LUNCH OPTIONS: We have once again partnered with SMART LUNCHES to provide a service for our families for lunch this year - <http://www.smartlunches.com/school/princeton-family-ymca-camp> Note – SMART LUNCH service will begin starting Week 2 (June 26). All lunches must be ordered two days in advance. There is no onsite lunch options. Here is the link to the lunch information page on our website - <http://princetonymca.org/programs/daycamp/camplunches.html> All orders must be done online and nothing can be ordered at the YMCA or by YMCA staff.

DISCOVERY & MVP DAILY SCHEDULES: I have updated the front webpage of our camp page with the activity rotation schedules for this summer. We have changed a few schedules around based on feedback and staff input compared to the last few years. Here is the link that you can find the daily schedules on - <http://princetonymca.org/programs/daycamp/>
Specialty Camp schedules will be made available closer to their weeks.

PARENT HANDBOOK: If you ever have a question about something, you may be able to find all the information you need in our parent handbook –

http://princetonymca.org/media_files/docs/pdf/summercamp-parenthandbook.pdf

I think that is all for now! I just wanted to share exciting things for this year as well as introduce you to the amazing staff members you will see throughout the summer! If you have any questions, please feel free to catch me out on the field during sign in and sign out, or email me!!!

Here's to another amazing summer at the YMCA!!

See you soon!!!

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