

DAY CAMP 2021

FAQ's

YMCA CAMP CARTER- SUMMER DAY CAMP

What are the camp hours?

Camp operates Monday- Friday beginning June 1- August 13, 2021.
We will be closed Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day.

Camp Hours are as follows:

7:00a-8:15a- Pre Camp

Drop off times are from 7:00a-8:15am. Campers will not be accepted into camp after these times.

8:30a-4:00p- Camp Time

Campers will wash hands and eat snack at 8:30a and have Opening Ceremony. This is the time camp activities and rotations will begin. If not, parents will be responsible for taking their child to his/her group. Campers cannot be dropped off after 9:30am.

4:00-6:00p- Post Camp

This is the designated pick up time. This will be the same location as camper drop-off and campers will be participating in indoor and/or outdoor self-guided activities. If you need to pick up your camper prior to this time, please notify camp in advance.

What if my child will not attend the whole week?

Camp Carter does not have a daily rate for summer day camp.

What can my child expect at Day Camp?

Each week our campers can expect a week full of adventure! Camp is a place where they will make new friends while participating in a variety of activities like archery, canoeing, hiking, crafts, and games, all geared toward a specific theme. Our trained staff will lead the campers in character development activities, team building games, and a STEM based curriculum.

What age does my child have to be to attend camp?

Our Day Camp program is licensed by Texas Department of State Health Services for campers ages 5-12yrs of age.

What staff/ child ratio does the camp follow?

Our camp follows a ratio of 1:10 (staff/ child). During some activities (such as swimming) the ratio is lower.

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What are the weekly themes this summer?

This summer, our campers will join our **SUMMER WORLD TOUR!**

Week 1: Camp Cruise	June 1-4 * closed May 31st
Week 2: Tropical Adventure	June 7-11
Week 3: Backpacking through Europe	June 14-18
Week 4: Soaring to South Africa	June 21-25
Week 5: Foodies of the World	June 29-July 2
Week 6: Born in the USA	July 5-9
Week 7: Exploring Cultures	July 12-16
Week 8: Movin' and Groovin'	July 19-23
Week 9: Architectural Challenge	July 26-30
Week 10: Year of the Ox	August 2-6
Week 11: Off we go to Mexico	August 9-13

Each week will have a special event or guest at camp and there will also be a theme day each **Wednesday** where campers are encouraged to dress up and enjoy activities that support the week's theme!

What should my camper bring to camp?

First, please label everything your child brings to camp so we know what belongs to them. Other than that, here are a few camp necessities:

- Water bottle (disposable or re-useable), backpack, swimsuit, towel (designated day), sunscreen, hat, tennis shoes, and comfy clothes they can get dirty.

We do our very best to ensure that campers leave with all items that they brought to camp but in case that doesn't happen, we will display all Lost and Found items at check out for parents to grab.

Where do I go to drop-off and pick-up my child?

Camp opens at 7:00am however, you may drop off your camper between **7:00am-8:30am**. Camp will be in Pre Camp mode which means all the kids will be together in the recreational hall participating in self-guided centers/games.

Post camp and pick up begins at **4:00pm**. If you need to pick up your child early, please let staff know at drop off.

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At AM Drop-Off ONLY- Parents will be directed by staff to pull into a check-in line as you drive into camp. A staff member will come to your vehicle to take your child's temperature. If your child has a fever over 100.4 they will NOT be allowed to come into camp. Parents will also be asked to complete a short health screening test about their children. Once cleared, you can sign them in and a staff will walk them inside to the recreational hall.

At PM Pick-Up ONLY- Parents will be directed by staff to pull into the pick-up line and staff will walk your child out to your vehicle. Please stay in your vehicles during this period with your ID ready. Once your ID has been checked from the approved pick up list we will release your child to you. **We will not release a child to anyone who is not on the approved pick up list.** If you need to add anyone please contact the Camp Director.

What are Opening Ceremonies?

Camp opens each morning and closes each afternoon with a ceremony. This time is spent previewing or reviewing the camp day. Counselors lead songs and skits as well as acknowledge positive behaviors or accomplishments in the day. Y staff attempt to model and reward character values (caring, honesty, respect, responsibility) during all camp activities.

Does the Y provide snacks?

Yes, we provide both a morning and afternoon snack. Morning snack is at 8:30am and afternoon snack is at 3:30pm. Please be sure to list any food allergies on your camper's enrollment form. Monthly snack menus will be available for parents to review.

What should I pack for my camper's lunch?

Lunch will be provided each day for your child. The weekly menu will be sent out prior to the start of the week. Example of a daily meal: turkey & cheese sandwich, carrots/ranch, orange and milk. Reminder: If your child has any allergies, list them on the enrollment paperwork.

What are THEME DAYS?

Each week will have a designated 'Theme Day' where we have activities and games that correlate to the overall theme of Summer. On the THEME DAY we will have special activities, games, or an event to spark everyone's creativity. We highly encourage staff and campers to dress up on theme days. Camp's theme day will be every Wednesday at Camp.

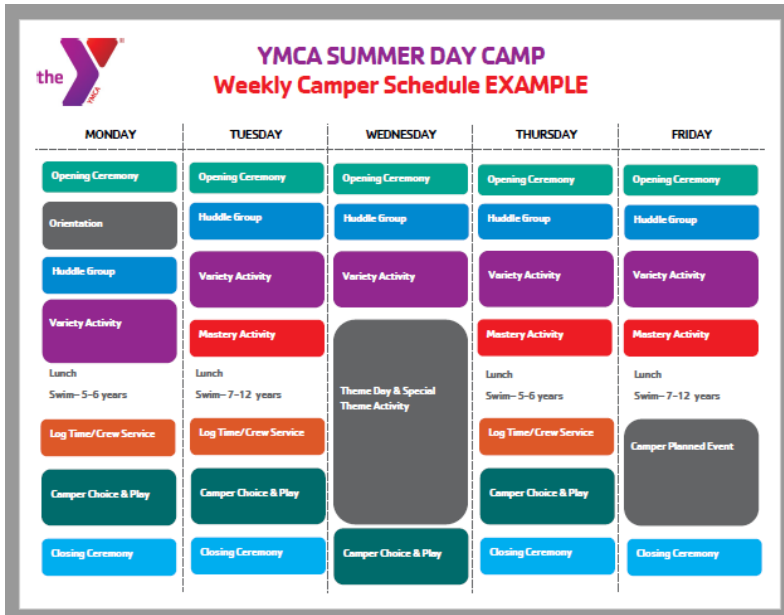
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What will my child do all day/week?

Each week, there will be a Camper Activity Plan available for the parents to review. Here is an example of a week at camp.



The image shows a weekly camper schedule for YMCA Summer Day Camp. The schedule is organized by day of the week (Monday through Friday) and lists various activities. The activities are color-coded: green for ceremonies, blue for huddle groups, purple for variety activities, red for mastery activities, orange for log time/crew service, and teal for camper choice & play. Wednesday is a theme day with a special activity. The schedule includes an opening ceremony on Monday, followed by orientation, huddle groups, variety activities, mastery activities, lunch, swim, log time/crew service, camper choice & play, and a closing ceremony on Friday.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony
Orientation	Huddle Group	Huddle Group	Huddle Group	Huddle Group
Huddle Group	Variety Activity	Variety Activity	Variety Activity	Variety Activity
Variety Activity	Mastery Activity		Mastery Activity	Mastery Activity
Lunch	Lunch	Theme Day & Special Theme Activity	Lunch	Lunch
Swim-5-6 years	Swim-7-12 years		Swim-5-6 years	Swim-7-12 years
Log Time/Crew Service	Log Time/Crew Service		Log Time/Crew Service	Camper Planned Event
Camper Choice & Play	Camper Choice & Play		Camper Choice & Play	
Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony	Camper Choice & Play	Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony

What about camp swim time at camp?

Campers will swim almost every day in our pool, weather and schedule permitting! Each camp may have a different swim schedule.

- All campers can swim in the shallow end of the pool.
- Campers that are not tall enough to stand in the shallow end with their head above the water will be required to wear a Coast Guard approved flotation device (lifejacket or a puddle jumper). The YMCA does have a limited supply of these jackets and puddle jumpers at the YMCA. You are welcome to bring your child's own life saving device if you wish.
- Those campers who wish to swim in the deeper parts of the pool will need to go through a swim test supervised by our YMCA lifeguards. The swim test will consist of campers swimming the length of the pool (unassisted) and treading water for 10-15 seconds.
- Swimming is supervised by YMCA lifeguards at all times. Additionally, camp staff will also be in the pool area supervising.
- We ask that you send your camper in their swimsuit (under clothes) on swim days.

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How can I reach the staff at my camp?

Our camp has a cell phone that a staff person keeps on them at all times. If you have questions you may reach them at our Camp office (817)738-9241.

What are your COVID-19 precautions?

Below are a few of the measures we currently have put into place to ensure health and safety:

- The staff: child ratio is to 1:10
- Masks are optional for children and staff but not required
- All children will have their temperature checked upon arrival and at lunch
- Parents will complete a brief health screen survey when dropping their child off
- Curbside pick-up and drop off are in place to prevent parent access to the building
- Staff will have their temperature checked each day when clocking in
- All surfaces and areas used will be deep cleaned each morning/night
- Children will have individual bins for their belongings
- Hand washing and sanitizing personal spaces will take place after each transition

How can I volunteer at camp?

WE LOVE VOLUNTEERS! Parents may volunteer to help with camp in a variety of ways. Do you have a neat talent or hobby you want to teach... great! Do you want to talk about your career with our campers...ok! All you need to do is talk to the Camp Director and get a Volunteer Application (also available online. Once completed, turn it in and we will notify you when you are cleared to help out. Volunteer Applications contain a Criminal History check that must be cleared before anyone is allowed to volunteer at our YMCA. This process usually takes 5-10 days.

How can I see all the fun activities at camp?

Sign up for our Bloomz group on the Bloomz app. You will be invited to join during the first week of camp. You can also follow us on our YMCA Fort Worth Facebook page.

Who are my contacts for this camp?

Program Director – Addison Smith – asmith@ymcafw.org