

DAY CAMP & TEEN CAMP 2022 FAQ's

YMCA CAMP CARTER- SUMMER DAY CAMP

What are the camp hours?

Camp operates Monday- Friday beginning May 31- August 12, 2022.

We will be closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day

Camp Hours are as follows:

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

Drop off times are from 7:00a-8:15am. Please notify us if your camper will be arriving after 8:15am. Campers will need to be signed in at the office after 8:15am and will be returned to their group after being signed in.

8:30am-4:00pm- Camp Time

Campers will enjoy a variety of activities throughout the week during this time. Such as, swimming, fishing, the Challenge Course, riding horses, archery, canoeing, etc.

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. You must bring an ID with you to pick up as your child will not be released for their safety to anyone not on the authorized pick up list.

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 on a rotating basis. Our trained staff will lead the campers in character development activities, team building games, and adventure 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 camper's ages 5- 12yrs of age. Teen Camp is for ages 13-15. Campers must have completed a year of kindergarten prior to attending camp.

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 YMCA Camp Carter **Adventure!**

Week 1: Adventure is out there!	May 31 st -June 3
Week 2: Where the wild things are	June 6-June 10
Week 3: Get Outside!	June 13-17
Week 4: Adventure Skills	June 20-24
Week 5: Forces of Nature	June 27-July 1
Week 6: Wilderness Wanderer	July 4-8
Week 7: Wet & Wild	July 11-July 15
Week 8: Expeditions	July 18-22
Week 9: Camp Wilderness	July 25-29
Week 10: The world around us	August 1-5
Week 11: Adventure Challenge	August 8-12

Each week there will be a theme day each **Wednesday** where campers are encouraged to dress up!

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), **a light 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 for parents to grab at our Find My Stuff Fridays during Pick-Up.

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-8:15am**. 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. You will need to come pick your child up from the office if picking up early.

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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 and have you sign your camper in.

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.

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. If you would like to send your child with any extra snacks please remember we are a nut free facility.

What are DRESS UP DAYS?

Dress up days will give campers the opportunity to use their imagination, think outside of the box and come dressed in their wildest attire for camp! We would love to see as many campers dress up as possible, so please help your child get creative.

Week 1: Tacky Tourist

Week 2: Crazy Hair

Week 3: Animal Print

Week 4: Twin Day

Week 5: Crazy Socks

Week 6: Superhero

Week 7: Hawaiian

Week 8: Disney

Week 9: Crazy Hat

Week 10: PJ Day

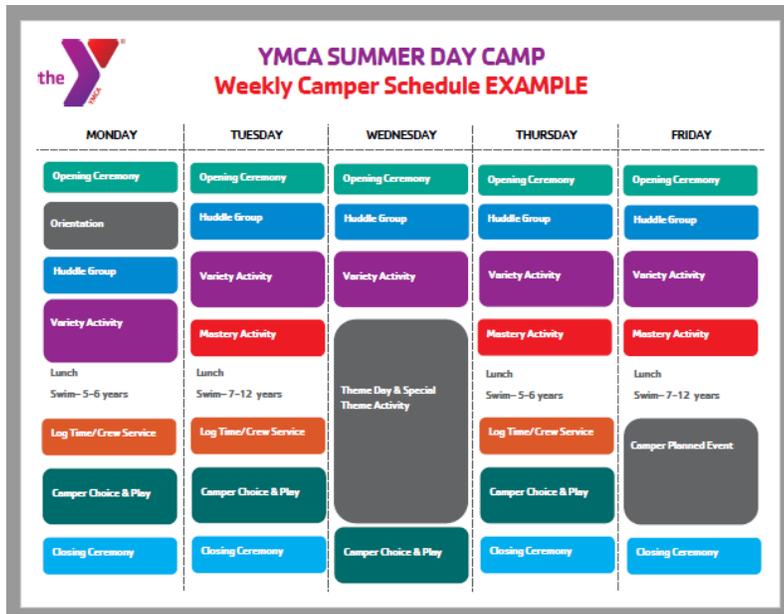
Week 11: Camo

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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 dark green for camper choice & play. A large grey block on Wednesday indicates a 'Theme Day & Special Theme Activity' that spans the entire day. Friday includes a 'Camper Planned Event' in the afternoon.

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	Theme Day & Special Theme Activity	Mastery Activity	Mastery Activity
Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch
Swim-5-6 years	Swim-7-12 years			Swim-5-6 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 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 floatation 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. We provide this number to parents during the week of camp. However, if you have questions you may also reach them at our Camp office (817)738-9241.

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. Our Bloomz code is: **KGRSW7**. You will be invited to join during the first week of camp. You can also follow us on our YMCA Camp Carter Facebook page and YMCA Camp Carter Instagram for updates!

What are your COVID-19 precautions?

As COVID-19, and the Delta variant, continue to spread, we recognize the need to find a balance between ensuring businesses can stay open to serve the community and protecting the health and safety of those around us.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth continues to work with health experts and comply with local, regional and state requirements when serving our communities. In an effort to minimize operational impacts of COVID-19, staff are wearing masks indoors while at the YMCAs. The Fort Worth Y continues to put the health and safety of our members, program participants, children, and guests as our top priority.

Masks are welcome, but not required. The YMCA encourages anyone who feels more comfortable wearing a mask to protect their health to do so. The Y also encourages individuals who have not been vaccinated to wear masks or face coverings and to get vaccinated.

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Continue to keep your distance. YMCA staff and members are encouraged to maintain three (3) feet of space from people not in the same household.

Stay home if you are sick. Individuals are expected to stay home if they have any new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19 or have had known close contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19. Members, participants, guests and staff are asked to self-monitor for symptoms or known close contact.

We have cleaning and sanitation procedures throughout the day, focusing on high touch points such as handrails, doorknobs, light switches, counters, etc. All staff and members are asked to practice respiratory hygiene by covering coughs and sneezes as well as frequent and thorough hand washing. The CDC recommends those 12 years and older should get vaccinated to help protect against COVID-19. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic. The Y strongly encourages everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated. The YMCA is dedicated to the health and safety of our entire community, including our staff members. As COVID-19 is an ongoing global pandemic, the safety and health strategies we are employing are beneficial to individuals both at the YMCA and the community at large.

Who are my contacts for this camp?

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