

OVERNIGHT CAMP 2022

FAQ's

YMCA CAMP CARTER – SUMMER OVERNIGHT CAMP

What is overnight camp?

Overnight camp is an opportunity to be away from home for a week-long adventure where campers forge friendships, strengthen confidence, sharpen character and create lasting memories on YMCA Camp Carter's beautiful 360 acres. Campers participate in traditional camp activities, come together for every meal, enjoy campfires, songs and live with their peers in fully climate-controlled cabins.

What are the ages and session dates for overnight camp?

Our Overnight Camp program is licensed by Texas Department of State Health Services for campers ages 7-17yrs of age. We offer 7 exciting weeks, plus two 2-week sessions and two CIT (Counselor-In-Training) sessions, to choose from to attend camp. Camp sessions are Sunday-Saturday.

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| • Military Camper Week | June 12-18 |
| • Week 1: Color Craze | June 19-25 |
| • Week 2: The Great Carter Mystery | July 26-July 2 |
| • Week 3: Holiday Hustle | July 3-9 |
| • Week 4: The A-Dentures: Endgame | July 10-16 |
| • Week 5: Survivor | July 17-23 |
| • Week 6: Specialty Camp | July 24-30 |
| • 2-Week Session 1.0 | June 26-July 9 |
| • 2-Week Session 2.0 | July 10-30 |
| • CIT Session Year Two: | June 26-July 9 |
| • CIT Session Year One: | July 3-16 |

What is the cost of a week of overnight camp?

One week sessions:	Two-week session:	CIT Session:
Members: \$700/week	Members: \$1,400	Members: \$1,200
Non-members: \$800/week	Non-members: \$1,600	Non-members: \$1,400

What activities can my child expect to do at Overnight Camp?

Each week our campers can expect a week full of adventure! Activities at Camp Carter take place during skill area times each morning and sometimes in the afternoon. These "skill area times" are designed to introduce campers to new activities, as well as increase their knowledge and skill in familiar activities. Campers choose some of their activities for the week on Sunday evening. Activities may include, but are not limited to the following skills: Arts & Crafts, Canoeing, Hiking, Outdoor Living Skills, Archery, Horses, GaGa Dodgeball, Challenge Course, Riflery (age 10+), Skeet Shooting (age 12+), Team Sports and more!

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 is the CIT (Counselor-In-Training) Program?

Counselors in Training (CIT) is a 2-year teen leadership program for youth ages 16 & 17, who wish to increase their confidence and responsibility, and have a ton of fun with other people their own age and who wish to be counselors at camp when they turn 18. CIT coordinators supervise and mentor CITs throughout the program, as well as facilitate activities and evaluate the participants. Application and interview process is required to be a part of the program.

What are THEME weeks?

Each week of camp has a special theme. Our daily activities are then designed around the theme of the week to help keep them fun and interesting, to all campers. We will give advance notice of any special events your child may want to participate in. Sending a themed costume for the opening “crazy” campfire or the camp dance is welcomed.

What should my camper bring to camp?

Campers are coming to live at camp for a week so they will need everything from a sleeping bag to toiletries and enough clothes for the week. We provide a detailed list of items of what to bring to camp and what to leave at home in our parent handbook. This handbook is emailed to parents after registration and can also be downloaded from our website.

When is camp check-in and check-out?

Camper check-in is on Sunday afternoon from 3-4:30 pm. Registrants will NOT be admitted before this time. The camp staff is busy getting camp ready for a week of fun! Check-out is on Saturday morning at 9:30am. All families are invited to attend their camper's closing ceremony. Closing ceremony will begin at 9:30am and end at approximately 10:00am. Check-out will take place after the closing ceremony ends.

Does the Y provide meals?

Yes, we provide all meals while campers are at camp from Sunday dinner through Friday dinner. Cooked meals including breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided every day at camp's dining hall. This is included in the price of camp. Please be sure to list any food allergies on your camper's enrollment form. Campers also get the opportunity to visit the camp store daily. The camp store carries items such as beverages and snacks, t-shirts, hats, water bottles, souvenirs, etc. Items in the store range in prices from \$1.00 to \$25.00.

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What will my child's day at camp look like?

A Typical Day will look something like this:

7:15A Rise and Shine!
8:00 A Flag Raising/ Line Up
8:10A Breakfast
9:00 A Morning Devotion
9:15A Announcements /Specialty Add-ons (Horse Camp) pick-ups
9:30A Skill Area # 1 (1 hour)
10:30 A Transition Time
10:45 A Skill Area #2 (1 hour)
12:00 P Cabin Clean / Cabin Time/Small Group activity time
12:45P Line Up for Lunch
1:45P Rest Period/Cabin Time
3:00P Cowboy Unit – Swim / Native Store and Unit Activity
4:00P Native Unit – Swim / Cowboy Store and Unit Activity
5:00P Cabin Activity
6:00P Line Up for Dinner
7:15P Flag Lowering
7:30P Cabin or Unit Activity/Vespers/ Dance/ Campfire*
9:30P Back to Cabins/Showers 10:00P Lights Out / Unit Devotionals

What about 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 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.

How can I reach the staff at 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.

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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. 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.

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.

How can I see all the fun activities at camp?

Camp has a photographer who takes photos of campers, and uploads them to Facebook. This is a good way to see a snapshot of what your camper is doing, and share the moments with your network. You can find that sampling at: www.Facebook.com/ymcacampcarter. Be sure to like our page so you receive updates when new photos are posted!

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Can I send mail to my child or call my child while at camp?

We encourage parents to send emails, write letters, and mail care packages to your camper during his/her session. Camp is a time for children to develop independence and escape from distractions such as TV, the internet, and phone calls. We do not allow campers to call home. However, if we have situations of persistent homesickness or illness, then camp leadership staff will contact parents to discuss the situation.

Who is my contact for this camp?

Program Director – Addison Winn – awinn@ymcafw.org