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CAMP WAKANDA PROGRAM INFORMATION

CAMP WAKANDA IS UNPLUGGED!

We believe that being disconnected from the outside world is critical to the camp experience, culture, and to the socioemotional growth and safety of our campers. While we strongly prefer that cell phones be left at home even for teens, cell phones may be carried in a camper's bag, but are expected to remain there during the course of the day and turned off all of the way. Smart watches are not permitted; they are damaged too easily and distracting from the camper experience. Staff team will confiscate cell phones if they are out at camp or on the bus. They will be placed in the med box for that bus with their name on masking tape on the phone. **Please do not text your camper throughout the day.** Please text the camp line if you need to get them a message. Additionally, please do not bring iPods, electronics, games, toys, and money. If a camper is found with any of these items, the item will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. The YMCA is not responsible if any of these items are lost, broken, or stolen.

HOW DOES DROP OFF AND PICK UP WORK? IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?

Drop off times, pick up times, and pick up instructions vary based on the site. Please see our Bus Time and Information sheet. You must go to the bus/bus stop you have registered for. Transportation is included from/to the following locations for this year: The Reading High School, The Alta Vesta School in Woburn and Camp Q in Wakefield. Campers will be engaged in activities at camp between 9:15-4:00 throughout our 25 acre property and lake. Please text the camp cell phone if you will be early or late to pick up your camper. Campers may be dropped off or picked up from camp; please confirm with the camp directors via text if you will be picking up or dropping off at camp. At all sites, please have a photo ID ready at all times for pick up and ensure that you have the name form on your dashboard to ensure a speedy pick up!

WHAT SHOULD MY CAMPER BRING?

Backpack

Please pack all of your camper's clothes and supplies in a backpack that is suitable for their size. Campers will need to carry their backpack during transportation and when walking into camp. Campers will have bins in their group area to store their backpacks in.

Bathing Suit, Crocs or Flip-flops, Towel and Plastic bag (for wet bathing suit)

Campers will be swimming every day. Campers may swim or boat more than one time during the day. Feel free to send your camper to camp already wearing their suit with a change of clothes for later in the day. Wet bags are ideal for storing wet belongings.

Sneakers and Comfortable Clothes

Campers will be in a rocky, outdoor environment. Please be sure to send your campers to camp wearing sneakers or closed toed shoes appropriate for climbing like Keens. Please do not send campers in skirts without shorts underneath. Pack sweatshirts or rain jackets during days when rain or cool weather is expected. Please label any attire campers will take off periodically.

An Extra Change of Clothes

We are in an outdoor environment where clothes can accidentally get wet and sometimes misplaced. We want to make sure that if your camper's clothes get wet, dirty, or misplaced that they have something clean and dry to change into. Keep changes of clothes in a gallon storage bag with your camper's name on it in their backpack, especially for younger campers. Please label all of your camper's belongings especially rain jackets, sweatshirts, and water bottles. This is important even for older campers.

Sunscreen

Although we have many shady areas at camp, campers will be out in the sun, and we want to ensure that their skin is protected. Please provide your camper with easy apply, waterproof sunscreen greater than 30 spf (spray on is best). Campers should come to camp already wearing sunscreen; they will be reminded to reapply sunscreen periodically, especially after swimming.

Bug Spray

Because we are in a unique, wooded area; bug spray is highly recommended to protect your camper from mosquitoes and ticks. Look for deep woods bug sprays to best protect your campers from these pests. We do spray periodically throughout the summer in heavy use areas for ticks and mosquitos.

Water Bottle

A reusable water bottle is a must at Camp Wakanda. Campers are outside all day and have access to our well. They will need to stay hydrated and are not always near a water fountain. Please label your camper's water bottle.

Food/Snack

Please pack a nutritious, **nut free** lunch, two snacks, and a labeled water bottle. We want to be sure that our campers stay hydrated so please refrain from packing sugar drinks, e.g. sodas. Please make note that we are a **NUT-FREE** facility; for the safety of the campers for which we provide care, we ask that you please look carefully at the information on the packages of food which you purchase. It will be clearly stated in bold if the food may contain nuts. Unfortunately, we will have to take away any food that is suspected to have nut products. Please make sure you label the sandwich if you **do use a nut product substitute** to clear away any confusion during the day. We take extra care that our campers do not share snacks and lunches, but you can help prevent accidents from occurring by simply making sure that you **only** send along **nut-free** products with your camper to camp.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH LOST AND FOUND?

Every effort is made to return missing items to their owners. Lost and Found is **donated** every Tuesday, so please be sure to check for missing items. All items with names will be returned to campers immediately. **Please label everything** sent to camp with the campers first and last name, especially **sweatshirts, bathing suits, towels & water bottles**. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are missing something with a description of the item.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Overnight #1 July 16
Overnight #2 August 6
Color Run July 30

THEMES BY SESSION:

Session 1 June 22-26: The Fortress of Solitude (Superman's House)

Session 2 June 29-July-3: Slime Time (Closed the 3rd)

Session 3 July 6-10: Wizarding World of Wakanda

Session 4 July 13-17: Mystery Week

Session 5 July 20-24: Space: The Final Frontier

Session 6 July 27- 31: Olympic Week: Out of this World

* This week is grouped randomly, not by age, but is a camper favorite-not recommended to be a first or only week.

Session 7 Aug. 3-7: Survivor

Session 8 Aug. 10-14: Mythology: The Lightning Thief

Session 9 Aug. 17-21: Super Mario Brothers

Session 10 Aug. 24-27: Summer in a Flash

SAMPLE DAY:

Wakanda's activities include: Archery, Arts & Crafts, High and Low Ropes, Drama, Swimming, Boating, Swim Lessons, Sports, Science & Nature, Group Games, Nuke'm, and Special Theme Related Activities throughout the week. Not all activities occur every day for every group.

9:30-10:00	Opening Ceremonies	1:20-1:50	Free Swim
10:00-10:20	Group Time and Morning Snack	1:50-2:10	Regroup
10:20-11:05	Low Ropes	2:10-2:55	Boating
11:15-12:00	Science & Nature	3:05-3:50	Art & Writing
12:05-12:35	Lunch	3:50-4:15	Bus Prep
12:40-1:10	Hard Top Free Choice		

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Camp Wakanda must comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and be licensed by the local Board of Health. Camp Wakanda is also accredited by the American Camping Association.