

Dear Parents,

Congratulations! If you are receiving this letter, your son or daughter has been registered for an exciting session of summer camp at YMCA Camp Pinewood. This experience is truly one that they will remember for the rest of their life. Hopefully it will also give you (the parents/guardians) a nice, quiet break to reunite with each other or return to a favorite hobby.

The information in the following packet is critical to ensure that your child's camp experience starts off on the right track. Please read through all of the information carefully. There are several forms that must be completed prior to your child's camp session. Please follow all of the directions that correspond to the forms – the credit card store authorization needs to be mailed prior to camp and all others will need to be turned in upon check-in. If you have any questions regarding the paperwork in this packet, please feel free to call us at (231) 821-2421.

The following forms should be in your packet:

-Health History -Camper Information -Risk Waiver -Camper Pickup Authorization
-Packing List -Parent Checklist -Parent Guide -Store Authorization
-Name Tags -Sealed With A Kiss -Transportation Information

I would like to assure you that your child will be in great hands. Our staff is highly qualified and well trained to work with children and manage any issues that may arise. It is our goal to make sure families and campers feel confident with their decision to attend YMCA Camp Pinewood. Please feel free to contact me, Billy Rankin, Program Director or John Schmitz, Executive Director at any time with questions you or your camper(s) may have. We can be reached at 231-821-2421.

With that, the last step in preparing for summer camp is to ready both yourself and your children for being separated during camp. Positive words of encouragement and discussion on the exciting activities available at camp will help your camper remain excited about his or her upcoming adventure. Remind your camper that he/she will meet new campers and staff from around the world! Be careful not to linger on how much you will miss your camper while he or she will be gone – often parents who are “campersick” lead to campers who will become homesick.

Above all remember this: you have chosen a YMCA camp. This means that you are guaranteed a positive experience based on the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. With such a terrific staff, beautiful location and exciting activities, you are giving your child the opportunity of lifetime.

Once again, congratulations! We look forward to seeing your child this summer.

Sincerely,

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