



Top 10 Summer Day Camp Questions:

1. What does a typical day look like at your camp?

Answer: Our days are filled with fun, excitement and adventure. Campers will see morning assemblies, snack times, organized games, huddle time (small group of same age, same gender campers), sing songs, play games, do arts & crafts, try new things, make new friends, close the day out with another loud crazy assembly, go home and do again the next day. Throw in a field trip here and there...a great summer of fun!

2. Who is watching my camper?

Answer: Our well trained, qualified staff are here to make sure your camper has a great experience every day. Our staff all go through 40 hours of training that includes, Child Abuse Prevention, CPR and 1st Aid. They are also trained in organizing groups and dealing with various situations that arise in a camp day. We keep a very conservative ratio of staff to camper as well. For Ages 3-6 it is 1 staff per 6 campers. For ages 6-12 it is 1 staff to 12 campers and for ages 13 and older it is 1 staff to 15 campers.

3. How do you hire your camp staff?

Answer: Our staff go through background checks, group interviews and one on one interviews. We are very diligent when hiring day camps staff...they have to be the best of the best!

4. What do I need to send with my camper each day?

Answer: **1 Lunch, 2 Snacks, plenty to drink, bath suit and towel, sunscreen, shorts and other light clothing.**

Please do not send Toys, iPods or other electronics, cards or collectibles.

5. Is your camp outside based?

Answer: YES! Our camps are based outdoors. We use our trailed woods, huddle spots, Pavilions, fields and indoor space as well. Most of our activities are based outdoors...that what camp is! We do use our indoor space including basketball courts, play areas, multipurpose rooms and group exercise rooms for various activities as well.

6. Is your camp a fit for my child?

Answer: All campers are different and we appreciate that. Campers that typically succeed in our camps are those that enjoy being outside, enjoy playing games and getting fully involved with activities. Campers that are interested in learning new things and making new friends typically excel here. Campers who are accustomed to being inside all day and are not interested in being outside may struggle with our camps. This is not a bad thing, we just know that some parents want their kids to stay inside all day...that's not us!

7. What if my camper can't swim?

Answer: A lot of our campers can not swim. This is ok! Every camper is swim tested before we swim each week. Those that are strong swimmer may experience various portions of our pool or water parks that poor swimmer can not, however, we offer safe swimming for all. Campers who are poor swimmers are given Personal Flotation Devices as well as kept in the shallow end of our pools. In addition, Swim Lessons are offered during the camp day, so if you want your camper to learn to swim better, this might be a great option for you.

8. Are there payment options for your camp?

Answer: YES! We have several!

1. Pay all of your camp fees upfront
2. Set up Monthly Bank Draft to pay fees off on the 1st of the month of that camp.
3. Set up a Bi-monthly Bank Draft to pay fees off beginning with the 15th of April.
4. Set up your own payment plan...as long as all fees are paid on the 1st of the month of that camp, you are good to go! We're flexible!

9. What are the best things your camp has to offer?

Answer: Fun, Excitement, Adventure, Friendship and Venturing Out!

We are unique in our approach to camp...you would be hard pressed to find another camp in our area that can offer you all of the things our campers get to experience each day.

10. How do I sign up? Is your Info online?

Answer: **YES! Our information is online. You can find it at www.columbiaymca.org**

You can sign up at your local YMCA branch. Members Service Staff are always ready to answer any questions you might have and help you get registered for Summer Day Camp. If you have specific questions, you will be directed to a Camp Director who might better be able to answer you questions. We look forward to seeing you at the car pool line!