



Parent / Guardian Handbook

Summer 2026



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Information, Policies & Procedures
Summer Day Camps
2026

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Welcome to Camp Greider!

Thank you for choosing us for your summer camp experience! Since 1978, Camp Greider has been dedicated to providing youth with incredible opportunities to explore, learn, and grow in a fun and supportive environment. Through outdoor-focused activities such as hiking, archery, canoeing, and pond study, we create space for campers to build friendships, develop social skills, and grow their sense of self.

At Camp Greider, we closely follow the Y's Four Core Values - caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. Our staff are committed to helping campers embody these values through daily activities, discussions, and role modeling.

This handbook is designed to answer commonly asked questions about the program, review policies and procedures, and outline expectations and guidelines for participation. All parents and guardians are expected to read and adhere to these policies to help us create a safe, fun, and enriching camp environment.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at CampGreider@theyonline.org. Your feedback is always welcome, and we encourage you to complete our end-of-summer evaluation survey to let us know how we're doing.

Registration Questions & Concerns

youth@theyonline.org

503-399-2788

Email: CampGreider@theyonline.org

Camp Greider Phone: (503)-371-6345
Only used during camp season/hours

Withnell YMCA Front Desk:
(503)-581-9622

Check In & Out:

Withnell Family YMCA of Marion & Polk
Counties
685 Court St NE, Salem OR 97301

Camp Greider
5390 4H Rd NW, Salem OR 97304



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Camp Greider Leadership Team

Every summer, an experienced and dedicated team of youth-focused professionals is hired to lead our summer camps. This Summer Leadership Team includes a Camp Director and two Assistant Directors, who collectively oversee our Program and Camp Staff to ensure high-quality programming, safety, and fun for all campers. Our Leadership Team is committed to creating a positive, enriching, and memorable camp experience while promoting the Y's core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility.

About Our Staff

Our Camp Counselors are carefully selected for their enthusiasm, leadership, and ability to work with youth. They include young adults, high school students, and adults from the community who have experience in the youth development field. All staff members undergo a rigorous screening process, including background checks, and any staff authorized to drive YMCA vehicles must also pass a driving record check.

They complete over 30 hours of training in safety protocols, program procedures, CPR, First Aid, AED, and mental health awareness.

Camp Counselors are actively involved in all camp activities, modeling positive behavior and helping campers develop a love for learning, exploration, and recreation. We are staffed for 2 adults to 16 children (1:8).



Registration Information

Returning Families

- Sign into your account and update any information that has changed since last year (email, address, phone number, etc.)
- Ensure all children have their profiles created on your account.
- Ensure ALL adults authorized to make registration changes are also on your account.
- Have all registration information ready to go to aid in ease of registration (health information, emergency contacts, authorized pick ups, etc.)

New Families

- Ensure your account is created prior to attempting to register.
- Ensure every child is on your account prior to attempting to register.
- See “Returning Families” for additional information.

Registration Opens
Monday, January 5, 2026

Online Registration

- All registrations must be done online.
- Conveniently available 24 hours a day.
- Your camp selections are immediately confirmed.

For Registration Assistance

- Phone registrations are not accepted.
- In person registration assistance may be available at the Family YMCA - call/email ahead to schedule a time.

Camper Health Information

We use ePACT to manage health and emergency information. Watch for an email with instructions to complete the required forms.

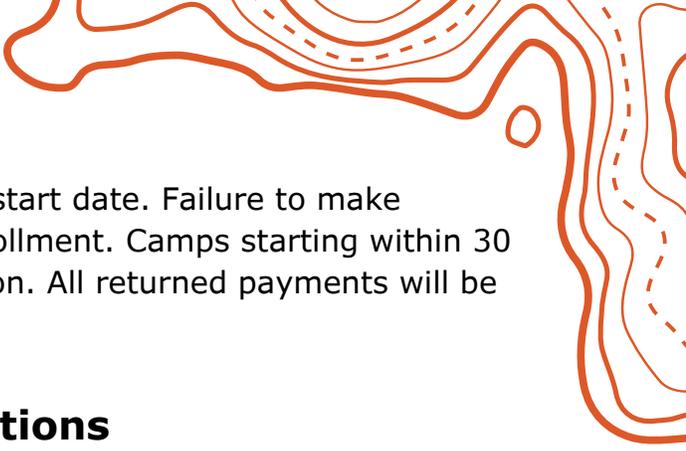
Forms are due two weeks before your camp.

If health information changes after submission, please update ePACT and email us.

Registration Form

All registrants must complete the registration agreements, waivers, and health information online before your child will be allowed to participate.





Payment

Full payment is due one month prior to the camp start date. Failure to make payment by the deadline may result in loss of enrollment. Camps starting within 30 days require full payment at the time of registration. All returned payments will be charged a \$30 NSF fee.

Registration Changes and Cancellations

- All requests for changes or cancellations must be submitted in writing to **youth@theyonline.org** one month (30 days) prior to the camp start date to qualify.
- All camp fees include a **\$75 non-refundable deposit per camp**. This charge is withheld from any refunds when canceled by the deadline. Cancellations after the deadline forfeit the entire fee.
- All request for changes or cancellations will be charged a **\$15 processing fee**.
- Refunds are not available for absences due to vacation, special events, short-term illnesses/common colds, or other personal commitments that prevent attendance.
- Refunds or credits for medical circumstances or unforeseen needs will be considered on a case-by-case basis & require supporting documentation.
- Any camp not meeting minimum enrollment by the Monday before it starts will be canceled and you will be contacted. Some camps have earlier deadlines. We do our best to give you as much notice as possible.
- If we must cancel a camp due to **insufficient enrollment** or any other circumstance beyond our control, we will offer a full refund or issue credit towards another camp.

Credit Card Fees

A 3% credit card fee will be applied to all credit card transactions. This change helps offset a portion of the processing fees charged to our organization. If you would like to avoid this fee, debit cards are not subject to the 3% charge. You can update your billing method through your member portal.

Registration for Additional Weeks / Waitlists

Camps may still be available or become available during the summer due to transfers or cancellations. Additional registrations are taken until **two weeks prior to the camp start date**, unless otherwise noted.

If a camp is full, there is a Waitlist Option. We encourage all interested participants to get on the wait list. It is free and allows us a means to contact you if an opening occurs; it also lets us know the level of interest for the possibility of adding more camps and future planning.

Campership & Financial Assistance

Thanks in part to generous donors, we are able to offer financial assistance in the form of camperships. We are committed to ensuring every child has the opportunity to enjoy a week of fun, exploration, and growth at camp.

To apply, complete the Financial Assistance Application and submit it to our Youth Programs and Services Admin, Felicia Fisher at ffisher@theyonline.org, or drop it off at our Salem branch.

Qualifying families may receive discounts on camp fees. We encourage families facing financial hardship to apply and make camp accessible for their children. A new application is required each year.

Communications

You will receive an automatic confirmation when registering for camp online. Watch for your "Welcome to Camp Greider!" email the **Monday before your camp session.**

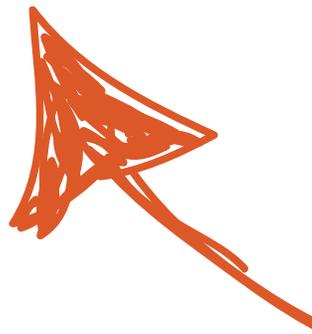
In the event of an emergency at Camp, we will use the following means to communicate information and updates:

- Camp Greider's Email
- Camp Greider's Instagram
- Camp Greider's Facebook
- Salem YMCA's Instagram
- Salem YMCA's Facebook
- If needed and possible, phone calls from the Withnell Family YMCA and/or Camp Greider

During any camp emergency, our top priority is camper safety. Our staff receive training in our emergency procedures and practice periodic drills.

**Financial
Assistance
Application**

Click Above



Camp Drop Off and Pick Up

Camp Greider's camper drop off and pick up will take place at the north entrance of the Withnell Family YMCA, **685 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301**. Look for signs and banners.

Parking

Parking in the area can be challenging due to the number of participants, contract lots, and on street hours. There may be minor traffic jams during drop off and pick up times, as there are up to 100 campers and their families present during this time.

No camp parking in the lot directly adjacent to the Withnell Family YMCA is allowed. YMCA members may park in member parking lots.

Please be respectful of Parking Contract Holders and be aware of the many pedestrians and bicyclists in the area.

Plan ahead to allow time for parking and check in and out!

Note: Our bus leaves the Withnell YMCA at 8:00am. Be sure to drop off your camper before 7:55am to allow our bus to leave on time. We are unable to accept late check-ins at the Withnell Family YMCA.

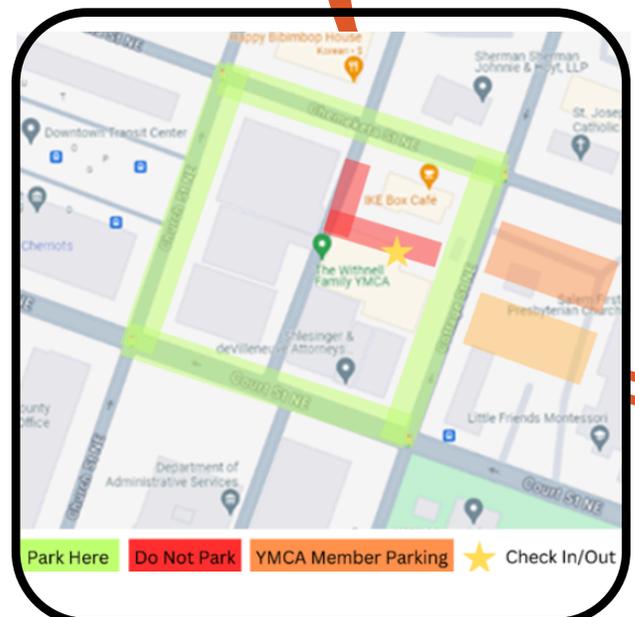
Morning Drop Off:

7:30am - 7:55am

Afternoon Pick Up:

5:00pm - 5:30pm

Walk Up Only!



Health Forms & Authorized Pick-Up Information

Please note that completion of our health form (via ePACT) and **photo ID is required for drop off and pick up.** To protect the safety of our campers, campers will only be released to adults that are on their approved pick-up list. If you have a specific circumstance that requires another adult to pick up your child, please email us to make arrangements.

Late Arrivals & Early Pick-Ups

We understand that families occasionally need to drop off or pick up their child outside of our usual drop off and pick up hours. If you are planning on dropping off your camper late or picking them up early, please notify us via email.

Camp Greider Address:

5390 4H Rd NW, Salem OR 97304

When you arrive, continue to the right side of the gravel road until you reach our lodge at the end of the road. Once you arrive, a staff member will assist you.



Late Pick-Up

Due to the extra expenses incurred when camp is not able to close on time, parents/guardians arriving after 5:30pm will be assessed a late fee beginning immediately at 5:30pm. This fee is \$30 for the first 15 minutes; and an additional \$30 fee for every 15 minutes. Late fees will be added to your account and are due by the end of the week. The clock on site is the official clock used to determine check in and out times. See 'Safety Considerations at Camp' for more information.



Safety Considerations at Camp - Check In & Out

- **NEVER** take your child without signing out. This can cause great distress and distraction for camp staff who will proceed as if a child is missing and may involve the police.
- Please do not go looking for your child in the program areas - there is not space for additional people in the activity areas and is a safety concern. If you would like to escort your child in, you must notify staff and sign in as a Visitor. We may not always be able to accommodate these requests.
- Only a few designated staff have authorization to check campers out; campers must be checked out by the Camp Director or Assistant Directors. All check outs occur at the Withnell YMCA, or at the lodge for late arrivals/early check outs.
- **In the event a child is left in our care 30 minutes past check out time with no contact from a parent/guardian, the following procedure will be followed:**
 - The Y Staff will call parents/guardians, emergency contacts and other authorized pick-ups provided on the registration form.
 - If we are unable to reach anyone, staff will contact the Camp Director and Camping Services Director.
 - The Director(s) will stay with the child, and Y staff will call the appropriate local Police Department to have someone go to the child's home.
 - In the event that it hits one hour past check out time and there is not contact with parents/guardians, emergency contacts, or authorized pick-ups, the police will take the child to the appropriate police station. The Director(s) shall accompany transit.

Late Drop-Off /Early Pick-Up

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Camper Bus Rules

- Campers are to remain seated at all times with hands and arms inside of the vehicle while the vehicle is moving. The vehicle aisles and exits must remain clear.
- Campers may not enter or leave the vehicle without permission.
- Campers must load and unload at designated locations only.
- No items may be thrown from the window.
- Passengers must not carry any sharp items and must keep vehicles clear of loose items and papers. All garbage must be placed in designated receptacles.
- Campers must listen to all instructions given by camp staff.



Daily Routine

Each Monday during Check In, your child will receive a name tag. Once checked in, participants will join the other staff and participants in the gym until it is time to get ready to leave on the bus for Greider. During Check Out, youth will remain in the gym until an authorized adult arrives. Detailed information regarding any updates to procedures will be emailed prior to your camp start date. In order for your camper to have the most positive experience possible, it is important to ensure they have everything they need for their day. Please send your camper with the following items each day (making note of what to leave at home.) **Label all items with child's name to reduce lost belongings.**

What to Bring

- Backpack
- Water Bottle
- Non-perishable, nut free lunch
- no microwaves or refrigerators available for use.
- Snacks
- Swim Attire & Towel **Daily**
- Waterproof Bag for Wet Clothing
- Close-toed shoes or hiking sandals w/ a backstrap.
- Medications w/ Signed Permission Form to turn in on Monday.
- Hat, Rain Gear/Umbrella, Sunscreen, Bug Spray - for protection against the elements

Important Reminder

Nuts are prohibited at Camp

Note: If your child does not bring a lunch, a parent/guardian will be contacted to bring one. If we are unable to contact a parent, lunch will be purchased and a fee will be due upon pick-up for all purchased lunches.

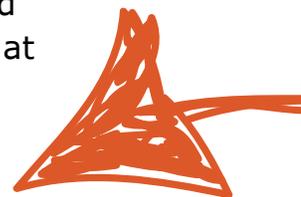
Do NOT Bring

- Electronic devices such as cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, hand held games, Apple Watches, DVD players, etc.
- Money or valuables
- Toys or personal sports equipment (including trading cards, such as Pokémon cards)
- Candy/gum
- Tobacco, Vapes, Alcohol, or Drugs

If a child is found to have any of these items, they will be instructed to put it in their backpack for the remainder of the day. If the item continues to resurface during camp, it will be confiscated by staff and returned to an authorized adult at Check Out.

Weapons

Weapons or look-alike weapons of any kind will not be tolerated, will be confiscated, and may result in suspension or expulsion from camp.



Theme Weeks & Sample Schedules



Week 1 - On the High Seas
 Week 2 - The Y-ld West
 Week 3 - Renaissance Faire
 Week 4 - Under the Big Top
 Week 5 - Greider Ever After

Week 6 - Winter Wonderland
 Week 7 - Greider's Gone Galactic
 Week 8 - Zeus on the Loose
 Week 9 - Greiderwood, LA

SAMPLE GREIDER ADVENTURES CAMP WEEK

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7:30 - 7:55	Check In				
8:00 - 8:30	Travel to Greider				
8:30 - 9:15	Flag, Values, Critter Talk				
9:15 - 11:00	"Cabin Time"	Art/Crafts	"Cabin Time"	Capture the Flag	"Cabin Time"
11:00 - 1:00	Pool	Archery	Pool	Boating	All Camp Game
1:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30	Theme Game	Group Choice	Theme Activity	Art/Crafts	GaGa Ball
2:30 - 3:30	Niches & Snack				
3:30 - 4:15	Campfire & Flag				
4:20 - 5:00	Travel to Salem Y				

SAMPLE GREIDER SPECIALTY CAMP (OUTDOORS / DISCOVERY)

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7:30 - 7:55	Check In				
8:00 - 8:30	Travel to Greider				
8:30 - 9:15	Flag, Values, Critter Talk				
9:15 - 11:15	<i>Instruction</i>				
11:15 - 1:00	"Cabin Time"	Pool	Archery	Pool	Choice Time
1:00 - 1:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30	Art/Crafts	Theme Game	Art/Crafts	Theme Activity	All Camp Game
2:30 - 3:30	Niches & Snack				
3:30 - 4:15	Campfire & Flag				
4:20 - 5:00	Travel to Salem Y				

Individual schedules vary by week and are subject to change.

Dress for Outdoor Activity

Because Camp Greider is an outdoor-based and highly active program, we encourage you to send your camper in clothing that can get dirty or wet. Camp continues rain or shine - be sure to send weather-appropriate clothing daily.



Attendance/Absence

Attendance will be taken on a daily basis. For safety reasons, it is important that we know when your child is not attending camp. Contact us during normal camp hours by calling the Camp Greider phone number and emailing CampGreider@TheYonline.org.

Electronics at Camp

At camp, we prioritize our campers being exposed to the outdoor environment and having an opportunity to disconnect from electronics. Campers are not permitted to have their electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, smart watches, etc.) at camp. If your child brings any electronics, they will be asked to keep them in their backpack for the day. If the devices continue to resurface at camp, it will be confiscated by a staff member and returned to the camper's authorized pick-up at Check Out.

This policy does not apply to campers that require electronic devices for medical purposes. If your camper requires a device for these reasons, please email us prior to your camp session.

Lost & Found

At the end of each day, our staff hosts a Lost and Found time with all campers. During this time, we show campers all items that were found throughout the week. At our Family Campfire events, we have lost and found available for families to check. To prevent lost items, be sure to label each of your camper's items. Due to the volume of items, nothing is guaranteed to be kept for more than two weeks. Contact will only be made for found and labeled items if time permits. The Family YMCA and Camp Greider are not responsible for your child's lost items.

Camp T-Shirts

Every camper will receive a camp shirt their first week at camp. During their camp session, they will be offered an opportunity to tie-dye their shirt. Please ensure that the sizing provided in your camper's registration is accurate. If you are unsure which size is listed or would like us to update their size, email us for assistance.



Medications & Allergies

Health Forms

Please be as detailed as possible while completing the form. The information provided does not prevent your child from attending camp, it simply allows our health staff to make informed decisions regarding your child's care.

Medications

If your camper needs to take any medications during the program hours, medications must be provided in the original bottle, labeled with the child's name, dosage, and the prescription information. Medications can only be administered by designated personnel following the printed instructions on the medication and will be locked up when not in use. Children are not allowed to dose medications themselves.

A signed parent/guardian permission form with specific care instructions must be on file before medications can be given, as well as a medication authorization form.

Allergies

If your child needs an Epi-pen, inhaler, or other specified emergency meds, we need to have a supply that we can keep at the camp for the duration of their camp week. All medications need to be given directly to staff. Written instructions and a plan for the use of the treatment must be on file upon beginning camp along with a signed permission form, and medication authorization form. Also, be sure to notify us of any FOOD allergies. Some program activities include a snack, and youth will be eating lunch together.

Special Needs and Assistance

We can accommodate most children at our programs with adequate notice and information. If your child receives any individual assistance at school, has a behavior chart or plan, is on an IEP, or has any mental or physical limitations, and can function with a 1:8 adult to camper ratio, it is very important to know about and plan ahead for this. In order for us to provide a good experience for your child, we ask that you consult with us about any special needs in advance.

The information will only be shared as necessary with staff who are working directly with your child. Please provide details in writing in advance regarding the specific needs of your child, including examples of successful techniques that have worked in similar settings in the past (i.e. at school, child care, etc.). Parents/guardians may be requested to participate in a collaborative planning meeting to prepare for or follow up on plans or potential concerns. We understand each child is unique, and we trust in your expertise as parents/guardians to guide us in preparing your child for a rewarding experience.

Please review the Camp Structure, as well as the Rules and Discipline policy with your child prior to attending program. While all of these will be covered at program, it is helpful for many children to be aware of them ahead of time.

Behavior & Participation Expectations

Each Monday, we introduce the Y's Core Values as our behavior expectations at camp. All campers, staff, and parents/guardians are expected to abide by the following expectations.

Respect

- Speak and act kindly to yourself and others.
- During instructions, values, and campfire, make sure to raise your hand to share.
- Respect other's personal space, hands/body to self.

Responsibility

- Keep your items in your backpack, always know where your backpack is.
- Stay on trails.
- Always have 1 flat foot on the ground.
- Clean up after yourself during activities.
- Tri Force: Campers must always be in groups of 3, with one of the 3 being a staff member.
- If a camper needs to leave their group, they must ask their counselor first.

Caring

- Care for yourself - drink your water and eat your snacks/lunch.
- Care for others - help other campers around you and tell a staff member if they need help.
- Care for the environment - if you see a piece of litter, pick it up. Be kind to critters you see at camp.

Honesty

- Tell the truth at camp.
- Take your outs during games.

Campers are expected and encouraged to participate in all activities or to sit quietly and not cause disruption or distraction for other campers during activities. Staff will introduce new activities and encourage campers to try them in an inclusive environment. If there is a medical condition or disability that prevents participation in activities, parents/guardians must notify us in writing via email in advance so appropriate alternatives can be discussed. Participation also involves rules for safety and respect, similar to a school setting.

Parent / Guardian Behavior

We reserve the right to dismiss any family from our program if they at any point threaten the safety of our campers and/or staff. This also applies if the parent/guardian shows inappropriate, aggressive, or offensive behavior toward campers and/or staff, or refuses to follow our policies and procedures. We take the safety and well-being of our campers and staff very seriously. Any reports of misconduct or concerns raised by parents, staff, or campers will be thoroughly investigated. However, we also want to emphasize the importance of accuracy and truthfulness in these reports. Knowingly making false allegations can have serious consequences, including potential legal action and termination of services. We encourage all parents/guardians to communicate openly, honestly, and proactively with us; and we ask that you do so responsibly. We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment and appreciate your cooperation in this endeavor.



Camper Code of Conduct

At YMCA Camp Greider we are committed to serving all campers, and creating a safe environment where campers have positive experiences. In order to ensure this, we ask all campers to follow our camper code of conduct.

As a camper, I will:

- Respect all other campers and treat them as I would like to be treated.
- Show respect to camp staff and cooperate with their instructions.
- Communicate in an appropriate manner, not using foul language, hate speech, gestures, harsh words or tone of voice.
- Responsibly conduct my behavior and refrain from unwelcome teasing, bullying or other unkind behaviors.
- Follow the C.H.o.R.R. values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility.
- Refrain from causing bodily harm to others. This includes pushing, kicking, hitting or fighting as this will not be tolerated at camp.
- Be respectful of camp property and the property of others.
- Leave my cellphone and other electronic communication devices at home.
- Not bring any tobacco products, alcohol, non-prescribed drugs or weapons to camp.
- Take full responsibility for my actions and understand that irresponsible behavior will result in disciplinary action.

The staff will work with individual campers to modify inappropriate behaviors and will notify parents necessary. The Camp Director may choose to dismiss a camper if inappropriate behavior does not improve.

All campers must agree to follow the camper code of conduct. Failure to abide by the code of conduct may result in disciplinary action, up to or including suspension or dismissal from camping programs. Campers dismissed due to conduct are not eligible for refunds.

Program Rules & Discipline Policy

These are the program rule expectations for all staff and participants at all program locations. Staff will review all rules regularly with the children. Parents/guardians can assist by familiarizing children with the rules in advance of attendance.



Safety First

Safety is everyone's responsibility. Campers and staff show care by prioritizing safety and honesty by reporting concerns right away.

- Stay with the group. Children are never left unattended. Adults supervise all trips away from the group.
- Buddy system. Kids are assigned buddies or groups of three to promote responsibility and accountability.
- Dress appropriately. Proper shoes and clothing are required at all times.
- Use equipment safely. Always handle supplies and equipment with care and as intended.



Listen

Listening carefully and following instructions shows caring, respect, and responsibility for a positive camp experience.

- Listen to adults. They share important information and instructions.
- No interruptions. Respect others by waiting your turn to speak.
- Stay focused. Look at the speaker or use strategies to stay attentive.
- Take turns. Practice cooperation by listening and speaking in turn.



Respect

By showing consideration for other's physical and emotional well-being, participants and staff uphold their responsibility for creating a caring, positive and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

- Keep hands and feet to self.
- Treat others kindly; say nice things or say nothing.
- Help others stay safe.
- Use indoor voices inside buildings and vehicles.
- Take care of the facility and our Earth.

Discipline Policy

We are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all. Disruptive behavior—verbal or physical—includes actions requiring excessive staff attention or ignoring rules. To address behavior, staff use preventative measures, redirection, stop-and-think times, verbal intervention, and logical consequences. Staff are trained in neurodiversity-affirming and group management practices and apply rules consistently. Families will be notified of concerns, and a three-strike approach will be followed.

First Strike: Warning

- Camper is briefly taken aside and told what the inappropriate or disruptive behavior is.
- The camper is reminded of what the expected behavior is.

Second Strike: Take a Break

- If the behavior continues or another issue arises, the camper will be removed from the activity.
- The camper will be informed what the inappropriate/disruptive behavior is.
- We will have the camper take a break nearby and remind them of the expectations to rejoin.

Third Strike: You're Out

- If attempts to remedy the situation are unsuccessful, the child will be removed from the activity to discuss their behavior.
- Depending on the amount of time left in the activity and the nature of the behavior, the camper may return to the activity, rejoin the group later, or be sent home.

Parents/guardians will be notified at the end of the day if a child receives a strike, and staff will discuss the behavior and consequences.

For serious incidents (e.g., physical harm or intent to harm), the child will be immediately removed from the activity to meet with an Assistant Director or Camp Director. In some cases, a parent/guardian may be called to pick up the child immediately.

Campers with repeated third-strikes or behavior posing a safety risk may be sent home for the day, remainder of the session, or entire season.

Suspension or Dismissal

If a child's behavior materially or substantially violates the rights of others, is substantially disruptive, endangers self, other children or staff, or damages property, suspension may be a consequence. If so, the following guideline will be utilized:

1st offense: 1 day suspension (24 hour)

2nd offense: 3 day suspension

3rd offense: 5 day suspension

Suspensions may consist of removal from the current program and potentially carrying over to the next program week. Parents/guardians are expected to support the staff's efforts and assist in reinforcing the rules and expectations for behavior.

We have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all students and staff. The program reserves the right to terminate participation immediately should there be a severe act of aggression towards participants, staff or property and/or repeated offenses.

Removal From Program

The YMCA reserves the right to remove any child from program if Leadership Staff conclude that it is not a good fit. We want every child to be successful in our programs, and also recognize that we are not the best fit for every child.



Health, Safety & Wellbeing

Help us keep each other healthy and well this summer as we come together in cohorts of mixed households. If your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms, keep them home and do not send them to camp:

- A temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Temperature must be normal (98.6F) for 24 hours without taking fever reducing medication before returning to program.
- Fever, vomiting, diarrhea, any undiagnosed rash, discharge from eyes, ears or profuse nasal discharge, severe cold symptoms, head lice.
- Showing symptoms of COVID-19.
- Exposure to communicable diseases (Such as: whooping cough, severe sore throat, measles, pink eye, ringworm, fifth disease, mumps, chicken pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, strep throat, H1N1 virus, or COVID-19).

Please notify the program staff immediately if you become aware of any of these conditions, so that we can alert staff and other families (confidentially) to watch for symptoms.

If your child(ren) has any of the symptoms while at site, Y Staff will contact a parent or authorized adult to immediately pick up the child.

Please Note: The Family YMCA of Marion & Polk Counties does not provide medical or hospital insurance for medical costs incurred by the individual or immediate family as a participant of the YMCA and any of its activities. All cost incurred for such treatment will be the responsibility of the individual family.

We are committed to the safety protocols and standards set by the Oregon Health Authority, the Early Learning Division, the American Camp Association, and the CDC. The YMCA trains all staff to meet these requirements and best practices.

Pool Safety & Swim Test

Our pool and pond are staffed by certified lifeguards on deck and dock during all sessions. Our staff are in the water and swimming with campers or spotting on the deck.

Each week, campers must demonstrate adequate swimming skills for the lifeguard's order to swim in the "deep end". Campers that do not pass the swim test will be required to wear a life jacket. Please keep in mind that "adequate swimming skills" include being able to sustain good swimming strength for up to an hour of activity.

If you have questions regarding the swim test or the pool, please contact us.



Concussion Awareness

A concussion is a brain injury caused by a bump or blow to the head. Sports and other physical activities that youth commonly participate in can result in falls, bumps and other accidents. Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks afterward.

Y Staff are trained in concussion prevention and the symptoms to watch for. Parents also need to be aware and informed about the seriousness of concussions. Further information is available on the [CDC website](#) or contact our office for a print out of this information.

Head Lice

Head lice are a nuisance and a chronic problem for youth. A head lice infestation, or “pediculosis”, is a program restricting condition. We recommend that parents/guardians regularly monitor their child for head lice. If head lice are detected during the program day, parents/guardians will be notified, and the child will be excluded at the end of the day.

Precautions will be made to respect the camper’s and family’s confidentiality. A major symptom of infestation is an itchy scalp, particularly behind the ears or back of the neck. Treatment for live lice is required before the camper will be allowed to return to Camp Greider. 24 hours must elapse between the time of treatment and return to camp.

Weather Considerations

Camp continues rain or shine. When possible and if lightening is not present, some outdoor activities may continue during rain or mist. Send appropriate clothing daily!

As necessary, activities will move indoors and at times, alternate activities will be conducted. It is typically not possible to reschedule or make up activities missed due to bad weather and refunds or credits are not given.

In the event of significant heat, our staff will use heat-reducing measures such as increased water activities, fans, and portable air conditioning if able. If there is excessive heat, camp may close for the day and families will be notified via email and phone call.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

In the event of an emergency, the Program will evacuate all participants and staff to a safe location. As soon as all participants are evacuated and it is safe to do so, parents/guardians will be contacted with more information.

