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PIERSON RD DAY CAMP Parent Guide

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PARENT GUIDE

DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN,

Thank you for enrolling your child in our Pierson Rd. Day Camp program. You have taken a very important step in helping your child develop to his or her full potential. Let us assure you that we will do everything possible to take your child's experience at camp a positive one. This guide will help you prepare your child for an exciting, safe, fun and adventurous experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

CAMPER CONFIRMATION AND PAYMENT

By receiving this information, your child has been placed in the requested camp session. Enclosed, you will find a camp statement showing fee payment and balance due. If camp fee has not been paid in full, the balance is required three (3) weeks prior to session start date. Pierson Rd accepts checks, money orders, cash, or credit card. Returned checks are subject to a \$25 fee.

REFUND POLICY

One-half the deposit is refundable up to 30 days prior to the session start date. Deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE after 30 days prior to the session start date.

Example: You paid the required deposit of \$50 for your child to attend the camp session starting June 21. If you need to cancel, you must phone the camp. If you cancel before May 21, your refund will be \$25 (1/2 of the \$50 deposit). If you cancel after May 18, you are not able to receive any part of the \$50.

Should a camper leave before the end of a session, there will be no refund of fees, except by direct authorization of the Executive Director.

HEALTH HISTORY and CAMPER RELEASE FORM

The health form can be found on our website and may be completed and turned in online. Please read, complete fully, sign, and return to camp at least three (3) weeks prior to camper's session start date. All information given on this form is CONFIDENTIAL.

Please understand that your child will not be accepted at camp without a completed and signed form. Please note that you will be required to fill out a new health form for this summer, even if your camper attended camp in past years.

- Health History: Please be specific about the medication your child needs during their stay at camp. Medication should be sent in the original container with directions clearly marked. All prescription medications must have a pharmacy label with the camper's name, doctor's name, and correct directions for dispensing. All Medication (prescription and over the counter) will be given to the camp health officer at check-in.
- Confidential Form: This form helps camp staff provide tailored programs and more individualized care for your child. Please be specific - you know your child best and your answers will help us provide the best experience possible.
- Camper Release: Please include all persons (**including yourself**) that you are authorizing to pick up your child from Pierson Rd at the end of the session or in case of an emergency arises where your child needs to leave camp.
- Parent Notification: Parent or Guardian will be notified immediately by Health Officer or Camp Director if your child becomes ill or is injured at camp.

A GUIDE TO DAY CAMP

CAMP BEHAVIOR REINFORCEMENT

The staff at YMCA of Greater Flint; Pierson Rd will work very hard to practice positive reinforcement as the primary focus for the camper behavior. In addressing those campers that are finding it difficult to follow camp rules and policies, the following steps will be put in place:

Note: Actions deemed harmful to oneself or another camper are subject to immediate dismissal

- Step 1: Counselors will address behavior with the camper, helping the camper to understand the rules and take responsibility for changing the behavior.
- Step 2: Senior staff will meet with the camper to discuss and implement solutions
- Step 3: The camper will meet the Camp Director. Parental contact and clear objectives will be established.
- Step 4: The camper will be removed from camp without a refund. A Parent or Guardian will be asked to pick up the camper from Pierson Rd as soon as possible.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

Arrival and departure from camp will take place completely from your car.

During Check-In, camp staff will direct campers and families through the check-in process, then your child will be escorted to their group.

During Check-Out, camp staff will assist with signing your camper out, and will bring your camper to your vehicle.

DAILY ARRIVAL TIME
8:00-8:30 AM

DAILY DEPARTURE TIME
4:30-5:00 PM

IMPORTANT CHECK-OUT NOTES:

- Picture identification is required to check out campers **every day**
- Only adults listed on the camper release form will be eligible to pick up your child. please call the office if you'd like to add any additional adults.
- Please stay in your vehicle for the entirety of check-in and check-out

EXTENDED HOURS: BEFORE AND AFTER CAMP CARE

An extended care option is available for early drop-off or late pick-up. The additional cost per camper is \$5 per camper for each early care morning, and \$5 per camper for each late care evening.

This allows you to drop your camper off as early as 7:00 AM and pick up as late as 6:00 PM. Please contact the Camp office if you would like to use this option and have not requested it on your child's registration form.

KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY

In an effort to keep kids, families, and staff healthy, we've implemented the following procedures to mitigate risks associated with COVID-19:

- Daily health and temperature screenings for campers and staff
- 6' physical distancing wherever possible
- Cloth face coverings required while indoors, or participating in outdoor activities where 6' distancing may be impossible (excludes mealtime and swimming)
- Additional hand sanitizing stations around camp

LOST AND FOUND

Although the YMCA assumes no responsibilities for lost articles, we make attempts to return all lost articles at the end of each camp day. At the conclusion of each camp week, items left behind will be placed in Lost and Found. Please make every effort to check the Lost and Found area before departing for home. If any items are not claimed within two weeks, they will be donated to charity.

WHAT TO BRING, AND WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

Below is a list of suggested items to bring to camp. Prior to your child's arrival, please clearly mark your child's name on all items to prevent loss and help claim if lost. Children sometimes borrow, loan, exchange, forget, or find clothes and items from others. Our counselors will monitor this as best as possible but please understand that Pierson Rd is not responsible for damaged or lost items.

WHAT TO BRING DAILY:

- Multiple Cloth Facemasks (that are comfortable and fit properly)
- Come dressed for the weather (bring a change of clothes for changes in weather)
- Shoes for walking (No sandals)
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Insect Repellent (Non-aerosol preferred)
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Rain gear
- Extra t-shirt
- Sweatshirt/jacket
- Water bottle
- Day pack or book bag to carry everything
- Theme costume for Friday (Optional)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Please Do Not Bring: Please do not bring any pets/animals, personal sports equipment, money, cell phones, radios, ipods/mp3 players, food, candy, gum, matches, cigarettes, electrical equipment or electronic games. We cannot ensure their safety and such items disagree with the camp philosophy that all campers are equal. Thank you!

WEAPONS OF ANY KIND, including, but not limited to, guns/firearms, knives, and archery equipment, are strictly prohibited. We are a drug and alcohol free environment. If found, campers will be asked to leave camp immediately and authorities will be notified.