



PARENT GUIDE

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DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN

Thank you for enrolling your child for Discovery Trails Summer Day Camp at our Pierson Road Family YMCA. 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 make your child's experience at camp memorable. This guide will help prepare your child for an exciting, safe, fun and adventurous experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ed O'Brien at the Pierson Road Family YMCA by calling our front desk or by email at eobrien@flintymca.org.

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 two (2) weeks prior to session start date. In the event of late registration camp must be paid in full, no later than the Thursday before the session starts for ALL PARTICIPANTS. Please make check payments out to "The YMCA of Greater Flint". All returned payments are subject to a \$25 late fee.

REFUND POLICY

1/2 of the deposit is refundable up to 30 days prior to the session start date. Deposits are NON REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERRABLE after 30 days prior to the session start date.

Example: You paid the required \$50 deposits for your child to attend the camp session starting June 20. If you need to cancel, you must contact the Camp Director. If you cancel before May 20, your refund will be \$25 (1/2 of the \$50 deposit). If you cancel after May 20, you are not eligible for refund. Should the camper leave before the end of the session, there will be no refund of fees, except by the 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 via email, in person, or through mail. Please read, sign, and return to camp prior to registering for camp or at least three (3) weeks prior to your camper's session start date; not on camper's 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 has attended previous camps offered at the Pierson Road Family YMCA.

- **Health History:** Please be specific about the medication your child needs during their time at camp. Medication should be sent in the original container and with directions clearly marked. All prescriptions must have pharmacy label with the camper's name, Doctor's name, and correct directions for dispensing. All Medication (prescribed or 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 are authorized to pick up your child for Discovery Trails Summer Day Camp at the end of the session or in case an emergency arises where your child needs to leave camp.
- **Parent Notification:** Parent or Guardian will be notified immediately by the Health Officer or Camp Director if your child becomes ill or is injured at camp.

DAY CAMP 101

CAMP BEHAVIOR REINFORCEMENT

The staff at the YMCA of Greater Flint will work hard to practice positive reinforcement as the primary focus for camp behavior. In addressing campers that are having difficulty following 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 the behavior with the camper, helping the camper understand the rules and take responsibility for changing the behavior.
- Step 2: The Camp Director will meet with the camper to discuss and implement solutions.
- Step 3: The camper will meet with the Camp Director and the camper's parent(s) to for establishing clear objectives and expectations for moving forward.
- Step 4: The camper will be removed from camp without refund. A parent or guardian will be asked to pick up the camper from camp as soon as possible.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Arrival and departure from camp will take place at the Pavilion behind the Pierson Road Family YMCA. During Check-In & Check-Out camp staff will direct campers and families through the check-in process.

DAILY ARRIVAL TIME

8:00am-8:30am

DAILY DEPARTURE TIME

4:30pm-5:00pm

IMPORTANT CHECK-OUT NOTES:

- Picture identification is required to check out campers every day
- Only adults listed on camper release form will be eligible to pick up your camper.
- Please call the office if you'd like to add any additional adults.

LOST AND FOUND

Although the YMCA assumes no responsibility for lost articles, we make attempts to return all lost articles at the end of each camp day. In efforts to prevent loss, please label everything that is coming to camp. At the conclusion of each camp week, items left behind will be placed in the 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 camper's arrival, please clearly label all of your camper's belongings to prevent loss and to help claim if lost. Children sometimes borrow, loan, exchange, forget, or find items from others. Our counselor will monitor this as best as possible but please understand that the Pierson Road Family YMCA is not responsible for damaged or lost items.

WHAT TO BRING DAILY:

Come dressed for weather, pack a cold lunch, shoes for walking (no sandals), swimsuit, towel, insect repellent (non aerosol preferred), sunscreen, hat, rain gear, water bottle, back pack or book bag to carry items

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Pets are prohibited, personal sports equipment, money, cell phones, radios, tech devices, candy, gum, matches, cigarettes or vapes. 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 personal 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.