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YMCA Camp Wa-Kon-Tah 2017

General Information:

Wa-Kon-Tah Program: Camp Wa-Kon-Tah is for campers ages 5-15. Campers age 7-12 will spend their day at Camp Wa-Kon-Tah, the Y's Lake Springfield property, and do the majority of their activities at camp. Our youngest campers, ages 5 and 6, will spend Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Downtown Y facility.

Pick Up/Drop Off: Downtown Y Facility (4th & Cook Streets) or Camp Wa-Kon-Tah (6602 Iron Bridge Road, Chatham)

Camp Hours: 7 a.m.–6 p.m.

Scheduled Camp Activities: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Cost: Y Members: \$120 Public: \$148.00

Deposits required for each week. Balance must be paid in full one weeks prior to camp week. Third party payers are accepted. Request a Financial Assistance Form for more information about third party payers or financial assistance.

Open House for camp Wa-kon-Tah is Thursday, May 25th 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Contact Information

Shelby Smith, Associate Youth Development Director

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or

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Frequently Asked Questions

1) What time may I drop off and pick up my child?

Drop off for summer camp is from 7-8 a.m. and pick up is from 4-6 p.m. Parents may choose to pick up and drop off their child at either the Downtown facility or at Camp Wa-Kon-Tah. Campers will spend their days at Camp Wa-Kon-Tah when not on field trips. The pick up and drop off location must remain the same for the entire week for safety. Campers may be signed out as early as 4 p.m. Parents must park in the Y parking lot and enter the Y to sign in and out their camper. A parking token will be issued at the sign in/out table. Parking is not allowed on the street and violators will be towed. Campers who are picked up and dropped off at the Downtown facility will have the opportunity to swim when they return in the afternoon. If campers are going to be dropped off after 8 a.m. or picked up before 4 p.m., arrangements must be made with the camp director, Shelby Smith. Shelby may be reached by phone at 217-891-4073 or by email at ssmith@springfieldymca.org.

2) What if I drop off my camper at Camp Wa-Kon-Tah?

If you choose to drop your camper off at Camp Wa-Kon-Tah, you must park in the parking lot at camp. Parents must sign in their child inside the camp lodge. If you drop your child off at the campground, then you must pick your child up at the campground. Accommodations and/or modifications must be submitted in writing and cleared by the camp director, Shelby Smith, who may be reached by phone at 217-891-4073 or by email at ssmith@springfieldymca.org.

3) May my camper attend with a friend?

We will make every effort to have friends together for initial comfort, but we encourage campers to make new friends. All campers must be the appropriate age for the camp.

4) What will you be doing out at Camp Wa-Kon-Tah?

Campers get to experience canoeing, archery, crafts, trail walking, group games and making new friends.

5) Do the campers use the lake?

Yes. There is a waterfront certified lifeguard on duty at all times. The campers have an opportunity to canoe with camp staff and possibly fish. There is no swimming allowed at the lake

6) Are there fieldtrips?

Yes. We will take a least one field trip each week with weather permitting.

7) How and by whom will my child be supervised?

Each week, campers will be assigned to a group, with a counselor who is at least 18 years of age. Camp counselors rotate through the groups each week. The camp counselor will be actively involved in each activity and is trained in supervision, group dynamics, child abuse prevention, anti-bullying techniques, group games, leadership development, Christian principles, character development, CPR and First Aid.

8) If I have question or concerns, about Camp who do I contact to discuss these?

Concerns about your child's camp experience may be discussed with Camp Director Shelby Smith, 217-891-4073 or ssmith@springfieldymca.org.

9) May I observe the camp?

Parents are always welcome to join us. However, for the safety of all our campers, we conduct background checks on all staff and volunteers, including parents, so advance notice is critical if you would like to attend.

10) What other information is needed?

When you register you will receive an information packet that will include a parent manual, financial terms, health form and authorization forms. Forms need to be reviewed, completed and returned prior to your child's first day of camp.

11) When should payments be made?

Payments should be made one week before service. If you have not paid for the current week, your child will not be able to stay at camp.

12) Is financial assistance available?

Financial assistance is available however funds are limited.

14) Do you accept Third party provider?

Third party providers such as: CCP, DHS, DCFS and other third party provider arrangements are accepted. Payment plans may be established.