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**BEST
SUMMER
EVER**

**OTTAWA YMCA
SUMMER DAYCAMP 2017
#BestSummerEver**





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Friendship, Accomplishment, Belonging

Typical Day at Camp

6:30 - 7:30	Extended Care
7:30 - 8:00	Drop off and Free time
7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00	Camp opening circle
9:00 - 11:30	Themed Camp Program
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch
12:30 - 2:30	Swimming and Parks
2:30 - 4:30	Themed Camp Program
4:30 - 5:30	Closing Camp Circle and Pick up

NEW this Year!

Fridays at Heritage Harbor

Drop off & Pick up at Heritage Harbor
 2 Great Loop West, Ottawa, IL 61350
 6:30-7:30 am-Early Drop Off
 7:30 am-5:30 pm-Full Day Camp
 Kayaking, Pickleball, Butterfly Garden,
 Fresh Vegetable Garden, archery,
 Swimming, Fishing and MUCH, MUCH, more!

All campers participate in the camp opening circle and are then put into groups.

All campers will participate in activities that are related to the week's theme.

All campers will swim after lunch and then participate in their camps for the rest of the afternoon.

While campers are waiting for pick up they will participate in a closing circle.

All campers will receive a letter on the first day of camp outlining some of their activities and field trips for the week.

Any field trips that the campers will be taking will be posted at the sign in and out table on the first day of camp..

Please dress your child according to the weather due to our many outside activities.

Any photos or video is used for YMCA purposes only. Please sign the photo release form at registration

WEEKLY THEMES

June 5-10 - Country Hoedown

June 12-16 - Rock the Decades

June 19-23 - Y Throwdown

June 26-June 30 - Messy Olympics

July 3-7 - May the 4th Be With You

July 10-14 - Eye Spy

July 17-21 - Holldazzle Hoopla

July 24-28 - Water Water Everywhere

July 30-August 3 - Camper Skills

August 7-11 - Backyard Bash

FIELD TRIPS

June 7th - Bowling

June 14th - Roller Skating

June 21st - Buffalo Rock Park

June 28th - Joliet Slammers

July 5th - Joliet Splash Station

July 12th - Escape Room/Childrens Museum

July 19th - Lake Mendota

July 26th - Mathiessen Park

August 2nd - Roxy Movie Theatre

August 9th - Yogi Bear Park

DROP OFF & PICK UP

Upon arrival please go directly to the sign in table which is located in the YMCA small gym on days when at YMCA. Heritage Harbor will have a designated place. All parent/guardians must accompany their child into the YMCA/Heritage Harbor to sign them in.

Individuals signing a camper in and out must be over the age of 18.

Campers are not to be dropped off before 7:30 AM unless they are signed up for extended care.

Campers must be picked up by 5:30 PM and signed out by an adult or parents.

After 5:30 PM there is a \$5.00 charge per family for each 5 minutes that you are late. The charge is payable to the YMCA at the time the child is signed out.

Only those individuals specified on the registration form under authorization of release are able to pick up your child from camp.

If the counselors are unsure of who the individual is they will request photo ID.

Parents can drop off their children as early as 6:30 AM if registered for extended care. If you are not registered for extended care drop off is between 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM.

Pick up is between 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM for all campers.

If your child needs to leave early or is missing a day from camp please leave a message with the Day Camp Director at 815-433-2395.

END OF DAY

Child pick up will take place in small gym on YMCA days. Heritage Harbor will have a designated place.

Camp ends at 5:00 pm , pick up is no later than 5:30 pm.

Each child must be signed out prior to leaving.

DON'T FORGET

Back Pack

Plastic bag(for wet stuff)

Refillable water bottle

Swimsuit & towel

Hat

Bug Spray/Sunscreen

Extra T shirt for outside swimming

Weather appropriate clothing

Walking Shoes-NO FLIP FLOPS!

DO NOT BRING

Money, toys, electronics, water guns, or valuables. If items are brought they will be held by counselor until end of day.



MEDICAL

All Camper Information Forms must be completed within 7 days of registration to reserve your child's spot at camp. Follow the link located on the home page of our website at ottawaymca.org to complete the Camper Information Form. Campers cannot attend camp without these forms being completed.

We are only able to accommodate and treat minor first aid injuries in the Day Camp setting. If a camper is unable to resume participation in his or her activities, parents will be notified to pick up the camper, or in the case of major/sudden illness or injury, emergency services will be utilized.

If your child has any serious medical conditions, Behavioral concerns, please discuss them with the Day Camp Director prior to the first day of camp.

If your child needs to take medications during camp hours please indicate this on the Camper Medication Form. Please contact the Day Camp Director prior to the first day of camp if you have any questions about these forms.

If your child has an Epi-pen, please give to the Day Camp Staff.
All medication must be labeled and given to Day Camp staff with dispensing directions.

OUTDOOR

YMCA Summer Day Camps are outdoor based programs. To ensure every child can fully participate in all outdoor and indoor activities, campers must bring suitable clothing for all types of weather. This includes sunscreen, hat, and water bottle.

Please donate a bottle of sunscreen and a bottle of bug spray at the beginning of camp. Please encourage all campers to wear a hat when participating in outdoor activities.

It would be helpful for parents to apply sunscreen in the morning before the camper arrives at the YMCA. Pool rules are discussed on the first day of camp. Children will be swimming at our outdoor community pools as well as our own indoor pool. Children who wish to swim in the deep end will take a swim test to determine their skill level.

Campers will take regular water breaks throughout the day. Please ensure they bring a water bottle.

BEHAVIOR

The YMCA embraces the values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility as the basis of all YMCA operations. The YMCA is committed to a positive approach to improving our community through its future leaders, our children. Character Development challenges others to accept and demonstrate positive values. Our camp staff serve as role models to promote good character. Acceptable behavior based on the golden rule "Treat others as you would want them to treat you." Children will follow directions given by the program leader regarding safety procedures and will stay with the group for all scheduled activities.

Behaviors that will result in disciplinary action:

- * Fighting with YMCA staff or other children
- * Stealing or defacing another camper's property or defacing property.
- * Using foul language, being rude, disruptive or discourteous to YMCA staff or campers
- * Disruptive behavior that would affect Summer Daycamp reputation
- * Verbal, threatening, or physically abusive behavior to YMCA staff or campers
- * Leaving the YMCA Daycamp site without permission or staying with group on outings
- * Bringing or using any illegal substances or weapons
- * Not following basic safety rules

Disciplinary Actions

1st Incident - Child will speak to Youth and Family Director and Parent will be notified by phone. Disciplinary Write Up # 1.

2nd Incident - Disciplinary Write Up # 2. (Copy given to parents). Parents will be called at work and notified of infraction.

3rd Incident - Disciplinary Write Up # 3. Action taken will be dependent on the infraction, ranging from suspension to expulsion from the program. Parents will be called at work and required to pick up child immediately.

The minimum disciplinary action after the third write up will be a one day suspension from the program. **If** the camper is allowed back, there must be a behavior improvement plan in place prior to return.