

CAMP MUDD



Parent Handbook

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Location</u>
Camp Mudd	6000 O'Neal Road, Columbia MO 65202

Management Staff

	Camp Mudd Director	Call/Text through Remind App
Kip Batye	Branch Director kbatye@icymca.org	573-657-9622 ext. 707
Nabrina Keltner	Child Care Director nabrinas@icymca.org	573-657-9622 ext. 808
Faryn Griffin	Membership Director fgriffin@icymca.org	573-657-9622 ext. 606

Operational/Financial Aspects of Camp

Camp Hours: 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Dear Camp Mudd Families,

This year, there will be a change in our transportation arrangements. To sustain the Camp Mudd program, parents will now be responsible for dropping off and picking up their children at specific times. Unfortunately, we can no longer provide bus transportation.

We understand this may require adjustments, and we appreciate your support in ensuring Camp Mudd remains a memorable and enriching experience for all our campers.

<u>AM Drop-off</u>	<u>PM Pick-up</u>
8-9 am	3-4 pm

Friday pick-up (camp-out weeks) 10-11 am
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FEES: Non-refundable \$35 registration fee (one-time). Covers all field trips, swimming pool passes. Camp t-shirt Is Included If registered before May 1st.

Non-refundable \$10 weekly deposit to reserve spot. This is necessary to secure your child's spot. The deposit is applied to the weekly camp fee. Payments are automatically withdrawn from your account each week.

\$180 per week

Payment Methods: ACH withdrawal or credit card. Payment arrangements are indicated at registration.

Adding or dropping a week of camp:

Add/drop **MUST** be done by the parent by contacting Nabrina Keltner: nabrinas@jcyymca.org or 573-657-9622 ext. 808. Requests to add or drop weeks must be done a **minimum of one week prior to date of service**. Refunds are unavailable if not cancelled within 7 days. Requests to add weeks is dependent on availability.

Returned Checks: Insufficient bank drafts are assessed a \$20.00 fee. After three insufficient returns, we will not accept bank drafts. Any insufficient drafts or checks may result in loss of enrollment.

Collections

Payments not received in the timeframe indicated weekly or as a result of an insufficient check may be subject to collection activity by a collection agency and/or attorney. If such occurs, the patron agrees that he/she shall be responsible for any and all of the Southern Boone Area YMCA's expenses, including but not limited to, collection costs, court costs, and attorney fees whether or not litigation is commenced.

Outreach

Please call Membership Director, Faryn Griffin, at 657-9622 ext. 606 for questions regarding Outreach assistance.

Policies and Procedures for Camp

Behavior Management

The YMCA strives to teach the four core values of respect, responsibility, caring and honesty to all children in our program. We believe in second chances, and use positive techniques

such as redirection and think sheets to promote reflection on behavior and ways to make good choices in the future.

However, some actions are considered too serious to be dealt with by these methods. A child may be sent home for the following behaviors (**including but not limited to**):

- Biting
- Hitting/Punching
- Spitting
- Stealing
- Throwing objects with the intent to harm people or destroy property
- Hurting/Threatening to hurt self or others
- Revealing/touching private body parts purposefully, or touching another child inappropriately
- Bringing a weapon to camp
- Running away or leaving camp/staff without permission
- Profanity
- Bullying, including ethnic/religious/cultural intolerance

If a child accrues excessive suspensions, they may be removed from the program for the rest of the summer.

No credits/refunds issued if a child is sent home/removed from the program due to disciplinary problems.

Parent Code of Conduct

We expect all parents in our program to model appropriate behavior for the children we serve. Parents who behave in the following manners will be asked to leave the YMCA:

- Use of profanity
- Behavior consistent with alcohol/drug use
- Physically threatening staff, children, self or other families
- Verbally bullying/intimidating staff, children or other families
- Attempting to confront/discipline a child other than their own.

Confidentiality

YMCA staff will not discuss children's behavior or behavior consequences with anyone other than that child's parent or legal guardian. All children have a right to privacy, and the YMCA will not violate that right, regardless of the situation.

Communication

We will use the **Remind app** to send out messages and reminders. You are also able to respond to messages within the app. See chart below to sign up. We will also use email to send important updates.

TEXT @campmudd **TO** 81010 **FOR** Camp Mudd

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your Camp Director or Management Staff.

Sign In and Sign Out

Each day you must sign In & out your child. Do not send siblings under 16 to pick up your child.

If someone other than people listed as **AUTHORIZED PICK-UP** is taking your child from camp, please notify staff.

Staff will ask for ID when new faces are picking up children.

Absences

Please inform staff of planned absences. Fees are not pro-rated for absences from the program.

Camper Illness

Camp is no place for sick children. We will call you to pick up your child if he/she displays the following:

- Fever over 100 degrees
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fainting
- Undiagnosed rashes
- Impetigo
- Ringworm
- Head Lice
- Red, inflamed eyes (Pink eye)
- Chicken Pox
- Strep Throat (without 24-hour medication)

Head Lice: If a child has head lice or has been sent home for head lice, they may not return to camp without a release from a physician or County Health Department stating the child is free from lice.

All other illnesses: Children need to remain home for at least 24 hours to eliminate contagion.

Note: If your child is too ill to play outside or participate in activities, they are too ill to be at camp.

Accidents

- Staff will treat any injury that is brought to their attention.
- If your child hits their head at camp, you will be immediately notified.
- If a child is injured and needs medical attention, you will be immediately notified.

Medication

- Parent/Guardian **MUST** list medications during registration.
- The medicine must be in the **original container with the child's name and dosage**.
- We will not dispense medication from a "baggie", etc.
- Parents must hand counselors medication; medication received from campers will not be dispensed.
- The Y reserves the right to refuse medication administration on a case-by-case basis.

Mandated Reporters

Child care staff are required by law to report any cases of suspected child abuse or neglect to the Child and Abuse Hotline.

Employee/Child Contact Outside of YMCA Programs

No employee may have contact with a child in their program away from the YMCA. This includes, but is not limited to, transporting a child home, babysitting, socializing or sports.

Late Pickup Policy

In order to be fair and consistent with all families in our program, the YMCA has adopted a "no exceptions late policy". Many of our staff have evening classes/obligations as well as families of their own. Please be considerate and arrive on time to pick your child up. The YMCA clock will serve as the official camp clock. Please synchronize your timekeeping devices with this clock. Frequent late pickups may result in removal from the program.

Your child must be dropped off and picked up at the times listed above.

\$1.00 per minute per family will be charged if child is picked up after 4:00 pm.

Late Pick-up with no Parent Contact

4:00 PM: Staff will attempt to contact parents.

4:15 PM: Emergency contacts called if parents have not responded.

4:30 PM: IF NO CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE: Director of Childcare Services contacted;

Child Abuse

Hotline called. Child will be transferred to juvenile authorities.

Acknowledgment

This summer camp program is exempt from child care licensure.

Camp Activities and Programs

Swimming

Children will swim throughout week. You are required to provide sunscreen for your child. Please indicate your child's swim ability on the enrollment form:

Designate which level your child is at based on the descriptions provided.

NON-SWIMMER: restricted to shallow areas only, under close supervision. Not allowed in deeper water over 3 ft or off the diving boards.

BEGINNER: Allowed to swim up to 5 ft of water, however are still restricted from the diving boards.

INTERMEDIATE: May go anywhere in the pool, however must be accompanied by a camp staff member in order to go off of the diving boards.

ADVANCED: No restrictions.

Lifeguards have final say on child's swim ability.

Field Trips

- Campers are asked to wear their camp shirts on Field Trip Days.
- Parents will be notified ASAP if a trip is cancelled.
- Parents are **WELCOME** to accompany their child on any field trips.