



# Parent F.A.Q.-Sussex YMCA Summer Camp 2026

- **Are lunches being provided this Summer?**
  - No. Parent/Guardian(s) must ensure your child has a packed, well-balanced lunch each day. Afternoon snack will be provided by the Sussex YMCA.
- **Are field trips planned for this Summer?**
  - We are currently working to provide a combination of off-site and in-house field trips that are fun and engaging. Off-site trips are subject to change or cancellation with little notice. Stay tuned!
- **Are beach trips planned for this Summer?**
  - Currently, we are planning to attend the beach weekly as we have in past Summers. This year, sports and specialty camps also go to the beach.
- **What does my child need to bring DAILY?**
  - All children must have:
    - Water Bottle
    - Sunscreen
    - Swim attire (bathing suit, water shoes/flip flops, towel, goggles-optional)
    - Packed Lunch
    - Weather appropriate attire
- **Can my child bring electronics to camp?**
  - Campers are NOT PERMITTED to bring the following:
    - Electronics (iPad, cell phone, tablets)
    - Toys
    - Jewelry or other valuable possessions
    - Pets
    - Alcohol or drugs of any kind (will result in IMMEDIATE dismissal from camp)
    - Anything else perceived inappropriate

**\*\*Items not permitted will be confiscated and held in the camp office until the end of the week or until arrangements have been made for pick-up. Multiple offenses are subject to a camper's dismissal from camp for the remainder of the summer season.**

- **How do I contact the Camp Director or someone from administration?**
  - The Camp Director (or administration) can be reached, during camp hours, at 302-510-1265.
  - For camp inquiries or general questions, please email [campoowassis@ymcade.org](mailto:campoowassis@ymcade.org).
  - For parent/child concerns, the Camp Director can be reached by phone at 302-510-1265 or via email (outside of camp hours) at [sdowning@ymcade.org](mailto:sdowning@ymcade.org).
  - **Procare:** Parents will be able to download the Procare app to get real-time messages to the campground regarding your child. If you are new to camp, you will receive an email, once your child is placed in our portal, to join.

- **How late can I register my child for camp each week?**
  - Camp enrollment for the upcoming week closes on Wednesdays at noon, THE WEEK PRIOR. For example, for the camp week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, enrollment closes on June 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. No exceptions will be made without the Camp Director's approval.
- **If my child is placed on the waitlist, when will I be notified if a spot becomes available?**
  - Families are contacted via email by the Monday PRIOR TO each upcoming week of camp if spots are available. If you do not receive an email to register for a vacant spot, you will receive an email with sincerest apologies that no spots were available. We encourage families to always have a backup plan as enrollment is NOT guaranteed. Please make sure your account is updated with the most current email address.
- **What if my child needs medication while at camp?**
  - PRIOR TO the start of your child's camp week, a medication form must be completed and that form, along with your child's medication, should be brought with your child on their first day. Medication forms can be found on our camp page under "parent resources". Please note:
    - Prescription medication MUST be in its original container and properly labeled with your child's name and necessary information (dosage, how often medication is taken, etc.)
    - Over the counter (OTC) medication should be in its original container with no evidence of prior use (seal cannot be broken).
    - We can only keep medication for 1 week. All medications will be given back to the parent at the end of the camp week. If your child attends weekly, you must bring in a 5-day supply every Monday.
- **What if I no longer need care for my child?**
  - If you wish to cancel a camp week for your child, you must complete a change request form (located on our website). Our YMCA of Delaware policies on camp deposits and cancellations are as follows:

***DEPOSIT:*** A non-refundable deposit is required per child, per week to reserve your spot. This non-refundable deposit cannot be applied to additional weeks. If you need to change, cancel, or modify a week, including a change to membership status (holds, cancellations and terminations), the Deposit paid will not be available for transfer or refund. This policy will not be applied for families authorized and utilizing Purchase of Care funding.

***CANCELLATION AND CHANGE REQUIREMENTS:*** All Change requests must be made two weeks prior to the week you wish to change using this Cancel, Add or Change Form. If proper notice is not provided, the full week of camp fees will be due and will not be refunded. This policy will not be applied for families authorized and utilizing Purchase of Care funding.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: ANY exceptions to these policies must be approved by the Vice President of Youth Development.\*\***

- **Any other questions?**
  - Visit our website <https://www.ymcade.org/programs/summerdaycamp/>
  - Please feel free to contact the following:
    - Shannon Downing [sdowning@ymcade.org](mailto:sdowning@ymcade.org)
    - Veronica Luck [vluck@ymcade.org](mailto:vluck@ymcade.org)
    - During camp season: [campoowassis@ymcade.org](mailto:campoowassis@ymcade.org)