

YMCA CAMP PINEWOOD

Dear Parents,

Congratulations! If you are reading this letter then your son or daughter is registered for an exciting session of summer camp at YMCA Camp Pinewood. This experience is truly one that they will remember for the rest of their life. To help you with your planning for this summer camp experience we have put together a parent information packet to answer many of your questions, and to help guide your summer camp preparations.

The information in the following packet is critical to ensure that your child's camp experience starts off on the right track. Please read through all of these forms carefully, as several of them must be completed prior to your child's camp session. If you have any questions regarding the paperwork in this packet please feel free to call us at (231) 821-2421.

The following forms should be found following this letter:

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| - Parent Checklist | <i>Yours to Keep</i> |
| - Packing List | <i>Yours to Keep</i> |
| - Parent FAQ's | <i>Yours to Keep</i> |
| - Bus Transportation Info. | <i>Yours to Keep</i> |
| - Camper Information | <i>Fax, Email, or Mail to Camp Pinewood 30 days prior to camp session</i> |
| - Health History | <i>Bring with you to Bus Stop / Camp</i> |
| - Risk Waiver | <i>Bring with you to Bus Stop / Camp</i> |
| - Camper Pickup Authorization / Store Account Form | <i>Bring with you to Bus Stop / Camp</i> |

While you are preparing your child and yourself for their camp experience, I would like to assure you that our camp staff is preparing our camp as well so that this summer will be one of the best experiences your child has ever had.

Our staff is highly qualified and well trained to work with children and manage any issues that may arise. It is our goal to make sure families and campers feel confident with their decision to attend YMCA Camp Pinewood. Please feel free to contact me, Billy Rankin, Camping Director or Erik Bengston, Executive Director at any time with questions you or your camper(s) may have. We can be reached at 231-821-2421.

The last step in preparing for summer camp is to ready both yourself and your children for being separated during camp. Positive words of encouragement and discussion about the exciting activities available at camp will help your camper to be excited about their upcoming adventure. Remind your camper that they will meet new friends, both campers and staff, from around the country and around the world! Be careful not to linger on how much you will miss your camper while they will be gone - often parents who are camper-sick lead to campers who will become homesick.

Above all remember this: you have chosen a YMCA camp. We will treat your children as our own, and help to instill them with the values of respect, responsibility, honesty and caring. With such a terrific staff, beautiful location and exciting activities, you are giving your child the opportunity of lifetime.

Once again, congratulations! We look forward to seeing your child this summer.

Sincerely,

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