2017
YMCA Camp Chi
Day Camp
Welcome Packet

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Dear Families,

First, let us begin by saying how EXCITED we are that you are going to be sharing camp with us! We are going to have a great time, share lots of adventures and meet some new friends! We can’t wait to get to know you!

You’ve given your child a wonderful gift – the opportunity to experience the natural world, learn new skills, make meaningful new friendships and rediscover themselves outside of the pressures of the modern world. We’re looking forward to a safe and fun summer that instills confidence in your child and creates wonderful memories.

We’re committed to teaching the Y core values – respect, responsibility, honesty and caring – and creating a nurturing community that supports what your kids are learning at home. Safety and supervision are essential components of our program. We carefully select our counselors from a rigorously screened group and train them extensively.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone (610) 627-9622 ext. 1211 or by email amckay@philaymca.org.

Looking forward to a fun filled summer!

Ashley McKay

Program Director
A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP CHI

The Summer Day Programming at Chi Camp focuses on adventure, experiences, personal growth, new friendships, memories and FUN! Children will spend most of their day at the Boothwyn Elementary School in primarily outside based activities. Children will be bussed to the High School for weekly swim time. Weekly field trips or in house visitors will also be planned to round out your campers experience. Our co-ed groups are broken down by age. The group schedules will vary by week and day but the diagram below will give you an overview of a

9:00 AM Opening Ceremony
Announcements, B-days, songs, and activities are done to kick-off the day.

9am –11am Workshops
Workshops are based on the weekly themes. They are used to educate and empower campers

11:00 AM Stations
A variety of stations consisting of arts and crafts, science exploration, teambuilding, thought provoking games and more!

1:00 PM Recreational Fun
Campers will learn teamwork and sportsmanship through planned group activities and games in a fun environment.

2:00 PM Refresh and Refuel
Campers will rehydrate and eat an afternoon snack in their camper groups.

3:00 PM All-Camp Themed Activity
Campers will come together and participate in an activity involving the entire camp.

4:00 PM Closing Ceremony
“It was a great day at camp!” We will wrap up the day with songs, announcements, shout outs and awards on

7-9 AM & 4-6 PM
Before & After Care
Early morning and late activities will be planned daily. Please bring Photo ID for pick up.
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FAQ

Q. Is there a camp open house?
A. Yes! May 9th 6 PM – 7:30 PM At Boothwyn Elementary School
Stop by with your family and friends for a great opportunity to meet our Day Camp Director and some of the camp staff to learn more about the summer plans. There will also be time to ask questions, see locations for camps and go over drop off and pick up procedures.

Q. What time can I drop off / pick up my child?
A. Normal camp drop off if from 8:40 – 9:00 AM and pick up from 4:00 PM – 4:20 PM. Extended Care runs from 7:00-9:00 AM in the morning and 4:00-6:00 PM in the evenings.

Q. What is the plan for Transportation for Field Trips during Inclement Weather?
A. Your child’s safety and well-being are our top priorities. The YMCA reserves the right to delay or cancel programs and field trips based on inclement weather that could affect your child’s safety and program quality. Parents will be notified through the Remind App of announcements and changes.

Q. If I need to have a conversation with my child’s Camp Director or Camp Counselor(s) when is good time?
A. We encourage parents to reach out to the appropriate Camp Director with all questions or concerns. Feel free to call/email to set up a time to speak or you may stop in during camp hours and we will do our best to accommodate you. We do ask that you not have a conversation in the drop off lines as it slows down the process of drop off.

Q. What should I send (not send) with my child to camp?
A. Please Check out our What to Bring / Not to Bring page for detailed information.

Q. Who is caring for my child while he/she is at camp?
A. We hire counselors with excellent character, strong values, enthusiasm and experience working with kids. Before camp starts, we add to their skills with more than 40 hours of instruction in training such as child development, first aid and conflict resolution.

Q. What do you do in case of hot weather?
A. When weather reports indicate an unhealthy heat index or poor air quality, we adjust our camp day to safeguard campers from dehydration and overexposure to sun and heat. We provide cool, indoor or shaded places for camp activities, provide frequent water breaks and monitor sun exposure. We are committed to providing a safe environment for kids, but if your child isn’t feeling well, we will give them a quiet space to relax and contact you if needed.

Q. What does my child eat during the day? You will need to pack your camper’s lunch. Please check out our What to Bring/Not Bring page for more info on what to pack. Lunch may be provided for those who qualify.
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What to bring/not to bring to camp

WHAT TO BRING FOR FULL DAY CAMP
- Lunch (with ice packs important for field trip days)
- 2-3 drinks (we encourage water)
- 2 snacks
- Please pack lunch, drinks and snacks in a LABELED cooler or lunch bag.
- Water bottle (please label)
- Swim bag packed with their swimsuit and towel clearly labeled.

SUNSCREEN
The sun at camp is always a concern for us. We want you to know that we are committed to making sure your child is safe from the sun. We strongly encourage you to pack your camper with SPRAY ON SUNSCREEN. We will assist our youngest campers in applying sunscreen during each sunscreen break. However, campers 8 years old and up will be responsible for applying their own sunscreen during the day (with plenty of reminders from their counselors). If sun exposure is ever a problem – please notify the director immediately so that extra precautions and applications can be made.

WHAT NOT TO BRING
We ask that campers refrain from bringing any of the following:
- Money, alcohol, drugs, vehicles, animals or weapons
- Any valuables
- Skateboards, scooters, Heelys or bicycles
- iPods, cell phones or other electronics
- Electronic games (including Nintendo DS)
- Toys, balls, playing cards, etc.

Parents, please help us with these requests. We do not want something precious to your child to be lost or broken. Thank you very much!

WHAT TO WEAR TO CAMP
- Sunscreen
- Shorts
- Light-weight top
- Hat
- Comfortable, CLOSED TOE shoes
- Camp t-shirt required on trip day

WHAT NOT TO WEAR TO CAMP
- Revealing clothing (i.e. halter tops) or any clothing with an offensive message/logo
- JEANS
- Black/dark colored clothing
- Expensive clothing, dresses, etc.
- OPEN TOED SHOES OR FLIP FLOPS
  - If your child chooses to wear these please be aware that they may be restricted from participating in certain activities for their own safety and you will be contacted by our Camp Director.
THE BENEFITS OF CAMP CHI

- FREE Lunches Available

- FREE Before and After Care 7am-9am and 4pm-6pm

- Financial Assistance is available for families making below $80,000 a year- based on a sliding scale rate up to 50% off weekly rate.

The YMCA is committed to serving our community. Should your circumstances require additional financial assistance, we will review your case and discuss the possibility of additional financial assistance.

For questions regarding financial assistance contact Carla Burbo 610-627-9622 ext. 1240
Rocky Run Camp CHI!
Summer Day Camp
Now in the Chichester School District
Boothwyn Elementary
June 19th-August 18th

- Free swimming and instructions at the High School
- Physical Activities
- Field Trips
- STEM
- Art Exploration
- Science Fun
- Theme Weeks

9AM-4PM
Before & After Care Available

If you want your kid to have the best summer ever, register now!

For registration information, contact Ashley McKay at amckay@philaymca.org