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YMCA Camp Ingersoll Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I Register?

Online registration at CampIngersoll.org is the best! Please read ALL directions at the beginning of EVERY step and your camper will be registered in no time. Returning family registration opens on January 29th and general registration opens on February 4th.

2. Are Preview and Finale week different from other sessions?

Yes, they are one-week sessions. Before and after camp are only located at camp, and only two buses run (see pg. 10 of our brochure). We try to include special events every week, campers will travel to one specialty area every day.

3. What should my camper bring each day?

Campers must bring closed toe shoes/sneakers – reusable water bottle – towel – swimsuit – sunscreen – lunch – backpack - an extra change of clothes. PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS! DO NOT BRING personal toys, iPods, Gameboys, trading cards, cell phones, etc.

4. Does YMCA Camp Ingersoll provide lunch?

We are continuing to offer our bagged lunch program from SUBWAY for an additional fee. You can sign up online or on your registration form. Prior to the start of a session, you will receive a menu to select your lunch. Campers who bring their own lunch should pack it in a brown paper bag. All lunches are refrigerated.

5. Will my child receive swimming lessons?

All traditional campers will have two swim periods per day. The first period will be instructional activities and the second will be a free swim.

6. Can I pick my child up early?

Parents must notify camp prior to 2:30. Please pick your camper up BEFORE 2:45 or at Parent Pickup at 4:00. Children will only be released to individuals with a valid photo ID who are listed on the contact sheet. Campers MUST be signed out

7. What if my camper needs medication?

Complete and submit the "Authorization to Administer Medication" form signed by both the guardian and doctor. Forms are available online and by request. Medications must be in their original labeled container.

8. How can I get in touch with my child's counselor?

Counselors place a call to the family's home on the second day of each session to introduce themselves and answer any questions you may have. Counselors may call from a private number and cannot leave a message if your voice mailbox is full. If parents believe they have missed a phone call, they are encouraged to call YMCA Camp Ingersoll at 860-



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342-2267 where a counselor, coordinator, or leadership staff member will be available to speak with them. Please keep in mind that specific staff members may not be immediately available to speak with you but will get back to you at their earliest convenience. Many parents find it helpful to communicate through notes. Communication with parents is very important to us, please don't hesitate to call with any questions.

9. Do you apply sunscreen at camp?

Sunscreen should be applied by parents in the morning. Counselors will help reapply after each swim session and lunch if the parent provides it.

10. Can my camper have a phone at camp?

We understand why parents may want their campers to have phones. Electronics cannot be used at camp, but campers can keep phones in their bags. Our counselors provide engaging and varied activities for all campers which focus on social interactions, relationship building, and positive engagement. If phones are seen at camp, counselors first ask campers to put them away and eventually move to keep the phone in the office until a parent can pick it up.

11. Is camp canceled on rainy days?

Camp runs through sunshine or rain (or liquid sunshine as we call it here at camp). Camp will be canceled only if a holiday falls on a weekday or if there are urgent weather warnings. In these cases, you will receive an email confirming cancellation or a delay.

12. What needs to be completed prior to camp?

Your camper's HEALTH FORM (Physical from the last 3 years) must be submitted before May 1, and if applicable, your camper's AUTHORIZATION TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION form should be complete. You can find more information about how to submit these items online when you register for camp.

13. How can I find lost camp items?

The most successful method of finding lost items is being preemptive in labeling ALL items (first and last name) that come to camp with a permanent marker. Those items will be returned to campers during opening or closing ceremonies. Other, nonlabeled, items will be displayed behind the grand pavilion to be claimed (most non-labeled clothes are never claimed and therefore, donated at the end of the session).

14. How can I get more information?

- For registration questions please contact Rools Elysee at 860-342-2267 or relysee@midymca.org.
- You can reach our Camp Director, Ben Silliman, at 860-342-2267 or send an email at bsilliman@midymca.org.
- For forms and more information, please visit CampIngersoll.org.
- For high-resolution photos of your camper please download our new photo platform <https://waldophotos.com/@ymcacampingersoll>
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