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## YMCA of Orange Camp Oakes `11 PARENT'S GUIDE

### **PAYMENT & REFUND POLICY**

Payment for Camp can be made in cash, by check, or with a credit card (in person or over the phone) at the YMCA of Orange administrative offices at 146 N. Grand Street in the city of Orange.

If you cancel at any time prior to your child's scheduled departure for camp, you will receive a full refund **except for your deposit and membership fee**. This includes all Campership awardees. A written explanation must be given to the YMCA office in order to receive a refund. We will not refund any portion of your camp fee if you do not contact us prior to or your child's scheduled day to leave for camp.

Camp is \$455.00 (including a \$100.00 deposit)  
A \$45.00 once a year membership fee is also due.

### **CAMPERSHIPS/FINANCIAL AID**

The YMCA of Orange makes every attempt to try not to turn people away based on the inability to pay. Therefore, if the price of attending a week at Camp is beyond your means, you may apply for the financial aid camp scholarships that we call "Camperships." Camperships are awarded to cover a portion of the cost of camp. Limited funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

As an option, you can help defray the cost of camp by selling peanuts to cover the cost of your camp experience. Please inquire at the Y about when you can buy your P-Nuttles.

In order to be considered for a Campership, your child must be between the ages of 8 to 16 years of age and you must:

- Parents who are applying for a Campership must pay the \$45 membership fee.
- Completely fill out the Campership Application and Camp registration forms;
- Provide proof of eligibility through a paycheck stub or your recent tax return

### **PARENTS NIGHT**

Parents' Night is Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the **YMCA of Orange Youth Center on Palmyra**. Parent's night is a short meeting where parents can ask questions about the Camp, meet camp staff, and can share their excitement about their child's upcoming camp experience.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Final deadline for payment and paperwork is 3:00p on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011.**

**Parent's Night is Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7:00p.**

**Camp is July 30<sup>th</sup> 2011-August 6<sup>th</sup> 2011.**



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## **MAIL**

Send your package or letter to:

**Your Child's Name  
Camp Oakes  
(C/O Dates in Camp)  
P.O. Box 452  
Big Bear, CA 92314**

Your child can also send mail to you, so you may want to provide them with a pad and pen, pre-addressed envelopes, and a couple of stamps.

## **YMCA of Orange Mailing Address:**

YMCA Youth Center  
Re: Res. Camp  
2241 E. Palmyra  
Orange, CA 92869

- You can mail in your paperwork but it must be complete and received by July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.
- Parent's Night will be held at the Palmyra location.

## **YMCA of Orange Administrative Office:**

The Grand Street Center  
146 N. Grand St.  
Orange, CA 92866  
(714) 633-9622

- Cross Streets are Chapman & Grand St. Between The Wells Fargo Parking Lot & the First Presbyterian Church
- You can make your payment(s) at this location or call us to make payments by phone.



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### **WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO BRING TO CAMP:**

- A Brown Sack Lunch** (For the trip up on the first day)
- Sleeping Bag (Clearly labeled with your child's first and last name.)
- 7 to 10 pairs of underwear
- 7 to 10 pairs of socks
- 2 pairs of durable jeans
- 5 T-shirts
- 2 Sweatshirts
- 3 pairs of durable shorts
- 2 pairs of shoes (flip-flops are not allowed at camp).
- Shoes with a raised separated heel are **optional**, so that your child can use the stirrups on the horses.
- 1 warm winter jacket
- Sleepwear
- 1 bathing suit
- 1 bath towel
- 1 beach towel for the pool
- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, a comb/brush, shampoo, tissue, & deodorant – all in a toiletry bag).
- Sunscreen, Lotion & Chapstick (It's very dry up there!)
- A water bottle/canteen
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight
- 1 pillow
- 1 bag for dirty laundry (There is no laundry service at Camp)

### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED:**

- **Money**
- Weapons
- Fireworks or other dangerous substances
- Alcohol or controlled substances
- Toys (except stuffed animals or night-time friends)
- Cell Phones
- Any portable video games (such as a Game Boy or PSP)
- **iPod's/Radios/CD Players**
- Matches or a lighter
- Any tobacco or similarly harmful products
- Anything valuable
- Animals/pets
- Personal Sports Equipment – bats, balls etc.

### **CAMPER DISCIPLINE**

The first step we take when we see that a child is misbehaving is to separate the child from the group and try to determine the root of the problem. Once we have done that, we then try to remedy it while simultaneously making the child aware of his or her misdeeds. Once we have remedied the problem and feel that the child understands the nature of his or her wrongdoing, we assign an appropriate discipline for the child.

If a child continues to misbehave, we will call you for help. If we determine with you that your child's behavior is detrimental to the camp program, we will ask that you pick up your child at your expense. No refund of camp fees is available in this case.



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## **CAMP ACTIVITIES**

The activities your child will engage in at Camp include:

- Lakefront is supervised by certified Red Cross lifeguards.
- Horses
- Climbing Wall
- High Ropes Adventure Course
- Low Ropes Adventure Course
- Archery
- Arts and Crafts
- Nature Center
- Observatory
- Pool- supervised by certified Red Cross lifeguards.
- Riflery- A Certified riflery instructor will teach your child to shoot a b.b. gun or .22 caliber rifles in a safe, well-monitored environment.
- Carnival
- Hike
- Chapel- Each day, your child will be inspired as we give thanks and energize for the day at non-denominational morning chapel.
- Campfire
- The Ragger & Leather Program- Your child will have an opportunity to challenge themselves and create personal goals by joining a fellowship with nearly a century of YMCA tradition.

## **DROP OFF PROCEDURE**

- Arrive at 8:00 a.m. (please no earlier) at the Youth Center on Palmyra.
- Park outside the parking lot (please do not block the parking lot or pass the tape line).
- Proceed to the Check-In Table & Check-In
- Proceed to Medication Table and Check-In Medication
- Place your child's luggage in the luggage pile.
- Lead your child to his/her Cabin group. Sign your child in.
- Meet your child's Leader (discuss any special care issues at this time).
- Say good-bye to your child.

## **PICK UP PROCEDURE**

- Call the YMCA after 2:00pm to verify estimated arrival time. The YMCA voicemail will have current est. arrival times.
- When you do arrive, please do not block parking lot or bus parking area.
- Look for your child's leader and sign out your child.
- Collect your child's luggage and medication.

## **IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY**

If you have a family emergency and need to get a hold of your child while they are at camp, please call the YMCA of Orange main office at (714) 633-9622 and we will contact camp for you. Please remember that Camp Oakes is 230 acres and we have over 200 people in camp at any time. It may take some time to get to your child and have them return your call. We appreciate your patience.



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## **MEDICAL PROBLEMS**

Our infirmary at Camp staffs a nurse for 24 hour medical care. If your child does fall ill they will be able to stay at the infirmary. If your child does become seriously ill or is in an accident they will be transported to one of two emergency centers in Big Bea and you will be notified immediately.

Part of your fee provides for secondary health coverage for all visits to these centers. However, if your primary health insurance covers the visit that will be the first insurance charged.

## **FAQ's**

### **Q. What type of luggage should I send my child's belonging in?**

A We suggest that you pack all of your child's belongings in army-type duffel bag No trash bags or trunks are allowed. Please label all of your child's belongings with his/her name on it; it'll make things easier for the child and for us to identify their belongings.

### **Q. How many pieces of luggage can my child bring?**

A. Your child is permitted only two large bags of luggage. **No trash bags or trunks, please!**

### **Q. My child lost an item. What can I do?**

A. The YMCA holds medication and lost & found articles for 10 days at the YMCA main office. The camp staff and all YMCA employees are not held responsible for any item lost or stolen during the course of the week.

### **Q. What is the weather like at camp?**

A. During the day at Camp, the average temperature is 80°; at night, the average temperature is 50°.

### **Q. What are the accommodations like at camp?**

A. Your child will sleep on a wooden frame bunk bed inside an insulated cabin. Two high-capacity shower restroom facilities (with individual private shower booths and private stalls) are available for your child's convenience.

### **Q. Can I visit my child at camp?**

A. Since camp is only a week-long experience, it is necessary to maintain a certain frame of mind with the campers. Therefore, parents are strongly discouraged from visiting their children at Camp or during the camp week. Please respect our policy and your child's camp experience.

### **Q. When should I mail my child a package or letter?**

A. On the Thursday or Friday BEFORE YOUR CHILD LEAVES FOR CAMP, this is to ensure your mail arrives while your child is at camp. Your child can also send mail to you, so you may want to provide them with a pad and pen, pre-addressed envelopes, and a couple of stamps.

**We appreciate your cooperation and on behalf of our entire Y staff, we look forward to seeing your child at camp this year!**



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