

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **WHEN DOES MY CHILD GET HIS/HER CAMP TEE SHIRT AND WHAT ARE THE SIZES?**
 - We distribute camp shirts, at camp, prior to that week's adventure day. The shirts are preshrunk cotton and are unisex sizing (Youth SM, MED, LG, and Adult SM, MED, LG, XL)

- **WHERE IS THE LOST AND FOUND?**
 - No matter how many reminders, campers lose things! We stress responsibility each day. It is the nature of the camp schedule for campers to retrace their steps each day, so lost items are usually found the next day with reminders. Otherwise, Lost & Found will be located at the pick-up location for your group.

- **CAN MY CHILD STAY BACK IN CAMP IF THERE IS A FIELD TRIP?**
 - Out of Camp Field Trips are optional at Camp Eastman, but those staying back will have the option to participate with the youngest campers in-camp adventures.

- **HOW DO YOU CHOOSE WHAT FIELD TRIPS THE CAMPERS GO ON?**
 - Trips are chosen based on the safety of the location (supervision considerations, bathrooms, and the facility), the age appropriateness of the activities, if they are in-line with the YMCA's focus area of Healthy Living, the proximity to camp (short drive time) and of course what our campers through the years have let us know they enjoy.

- **WHY DO THE YOUNGEST CAMPERS HAVE MOSTLY IN-CAMP ADVENTURE DAYS?**
 - We have learned from experience that the youngest campers get more out of in-camp adventures and having the whole camp to themselves. We are able to provide many more age appropriate activities in-camp than out of camp. Mostly parents breathe sigh of relief knowing their young campers are right where they dropped them off.

- **IS THERE CAMP WHEN IT IS RAINING?**
 - Yes, camp must go on, even when it rains. We try our best to keep the campers dry for most of the day. As long as it is determined to be safe, campers may be allowed to play and swim in light rain. In the event of thunder or lightning, the camp will immediately shift to a schedule that ensures shelter for all campers.

- **CAN I PAY ONLINE?**
 - Yes, you can. In order to make an online payment you will need to check with the Camp registrar for your password and username if you do not know it yet. Login to your online account and click on the outstanding balance section.

- **WHY DO I HAVE TO SIGN A WAIVER OF INJURY?**
 - It is required by our insurance company to participate in YMCA activities and is common practice for organizations that specialize in active programs with inherent risks.

- **I DO NOT WANT TO SEND MY CHILD FOR ALL 5 DAYS. CAN I SEND THEM FOR FEWER DAYS?**
 - You can send your child for fewer days but you still must register for the entire week as we only offer a 5 day schedule. We do not prorate camp fees.

- **DO I NEED TO SUBMIT AN IMMUNIZATION RECORD IF ENROLLED IN A YMCA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM?**
 - Yes. We do not have your child's immunization records on file at the YMCA. After School only requires that it is on file with your school.

- **CAN I BRING MY CHILD'S HEALTH FORM ON THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP?**
 - No! Physical, immunization and health history forms **MUST** be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to a campers start of camp. **NO** child is allowed at camp without these forms on record!

- **DO I NEED TO HAVE A PHOTO ID TO PICK UP MY OWN CHILD?**
 - Yes, there may be someone releasing your child who has never met you, and doesn't know the camper is yours! For the safety of all campers we require a photo ID along with your pick-up pass.

- **DO I NEED TO CALL IF MY CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT OR LATE?**
 - Yes, or you can email campeastman@metronorthymca.org! We need to know if your child is to be expected at camp and at what time. This is a requirement of the Board of Health and also is important for planning activities and field trips.

- **CAN I GET A SCHEDULE OF WHERE MY CHILD IS DURING THE DAY?**
 - For the safety of all children, we do not give out schedules of where our campers are located. If you come to camp to pick up your child, he/she will be brought to you.

- **WHAT GROUP IS MY CHILD IN? CAN THEY BE IN A DIFFERENT AGE GROUP TO BE WITH A FRIEND?**
 - Groups are based on age. Please refer to the Eastman vocabulary section in the handbook. We cannot reveal the names of other campers that will be in his/her group. We will sometimes consider moving a camper to another group if we feel the camper will be more successful in another group, or the age of the camper is atypical of kids in his/her peer group/classmates; however we will still require that the camper first try the assigned group.

- **WHAT IS MY CAMPER'S "CAMP AGE"?**
 - Camp age is determined by your child's age as of the day prior to camp opening. Your child's camp age stays the same all summer even if they have a birthday during the summer. This is a Department of Public Health regulation and is important in regards to ratios.