



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**



Huntington YMCA Camper Guide Summer 2012

Huntington YMCA
60 Main Street
Huntington
631-421-4242

**All programs are non-sectarian and open to anyone who wishes to attend.
Financial Assistance available.**

You can reach camp directors (during non camp hours or to leave a message) @ (631) 421-4242, please see extensions below. If there is an emergency please call main number, dial zero and have the appropriate director paged.

Camp Director:	Roseann Sarducci	extension	*146
Youth Camp Director:	Tina Tortoso	extension	*214
Counselors in Training:	Roseann Sarducci	extension	*146 (summertime ext. *211)
Teens in Action:	Roseann Sarducci	extension	*146 (summertime ext. *210)
Sports Camp Director:	Lauren Blackburn	extension	*120
Kiddie Camp Director:	Laura Messina	extension	*219
Performing Arts Director:	Edie Cafiero	extension	*132
Preschool Specialty Camps:	Sharon McComb	extension	*134

CAMP SESSIONS:

SESSION 1 JUNE 25 - JULY 13
SESSION 1 JULY 16 - AUGUST 3
SESSION 3 AUGUST 6 - AUGUST 24

Camp Information Night

Monday June 11th from 7:15-8:15 (all camps all sessions)
 Monday July 9th from 6:15-7:15 (all camps all sessions)

Meet the Camp Staff Nights (Session 1 Only)

SESSION 1 Tuesday, June 21nd from 7:00pm – 8:15pm

PROGRAMS

- KIDDIE CAMP:** Full Day (9-4) is available for children ages 3, 4 & 5 who have not yet attended Kindergarten. Half day (9-12) is available for children ages, 3, 4 & 5 (including children who have completed kindergarten but are not yet ready for the day camp program.) These programs are available sessions 1, 2 & 3. Children need to be 3 years old before May 31ST. A birth certificate is required at the time of registration. PLEASE NOTE ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COMPLETELY TOILET TRAINED.
- YOUTH CAMP:** Children who have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade, sessions 1, 2 & 3.
- SPORTS CAMP:** Children who have completed Kindergarten through 7th grade, sessions 1, 2 & 3.
- TEENS-IN-ACTION:** Children who have completed sixth or seventh grade, sessions 1, 2, & 3.
- COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING:** Young adults who have completed eighth or ninth grade, sessions 1, 2 & 3. An interview with the camp director is required in order to participate.
- PRESCHOOL DANCE AND THEATER:** Ages 2 – 5 who have not yet attended Kindergarten, sessions 1, 2 & 3. Half day program (12:45 – 3:15) offered 2 afternoons a week (Tues/Thurs). Pull ups permitted.
- PRESCHOOL HEALTHY KIDS:** Ages 2 – 5 who have not yet attended Kindergarten, sessions 1, 2 & 3. This half day program (12:45 – 3:15) is offered 2 afternoons a week (Mon/Wed). Pull ups are permitted.
- PERFORMING ARTS CAMP:** Ages 5 – 12, sessions 1 & 2. Children who have completed Kindergarten. Ballet can be included upon request. This is a full day program.
- BROADWAY THEATER WORKSHOP:** Ages 5 – 12, sessions 1 & 2. Children who have completed Kindergarten. This is a full day program (Tues/Thurs).
- PERFORMING ARTS FOR TEENS:** Ages 12 and up, sessions 1 & 2. This is a full day program (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri). Wednesday trips can be added.



CAMP PROGRAM OUTLINES

Parents will receive session or weekly theme schedule, which will include anything your child may need to bring/wear/etc. Each session throughout the summer will be different, so campers attending more than one session will not repeat themes.

KIDDIE CAMP: (Full Day, Ages 3-5, not yet in Kindergarten, 9-4) (1/2 Day, 3-5yrs including Kindergartners, 9-12)

Kiddie Camp is full of planned activities for your preschooler. Full Day Kiddie Campers swim Tuesday through Friday, Half Day Kiddie Campers swim Wednesday through Friday. (Certified instructors follow the National YMCA Preschool Program.) Camp also includes arts and crafts, songs, story time, and outside free play in our fenced-in playground areas (except in inclement weather), creative movement, science, sports, and character development, moon bounce and water slides! **Full day** campers also have daily rest time in the afternoon, and additional outdoor game time. **Half day** campers should pack one drink and one snack each camp day. **Full day** campers need to bring a bag lunch with a drink, plus two snacks and two drinks, plus an additional towel to be used for "rest time." PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING ☺

All Kiddie Campers must be toilet trained by the time camp starts. Sorry, but disposable training pants are not permitted. If your child does not usually dress himself or herself, please start to encourage this before camp begins. The counselors will be assisting the children, but it will make your child feel that much better about themselves if he/she can do some of it unassisted. Please note that kindergartners will be placed with the oldest group. Groups are determined upon enrollment, ages and boy/girl ratios.

YOUTH CAMP (For children who have completed Kindergarten – Fifth Grade) (Full Day 9-4)

Our elementary school aged campers have an action packed day of healthy outdoor activities and exciting events on their group's daily schedule. Campers attend instructional swim three days a week directly followed by a recreational swim. Throughout the week, they will visit each of our specialties, which include character development, moon bounce (for kindergartners) arts & crafts, science/health, music & dance, sports, low ropes adventure, two inflatable water slides, plus the Y'ld (wild) rapids water slide (1st grade and up), also Ga-Ga pits, batting cages, fun with food and our 25' rock wall. Camp groups will also participate in age-appropriate activities with their counselors including kickball, hockey, soccer, new games, quiet games, story time for younger campers, and camp songs to begin the day. There are also plenty of extra special, camp-wide events to get everyone excited about coming to camp. Youth Campers need to bring a bag lunch, and snack (please read the snack and lunch section of this guide) a swimsuit, and a towel each day in a backpack or duffel bag. PLEASE LABEL NAMES ON EVERYTHING. 4th and 5th graders will also get a chance to hit the road once per week for a local field trip to a local attraction!

Groups are coed, arranged by grade in school. Staff to camper ratios vary according to age and follow all ACA and Suffolk County Department of Health guidelines.

TEENS-IN-ACTION (For youth who have completed 6th and 7th grades)

"Teens in Action" is a great choice for the too cool for camp crowd. In this program teens experience the feeling of freedom while being well supervised by trusted & mature staff. It's a great opportunity for your camper to enjoy some adventures as we leave the campgrounds twice a week for fun and exciting trips to both local and distant locations. Teens have a true voice in what they do and the program grows and changes accordingly. On campus activities include sports, team building, leadership training, swimming, self defense, and a variety of workshops to keep kids interested. The "Teens in Action" program offer kids a chance to have fun and grow in a safe, supervised environment.

COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING (for teens who have completed 8th and 9th grades)

The CIT program combines the fun of camp with leadership and on the job training skills. CIT's assist counselors and specialists with camp groups. Each CIT will have the opportunity to facilitate an activity for younger campers while being observed by their advisor. **Youth Camp** - The CIT group will participate in team building activities, attend guest speaker sessions and take weekly trips to local educational places of interest to learn more about community organizations, service learning and career opportunities. The last trip of each session is geared to be a recreational and fun event for the CIT's. Those trips will be taken along with the teens. **Sports Camp** - This CIT group will receive similar leadership and job training skills while learning all facets of sports education and knowledge required being a successful counselor at Sports Camp. Along with training they will also attend the trips with Sports Camp groups.

PRESCHOOL SPECIALTY PROGRAMS:

Drop off and pick up is at the HEC (YMCA Health Enhancement Center, located at 423 Park Avenue) craft room which is the last door on the left.

Campers may attend both morning Kiddie Camp and these Preschool Specialty Programs. Counselors will bring your child to babysitting at the Sammis cabin conveniently located in the middle of our campus. There your child will eat lunch and relax in an air-conditioned environment. The Cultural Arts Coordinator will then pick up the children and bring them to the next program. Please notify the Kiddie Camp Director and the Cultural Arts Director if you are interested in this free of charge service.



Preschool Dance and Theater

Tuesday/Thursday (All 3 sessions) from 12:45 – 3:15

Preschool dance and drama students will be introduced to several creative forms of dance, art and acting including: tap, jazz, ballet, acting games, creative expression, art and story time. Children should wear dance attire and bring ballet shoes and tap, if you own them. Label everything and pack a healthy snack and drink.

Preschool Healthy Kids

Monday/Wednesday from 12:45 – 3:15 (All 3 sessions)

Preschool Healthy Kids participants will enjoy learning about health and fitness through physical fitness activities, story time and art projects. Label everything and pack a snack and drink.

OFFSITE PROGRAMS

SPORTS CAMP Held off site at a local Huntington School Session I and II ONLY

Drop off and Pick up will be at school to be announced.

Your camper's day will be filled with athletic enjoyment from start to finish. This camp is for the athletically enthusiastic child. It helps develop teamwork, sportsmanship and respect while learning important kicking, catching, throwing and hitting techniques. Participants have the opportunity to learn about each of the following sports – soccer, volleyball, flag football, hockey, team handball, kickball, baseball, basketball, tennis, cricket, rugby and other new activities.

Campers will also go to the YMCA campus for recreational swim, waterslides, our 25' rock wall, batting cages and low ropes adventure. Each day is divided into ten activity periods in which campers work on a sport or a sport related activity. Skill drills, team strategies, safety discussions, games rules and of course scrimmaging are all covered for each sport. Campers are encouraged to bring a towel and bathing suit each day to participate in water activities. Other program highlights include team building, character development, gaming room and special theme days. Campers participate in recreational swim twice a week. Groups are coed and set up by grade. Campers will also take one trip each session.

Please pack a non perishable lunch each day along with two snacks. There is a scheduled morning snack each day. Please include a healthy snack for relaxing, rejuvenating and a chance for informal conversation. After lunch we will be offering snacks for children to purchase or they may bring a PM snack from home. Campers do have water breaks so please pack your child water bottles each day. Please label everything you send in with your child. We will also offer a Pizza on Tuesday and Friday, Subway is available on Thursday. Please look for that information on your camper's calendar.

World of Sports located at the YMCA Session III ONLY

Drop off and Pick up will at YMCA

This three week session will be action packed with numerous sports and team building activities and camp games. The focus will be on developing skills, understanding rules, and play experience in soccer and basketball. Children will still visit the YMCA for recreational swim, rock climbing, water slides, batting cages, GA-Ga and other special events.

FAMILY SPORT NIGHT (camper's verses staff in a sport activity)

Parents are invited to our 1st Family Sport night. Parents and campers should arrive to the YMCA field by 6:15 for an exciting and fun game whether it is soccer, kickball or choice of game on that night. Children and staff will participate in either playing or cheering on your team. This event will take place by 6:30pm and will end by 8:00pm. **Our CIT's will be selling pizza (a notice will come home with your camper on that night we will be selling whole pies) sodas, water, and ice cream from 5:30PM.**



**PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS Held out a local off site location.
Session I and II ONLY**

Drop off at school to be announced.

Pick up at the YMCA

Monday - Friday, 9:00AM – 4:00PM Ages 5-12 years.

Broadway Theater Workshop

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00AM – 4:00PM Ages 5-12 years

Performing Arts for Teens

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00AM – 4:00PM Ages 12- 14 years.

Students will be taking class in acting, art, yoga, jazz, tap, jazz, creative writing, sign language, set-design, and ballet upon request. Children work on all aspects of the final production. The performance is the last Thursday night of the session at 6:00 pm in the school auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend. Special events include Irish Step, Swing Dance, multi cultural specials and team building activities. Children should wear comfortable clothes for all art forms.

Students should pack a non-perishable lunch, drink and 2 snacks for am and pm. If you choose, money can be sent for snack bar or snack machine. Bring dance shoes if you own them, ballet slippers are perfect for all dance forms. Also, swim suits and towels for recreational swim and slide time, days to be announced.

A weekly trip is included in the 5-day camp program only. Special notices will be handed out with detailed information. The 2-day Broadway Workshop and 4-day Performing Arts for Teens may sign up to take the (Wednesday) trips at an additional cost of \$90 per trip. Chaperones are always welcome at \$60 per trip. Before and After Camp Care available with this camp.

EXTENDED HOURS

This service is available for Full Day Kiddie Camp, Youth Camp, Teens in Action, and Counselors in Training, Sports Camp and Cultural Arts. Extended hours are available at the YMCA from 7:00AM to 9:00AM, 12:00PM - 2:00PM., and 4:00PM. - 6:30PM. Parents must register and purchase Before and After Camp Care at the Rauch Member Service desk at the following rates:

AM Care: \$95 per three week session.

PM Care: \$95 per three week session.

AM & PM Care: \$190 per three week session.

We recommend that you pack extra snacks and drinks for children attending extended day camp care. OCCASIONAL USAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE. **Any children not picked up by 4:15PM will be escorted to after-camp care.** A fee of \$10.00 per hour (with the smallest incremental fee of 1/2 hour or \$5.00) will be charged for any camper not registered for After Camp Care.

OFFSITE SHUTTLE SERVICE

If you have children attending both an on-site and off-site this summer camp please take advantage of our free transportation to bring your children to and from Performing Arts Camp and Sports Camp to our grounds. The am shuttle leaves the YMCA at 8:30am. Your child must be signed into before camp care. The after camp care bus arrives approximately 4:30PM – 4:45PM and when your camper arrives off the bus, they will need to be checked into our after camp care program and then you will need to sign them out with photo identification. This shuttle is at no additional charge.

CREDITS, TRANSFERS AND REFUNDS

There is no refund or prorate for holidays or illness shorter than five consecutive days. Medical refund requests must have a doctor's note within 5 days of the illness. There is no refund for inclement weather. There is no availability to make up missed days within another session. Should you choose to withdraw your child from camp after April 30th, the \$100 deposit per session plus membership and initiation fee are non-refundable. Please notify the camp director in writing (use form at the Y desk, letter or email.) No refunds or credits will be given over the phone. A \$10.00 administrative fee will be applied.



ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION

The Huntington YMCA Summer Camp is proud to be accredited by the American Camping Association. Developed exclusively for the camp industry, this nationally recognized program focuses on program quality and health and safety issues and requires us to review *every* facet of our operation. The Huntington YMCA has voluntarily submitted to this independent appraisal done by camp experts and has earned this mark of distinction.

The Huntington YMCA has consistently earned *outstanding* scores for the past 19 years. With an excellent program, staff and facility, we are committed to continue to offer your child the best of care.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Huntington YMCA Summer Camp program is inspected twice a year by Suffolk County Department of Health. A copy of our license is held in the Suffolk County offices.

LEADERSHIP AT THE HUNTINGTON YMCA DAY CAMP

The Huntington YMCA takes great pride in its summer staff. Our staff consists of highly qualified, enthusiastic parents, college students, and high school students who are carefully selected by the Camp Directors. All staff is required to participate in extensive camp training prior to the opening of camp, and attend regular staff meetings each week during the summer to keep staff up to date. In addition to the junior and senior counselors, the YMCA camp features specialists in Music & Dance, Science/Health, Arts & Crafts, Sports, Character Development, Fun with Food, and Kid Fitness. In Aquatics, YMCA certified and trained lifeguards and instructors provide swim instruction and supervise recreational swim times (See section on swimming). First Aid staff is always on duty (See section on health and safety.)

If you have any questions or concerns, please leave a message for the appropriate camp director. The camp directors may not be able to speak with you immediately. Please know that we will make every effort to contact you later in the day. If it is a true emergency, please call information, and a director will be paged from the campgrounds.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health forms, ***REQUIRED BY LAW***, must be brought to the YMCA within two weeks of registration. **No exceptions can be made.** Please supply all requested information and sign where indicated. This will assist the first aid staff in the case of a medical emergency. **Your child does not need to have a separate physical from his/her school physical, but we do need a copy of the most current record of immunizations you obtain from the doctor and must be signed or stamped by the child's physician.** The YMCA will not admit your child into camp without one. Please do not neglect to tell us of your child's special needs. We want all of our campers to have a successful day!

If your child takes medication on a regular basis and will need to do so during camp, please have your physician complete the YMCA Administration of Medication form (available upon request) and return it with your child's health form. The form must be completed in full. This includes: 1) diagnosis, b) medication, dosage and frequency required, c) a physician's statement that your child is capable of **self-administering** his/her medication in the presence of a first aid staff.

If your child requires medication unexpectedly (ie: antibiotic) you may also use the YMCA Administration of Medication form, however a signed note from your doctor including all the pertinent information listed above is also acceptable.

The parent must bring all medications to the first aid office along with proper documentation at the beginning of the camp day. Medications must be in their original container, clearly labeled with camper's name and group. **CAMPERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CARRY ANY MEDICATION ON THEM AT CAMP.**

Please do not send your child to camp if he or she was ill the night before or the morning of camp. If your child contracts a contagious disease during the camp season, please notify the Camp Director so we may notify other parents. The Huntington YMCA is inspected regularly by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. Copies of the inspector's reports are available at both the Camp Office and the Suffolk County Department of Health Services.

Suffolk County Department of Health standards require a qualified person on staff who maintains Responding to Emergencies certification. Our First Aid staff has a *minimum* of BLS, CPR and Responding to Emergencies certifications, as do the Camp Directors, Teens and CIT staff. Our office manager oversees proper procedures through out the summer. Many counselors also maintain certifications, although it is not required of them. The staff is also required to take a Child Abuse Prevention and Preventing Sexual Harassment course prior to the start of camp.

PLEASE NOTE YOUR CHILD CANNOT COME TO CAMP WITH A CAST OR BRACE OF ANY KIND. If your child is injured prior to camp starting your child will be unable to attend camp. Please provide proper documentation for a refund. If your child sustains an injury at camp that results in a cast or brace he/she will be unable to return to camp while wearing the cast or brace. In order for your child to attend camp they need to have the cast or brace removed and a note from their doctor stating he/she is in good health and is clear to participate in **all** camp activities.



HUNTINGTON YMCA 2012 DISCIPLINE POLICY

It is the goal of the camp program to guide children in becoming happy, responsible, cooperative participants through positive, non-threatening teaching techniques. Camp staff will work to increase children's respect for themselves by empowering them to become responsible for their own actions, and to help them grow in their respect for the rights and feelings of others.

If a conflict occurs, it is our goal to work with the child, listening to what he/she has to say and try to help resolve the conflict through effective communication. A repeated discipline problem will result in the child's parents/guardian being contacted to review the incident and disciplinary action that will be taken. Parents/guardians may also be asked to attend a conference with the Youth Director who will assist in working out an equitable solution to the problem. Staff will never use physical or verbal abuse to resolve a conflict. The YMCA, therefore, cannot allow others, including parents/guardians and children to do so within the YMCA program. In order to ensure a quality experience for all, campers who behave in such a manner and do not display corrective behavior can be suspended and removed from camp.

A. Redirection of Children

1. Discipline problems will be avoided through the following procedures:
 - a. By offering a variety of appropriate activities.
 - b. By scheduling activities so as to provide the child with active and quiet play periods.
2. Specific techniques that will be used by camp staff include in no particular order:
 - a. Appropriate Staff Training
 - b. Redirection
 - c. Parent-Staff conferences and daily communications with parents;
 - d. Use of positive directives
 - e. Use of positive reinforcement;
3. Camp staff will handle serious behavior problems in the following way by redirecting the child in such a way as to protect the other children and staff from further harm, i.e., talking with the child. If this does not work, the child may be separated from the group;
 - a. For as long as is necessary for the child to regain enough self control to rejoin the group.
 - b. During this period of separation the child will be with management staff or in the first aid office. so they can be properly supervised and supported.
 - c. Interaction between a unit leader and the child must take place immediately following the separation to guide the child toward appropriate group behavior. The Youth Director will be notified. Parents of all children involved in a conflict will also be notified either by telephone or upon child's pick-up from the site.
 - d. A conference time will be set up between the unit leader and/or director and parents if warranted.
 - e. The Camp Director has the right to meet with parents/guardians of any child who has special needs that cannot be met to discuss if the program would meet the child's needs.
4. Children's attention will be redirected through the following means:
 - a. Through the use of positive reinforcement;
 - b. By a discussion of the problem by staff and the child involved in the situation;

B. Setting Limits for Children

1. Program rules will be reviewed during group times and individually.
2. Rules will be prioritized according to their importance with regard to safety.
3. Children will be given more responsibility for their behavior and control as they mature.

C. Development of Children's Self-Control, Self-Esteem and Respect for Others

1. Camp staff will promote self-esteem by:
 - a. Communicating in a positive manner;
 - b. By setting examples;
 - c. By avoiding use of threatening gestures and loud voices. Respect is shown for the child in the following ways:
 - By providing sufficient warning before an activity ceases;
 - Through listening to the child's individual wants and needs;
2. Children will be provided acceptable avenues for release of feelings in the following ways:
 - a. Physical activities;
 - b. Discussion and group activities;
 - c. Individual communication between staff and child or between child and child.

D. Prohibited Forms of Punishment

1. The following forms of punishment are prohibited:
 - a. Spanking, hitting, pinching, shaking, or inflicting any other form of corporal punishment;
 - b. Forcing a child to sit or stand in a corner.
 - c. Verbal abuse, threats or derogatory remarks.
 - d. Isolation
 - e. Restriction of movement
 - f. Withholding or forcing snacks or rest times.



PARENT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

1. I understand that YMCA staff and volunteers may not baby-sit or transport children at any time outside of the YMCA program. The YMCA will take immediate disciplinary action toward any staff or volunteer who violates this policy.
 2. I understand that I am not to leave my child at any YMCA program site unless a YMCA staff member is there and agrees to receive and supervise my child. (The YMCA provides before and after camp care for children of all ages at a nominal fee. Children who arrive before camp or stay after must be enrolled in this care.)
 3. I understand that my child will not be allowed to leave the program with an unauthorized person. Any person authorized to pick up my child must be listed on my Camp Registration Form or I must have made other arrangements in writing or by calling the YMCA camp staff to notify them of an emergency change. **Parents and pick-ups must always provide a photo ID to properly identify themselves to staff.** It will be assumed that both parents are authorized pick-ups unless the YMCA is provided with court-ordered documents stating otherwise.
 4. I understand that should a person arrive to pick up my child who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, for the child's safety, staff may have no recourse but to contact the police. Please do not put staff in a position where they have to make this judgment call.
 5. I understand that the YMCA is mandated, by state law, to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the proper authorities for investigation.
 6. I understand that at drop-off and pick-up times, the safety of the many campers and pedestrians on the grounds are of the utmost concern and that drivers must follow the directions of the traffic monitors and proceed with caution. Parents are requested to refrain from parking along the driveway leading to Jackson Avenue, as this blocks access for emergency vehicles and departing cars.
 7. I understand that if I have a concern or comment regarding the YMCA's programs, I will maintain a civil and courteous manner and that the YMCA staff will do the same.
- The YMCA reserves the right to terminate camp arrangements for the children of parents and guardians who disregard these policies.

CELLULAR PHONES & PERSONAL ITEMS

Cellular phone usage by campers is prohibited on our grounds. This includes phone calls, text messaging, picture taking or to check the time. To avoid loss and/or theft we strongly suggest that they are left home. Campers should see their counselor if they need to contact a parent for any reason. Phones will be confiscated until the end of the day if a camper is seen using them in any capacity.

Items such as iPods, electronic games, special toys, stuffed animals, expensive jewelry should not be brought to camp. The Huntington YMCA is not responsible for lost, stolen or broken items.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TO THE ON-SITE PROGRAMS

To ensure a smooth safe transition as well as add to your convenience if you are not using our bus service, drop off and pick up at the Huntington YMCA will be done in a drive through line for all camping programs.

Arrival will start at 8:50AM - 9:15AM Enter the Huntington YMCA through the Main Street driveway (please note you cannot make a left turn into the YMCA parking lot if you are heading west on Main Street.) There will be staff there to guide you along the driveway through the parking lot. Please be prepared to have your camper exit the car with his/her back pack, any money, notes ect. Camp staff will assist your camper with opening of doors and helping younger campers getting out of car seats. **Please do not get out of your car. If you need to get out of the car or talk to a staff member please do not join the drive through line. Enter the grounds and choose to park in the lower parking lot instead of participating in the drive through line that morning.**

Dismissal will start at 3:45PM - 4:15PM Enter the Huntington YMCA through the Park Avenue entrance (Cinema Arts) located at 423 Park Avenue, between Main Street and Woodhull Road. There will be staff there to guide you along the driveway through the parking lot keeping to the right. You will be guided to make a right turn through the gates at which time you will need to be ready to stop. Please be prepared to have your camper enter the car with his/her camp gear in tow. Camp staff will assist your camper with opening the door and helping younger campers get into car seats. **Please do not get out of your car.** Once you pick up your camper you will exit the grounds either through Jackson Avenue or through the lower lot to 25a. A photo ID is required **each day** from the pickup person. Counselors will compare the photo ID with the Authorized Pick up List submitted by you at registration. Children will not be released without photo ID. If you wish to make different arrangements on a given day, we must have a note signed by you stating who your child will be going home with. Please inform other adults who are authorized pickups for your child about the photo ID. For camper safety please make note of no parking areas while summer camp is in session. **If you need to get out of the car or talk to a staff member please do not join in the drive through line. Enter the grounds through a different lot and choose to park instead of participating in the drive through line that afternoon.**



ALL CAMP SITES

Please make every effort to help your child succeed. Campers need to use extended day services, drive through services, or should be accompanied by a parent/guardian (over the age of 18) to his/her group area each day. Your camper should not be left until you make contact with the group counselor. **Campers may not be left by parents unattended anywhere on the YMCA grounds, *regardless of their age*, before or after camp.** All campers remaining with their counselors 15 minutes after dismissal will be escorted to the after-camp area.

A photo ID is required **each day** from the pick up person. Counselors will compare the photo ID with the Authorized Pick up List submitted by you at registration. Children will not be released without photo ID. If you wish to make different arrangements on a given day, we must have a note signed by you stating who your child will be going home with. Please inform other adults who are authorized pick ups for your child about the photo ID. For camper safety please make note of no parking areas while summer camp is in session.

CAMPERS GOING TO OFF-SITE FACILITIES MUST BE DROPPED OFF AND PICKED UP AT THE OFFSITES UNLESS THEY ARE USING EXTENDED DAY SERVICES

TRANSPORTATION

For an additional fee, door to door transportation is available to youth camp, teens, CIT's, sports camp, and cultural arts, during regular camp hours (9:00AM – 4:00PM). Children will be transported in air conditioned mini busses, each with a YMCA staff person on board. Please be advised that the bus ride may be up to one hour depending on pick up locations.

Visit our CAMP WEBSITE at

www.ymcali.org

INFORMATION FOR YOUTH CAMP AND KIDDIE CAMP, TEENS & CIT'S

CAMP PHOTOS

Individual and group photos are taken each session. Photos are taken by Irvin Simon Photographers, and are returned to us before the session is over. It is a camp fund-raiser, and a great way to preserve your child's camp memories! Notices with fees will be sent home prior to pictures.

FAMILY NIGHT/TWILIGHT CAMP

Parents are invited to our camp show on the last Wednesday of each session. The children work hard all session to make the show fun and enjoyable. Children are encouraged to get up on our "stage" and sing/dance/perform with their group. Children are asked to arrive at 6:15PM so the show can start promptly by 6:30. The show lasts about an hour. Our CIT's will be selling hot dogs, sodas, water, and ice cream from 5:00PM. Immediately following Family Night, our Teens and CITs stay for Twilight Camp, complete with dancing under the stars with a DJ, an evening swim and light dinner. In case of inclement weather, Family Night and Twilight Camp may be rescheduled to Thursday evening.

SNACK TIME & LUNCH TIME

All campers will have a scheduled snack time. Snack time serves several purposes; it's a time to restore energy and an opportunity for informal conversation. Full day Kiddie Campers should bring two individual snacks and drinks (one for AM and one for PM). Please pack each snack and drink in a small labeled zip lock bag inside the lunch bag. We will be separating the snacks from the lunches so please label your child's snack to indicate his/her name and whether it is an AM or PM snack. Youth Campers will have snack time in the afternoon. Parents should pack an additional afternoon snack, labeled as such, or campers may purchase snack from the YMCA (which will be focusing on healthier choices and alternatives which reflect our commitment to wellness) which will be operated daily by the CIT's. The purchase of snack is not available to Kiddie Campers. The vending machines will not be available for camper use during the camp day. Half day Kiddie Campers who are going to Performing Arts for the PM program should pack lunch.

Full day campers should bring a BAG LUNCH every day with child's name on it. PLEASE DO NOT PACK FOOD IN LUNCH BOXES, as we do not have room in our refrigerators. Each week there are special lunch days – Tuesday is Pizza Day (\$2.00 per slice), Thursday is Hot Dog Day (\$1.50 each) and Friday is Subway. It is necessary that orders for hot dogs and/or slices be submitted to the camp counselor by 10:30AM in order for us to have a proper count.



AQUATICS

Campers receive swim instruction based upon the National YMCA Swim Lessons Program. Instructional and recreational swims are scheduled for all campers. Many of our instructors are year-round aquatic staff at the YMCA. YMCA certified lifeguards and instructors are plentiful both in the water, on deck and in observation chairs to assist swimmers and ensure safety in the pool. For questions regarding your child's swim instruction, contact the Aquatic Director at 421- 4242 ext.*124.

All Campers should bring a bathing suit and towel every day in a backpack or duffel bag. **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING** as many bags, towels, socks and even underwear look alike. We suggest you send *old* towels. Full Day Kiddie Campers swim Tuesday through Friday, Half Day Kiddie Campers swim Wednesday through Friday and should wear suits under their clothes when they come to camp. Girls can roll down the top part of their one piece suit so using the bathroom before swim time isn't a major project. (Don't forget to pack underwear to change into!) You may also wish to bring a canvas bag for the wet suit and towel (no plastic bags please.) Campers will get wet everyday, even on non swim days, so do pack a suit. Youth campers will have instruction directly followed by a recreational swim three days a week. Teens will swim on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays unless otherwise noted. CIT's do not receive swim.

CAMP CLOTHING & LOST AND FOUND

Please dress your child for comfort and safety. Wear comfortable play clothes and sneakers or other well-fitting, comfortable shoes. For safety reasons, please do not send in your child to camp in sport sandals, flip flops, crocs or open-toed shoes. Most of our playgrounds are sandy, and our picnic area is gravel. Expect that your child's clothes may get dirty - we are at camp and will be *doing* all kinds of things! On rainy days, raincoats or ponchos are a must. While the children will be indoors, they won't be in the same place all day and will need to move outdoors to get from one location to another! **No umbrellas please.**

The loss of good clothing, backpacks, sweatshirts, lunchboxes, etc. is a common occurrence at camp. Our counselors do their best to assist the children, but you can help us out in several ways as well. Please label everything. If we find a labeled item, we make every effort to return it to the owner. If it's not labeled, it goes to our lost and found. There is a lost & found in the hallway by the children's locker rooms for items found in the locker room at the end of the day. There is also one in the Pavilion for items found outside. All lost items will be on display at our camp Family Night. Shortly after the camp season, all unclaimed items are donated.

If your child comes home with something that is not his or hers, please send it back to camp the next day. It is also recommended that campers not bring toys or sporting goods from home. Electronics and hand held video games should be left at home. The YMCA is not responsible for items lost in camp.

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