

## **YMCA FAMILY CAMP NAWAKWA WATERFRONT POLICY**

All campers and guests of campers must abide by this policy. Please read the following in its entirety.

Adults are responsible for supervising children under eighteen (18) while swimming, boating, on the ice, and participating in waterfront activities. Camp Nawakwa's shoreline rests on a public lake. All adults must familiarize themselves with and adhere to Wisconsin Boating Laws and Regulations. Copies of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for boating and fishing regulations are available at the Camp Store, Welcome Center, and South Camp Lodge.

### **Fishing**

All campers who wish to fish must abide by Wisconsin Fishing License regulations. Children fifteen (15) years and younger and adults born before January 1, 1927 do not need to obtain a fishing license. All others must obtain a license, which can be done online at Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website.

### **Swimming & Waterfront Use**

1. A lifeguard is on duty at our North Camp Beach during the summer season typically from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday through Friday. There are no lifeguard hours on Saturday. Lifeguard hours are posted in our weekly program schedule. These hours are subject to change depending on weather, camper occupancy, and program activities. Please check the program schedule or with camp staff for confirmation when a lifeguard will be on duty.
2. When a lifeguard is not on duty, swimming is at the risk of the Camper, children, and adults. Signs stating, NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY. SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK! Are posted when a lifeguard is not on duty.
3. All children must take a swim evaluation to determine the child's skill level. Each child will receive a wristband designating the child's skill level. These wristbands correspond with the distance the swimmer may proceed from the shoreline. If a child's skill level is not deemed safe for certain water depths, that child must wear a United States Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal floatation device (PFD) while swimming. Children are required to wear wristbands when on the waterfront.
4. Excessive breath-holding and prolonged underwater swimming are prohibited.

### **Boating & Watercraft**

It is the responsibility of all boat and watercraft operators to know and abide by all Wisconsin boating regulations.

1. Every boat, canoe, paddleboard, and kayak must have at least one wearable USCG approved PFD for every person on board. All children ages twelve (12) and under must wear a USCG-approved PFD while in/on a watercraft. PFDs should be worn, snugly, and properly secured. All rowboats and rental boats must always have a throwable seat cushion onboard.
2. Life vests or PFDs and throwable cushions are available at North Camp, South Camp, and Sugarbush.
3. Motor and ski boats must maintain a minimum distance of 200 feet from swimming areas, shores, docks, canoes, sailboats, and all other non-motorized watercraft. Motorboats, tubers, and skiers need to stay in the designated ski areas on the lake and adhere to the waterfront policy.
4. Boat and motorboat operators should acquaint themselves with all dangerous rocks and reefs.
5. When operating boats at night, proper running lights must be turned on. Boats must not exceed trolling speed.

7. Inexperienced watercraft and boat operators must take the Wisconsin DNR Safe Boater Course.
8. All Camp and public No Wake areas must be respected. Be courteous and respectful of our neighbors and their property.

**Miscellaneous**

1. Alcohol is not allowed on beaches.
2. No boats, canoes, kayaks, or paddleboards are allowed in the swimming areas.
3. Fishing is not permitted in the swimming areas nor off the swimming docks.
4. Pets are not permitted on the North and South Camp beaches nor the swimming areas.
5. Running, pushing, and other horseplay is prohibited on piers and rafts.

**Ice**

During the winter, no ice is 100% safe. Campers use the ice at their own risk.

Please initial the following statement:

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that I have read and agree to comply with the YMCA FAMILY CAMP  
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