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Greater LaGrange & Indian Boundary YMCA
Summer Parent Handbook
Day Camp
2020
Welcome:
Welcome to the Greater LaGrange and Indian Boundary YMCA Summer Camp Program!

We take great pride that our camp is accredited by the American Camp Association. Therefore, we maintain the highest standards regarding program quality. We believe that the most important elements of a positive day camp experience are the safety and well-being of your child(ren).

Our YMCA Summer Camp Programming provides children with summer adventures that promote health, physical activity, friendships, and group participation. This summer your camper will also find new and exciting experiences to provide challenges and build the YMCA values of Responsibility, Respect, Caring and Honesty. Children will spend time indoors and outdoors as experienced staff lead campers in a wide variety of activities each day including games, creative arts, songs, sports instruction, recreational swimming and field trips.

Our camp staff are chosen on the basis of maturity, patience, leadership qualities, education and experience. Many of our camp personnel work with us during the school year. Before being hired, all employees are required to go through interviews, reference verifications, and background checks. Most camp staff are over the age of 18 years old, are studying education or recreation related fields and share a passion for working with children. Before the start of summer, camp workers attend 40 hours of training including CPR, First Aid, Child Abuse Prevention, Blood Borne Pathogens, Risk Management, Emergency Procedures, Water Safety, Behavior Management, ACA Online Trainings and how to conduct camp activities. In addition, our staff meets or exceeds day camp requirements set by the YMCA of the USA and the American Camp Association.

Overall, we think that YMCA Summer Camps are the perfect places for kids to be just kids.

Thank you for choosing us!!

The ABC’s of Camp:

Absentees:
The YMCA assumes responsibility of the children once they are properly signed-in at camp. If your child is not signed-in, we assume they will not be in attendance that day and are safely with a parent or guardian. To report an absence on the Greater LaGrange YMCA Summer Camp Information Line, please call (630)697-7509. To report an absence on the Indian Boundary Summer Camp Information Line, please call (630)929-2423.

ACA – American Camp Association:
ACA is an organization with members in all 50 states that accredits all types of organized camps. Camps are accredited based on the administration, policies and operation – particularly those related to program practices and quality along with health and safety of campers and staff. Over 300 standards establish guidelines for needed policies, procedures, and practices. We are committed to providing the highest standards set for the camping industry.

Academic Camp:
Academic Camp participants will spend the morning focusing on building science, mathematics and literacy skills. Camper’s afternoons are spent in recreational sports, arts and games. Swimming is offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. Field trips are on Fridays, and a Field trip t-shirt will be provided and must be worn on these days.

Activities and Participation:
Components of camp may include age appropriate activities of the following:
- Arts & crafts
- Character development
- Cultural awareness
- Educational activities (science, math and reading)
- Cooking projects
- Kid’s choice
Our YMCA staff work hard each spring and summer to provide a variety of activities for the children. In order for our camp to be successful, we do expect full participation throughout the daily activities when they are in attendance.

CAMPERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO GROUPS ACCORDING TO THEIR AGES AND GRADES. ATTEMPTS TO ACCOMMODATE REQUESTS WILL BE MADE, HOWEVER DUE TO THE NUMBER OF CAMPERs ATTENDING EACH WEEK; WE CANNOT GUARANTEE SPECIAL REQUESTS TO KEEP FRIENDS, SISTERS OR RELATIVES TOGETHER.

Allergies:
All allergies must be listed on the child’s paperwork. Additional medication, if prescribed (Epi-pen, inhaler, etc), must be provided for a child in the event of a reaction or episode during program hours and require an additional medication form to be filled out.

Due to an increase in peanut allergies, we ask that campers avoid the peanut products included in their lunches. We understand this may be difficult, so if you include peanut products, we ask that you please label the bag “contains peanuts” and let us know at sign-in. It is our goal to keep everyone safe here at camp, and we appreciate your help!

Authorized Pick-up:
To ensure the safety of your child, an authorized pick-up person must sign out children and must be 18 years or older. In addition, those authorized to pick up a camper will be required to show identification and must be listed within the authorized pickups section on the registration paperwork. Your child will not be released to anyone not on the list without your written consent.

Babysitting:
Camp staff are not permitted to babysit for families involved in our YMCA programs while they are employees of the YMCA.

Behavior Policies:
The YMCA expects the full cooperation of parents to ensure that any behavior management plan developed to support your child in the program will be successful. When a child does not follow the behavior guidelines, the following steps will be taken:
- Staff will redirect the child to more appropriate behavior.
- The child will be reminded of the behavior guidelines and rules, and a discussion will take place.
- The staff will follow the behavior system on site, discuss the core values with the camper and document the situation on a behavior or incident report.
- The staff will notify the parent about the situation upon pick-up.
- If the problem persists, a conference may occur with the parent, child, staff, and program director.
- We reserve the right to protect a child from harming him or herself. (In extreme situations this may lead to holding or removing the child from the situation)

The following behaviors are not acceptable and may result in immediate suspension for up to three days (without a refund or credit):
- Endangering the health and safety of children and/or staff.
- Theft or damage to YMCA, rental or personal property.
- Leaving the camp without permission (if a parent cannot be reached in this situation, the police may be contacted.)
- Continuous disruption of camp.
- Lewd or obscene behavior or language.
A meeting with the program director may be required for your child to return to camp. Another occurrence after the suspension could result in expulsion from the camp and all other YMCA's programs. Possession of and/or use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons, firecrackers or explosives may be cause for immediate expulsion from the program.

**Bullying:**
Bullying happens when a person or group of people want to have power over another/others and use their power to get their way, at the expense of someone else. Bullying includes but is not limited to excluding, teasing, taunting, gossiping, hitting, kicking or putting down another person with the intent to hurt them. Bullying can also happen through the use of emails, text messaging, instant messaging, web blogs, personal web sites and other less direct methods. This type of bullying can also lead to persons being hurt during or between the camp seasons and be especially hurtful when persons are targeted with meanness and exclusion.

At the YMCA Camps, bullying is inexcusable, and we have a firm policy against all types of bullying. Each participant is expected to treat all other campers with respect, and to help each other achieve the best possible experience. If a camper has difficulty meeting this expectation, parents may be called upon to assist. We work together as a team to ensure that campers gain self-confidence, make new friends and go home with great camp memories. Unfortunately, people who are bullied may not have the same potential to get the most out of their camp experience.

Our camp staff will address all incidents of bullying seriously and are trained to promote communication with their employees and their campers so both staff and campers will be comfortable alerting us to any problems during their time here. We can’t manage an incident if we don’t know about it. Every person has the right to expect to have the best possible experience at camp and by working together as a team to identify and manage bullying, we can help ensure that everyone has a great summer at their Y!

**Bus Behavior:**
The Greater LaGrange Campers will travel by bus daily at 9 a.m. to Indian Boundary YMCA and we will be returning to our Lyons location by 4 p.m. daily. On Wednesdays, Greater LaGrange campers will be traveling directly to our weekly field trip locations. Indian Boundary Traditional & Teen Camps will travel by bus on Field Trip days. Our YMCA Summer Camp Program has a zero-tolerance policy for unacceptable behavior while on buses.
1st Occurrence the parent/legal guardian will receive a phone call restating the bus behavior policy.
2nd Occurrence the camper will not be allowed to go on the next field trip, and a conference with the parent/legal guardian and camper will be requested.
Safety is our number one priority and concern. It is important for campers to behave responsibly while on the bus.

**Camper Attire:**
Camp will be held both inside and outside. Please make sure that your camper is dressed appropriately for the weather.

**Sandals and Flip Flops are not allowed.** Participants must wear closed toe athletic footwear.

**What Campers Should Bring to Summer Camp**
- A protective hat, cap or visor
- A healthy sack lunch (refrigeration is not available)
- A jacket or a sweatshirt if the weather is cool
- Sunscreen (spray-on) and bug repellent (spray-on)
- A water bottle labeled with the campers name
- A swimming suit, towel and goggles (flip flops are allowed on pool deck and locker rooms)
- A backpack

**What Campers Should Not Bring to Summer Camp**
- Cell Phones: Cell phones are not allowed at camp. To reach your child, please call the Greater LaGrange YMCA camp phone at 630-697-7509 In the event of an emergency contact Member Services (708) 352-7600. The information line is checked frequently. Please feel free to leave a message.
- Toys, trading cards, games from home
- Electronics such as iPads, iPods, MP3 Players, DS Game Systems
- Money (unless suggested for field trips or special projects)

If any listed item is found at the Y, campers will either need to put it away, or it will be held by the staff for parents to pick up at the end of the day. Possession of and/or use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons, firecrackers or explosives may be cause for immediate expulsion from the program.
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THE YMCA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS. PLEASE LABEL CLEARLY ALL OF YOUR CAMPER’S ITEMS WITH THEIR NAME.

Communication:
Any communication to the camp staff or children during the camp day must be directed to Greater LaGrange YMCA Membership Desk at 708-352-7600 or the Indian Boundary Membership Desk at (630)968-8400. The Desk staff will be able to contact our camp staff via the camp phones. You will be contacted by the office immediately about any serious injury that occurs at camp. The closing staff will address all minor injuries when you pick up your child.

Weekly newsletters will be given out to share updates from the past week and future plans. Don’t forget to like us on Facebook to receive additional information about camp. If you have questions about pick-up/drop-off information or field trips, please call

Contact Information:
Greater LaGrange YMCA
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Indian Boundary YMCA
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Jessica Meeker  Youth and Family Coordinator  (630) 929-2416  jmeeker@ymcachicago.org

Daily Activities - What is a typical day like at camp?
There is no such thing as a typical day or week at camp! All camps go on a field trip at least once a week. When not on a field trip, campers will participate in various large and small group activities such as arts & crafts, songs, games, sports. Most of the day your child will be doing these activities with his/her assigned group. Sometimes groups may team up and do activities together.

Each week children will engage in the following activities: arts & crafts, small & large group games, sports, science and nature, math exploration, Reading Enrichment 30 Reading Program, character development activities, teambuilding, leadership activities, nutrition program, games & physical activities, cultural awareness, community service, and special events.

Dismissal Policy:
The YMCA tries to meet the needs of each child enrolled in our program. We will make every effort to communicate and work with parents if there are concerns. However, the YMCA reserves the right to terminate the enrollment of a child. The decision to terminate a child’s enrollment may fall into different categories:

- If it is decided that the placement of a child is inappropriate and/or not in the best interest of the child.
- The YMCA staff and the parent/guardian are not able to come to a mutually acceptable course of action after identifying and processing a concern.
- A parent/guardian fails to meet their obligations.
- Any type of physical or verbal abuse of children, other parents, or staff by the parent/guardian. Confrontation by a parent/guardian with other children at the program is also not acceptable.
- Payment that is not received prior to the start of each week of camp will also be terms for dismissal.

Please take the time to sit with your child and read/discuss the character contract together. Both the adult and the camper MUST sign this form. Every attempt will be made to meet the child’s individual needs. However, if a child shows inability to benefit from the type of program offered at camp, or if his/her presence is detrimental to the group, the child will be discharged from the program.

Divorce or Separation:
In the case of divorce or separation, it is the custodial parent’s responsibility to make payments on time. The custodial parent will be the party accountable to pay all past dues and late charges. The custodial parent is also the person who will receive all bills and tax statements. If there is a custody dispute and one parent is not allowed to pick-up their child, we will need court documentation. We are not allowed to give information about one parent to the other parent. Please remember that we want what is best for your child. It is the well-being of the child/children that is our main concern.

Drop Off/Pick-Up:
Drop off times for Greater LaGrange Travelers Camp are between 7am and 9am. at the Zion Lutheran Church, 7930 Ogden Ave., Lyons. The bus will leave promptly at 9 a.m. to take the campers to Indian Boundary YMCA Monday – Thursday. On Wednesday the bus will take the children directly to the weekly field trips that have been planned. The campers will be brought back to the Lyons location at 4 p.m. daily. Your camper must be picked up no later than 6pm.
Drop off times for Indian Boundary Traditional, Teen and Full Day Specialty camps are between 6:30am and 9:30am. Pickup times are between 3:30 & 6:00pm. Drop off & pick up for the Indian Boundary Campers will be outside at the camp table located near the pavilion. In the event of inclement weather, drop off and pick up will be held inside. Entrance will be at the child care door near the circle drive.

Field Trips:
Field trips are included in camp prices. Fridays will be the camp field trip day. **CHILDREN MUST WEAR THEIR CAMP SHIRTS ON FIELD TRIP DAYS.** If a camper arrives without a camp shirt, his/her parent/guardian will need to purchase one at camp for $5. All campers must participate if they are in camp. Children cannot be left behind. If your camper needs to be picked up early on a field trip day, do not bring your child to camp. Field trip information will be provided for each individual session. Scheduled field trips are subject to change without notice.

**Important Info:** All children must be signed in to camp by times specified by the camp director on field trip days to ensure that they participate in the field trip. We will not be able to wait for late arrivals, nor will late arrivals be allowed to stay behind. Refunds will not be given for those who do not attend field trips because they were late.

Full Day Sports Camp:
Not for the faint of heart. Full day Sports camp is fast paced camp geared towards sports and games all day. Campers will stay active playing Baseball, Dodgeball, Soccer, Kickball, and so much more. Sports camp goes on field trips on Fridays. Field trips may include: Baseball games, Pools, Arcades and hiking. Bring your swimsuit because Sports camp swims Mondays at the YMCA. This is a great camp for any child who is interested in sports and having fun!

Groups and Ratios:
Staff-to-camper ratios are:
- 3-5 years = 1:6
- 6-8 years = 1:8
- 9-16 years = 1:10

Health and Safety:
For the protection of all the campers, any child showing signs of fever, vomiting, or any communicable diseases, such as chickenpox, ringworm, lice, pink eye, etc. should be kept at home. If your child contracts anything that may be contagious, please call us and let us know. Your child’s name will be kept confidential, but we would like to inform other parents if their child has been exposed to anything. Your child’s health status will be checked informally each day. If your child shows any sign of illness, rash, high temperature, diarrhea, infection, lice or any contagious diseases, the parent/guardian will be called and required to pick up the child within one hour. If your child has head lice, his/her hair needs to be shampooed according to directions given by your physician. The child should stay home 24 hours after treatment starts.

Ill Children Procedures:
If any child becomes ill at camp, he/she will be kept away from the other children as much as possible. Staff will try to comfort the child by offering a drink of water, having them sit out for a few minutes, giving them a chance to use the bathroom, etc. If the child still feels ill, the parent/guardian will be notified and expected to pick up the child within an hour. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the emergency contacts will be notified. It is extremely important that we have up-to-date emergency contact information, including phone numbers. If a child is well enough to attend the program, they will be expected to participate.

Injuries:
While at camp, if a child receives a minor injury (bumps, bruises, cuts, scratches, etc.), the staff will administer first aid. The parent/guardian will be informed of the injury at the time of pick-up by the camp staff. If a serious injury occurs during program hours, the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately by the YMCA. A staff person will remain with the child until the parent/guardian arrives.

For an injury or illness that requires emergency medical attention, 911 will be called and the child will be taken to the nearest hospital for treatment. A parent/guardian will be contacted immediately. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the emergency contacts will be called. A staff member will accompany the child whenever possible.

Good Samaritan Hospital
Late Pick-Up Procedures/Fees:
Children enrolled in Camp must be picked up by 6:00 p.m. Late fees of $1 per minute will be charged for late pickups. Late fees can be paid at the Membership Desk. You will receive notification by email of the amount owed. Late fees must be paid before attending future weeks.

If you will be late picking up, please contact our Membership Desk and/or arrange for an alternative person to pick up your child if necessary. This, however, will not excuse the parent from paying the appropriate late fee. After the third time that a child is picked up late, the fee will increase to $5.00 per minute. If a child is still at the site at 6:30 p.m. we reserve the right to notify the proper authorities.

Lost and Found:
We will make every effort to keep your camper’s belongings with him/her. However, a Lost & Found area will be available for all misplaced items found throughout each day. All unclaimed or unlabeled items will be cleaned and donated to charity at the end of the summer. Crafts and projects left at the camp will be thrown away if not taken home by the end of the week.

Lunch:
Each child needs to bring a lunch and a beverage every day. Lunches cannot be stored in a refrigerator, so please pack food that will not spoil easily. In an effort to keep camp healthy, we ask that you provide your child with a nutritional lunch. Some good healthy options for lunch are whole grain breads, low fat lunch meats, fresh fruits, low fat yogurt and pudding, and water to drink. We ask that candy and soda not be part of a camper’s lunch. On field trip days, provide a sack lunch that can be thrown out after eating so that it does not get lost or left behind. Camp opening staff may request to see the lunch bags during sign in to make sure they are onsite for the camper each day.

Due to an increase in peanut allergies, we ask that campers avoid the peanut products included in their lunches. We understand this may be difficult, so if you include peanut products, we ask that you please inform your camper, label the bag “contains peanuts” and let us know at sign-in. It is our goal to keep everyone safe here at camp, and we appreciate your help!

Medication/Medical Form:
It is your responsibility to let us know of any medication that needs to be administered for your child during the camp day. Please provide this information on the medical form of your registration paperwork. Medication will be held and administered to a child by assigned staff and only under the following conditions:

- The medication must be in its original container and accompanied with specific written directions from a licensed physician.
- The label must bear the child’s name, directions for administering the medication, date, dosage, and doctor’s name.
- The medication section of the registration form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian before medication can be administered.

If a child has asthma, an inhaler must be provided. If not, we must receive a letter from the child’s physician stating it is not needed. Any EpiPen must be in the container that has the doctor’s prescription on it. Parent must sign the YMCA youth medical forms detailing the use of an EpiPen.

Parent Responsibilities:
For the safety and well being of your child it is the responsibility of the parent to have all required paperwork completed prior to the start of camp and to pick-up your child(ren) on time each day. Additionally, please make sure we have accurate phone numbers to reach you in case of emergency and to make sure we have accurate, up-to-date medical information about your child. Parents are also responsible in making full payment by noon on Wednesday, one week prior to the camp week registered.

The Indian Boundary YMCA Summer Camp Program offers Specialty Camps to enhance your child’s camp experience. If you have elected to register your camper for a Youth Specialty Camp, we ask that you make sure that your child is aware that they are going to Specialty Camp for the assigned camp week. Also, please notify our camp staff at the time of drop off. A form will be provided and is to be completed by the parent.
Participation:
Your child is expected to engage in all activities offered at the YMCA. If your child cannot participate in a scheduled activity, a note is required to excuse your child. Example: Ruth cannot participate because she twisted her ankle. Voyager campers are expected to have their swimsuits Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. Teen campers should have their swimsuits on Mondays and Fridays. All children are expected to swim. Every person needs to pass the deep water test in order to be allowed in the deep end of the pool.

Payment Options:
- In person by check, cash, or credit card at the member services desk.
- Over the phone by debit or credit card, call Greater LaGrange at 708-352-7600 or IBY at 630-968-8400.
- Over the phone by debit or credit card, call YMCA od Metropolitan Chicago Member Services Customer Service center
- Our preferred method AUTO DRAFT

Payment Policy:
We are thrilled that you have chosen to enroll your child for the YMCA Summer Camp 2020! To ensure proper communication, we have outlined our policy related to summer camp payments. When you register your child for day camp, you are reserving time, space, staffing, and provisions for your child whether he/she attends. Please review our payment policies carefully. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Membership Desk at 708-352-7600.

- A $25 deposit per week is due at the time of registration to reserve each week you wish to enroll your child.
- Deposits are non-refundable.
- You are also welcome to pay the camp balance any time prior to the due date. Full payment must be received by the Wednesday prior to your week of camp.
- If you wish to cancel your child’s enrollment in a particular week of camp, you will be issued a credit or refund, less the deposit if the cancellation was done two weeks prior to the start of the camp. If notice is given less than two weeks the parent is responsible for full payment for all weeks secured.
- To receive the member rate for summer camp, your child must be a current YMCA member from the date of registration through the camper’s last day of camp.
- There are no credits or refunds for missed days.

The camp director will contact you on Thursday or Friday to notify families that there is a balance due. On Monday, the first day of the camp session, at the time of drop off, all families with a balance due will need to contact the Member Services Desk to make a payment before we will admit the camper to the program. Your camper will not be able to stay and will not be allowed to participate in camp activities. Failure to fulfill camp payment for two weeks (does not need to be consecutive), may result in the camper being removed from the YMCA Summer Camp Program for the rest of year.

Automatic Draft Schedule:
Draft payments are as follows:

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Photography
Photographs and movies, which may include children, are occasionally taken for use with the YMCA. Occasionally, these or other photos may be used for newspaper articles about the center, or for program brochures or flyers. Included in the Registration Process/Packet is a Talent Release Waiver giving us permission to take photos of your child and use them for the above reasons. All photos are the property of the YMCA and will not be used for any other purpose. Whenever possible, use of these photos will be cleared with parents, but this is sometimes difficult or impossible in cases where photos contain large groups of children or are used several years after they are taken. We do not permit outside guests or presenters who provide enrichment opportunities to the students to take photos/movies unless they have written permission from you prior to the activity.

Program Hours
The Greater LaGrange Travelers Summer Camp is in session Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Extended Care is available from 7 a.m.- 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Greater LaGrange and 6:30 – 9a.m. and 4 – 6 p.m. at no additional charge. The Indian Boundary Summer Camp is in session Monday-Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm. Extended Care is available from 6:30am-9:30am and 3:30pm-6:00pm at no additional charge.
Sign In/Sign Out Procedures:
The YMCA takes responsibility for your child once he or she is signed in our camp program. YMCA operates the following procedure:

- Sign in/out with our Camp Staff. Legible signatures along with the in/out time are required each time your child is dropped off or picked up from the program.
- Only those 18 years or older and authorized in writing by parents/guardians will be allowed to pick-up your child. All persons, including parents picking up children, should bring photo identification at each pick-up.
- Your child will not be released to another adult without prior written consent and photo ID.
- The YMCA is legally obligated to withhold the release of any child if the authorized pick-up person is intoxicated or under the influence. In this case, the YMCA reserves the right to notify relevant authorities.

Sunscreen:
Please put sunscreen on your child before coming to camp and send extra sunscreen with your child. Your camper will have frequent opportunities throughout the day to reapply sunscreen. Please provide each child with his or her own labeled spray sunscreen (a minimum of SPF 15 is recommended) for Y staff to re-apply when necessary, as well as any other necessary sun protection (e.g., hat, sunglasses, etc).

- Swimming: Swimming will take place at Indian Boundary location.
- Traditional/Travelers Campers will swim each Tuesday and Thursday.
- Teen & Full Day Sports & Specialty Campers will swim Monday and Fridays

Swimsuit Policy is as follows:
- Males must wear swim shorts or trunks with a lining. Speedo suits for males are not allowed.
- Females must wear a one-piece bathing suit or a two-piece suit that does not show the midriff.
- If inappropriate swimwear is worn at camp the camper will not swim, be asked to change, or a parent may be called to pick up the camper from camp/bring change of clothes.

Scholarships:
The YMCA is proud of its heritage and commitment to make its character-building and family-enriching programs available to everyone in the community. Annually we receive support from hundreds of community leaders, businesses, staff and parents who believe in our purpose.

They contribute generously to our Annual Campaign investing in youth and families. These funds are distributed on a sliding scale to families with a documented financial need in our communities.

Subject to available YMCA resources, no person will be denied participation because of an inability to pay. Call the Membership Desk for more information.

We also take Action for Children and YMCA applicants. If your application is in process, you are responsible for the FULL cost of the Summer Camp program until you are approved. For approved Scholarship, Action for Children, YMCA participants, co-payments are due upon the payment schedule.

Note: Scholarship requests are due by March 1, 2020.

Teen Escape:
Teen Escape is designed to keep teens engaged and active in a positive community based program. Please make sure that your teen is assigned an item for our Friday Cookouts, please bring in your item assigned before or on that Friday. Teens swim on Mondays and Fridays. Please follow swimsuit policy. Please contact Rachel Wallace for additional info at 630-929-2409.

Electronics Policy:
IPODS, Game Boys, Cell Phones and other electronics are not allowed at camp. If they are out, they will be put in the electronics box at sign in / sign out and will be returned when parents come to pick up. Please note that Teen’s may have a different policy for electronics and should be discussed with Teen Counselors.

Weather Conditions:
In the event of inclement weather (thunderstorms, tornado watches, temperatures below 70° or above 95°), daily plans and trips may be adjusted last minute for the comfort and safety of the campers. Please use the hotline for the most current status of field trip and camp information: 630-929-2423 or during day 9:30-3:30 contact: 312-887-0891 and 312-696-9263 between the hours of 7-9am or 4-6pm.
Heat Policy:
When the temperature or heat index reaches 100 degrees during outdoor activities our camp takes the following preventative measures:

**Indoor facilities**
1. Limit outside time to no longer than 20 minutes at a time.
2. Limit the amount of sun exposure during midday hours (10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.).
3. Encourage participants and staff to drink plenty of water.
4. Encourage participants and staff to wear hats, appropriate clothing, and sunscreen.
5. Restrict active games outside; instead, consider crafts, drama, or water games.

**Visiting and Volunteering:**
The YMCA has an open door policy for the parents of all campers. Parents are asked to call the camp director prior to the visit. Parents are invited and encouraged to visit the camp at any time.

Looking for a place to volunteer? The YMCA has opportunities available year round— including camp (running a special skills activity or craft, helping with cookouts, and more!) Please contact the Program Director for more information. Volunteer applications and background checks take at least one month for processing.

**Thank you for being a part of the Greater LaGrange and Indian Boundary YMCA Summer Camp 2020!!**

*We look forward to a great summer together!* 😊

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**SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSES**

IBY Wednesday, February 5 at 6 p.m.  GLG Zion February 5 at 6 p.m.
IBY Thursday, March 5 at 6 p.m.         GLG Zion March 19 t 6 p.m.
IBY Saturday, April 18 at Noon

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