



WOODSTOCK BULLETIN

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Dear Woodstock Parent:

This letter is to confirm acceptance of your child's application to Camp Woodstock's 2010 season. To make registration as efficient as possible, please review the following items.

PAYMENT FOR SUMMER CAMP

The balance for your child's summer camp session(s) is due by May 1, 2010. Please mail a check or call us with a credit card before May 1, 2010 if you did NOT indicate that you would like your card automatically charged on May 1, 2010 when completing the registration.

CAMPER'S MEDICAL FORM

Please bring the completed form with you on check in day. **We cannot accept your child without it. Please do not send it in advance.** The camper's physical must be within two years of the camp date. Please be sure the medical form is filled out in its entirety with emergency contact information completed and physician's signature.

HOW ARE CABIN ASSIGNMENTS MADE?

The camp management takes responsibility for the assignment of campers to their cabins. We try our best to honor the request for **one bunkmate of the same age** as indicated on the registration card, but **each bunkmate pair must request each other** in order to be placed together. To be considerate of other campers, **only one request per camper is allowed**. If you list multiple requests on the registration card, we will **pick one and if that camper has also selected your child, they will be bunked together**. We are unable to change cabin assignments on the day of registration. Cabin assignments will not be given out prior to check in.

Cliques destroy cabin unity – new friends enhance it!

CAMPER'S MEDICATIONS

In accordance with State of CT health standards, every over-the-counter and prescription medication administered in camp must be accompanied by a written physician's order. Only those medications listed on the medical form may be given by the camp nurse. Any medicine brought to camp must be in its *original* container and must be labeled with the child's name. Please be aware that vitamins, nutritional supplements, herbal remedies and medicated ointments or creams are considered medications and must be accompanied by a written physician's order. Unclaimed medications will be destroyed one week after the Summer Camp session ends.

HORSELOVER'S PROGRAM

Check the enclosed flyer for cost, etc. Limited availability. Please get this application with payment in as soon as possible to ensure a spot.

We are **EAGERLY** looking forward to another great summer, and we are glad to share it with your child. Please review the information in this bulletin about Camp Woodstock and call us at the camp office if you have any questions.

Michael Sherman, Director
YMCA Camp Woodstock

CHECK IN PROCEDURE

- ❖ Check in for campers **with** last names beginning in letters **A-M** is from 1-2pm. **From 1-2pm, only campers with last names from A-M will be checked in.**
- ❖ Check in for campers with last names beginning in letters **N-Z** is from 2-3pm. **From 2-3pm, only campers with last names from N-Z will be checked in.**

- ❖ If two campers whose last names are in different halves of the alphabet arrive with the same adult, both campers will register from 2-3pm.
- ❖ As you enter camp, you will be directed to park by a staff or board member and directed to the check in tables in Pop's Lodge.
- ❖ Check in will be done at tables arranged alphabetically. Boys and girls will check in together according to last name.
- ❖ Once you have checked in, **the camper and parent** will proceed to the nurse where medications and medical forms are collected. Next, you will leave Pop's Lodge for the cabin to meet the counselors.

WHAT ABOUT MEDICAL CARE?

Camp Woodstock has a registered nurse in residence at the Health Center. A nearby physician is on call 24 hours a day. In the case of minor illness, parents are informed only if the camper is confined in the health center for more than 24 hours. If you plan a vacation or are away for a weekend, please notify camp of the temporary address and telephone.

WHO PAYS FOR MEDICAL CARE?

It is the responsibility of the parents to carry adequate insurance coverage in case of injury or illness to their children while at camp.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO CAMP?

Please see the enclosed suggested equipment list located on the back of the name tape order sheet. Personal belongings should be plainly marked for identification. An order blank for name tapes, marking pencils, and name transfers is also enclosed. Sandals are not recommended and there are some activities in which they will not be permitted. **Cell phones, iPods, and electronic games are prohibited. They will be confiscated and returned at check out.** The camp provides mountain bikes for those campers choosing that activity. If you bring your own bike or other sports equipment it will be locked up at all times, and will only be allowed out during that activity period. **Camp Woodstock is not responsible for lost or stolen items.** We do not recommend bringing expensive equipment to camp. All belongings should fit under the bunk (13 inch clearance).

DO NOT BRING!

Candy, soda, and snacks in the cabin lead to arguments, rodents and litter. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING OR SEND THEM LATER.** Snacks and beverages may be purchased at the camp store but will not be allowed in the cabins. Chewing gum is not permitted because of the possible damage to tables, cabin floors and dishwashers. Do not bring pets. Cell phones, iPods, expensive sport equipment, electronic games, portable TV's or other electrical appliances are prohibited. These items will be confiscated and returned at check out. Knives and hatchets **SHOULD NOT** be brought to camp.

Any camper bringing weapons, alcohol or illegal drugs will immediately be sent home and a police report will be filed.

ARE CAMP T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE?

For your convenience, the Trading Post will be open during check in and check out. You may purchase T-shirts at this time as well as beverages, ice cream, and snacks.

WHAT RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE OR INSTRUCTION IS GIVEN?

We sing grace at meals, share vespers each evening and cabin reflections at the end of each day. Our Sunday chapel service includes readings from the Bible and emphasizes the personal application of positive character traits in the Judeo-Christian context of the YMCA. Our "CHoRR" values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility are central themes.

STAYOVERS

Campers enrolled for more than one session consecutively may either remain at camp (\$65 fee) or go home with parents to return the next day. A day trip is taken by stayovers to a water park, movie or other local attraction.

The stayover permission form needs to be sent back to the camp office before June 1.

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH CAMPERS?

You and your camper want to hear from each other. You are likely to get more mail if you pack stamped, self-addressed cards or envelopes. Staff will encourage campers to write home once each session. Please address all mail as follows: Camper's Name, Cabin Number, YMCA Camp Woodstock, 42 Camp Road, Woodstock Valley, CT 06282

Family members may send one-way emails to campers through Bunk1. To register for Bunk1, parents can go to www.campwoodstockYMCA.org and click the flashing "Camp Photos/Camper Email" button or go to www.ymcacampwoodstock.bunk1.com. Next, register using the pre-approved registration code **7298WDS1** and purchase Bunk Note credits (you will need a credit card) to send an email to your camper. Emails will be printed and distributed during rest hour each day.

There will be photos of campers posted on both Bunk1's website. To see pictures of your camper, register for Bunk1 (there is no cost to view pictures). We post menus and activities daily on www.campwoodstockYMCA.org. It's a fun way to keep in touch with what's going on at camp.

WHEN SHOULD I PLAN TO ARRIVE?

To conform to fire code laws in Pop's Lodge and to avoid huge lines, campers must register as stated below:

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- ❖ Check in for campers with last names beginning in **letters N-Z** is from 2-3pm. **From 2-3pm, only campers with last names from N-Z will be checked in.**
- ❖ If two campers whose last names are in different halves of the alphabet arrive with the same adult, both campers will register from 2-3pm.
- ❖ Campers arriving for one week B sessions (1B, 4B) should arrive between 1:30 – 2:00PM. All Teen Adventure Trip campers should arrive between 1:00 – 2:00PM on their scheduled arrival day.
- ❖ If you arrive before your scheduled check in time, please visit our World Service cookout! We cannot check campers in before the scheduled check in times listed above.

CHECK OUT POLICY

Camp closes on Saturday mornings and campers are checked out between 9:00 and 11:00AM. Any deviation from the checkout schedule must be approved by the Camp Director well in advance. Staff will direct you to the checkout tables upon your arrival. Camp can only release children to their parents or legal guardians unless a written note is sent to us by the parents with other instructions.

WHAT ABOUT LAUNDRY?

Laundry service will be provided only for campers staying more than two weeks.

LOST AND FOUND

Unclaimed clothing is brought to the Program Lodge for check out the last morning of camp. Please check there and the cabin clothesline before you leave camp. **Lost and found articles are kept one week after the last day of each session before being donated to charity.**

IS THERE A NEED FOR SPENDING MONEY AT CAMP?

Camp operates a Trading Post with items like snacks, T-shirts, stamps, and sodas. For most campers \$15 per week, deposited in the Trading Post bank, is sufficient. There will also be white T-shirts for sale (or you can bring your own) for tie-dyeing during arts and crafts. Overdraft will not be allowed, so please discuss with your child his/her needs.

Camper expenses are recorded on a Trading Post card kept by the Trading Post Manager. Camp management limits the amount that may be spent daily on candy. Trading Post money may be deposited when submitting the balance of camp fees or may be deposited upon arrival at camp.

REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY

- ❖ **Refund Policy:** The **deposit** of \$200 per session, per camper is for the purpose of securing your child's reservation at camp and as such is neither refundable nor transferable. The balance of the camp fee is due by May 1. Any refund of the balance will only be considered upon written request clearly stating the special circumstances (medical, emergency, etc.) why the camper is unable to attend camp. A camper leaving camp before the end of the session for medical (not homesickness or behavior) or emergency reasons will receive a pro-rated refund for the days missed.
- ❖ No reservations or cancellations will be taken by phone as written documentation is necessary to complete a registration as well as to authorize a cancellation.
- ❖ There will be no refunds if a camper leaves during the session except for injury or illness (not homesickness). In the case of injury or illness, a refund will be made upon receipt of a written request and only on a pro-rated basis.
- ❖ A camper sent home for disciplinary reasons is not subject to a refund.

WHAT ARE THE DIRECTIONS TO CAMP?

Camp Woodstock is located in Woodstock Valley, CT.

From Interstate 84 east take Exit 73 (Route 190) and turn right on 190, proceeding approximately 3 miles through Union to the junction of route 171. Turn Right on Route 171 and travel about 2 miles to the junction of Route 197. Veer left on Route 197 and follow it about 2 miles to Route 198, turn right. Our camp sign is located on Camp Road, which is one mile on the left side of Route 198. Proceed down Camp Road to the main camp, which is the third entranceway on the left. You will be met by camp staff. A map to the camp is located on the camp brochure.

From Interstate 84 west take Exit 74 (Route 171) and turn left at the end of the exit. Take your next left and cross over the interstate. At the stop sign turn right onto 171 and proceed 2.3 miles and stay on Rt. 171 as it takes a left turn. You'll travel a little over two miles when the road will fork, and you'll take a left onto route 197. Then follow the directions above to camp.

THE CAMP TELEPHONE

The camp telephone number is (860) 974-1336. We discourage phone calls primarily because they so often tend to initiate or nurture problems of homesickness. Also, with so many campers and only a few lines, we need to limit telephone traffic. But of course, if you have an emergency at home or have any reason to be concerned about your camper, do call. One of the staff will be happy to talk to you, deliver a message and if appropriate, the camp director, counselor or camper will return your call.

ARE THERE VISITING DAYS?

For campers signed up for one or two weeks only, there are no visiting days. For campers staying more than two consecutive weeks, parents may come on the Sunday between sessions.

CAMP POLICY ON TIPPING

Tipping is not in the best interest of either the camp or the counselor. A thank you letter to the counselor or a donation to the Strong Kids Campaign campership fund in a counselor's name tells the director of a job well done and helps send a needy child to camp.

CAMPER CONDUCT

YMCA Camp Woodstock is dedicated to the enhancement of the personal well-being of everyone in their relationship to God, other persons and themselves. Campers whose conduct jeopardizes these ideals may be sent home at the discretion of the camp director without a refund.

OUT OF CAMP TRIPS

Campers choosing hiking, fishing, mountain biking or horseback riding will travel by vehicle driven by approved YMCA staff to local areas. Those campers staying between sessions will travel to a local area attraction. Campers in the LIT program take a bus for a camping trip to Vermont and for a one day trip to the beach.