

Welcome to the Best Summer Ever!

Summer is almost here! Jorgensen Family YMCA would like to welcome all of our new summer families and would like to extend a great welcome back to each of our returning families. We know that finding the right summer camp can be a tough decision, but we can assure you that your child will have the most amazing experience at Jorgensen Family YMCA Day Camp this summer. You should know that by making the decision to send your child to camp, you are providing him/her with an experience that will have a lasting impact. Camp is a place where your child will learn, make new friends, grow in confidence, increase independence, enjoy outdoors, and have FUN!

At Jorgensen Family YMCA Day Camp we pride ourselves on the safety and supervision of each camper in our program. We carefully select a staff team that is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for your camper.

We look forward to meeting our families at one of our Open House dates: June 6th from 1pm to 2pm where you can join us for field day!

Feel free to contact me with any questions or feedback.

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A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

JORGENSEN FAMILY YMCA DAY CAMP

Our camp focuses on campers being outdoors, building new relationships, and experiencing exciting new things. Our co-ed groups are broken down by age and each group participates in activities including swimming, Arts & Crafts, field games, team-building activities, weekly entertainment, camp wide events and more. Have a camper that loves Sports, Crafts, Cooking or Cheer? We offer specialty camps that can cater to their interests!

Camp Hours & Pre/Post Camp:

6am-9am

Before Care: FREE. No sign up required or notice needed.

Please walk your child to the Childcare front desk (located once you enter Jorgensen and is the first hallway to the left. Our staff will direct you where to go to drop off and sign in your child.)

9:15-9:30am

All Groups walk down to Flag Pole Lot for morning announcements, Daily updates, and camp songs

9:30-10:45 AM

Outdoor activities and fun ensues! Get to know you games, park fun, field games, arts and crafts, outdoor swimming and team building activities, etc. Remember to pack sunscreen daily!

10:45-11:00AM

Transition time for groups

11:00-11:45 AM

Lunch: Camper groups will eat at different times throughout the afternoon. Please pack a lunch daily with ice packs and plenty of healthy snacks and water. Lunch bags will travel w/campers throughout the day so please do not pack perishable food items (mayonnaise, yogurt, milk products).

11:45-12:00PM

Transition time for groups

12:00-12:45PM

Outdoor activities and fun continues! Arts and crafts, park fun, field games, swimming, and team building.

12:45-1:45 PM

Classroom activities, gym games, and outside fun. On Fridays, all campers will assemble in Gym B for Camp Throw down! Activities will include our Cheer performance, campers vs. counselor challenges, and other fun!

1:45-2:00PM

Transition time for groups

2:00-3:45PM

Snack: Camper groups will eat snack at different times. Please pack a healthy snack daily with your child. Other than snack, campers will enjoy classroom activities, indoor swimming, gym games, and outside fun (transition times from 2:45-3 and 3:45 to 4)

4:00-6:00 PM

After Care: FREE. No sign up required or notice needed. Campers will participate in gym games and other activities. To pick up your camper, go to the Childcare front desk. Our staff will direct you to the exact location your child is in. Please bring your Photo ID for pick up and must be authorized adult 18.

Please note there is no carpool this Summer

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FAQ

Q. Is there a camp open house?

A. Yes! You will have a chance to ask questions, meet camp counselors, and join in the fun with your camper.

Q. What time can I drop off / pick up my child?

A. Camp runs from 9am to 4pm. Before Care runs from 6AM – 9:00 AM in the morning and 4:00 – 6:00 PM in the evenings.

Q. What is the plan for Transportation for Field Trips during Inclement Weather?

A. Your child's safety and well-being are our top priorities. The YMCA reserves the right to delay or cancel programs and field trips based on inclement weather that could affect your child's safety and program quality. Transportation for all camps is provided by Southwest Allen County Schools.

Q. If I need to have a conversation with my child's Camp Director or Camp Counselor(s) when is good time?

A. We encourage parents to reach out to the appropriate Camp Director with all questions or concerns. Feel free to call/email to set up a time to speak or you may stop in during camp hours and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Q. What should I send (not send) with my child to camp?

A. Please check out our "What to Bring / Not to Bring" page for detailed information.

Q. Who is caring for my child while he/she is at camp?

A. We hire counselors with excellent character, strong values, enthusiasm and experience working with kids. Before camp starts, we add to their skills with more than 24 hours of instruction in training such as child development, emergency procedures, aquatics training, CPR/first aid and conflict resolution.

Q. What do you do in case of hot weather?

A. When weather reports indicate an unhealthy heat index, we adjust our camp day to safeguard campers from dehydration and overexposure to sun and heat. We provide cool, indoor or shaded places for camp activities, provide frequent water breaks and monitor sun exposure. We are committed to providing a safe environment for kids, but if your child isn't feeling well, our staff is fully trained in first aid.

Q: What do you do in case of thunder and lightning/tornadoes?

A: We train our staff members to bring our campers inside immediately where we would then provide indoor space for camp activities.

Q. What does my child eat during the day?

A. You will need to pack your camper's lunch. Please check out our What to Bring/Not Bring page for more info on what to pack.

Q: Does my child go swimming?

A: All Groups will have the opportunity to swim during the week. Campers will need to bring a swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen daily for swimming and other outdoor water activities. Campers must pass a swim test to be eligible to swim in the deep side of the pool. Camp staff are present during swim time both in and out of the pool as additional look outs with the guards on staff. Camp staff are also trained by the Aquatics Director before camp begins. Life jackets are available to any child that needs/wants one.

Q: Does my child go on a field trip?

A: ONLY Traditional camps go on field trips. Field trips are once a week. You will receive a schedule ahead of time for the entire Summer.

Q: Do I need to notify anyone if my child will be absent from camp?

A: No, you do not. Please however contact us at least TWO WEEKS ahead if you need to cancel a week(s) of camp.

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What to bring/ not to bring to camp

WHAT TO BRING

- Please pack lunch, drinks and snacks in a LABELED cooler or lunch bag.
- Refillable Water bottle (please label)
- Swim bag packed with their swimsuit and towel clearly labeled. * We will send out the swim schedule before camp starts. If your campers schedule changes, we will notify you.
- SUNSCREEN

The sun at camp is always a concern for us. We want you to know that we are committed to making sure your child is safe from the sun. We strongly encourage you to pack your camper with non-SPRAY ON SUNSCREEN. We will assist our youngest campers in applying sunscreen during each sunscreen break. However, campers 8 years old and up will be responsible for applying their own sunscreen during the day (with plenty of reminders from their counselors). If sun exposure is ever a problem – please notify the director immediately so that extra precautions and applications can be made.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Some of our Specialty Camps may ask campers to bring specific toys/props for use in the program.

We ask that they refrain from bringing any of the following:

- Money, alcohol, drugs, vehicles, animals or weapons
- Any valuables
- Skateboards and scooters
- Tablets, cell phones or other electronics
- Electronic games

- Toys, balls, playing cards, etc.

Parents, please help us with these requests. We do not want something precious to your child to be lost or broken. Thank you very much!

WHAT TO WEAR TO CAMP

- Sunscreen (Lotion)
- Shorts
- Light-weight top
- Hat
- Comfortable, CLOSED TOE shoes

WHAT NOT TO WEAR TO CAMP

- Black/dark colored clothing
 - Expensive clothing, dresses, etc.
 - OPEN TOED SHOES OR FLIP FLOPS
- If your child chooses to wear these please be aware that they may be restricted from participating in certain activities for their own safety and you may be contacted by our camp director.