



NEW DISCOVERIES

Welcome to Camp!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Get ready for a summer filled with adventure, friendships, laughter, and unforgettable memories!

We are thrilled to welcome our returning families and meet the new campers joining our New Discoveries Y Day Camp family!

Our team has been working hard to prepare nine incredible weeks of fun, creativity, and discovery! From exciting weekly themes and special events to swimming, sports, STEM challenges, arts and crafts, and favorite camp traditions, there's something for everyone!

To our campers: Bring your energy, imagination, and camp spirit! Get ready to explore, make friends, and create amazing memories!

To our families: Thank you for trusting us with your children. Their safety, happiness, and growth are our top priorities.

The following information will help you prepare for camp. For additional policies and procedures, please review our Camp Guide on our website.

If you have any questions, please reach out.

Here's to nine weeks of adventure, discovery, and FUN! We can't wait to see you at camp!

CAMP LOCATION & CONTACT

Preschool:

100 N Arlington Ave, East Orange NJ

Site Cell Phone: 973-651-6796

School-Age

159 N. Munn Ave East Orange NJ Site

Site Cell Number: 973-980-1783

If you have any questions call 973-673-5588 or email Ms. Harris kharris@metroymcas.org





TOP TIPS FOR A GREAT START TO CAMP

- Talk with your child about camp. It's normal to feel nervous or anxious, especially when it's your child's first time at a camp. Connect with the Camp Director ahead of camp if you have any concerns.
- Leading up to camp, ensure your child is familiar with their belongings and everything is labeled. Review or practice daily routines such as getting changed for swimming or re-packing their backpack.
- Establish a routine, and be prepared that your child may be upset at drop off. Tell them who will be picking them up that day, and please let our staff know and we will gently help your child get involved in an activity and the tears will soon disappear.

LOST AND FOUND

- Clearly label with your child's full name any clothing and possessions that your child brings to camp. "Found" items that have campers' names on them are usually returned the same day or the next day
- Please leave all valuables and electronics at home. Check out our cellphones and screens policy here.

ALLERGY AWARE

- Please ensure that you inform us of known food allergies on the health form and discuss strategies to minimize risks with the Health Care Manager or Camp Director.
- Please provide a Physicians Care Plan and medication as needed.
- Review our health policies here.

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DROP-OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES FOR PRESCHOOL

- Please walk your camper into the building each morning.
- All campers must be signed in by a parent, guardian, or authorized adult.
- Campers may not be dropped off at the curb or left unattended.
- After signing in, a staff member will assist your camper with joining their group.
- Parents/guardians must enter the building to pick up their camper.
- Front desk staff will contact your camper's group and have them brought to the lobby.
- All campers must be signed out before leaving.
- For the first two weeks of camp (or until staff become familiar with you), photo ID will be required at pick-up.

DROP-OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL-AGE

- Drive Slowly in the parking lot
- Leave cones in parking spots
- Stay in car.
- Have camper exit car using door closer to building
- Any questions please call
- Do not hold line up
- Drive slowly in the parking lot
- Park in a parking spot
- Make sure to have ID
- Always check lost & found
- Read information board for important updates

FORMS OF COMMUNICATION

- Emails
- Camp Cellphone - hours that it will be checked from 7:45am - 6:00pm
- In-person - time at drop-off and pick-up can be limited for extended conversations. Please reach out to schedule a call at a mutually beneficial time to discuss concerns.

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PRESCHOOL

- Extra full change of clothes
- Rest-time item
- Comfortable sneakers
- Labeled water bottle
- Swimsuit & towel (Swim days ONLY)
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Label every item with your child's first and last name. Leave valuables and toys at home.

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CAMPER

PRESCHOOL

Arrival / Breakfast

Morning Meeting

Swim Activities

ACTIVITIES

LUNCH

Rest Time

Outdoor Play

Activites

Centers

Special

SNACK

Round Up

Activties

Afternoon Wrap-up/ Pickup

SCHOOL-AGE

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