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## YMCA Camp Ingersoll Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How do I Register?

Online registration at [CampIngersoll.org](http://CampIngersoll.org) is the best. Please read ALL directions at the beginning of EVERY step and your camper will be registered in no time. Contact camp for paper registration. Returning family registration opens on January 23rd and general registration opens on February 6th.

### 2. Are Preview and Finale week different from other sessions?

Yes, they are one-week sessions. Before and after camp are only located at camp, and only two buses run (see pg. 10 of our brochure). We try to include special events every week, campers will travel to one specialty area every day.

### 3. What should my camper bring each day?

Campers should bring closed-toe shoes/sneakers, a water bottle, towel, swimsuit, sunscreen, lunch, backpack, and an extra change of clothes. Label all items with first and last names! DO NOT BRING personal toys, iPods, Gameboys, trading cards, cell phones, etc.

### 4. What if my camper loses an item at camp?

All items brought to camp should be labeled with the camper's first and last name in permanent marker. Lost items for most campers are displayed at the amphitheater so campers can retrieve them. Parents can also look for items on family nights. If your camper is in Wee Wonders or Kiddy Kamp, their lost and found items are usually kept in their respective huts, since that is where they change. All items are donated to GoodWill after the conclusion of each session.

### 5. Does YMCA Camp Ingersoll provide lunch?

We are continuing to offer our bagged lunch program from SUBWAY for an additional fee. You can sign up online or on your registration form. Prior to the start of a session, you will receive a menu to select your lunch. Campers who bring their own lunch should pack it in a brown paper bag. All lunches are refrigerated.

### 6. Will my child receive swimming lessons?

All traditional campers will have two swim periods per day. The first period will be instructional activities and the second will be a free swim.

### 7. Can I pick my child up early?

Parents must notify the camp prior to 3:00 pm if they plan to pick up early. Please pick your camper up BEFORE 3:00 pm or at Parent Pickup at 4:00 pm. Please send your camper with an early pickup note or call the camp office 30 minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up. Children will only be released to individuals who are listed on the registration form and who have a valid photo ID with them. All campers MUST be signed out.



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### **8. What if my camper needs medication?**

Complete and submit the "Authorization to Administer Medication" form signed by both the guardian and doctor. Forms are available online and by request. Medications must be in their original labeled container.

### **9. How can I get in touch with my child's counselor?**

Counselors place a call to the family's home on the second day of each session to introduce themselves and answer any questions you may have. Counselors may call from a private number and cannot leave a message if your voice mailbox is full. If parents believe they have missed a phone call, they are encouraged to call YMCA Camp Ingersoll at 860-342-2267 where a counselor, coordinator, or leadership staff member will be available to speak with them. Please keep in mind that specific staff members may not be immediately available to speak with you but will get back to you at their earliest convenience. Many parents find it helpful to communicate through notes. Communication with parents is very important to us, please don't hesitate to call with any questions.

### **10. Do you apply sunscreen at camp?**

Sunscreen should be applied by parents in the morning. Counselors will help reapply as needed and at least four times a day if it is provided by the parent.

### **11. Can my camper have a phone at camp?**

We understand why parents may want their campers to have phones. Electronics cannot be used at camp, but campers can keep phones in their bags. Our counselors provide engaging and varied activities for all campers with emphasis on social interactions, relationship building, and positive engagement. If phones are seen at camp, counselors first ask campers to put them away and eventually move to keeping the phone in the office until a parent can pick it up.

### **12. Is camp canceled on rainy days?**

Camp runs through sunshine or rain (or liquid sunshine as we call it here at camp). Camp will be canceled only if a holiday falls on a weekday or if there are urgent weather warnings. In these cases, you will receive an email confirming cancellation or a delay.

### **13. How can I get more information?**

- For registration questions please contact Rachel Johnson at 860-342-2267 or [rjohnson@midymca.org](mailto:rjohnson@midymca.org).
- You can reach our Camp Director, Ben Silliman, at 860-342-2267 or send an email at [bsilliman@midymca.org](mailto:bsilliman@midymca.org).
- For forms and more information, please visit [CampIngersoll.org](http://CampIngersoll.org).
- For high-resolution photos of your camper please download our new photo platform <https://waldophotos.com/@ymcacampingersoll>

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