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Camp Fox 2019 Parent/Guardian Handbook



ANAHEIM FAMILY YMCA

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Dear Y Families,

From Camp Osceola in the 1920s to today, YMCA camps have been a long-standing tradition in Anaheim. Whether under the sun at Camp Fox or nestled in the wilderness at Camp Miehana, thousands of campers have had the opportunity to experience a life-changing week of fun and personal discovery. Generations of alumni campers pull together each year to maintain the tradition of Y Camp and make a difference in the lives of today's young people. Using these camps, the YMCA builds strong relationships and strong individuals!

Our camp programs have the potential to cause extraordinary life changes. They provide a place for learning to work as a team and to build competencies that make a difference in the world around us. Camps serve as a unique classroom for teaching the core values that are at the heart of our YMCA mission. We come together in many different ways for the purpose of stimulating positive growth and development in all who participate. One of the greatest strengths of the Anaheim Family YMCA is our ability to bring together people from all walks of life regardless of social or economic condition, physical ability or faith. We are able to create a safe place for people to learn, grow, experience their own strengths and weaknesses and to explore issues of values, faith and beliefs. It's the Y's goal to help maintain the human connection with the natural world and each other, and Camp Fox and Camp Miehana help facilitate that bond.

At Camp Fox, one of our goals is to create significant change in the lives of our campers; to help them go beyond their own limitations and open themselves to the possibility of a new found personal strength and ability to be of service to their community, their families and each other.

Sending your child away for a week is, no doubt, scary. We sincerely appreciate the trust you have placed in us, The Anaheim Family YMCA, and our volunteer team. Together, we will help create an amazing, unique and safe experience for your child.

Sincerely,

Caitlyn Fry

Program Director

ANAHEIM FAMILY YMCA



Goals and Objectives

CAMP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The YMCA camp program provides a positive atmosphere of safety, support, and care for each child while allowing for personal growth and development in spirit, mind, and body. Aside from the day-to-day activities that the camp itself offers, our volunteers plan a structured program centered around our theme for the week. During the week, the theme is talked about at our daily morning inspiration and during nightly discussions. Our program also includes dances, group team building activities, and friendly cabin vs. cabin competitions. Our nightly campfires include skits, songs, reflection and tons of laughs. Our program also includes **YMCA Character Development**, implementing the core values of **Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility** in everything we do. Lastly, Y camp incorporates the Ragger Program. This is strictly a goal setting program built for those who choose to challenge themselves spiritually, mentally or physically. The benefit one gets from the ragging program is lifelong.

The program goals of YMCA resident camp include the following:

- Grow as a responsible member and citizen of his/her group, family, and community
- Develop new skills and areas of interest that form foundations for healthy lifestyle choices
- Help build a sense of self-esteem and personal worth
- Provide a framework to meet a need of spending enjoyable, constructive and quality time with friends and their natural surroundings
- Offer an important and unique chance to cultivate and enjoy leadership skills, a variety of enrichment opportunities and character development

OUR CAUSE: At the Y, we strengthen the foundations of community. We work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure that everyone regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

OUR FOCUS: Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility

- **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:** Nurturing the potential of every child and teen
- **HEALTHY LIVING:** Promoting positive choices around health and well-being
- **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:** Giving back and providing support to our neighbors

OUR VALUES: All Y programs instill and model the four core values of HONESTY, CARING, RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY.

Welcome to Camp Fox

WELCOME TO CAMP!

Welcome to Camp Fox with the Anaheim Family YMCA. We are so excited to have you at camp with us this year. Camp is one week out of the year where campers can set aside time to think about their goals, their life, and the direction they want to take next. Camp Fox is an unbelievable experience. Get ready to kayak, swim, play volleyball, rock climb, stand-up paddleboard, enjoy the high-ropes course and snorkel. This will be a week you will never forget. You will make new friends, learn new talents and become a Y camper for life. The Anaheim YMCA at Camp Fox also takes great pride in our music program, and was awarded with the ***Eleanor P. Eells Award for Program Excellence*** by the *American Camp Association*.

For those that are new to camp, this is what happens the morning of June 23rd:

- Meet at Anaheim Union High School District Office at 6:30 am
- Check in, load up luggage truck and busses
- Take busses to Long Beach; load luggage onto the boat, depart for Catalina Island
- 3 hours later...we arrive at Camp Fox!!

DEPARTURE/RETURN INFORMATION FOR CAMP FOX

Departure: Sunday, June 23rd Arrive no later than 6:30 am @ Anaheim Union High School District Main Office; **501 N. Crescent Way Anaheim, CA 92801**
(volunteers will guide you to the drop-off area)

Return: Saturday, June 29th at approximately 3:00 pm @ Anaheim Union High School District Main Office; **501 N. Crescent Way Anaheim, CA 92801**
(must keep bus area clear while we unload)

- **Luggage when we return:** For safety and expediency, please wait until **all** luggage has been unloaded and you are directed to take your personal belongings. We will unload and lay out all luggage in rows, and then campers and parents/guardians may pick up their belongings.

GUIDELINES FOR DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL DAYS

All campers are to be released only to an authorized person. No camper may leave the drop-off area at any time without authorization from the custodial parent/guardian and the camp director. Registered campers must arrive on time for drop-off. Calls will be made to parents/guardians to determine if/when absent campers will be brought to camp. No refunds will be given for "no-shows". If a camper is not picked up within 30 minutes of arrival time, the parents/guardians, and then emergency contacts will be called. If later than 30 minutes, the police department will be notified to pick up your child.

Camp Information

YOUR CHILD'S CABIN LEADER AND OUR CAMP STAFF TEAM

Our camp programs are run almost exclusively by a team of extremely dedicated and passionate volunteers. Our volunteers are carefully selected, screened, and go through comprehensive training prior to camp. If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information please do not hesitate to reach out to **our program director, Caitlyn Fry at 714-635-9622 or cfry@anaheimymca.org**.

MEDICATION

All medication must be submitted to the camp nurse during check-in on departure day. All prescription medications must be in the original bottle, clearly marked with the child's name and specific instructions/dosage information from a physician. Over the counter medication/vitamins must be in the original container, clearly marked with the child's name, and have specific instructions from a physician *if dosage differs from the manufacturer's recommendations*. We cannot accept pills/medications in a Ziploc bags or pill containers. All medication will be stored and distributed by our camp nurse. Please pack enough medication for your child's entire 7 day stay at camp. Please collect your child's medications immediately after camp. Medications will only be held for 3 days after returning to Anaheim.

HAIR CHECK BEFORE CAMP DEPARTURE

We conduct a lice check on departure day. We cannot allow those with lice or nits (lice eggs) to attend camp. If you have concerns, we encourage you to check with your family doctor or health clinic prior to departure day. Several products are available over the counter or with a doctor's prescription. If you'd like more information, please go to www.cdc.gov/lice.

ILLNESS OR INJURY AT CAMP

We are able to accommodate and treat minor first aid injuries or illnesses at camp. If a camper is unable to resume participation in normal activities, parents/guardians will be notified to pick up the camper. In the case of a major/sudden illness or injury, emergency services will be secured and parents will be contacted. **If you have an emergency and need to contact us, please contact Ann Trovada at 714-635-9622 or atrovada@anaheimymca.org**.

CAMPER DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

The overall safety and well-being of all campers is always our highest concern. If a camper violates any of the Code of Conduct policies, a parent/guardian will be required to pick up the child in Avalon (Catalina Island main port city) at the parent/guardian's expense. Violations include, but are not limited to: not respecting camp staff, fellow campers or the property of others; observance of camp safety rules, inappropriate sexual conduct; and any violation of the *Code of Conduct* (attached to Parent Handbook). *Currently, round-trip fare to Avalon is \$74.50; one-way tickets are \$37.25.*

Frequently Asked Questions

SWIM AREA CONCERNS

Our campers swim in a roped off open-ocean area, zoned for swimming. The Anaheim Family YMCA utilizes a staffed private facility operated by the Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI). CIMI uses lifeguards on duty, certified in watercraft use, lifeguarding, Emergency Water Safety (EWS), CPR for the Professional Rescuer, AED and first-aid.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, DEVOTIONS AND THE YMCA RAGGER PROGRAM

We utilize daily themes, cabin devotions (group discussions/reflections) and the YMCA Ragging Program (a goal-setting curriculum) to facilitate character development at camp. More information may be found on page 4 of this packet. If you have questions or would like more information about either of these aspects of our program, please contact our program director, Caitlyn Fry at 714-635-9622 or cfry@anaheimymca.org.

CELL PHONES AND COMMUNICATION AT CAMP

We understand we live in a time where constant digital connection and communication are the norm. While we do not prohibit cell phones, we encourage campers to take the week of camp to *disconnect* from technology and *connect with nature, their peers*, and take advantage of all camp has to offer. Cell service and charging stations are quite limited, and we also strongly discourage campers from bringing ANY valuables to camp. If your child plans to use their cell phone as their camera, we encourage a conversation beforehand about limiting use to that purpose. **In the event you have an urgent need to reach your child during the week of camp**, please contact Ann Trovada at 714-635-9622 or atrovada@anaheimymca.org. She is able to contact the Camp Fox CIMI office landline to relay the message and have your child contact you if necessary.

MONEY AT CAMP

There is a small camp store at Fox, stocked with a variety of snacks and goodies for purchase. Your camper may bring any amount, \$20-\$40 is usually plenty. The money will be checked-in to the camp store on Sunday and held for the kids to spend during the week. Left over money will be given back to the camper on Saturday.

MAIL AT CAMP

Every camper enjoys receiving mail at camp! Letters and postcards are recommended.

Valuables and large care packages with food/snacks are discouraged due to limited space on the mail boat. We recommend mailing items by June 21st to ensure delivery during the week of camp. The Camp Fox address is:

CAMPER NAME
C/O Anaheim Family YMCA
Camp Fox: June 23rd–June 29th, 2019
PO Box 1920
Avalon, CA 90704

LOST & FOUND

Camp designates an area for lost and found items. Campers are encouraged to check for lost items at camp. Upon return from camp, parents are encouraged to look for lost items as well. Due to limited storage space, the YMCA will only hold lost and found items for 48 hours after camp. All remaining items will be donated to a local charity.

Additional Information

CAMP REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Friday, June 7th, 2019

Online registration: visit our website at:

<http://www.anaheimymca.org/youthprograms/summercamps/camp-fox/>

If you encounter issues or need assistance, please visit our main office at 240 S. Euclid Street, Anaheim 92802, or contact us at 714-635-9622.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS – PAYMENT DEADLINE – Wednesday, June 12th, 2019

A minimum deposit of \$60 is required to reserve a child's space in camp. Final payments are due by June 12th. **If you need to set up a payment plan, arrangements must be made with the program director prior to June 12th.**

- **If your child is no longer able to attend camp, please notify us BEFORE June 7th to receive a full refund.**
- Refund requests for cancelations after June 7th and departure day "no-shows" will be assessed on a case by case basis by the program director. Members may request system credit towards future programs in place of a refund.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DEADLINE – Friday, May 24th, 2019

Financial assistance is available; please apply online through our website:

<http://www.anaheimymca.org/financial-assistance/>

CAMP FOX PARENT MEETING

Tuesday, June 11th @ 6:30 pm @ the Orange County Family Justice Center
150 W Vermont Ave, Anaheim, CA 92805

Attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory. This is an opportunity to ask questions, address any concerns you may have, turn in any final paperwork, and make final payments.

DAILY SCHEDULE

A typical day at camp...

- 7:00 am: Rise & Shine
- 7:30 am: Morning Inspiration – songs, skits, daily theme
- 8:00 am: Breakfast
- 8:45 am: Cabin/Villa Clean-up, Campers get ready for the day
- 10:00 am: Morning Activity Period (all activity areas open)
- 12:30 pm: Lunch
- 1:15 pm: Afternoon Activity Period (all activity areas open)
- 4:30 pm: Activity Period Closes
- 4:45 pm: Quiet Hour
- 5:45 pm: Dinner
- 6:30 pm: Twilight Activity Period
- 7:15 pm: Parade Grounds closed; get ready for Camp Fire
- 7:30 pm: Camp Fire – songs, skits, fun times
- 9:15 pm: Cabin/Villa Devotions
- 10:00 pm: Lights Out

YMCA Summer Resident Camp

Code of Conduct

A high level of positive conduct is expected of all participants, both campers and adults alike, that requires self-control, individual decision-making, responsibility and adherence to a code of conduct that is appropriate for each camping experience.

Basic Philosophy of Responsible Conduct

It is essential that all campers, leaders and staff act responsibly to ensure that their own conduct and attitude is beneficial to themselves, fellow campers and the Anaheim Family YMCA camp program. **By choosing to participate in this program, you are expected to read, understand, sign and agree to this *Code of Conduct*.**

General Rules

Violation of any of the following rules may result in Leader, Staff or Program Director intervention, parental contact, or in a camper being sent home at the expense of their parents. The camp participant may also be referred to the local law enforcement agency, if applicable.

- Any act of vandalism, arson, destruction or misuse of property of the camp facility, staff, or other campers may be a crime and will be treated as such.
- Possession of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.
- Weapons, of any kind, and items that could cause injury or damage to participants and/or property are strictly forbidden.
- Theft of any items from the camp facility, staff or other campers is a crime and will be treated as such.
- Possession or use of tobacco products (including vapes) by campers is not permitted.
- Activities that endanger the health and safety of yourself or others are prohibited.
- Inappropriate and uninvited physical contact between any camper, leader or staff member is prohibited, including bullying, physical/sexual harassment and hazing.
- All participants shall observe curfews and be in their assigned sleeping areas for the duration of the established curfew time.
- All participants are expected to act in a respectful manner, both in language & action, when interacting with staff, leaders or other campers. This includes verbal assault or threat, or harassment of any type.
- All participants will obey all rules from staff and program adults (camp staff, transportation staff, volunteers).
- ALL campers will respect closed living and sleeping areas and all areas that are established as "out of bounds".

Camper Code of Responsibility

Just as campers have rights, they also have responsibilities. All campers have the responsibility to utilize self-discipline to support a fun and safe camp environment, and to respect the rights of all individuals. While at camp and camp sponsored events, participants are expected to model positive, responsible behavior and conduct themselves according to standards and values of the Anaheim Family YMCA. Campers and parents/guardians will be held responsible for understanding and complying with the *Camp Code of Conduct*. Campers will be held accountable for **their own** actions. Participants are encouraged to inform staff, without fear of reprisal or retaliation, of any behavior they witness that violates the *General Rules* and the *Camp Code of Conduct*.

A camper's luggage and bunk area may be subject to search by Camp Staff based upon reasonable suspicion of possession of prohibited or illegal materials to ensure the well-being and safety of all participants.

Disciplinary Actions

The *Code of Conduct* is binding for all campers, leaders and staff. The intent of the *Code of Conduct* is to hold each participant accountable for his/her actions.

The Camp Director has the authority to interpret the *Code of Conduct* and administer any disciplinary action deemed necessary.

The Camp Director has the authority to delegate his/her disciplinary powers to any staff person deemed appropriate.

Transportation Expenses Incurred by Disciplinary Actions

All expenses/arrangements related to disciplinary action are the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) and not that of the Anaheim Family YMCA.

ATTENTION PARENTS

This is your copy of the YMCA *Camp Code of Conduct*. It is **your** responsibility to read with your child and make sure they fully understand. Please understand, if your child violates this *Code of Conduct* and is asked to leave camp, you are fully responsible for his/her immediate transport home from camp and all expenses related to this transport. You also understand that you will not receive a refund for registration fees paid to participate in the camp program.

Packing List for CAMP FOX 2019

**PLEASE LIMIT LUGGAGE TO ONE SOFT-SIDED DUFFEL BAG/SUITCASE AND ONE BEDROLL
PLEASE LABEL ALL LUGGAGE CLEARLY WITH CAMPER'S NAME**

WHAT TO BRING

- Sleeping bag, pillow
- T-shirts, one for each day
- Shorts, 4 or 5 pairs
- Long pants, 2 pairs
- Socks for each day
- Underwear for each day
- Sweatshirt or warm jacket
- Pajamas
- Hat/Visor/Sunglasses
- Swimsuit(s)
- Tennis shoes & flip-flops
- Towels (2 recommended-shower and beach)
- Tooth brush/toothpaste
- Shampoo/conditioner/soap
- Comb/brush
- Menstrual products (*if applicable*)
- Glasses, contacts, braces products
- Chapstick and sunscreen
- Laundry bag
- Medicine (**DO NOT PACK, BUT GIVE TO CAMP NURSE AT CHECK-IN**)
- Extra trash bag to bring stuff home (*dirty clothes, bedroll*)
- Rag (*if your camper is part of the Rag Program*)

OPTIONAL ITEMS TO BRING TO CAMP (PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS!!)

- Camera
- Reading book(s)
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Guitar/Musical Instrument
- Spending Money (*for Snack Shack*)
- Items for special events/dress-up days (see below)

DRESS-UP DAYS

At camp, we have themed meals and a dance where we dress up -- join the fun! Bring something small or go ALL OUT. Feel free to bring items for one or two, for ALL of them, or come just as you are - you'll look great and have a blast no matter what!

Silly Sock Breakfast

Pajama Breakfast

Twin Din-Din (Match your outfit with a friend - old or brand-new!)

Hero Dress-up Dinner
(*real or imaginary*)

Leader Dress-up (Bring some crazy stuff for your leader to wear)

Crazy-Hair Breakfast

Dance Theme: Under the Big Top!
(think circus theme)

PLEASE DO NOT BRING TO CAMP

We strongly discourage campers from packing ANY valuable belongings. Additionally, any items deemed inappropriate by camp staff will be confiscated. Under reasonable suspicion, we reserve the right to search **any and all** belongings during anyone's stay at camp. Unfortunately we have sent campers home in the past, at parent's expense, for possession of certain items, including:

- Tobacco/vape products of **any** kind
- Alcohol or drugs
- Lighters, matches
- Fireworks, explosives of any kind
- Knives, guns, other weapons
- Silly string
- Sharpies/Permanent markers, spray paint
- Inappropriate reading materials
- Offensive, gang related, drug or alcohol related attire
- Animals or pets