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LAKOTA FAMILY YMCA

CAMP ARROWHEAD NEWSLETTER

Week 2 - (June 3, 2019 - June 7, 2019)

Welcome campers and their families to Week 2 of Camp Arrowhead.

Our theme for Week 2 is **Safari Season!** The field trip is Cincinnati Zoo...more information is below. Please watch the whiteboard located by the camp desk each week for field trip details and other announcements. The Camp Arrowhead Newsletter will be available each Monday afternoon at the Camp Desk and will be posted on the Y's website www.lakotaymca.com.

All campers will receive a camo band that they are to wear each day when they are in camp. This will help everyone at the Y identify who the campers are since we use all parts of the Y. They will be required to wear it as long as they are in camp. If they don't leave them on there may be a charge to you for an additional band. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

CAMP HOURS, PARKING & DROP OFF/PICK UP

Pre-camp	7:00am-9:00am	Day Camp Sign-Out	4:00-4:10pm
Day camp sign-in	9:00am-9:15am	Post Camp	4:00-6:00pm
Day camp	9:00am-4:00pm		

If you are late picking up there is a charge of \$1 per minute per child. If there is excessive lateness you may be asked to leave camp. If you are going to be late please use someone on your pickup list to get your camper. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

There are a few designated camp parking spots by the outside playground that you can use during drop off & pick up each day. Drop off & pick up time is very busy so please use extreme caution when in the parking lot. Please be advised that if it is raining the driveway up to the camp sign in desk can be very slippery. Please use the side steps to get to the camp desk.

Each day you must walk your child into the garage area in the back of the building by the outside playground to sign your camper in/out each day. No one under the age of 16 is permitted to pick up. Until we get to know you, please have your ID ready to show the staff. Also at pick up time the campers will be in different parts of the building so please allow some extra time for them to get to the garage.

If your child is in day camp only (9:00am-4:00pm) they cannot be dropped off before 8:55am.

PAPERWORK

All paperwork must be received before the first day of camp. Please be patient during the first days of camp as we may be collecting paperwork for other campers. If there is something missing on the paperwork your child's name will be highlighted on the sign in sheets. The staff at the camp desk will be able to help you with that. You will be asked to sign the Rock Wall permission form on the first day your child attends camp. We also need a current picture of your child if you have not already done so for their file. New this year will be a permission to apply sunscreen form. If we do not have your child's paperwork they may not be able to go on the field trip.

FIELD TRIP

The campers will be going to Cincinnati Zoo this Wednesday. Buses will be leaving no later than 9:20am! Please be on time if your camper is attending and arrive before 9:15am to ensure they are ready to go! They need to wear closed toe shoes and the camp shirt they get the first Wednesday of camp. If they have not received a t-shirt they will get one the morning of the field trip. Campers need to pack a disposable lunch with their name on it, drink included. Reusable water bottles are allowed however it is the campers responsibility. Campers are not allowed to bring money on this field trip. Since there is rain in the forecast we will allow campers to bring backpacks with ponchos or umbrellas. Please ensure they have sunscreen on before arriving. We will return around 3:30pm to the gym.

WHAT TO BRING & WEAR

Your camper should wear comfortable clothes each day as they will be doing a variety of activities (indoors & outdoors) throughout their day. **Gym shoes must be worn.** If they are not wearing gym shoes they may be limited in their activities.

Camper will need to bring a **bathing suit, towel, flip flops and sunscreen each day** except field trip days. Some field trips they will need their suits but you will be notified. Please put your child's name on their belongings.

Girls are required to wear one piece swimsuits. Boys must wear swim trunks with no undergarments showing. No Speedo's. We will be lenient during the first week of camp as parent find the opportunity to buy swimwear.

Campers must bring a packed lunch each day. There is no refrigeration so put a cold pack into their lunch bag. We also do not have access to a microwave to cook or heat up food for them. If your child does not have a lunch from home, one will be provided by the Y at fee of \$5.00 that will be billed to your account.

SUNSCREEN

Each day the campers should bring their own each day. Make sure that their name is on the sunscreen. Campers will not be permitted to share the sunscreen. The counselors will help the camper apply the sunscreen but you will need to fill out a form call Request for Administration of Medication for Child Care. They will be available at the camp desk.

D.E.A.R

D.E.A.R. stands for Drop Everything and Read. Every day (except field trip days) we will spend 30 minutes reading. Campers and CIT's are encouraged to bring a favorite book, magazine or other reading material. Campers without a book may choose one from our "Camp Library".

SWIMMING

The safety of our camper near and in the water is very important to us. Campers are given the opportunity to take the swim test each Monday until they pass to a green band. If your camper does not pass the swim test they will receive a red band. Campers with red bands will be limited to the Jr. Pool and the zero depth area in the outdoor pool. Red bands are not permitted past the rope in the area with the mushroom. There are no exceptions to this red band rule.

SWIM LESSONS & SWIM TEAM

Camp will have our own swim lessons that you will be able to sign up your camper for if you would like them to do swim lessons. Campers attending swim lessons will be picked up by a lifeguard and escorted to and from swim lessons. Registration for swim lessons are currently going on and you can register at the front desk or online.

Campers on the swim team will be sent to practice at the appropriate time. **Note:** If your child is not signed in prior to swim team practice, an adult must sign them in when they arrive at Camp.

Please make the camp desk staff aware if your child is doing swim lessons and/or swim team.

ALLERGIES

If your child has any known allergies and/ or medications please let us know ASAP. You will need to fill out an Administration of Medication form and a Child Health Care Plan form on file with us. If there is any training or special instructions please let us know.

PAYMENT

First payment includes one-week tuition plus a \$40 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit for each additional week. Remaining weekly tuition will be charged to your credit card each Friday for the upcoming week. At registration you will need to provide a credit card. Registration is required by Wednesday prior to the following week of camp. Registration after Wednesday will be billed a \$30 late fee. Registrations are only accepted at the Lakota YMCA Front Desk. For billing questions please email Heather.branham@lakotaymca.com.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Should you ever have any questions or concern please contact Bryant Kuhlman (Camp Director) at lakotaymca@gmail.com or Paige Fenner (School Age Child Care Director) at paige.fenner@lakotaymca.com.

Thank you for choosing the Lakota YMCA Camp Arrowhead!