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YMCA CAMP Y-NOAH

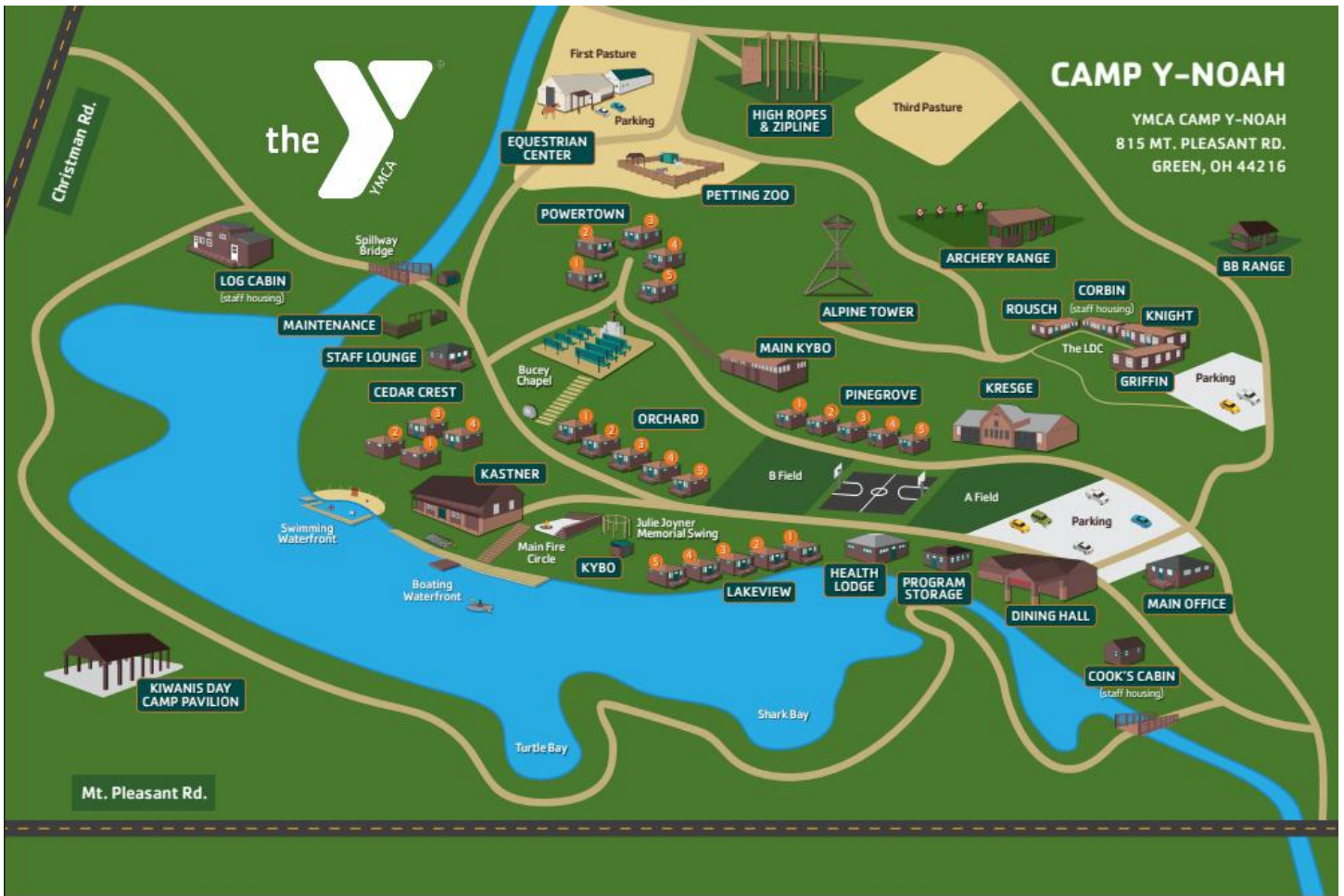
Here Let the Fires of Friendship Burn

Parent & Camper Handbook



**For Overnight Camp & Tall Pines Day Camp
2026**

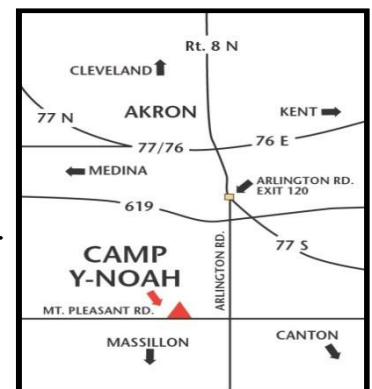
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DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

- Google Maps [Camp Y-Noah Address](#)
- Taking I-77, exit at Arlington Road and head south.
- Cross Route 619 and continue to the roundabout
- Use the **RIGHT** turn of the roundabout and continue on Arlington Rd.
- Turn right on Mt. Pleasant Road at flashing light
- Continue 1/2 mile to Camp Y-Noah on the right.

ADDRESS: 815 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Green, Ohio 44216



Phone 330-896-1964

Email: Campynoah@akronymca.org

OUR MISSION AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

We are committed to our Mission to put Christian principles into practice through all programs that build health spirit, mind and body for all. We have always and will continue to be dedicated to doing more and doing better, thus becoming champions of change in our community.

CAMP ELIGIBILITY AND EXPECTATIONS

Camp runs under the expectations that campers meet the eligibility below and follow camps rules without negatively impacting the experience of other campers

Program Participation Eligibility

- Ages 6-17
- Can get dressed independently
- Can use the bathroom independently
- Can stay with their group
- Can follow directions in a group setting
- Does not need 1:1 supervision or support
- Age-appropriate emotional responses
- Positively contributes to a safe environment

GOALS OF CAMP Y-NOAH

- Increase social skills
- Increase self confidence
- Develop an appreciation of nature
- Practice decision making skills.

CORE VALUES

The YMCA of Akron has 5-character core values that we use as the basis for all our programs. They are Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, and Faith. We offer daily nondenominational chapels that focus on the core values. We tell stories, do skits, and sing songs during our chapels. We also offer a rags program that is a national personal goal setting and growth program.

CAMP CULTURE

Everything we do at camp is guided by our core values: Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, and Faith. These values shape how we treat one another and the kind of community we strive to build each day.

Our motto, “Here Let the Fires of Friendship Burn,” reflects our commitment to connection and belonging. We encourage campers to build meaningful relationships, support one another as well as create a positive and inclusive environment where everyone feels at home.

2 WEEKS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- **All balances are due**, otherwise your campers spot is not guaranteed
- **Fill out your forms** found on our [registration page](#) in your account.
 - Health form: should be up to date with all current medication
 - Camper information form: This is your chance to keep camp in the loop about anything that might impact your campers time at camp.
 - Participant waiver
 - Photo Waiver
- Confirm your campers **authorized pick ups**
- Put in your campers **Cabinmate / group request**
 - *Cabinmate / group requests are not guaranteed.*
 - Subject to availability and limit one request per camper.
 - Campers must be within 1 year of age.
 - Cabin placement for approved cabin mate requests, reflects the younger of the two campers.
 - Please indicate this on your campers “Camper Information Form”
 - Please verify we have the correct cabin mate request at check-in.
- **Add money to their camp store account**
 - *We do not offer refunds for store money.* You have three options.
 1. Spend it all!
 2. Donate the money to our annual campaign, which helps send kids to camp.
 3. You can donate to our staff banquet at the end of summer. Any money left in the account after your campers last checkout will be donated accordingly.

BEFORE YOU GET HERE

- Help your campers pack for the week, so they know what they have and where it is. Check out our handy dandy packing list. Follow this link for recommended [packing list](#) for both Day & Overnight Campers.
- Packing comfort items is always recommended, but please be warned that camp is tough on things, and items could return home dirty, broken, or not at all depending on how your camper cares for them.
- Talk to your camper about how to get help at camp. Remind them that if they are having a problem, they should tell their counselor. The counselors want to know, that’s how they can help.

BEHAVIORAL & DISCIPLINE POLICY

During our staff training we train our staff to work with a wide variety of behavioral challenges, and we maintain that every camper should feel safe at camp. To uphold this all campers must be able to respect themselves, others, and camp while following our camp rules.

Camp has established 2 types of unacceptable behavior.

Generally disruptive behavior:

- Profanity, bullying, verbal abuse, a generally uncooperative attitude, etc.
 1. Counselors will have a discussion with campers to modify this behavior
 2. Support Staff and/or Summer Camp Director will help with the process
 3. We will contact you to work jointly to modify the behavior.
 4. If these attempts fail the camper may be sent home at the discretion of the Executive Director.

Dangerous and overly disruptive behavior:

- Theft, damage of property, assault of any kind, possession of weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, etc.
 1. The camper will be brought immediately to the Director.
 2. The Director will contact the parents to discuss the issue.
 3. At the Executive Director's discretion, the camper may be sent home.

If a camper is dismissed, parents are responsible for transportation, and no refunds will be issued. We reserve the right to dismiss campers from the program without warning.

COMING LATE OR LEAVING EARLY

We want to be as prepared as possible for your arrival. If you need to pick your camper up at a different time than our normal check out time, please fill out the Camper Early Release Form. We suggest filling this form out as early as possible. Camp can only ensure that your camper is ready for your arrival at the appropriate time if we have at least an hour of advanced notice.

MEALS

- Specialty diets including vegetarian, gluten free, and many others can be accommodated for. However, we ask that you please note any dietary needs on their health form. The Food Service Director will be available at ~~the~~ overnight camp check-in or by email at stefanies@akronymca.roq.
- If Day campers choose to bring their own packed lunch we ask that all items be **NUT FREE as we are a NUT FREE FACILITY.**
- Meals at camp are basic and vary each day. Below are typical meals.
 - Breakfast: Eggs, Bacon + Cereal, Fruit, and Yogurt bar are available every morning.
 - Lunch: Burgers, French Fries + A full salad bar which is available every lunch.

- Dinner: Chicken, Mashed Potato, Green Beans + A full salad bar which is available every dinner.

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

Please avoid sending these items to camp. If found, they will be collected and can be reclaimed at checkout after the parent show.

- **Cell phones:** Camp is a cell phone free experience, where campers get a chance to make connections and build community away from the pressure of screens. Campers found with phones will have them confiscated. Confiscated phones will be kept in the camp office for you to pick up at check out. Camp Y-Noah is not responsible for lost or damaged electronic devices. Exceptions include the use of devices for medical apps and should be discussed with camp before arrival.
- If you need to contact your camper, please call our office at **330-896-1964** from 9 am - 5 pm. Our emergency after-hours number to call is **330-858-4102**. **This phone is carried by one of our directors after hours while the office is closed.**
- **Valuable electronic devices:** These items are expensive and we're near lakes, dirt, and bugs. We climb, run, and jump. This environment is often very strenuous on expensive electronic devices. Please help us avoid a broken heart and keep these at home.
- **Knives, matches, or lighters:** They won't need them. Don't worry about sending them.
- **Miscellaneous:** Personal sports equipment, musical instruments, vehicles, pets, tobacco, drugs, or alcohol.
- **Food (yes, of any kind):** They attract unwanted attention from squirrels, mice, skunks, and people your camper does not wish to share with. We have daily snacks catered to your child's dietary restrictions.

SEVERE WEATHER

- Rain: Program will proceed as usual! Send your campers with a rain jacket and a hat.
- Intense Heat or low air quality: Program will continue at a slower pace, with programs moving inside or into the shade whenever possible. Staff and campers will take more frequent water breaks.
- Severe Thunderstorm/Tornado **watches:** Staff will proceed with program inside of buildings or cabins
- Severe Thunderstorm/Tornado **warnings:** Staff will bring campers to a secure building.

SWIM TEST

Campers will swim test on the first day of camp and may retest on Wednesdays. Our swim tests are run by trained staff.

Swim Tests

- Swimming one full length of the inside of the swimming area dock using a recognizable stroke,

and breathing techniques. The campers face must go into the water.

- Perform a feet- first jump into deep water and tread for 30 seconds keeping the head above the water.
- Transition to a back float and hold this for 20 seconds.
- Swimmers will then be given a swim band and an associated number for their Buddy Board Chip.

Those who have not passed this test will be given a **RED BAND**. These participants:

- Must always wear a lifejacket while in the lake or on the beach
- Must remain in the designated shallow end of the swimming area
- Campers 13 years and older with a red band will be allowed ~~to be~~ on the beach and in the shallow end of the lake without their lifejacket with approval from the Waterfront Director.

Those who have passed this test will be given a **GREEN BAND**. These participants:

- Are allowed to remove their lifejacket only in the shallow end of the swimming area and while on the beach
- Are permitted to use the deep end of the lake and all water toys while wearing a lifejacket
- We do not accept swim tests from other YMCA branches or camps. However, campers may maintain a swim band previously awarded at Camp Y-Noah during the same summer.
- We do not offer swim lessons. Due to how involved swim lessons are, those programs are offered at our sister branches. Find your local branch [here](#).

MEDICAL CARE

- Campers must have a completed Health Form two weeks prior to check in.
- Counselors have First Aid and CPR training to deal with any minor incidents, and are thoroughly trained in our emergency procedures
- We have an RN on-call 24 hours a day who visits camp daily.
- City of Green Paramedics provides EMS transportation. In the event of an emergency, we will make every attempt to reach you or emergency contacts.
 - *Please note: Medical insurance and emergency transportation cost are the responsibility of the parents.*

During camp we will contact you if your child:

- has received an injury to the head
- is recommended to see a physician or is required to visit the emergency room
- has suffered a fluid depleting illness for more than 8 hours
- has a temperature above 100 degrees

MEDICATION

- All medications are collected at check in and must be given to the Health Officer in their original containers.
- No medication should be kept with the camper.
- Emergency medication will be carried by counselor staff in a designated bag for easy identification.
- Campers should only be sent to camp with the amount of medication needed for that week at camp.
- Prescribed medications must be clearly marked with the child's name, medication, and physician's name.

- Non-prescription meds should be clearly marked with the camper’s name.
- Prescription medication can only be administered as directed on the bottle.
- For dosage changes, please bring a signed note from the physician describing the new dosage.
- Medication will be distributed at mealtimes, before lights out, or as needed in specific cases

REFUND POLICY

- Upon registration, a non-refundable \$75 deposit is due for each week of camp you sign up for.
- If you need to cancel your week of camp, everything besides the deposit is refundable up to two weeks before the program start date.
- Within two weeks of the start date, your entire payment is non-refundable.

Overnight Camp

Have questions? Email CYNovernight@akronymca.org

OVERNIGHT CAMP SCHEDULE

Here is a basic example of our daily program at camp. It is far more intricate in what we’re doing, but this gives you the highlights.

☐ 7:15am	Wake up	☐ 1:20pm	Siesta
☐ 7:50am	Breakfast	☐ 2:30pm	Camp Activity
☐ 8:40am	Flag	☐ 4:00pm	Swim Time/Snack
☐ 9:00am	Chapel	☐ 6:00pm	Dinner
☐ 9:30am	Cabin Progression	☐ 7:45pm	Flag Lowering
☐ 10:35am	Camp Activity	☐ 8:00pm	Evening Activity
☐ 11:40am	Camp Care	☐ 9:00pm	Showers and Cabin Chats
☐ 12:45pm	Lunch	☐ 10:00pm	Lights Out

* **Note:** Only Campers registered for Ranch programs will ride a horse.

CHECK IN DAY

- Check in from 3–4pm on Sunday. Larger weeks may have an extended check in, look out for this information in your email.
- Camp gates will be closed until 3pm.
- Upon arrival a staff member will greet you at the gate, to assist with parking and directions
- Please leave all luggage in your vehicle, except medication until you complete the check-in process and receive your camper’s cabin assignment.

After exiting your car, you will head into the dining hall for check in.

1. Registration (Fees & Paperwork)

- To avoid this table please settle all balances by calling 330-896-1964 prior to arrival or make your payment online
 - And remember to fill out all paperwork ahead of time online
2. Food Services & Nurse
 3. Camp Store
 - Store funds can also be added via your account during check-in
 - Campers will have the opportunity to go to the store once per day as well as during check-in and out.
 - We do not accept cash at the camp store after check-in. We typically recommend you add \$20-\$30 to the account per week of camp.
 4. Cabin Assignments / Camper Mail
 - When you have finished checking in you can take your camper and their luggage to their cabin, if you need assistance with this camp staff will be able to help you with transportation to the village.
 - Meet your camper's counselor, help them move into their bunk, and wish them a wonderful week. We'll see you in a couple of days!

ABSENTEES

If a camper is not able to attend a registered overnight session or day program, Camp must be notified as soon as possible. At the beginning of each program, all registered campers that have not shown up within an hour of the posted check-in time will be contacted by camp staff to confirm their absenteeism. This occurs on Sunday after check-in is over and every day after Day Camp check-in.

BEDWETTING

It happens, and we'll be very discreet if it does happen, but you can help us out a little.

- If this happens with your camper, give your child's counselor a heads up at check-in.
- You can send plastic sheets/extra bedding.
- We wash all bedding after an accident discreetly and return to the cabin before the campers come back.
- Encourage your camper to tell your counselor, our ca

HOMESICKNESS

- It is normal for campers to feel some level of homesickness while at camp, especially for their first time. Talk to your camper about this before coming to camp and plan for what they can do when they feel that way.
- Though it may feel like a good option, campers are not allowed to call home during the week. This may seem harsh, but phone calls home ALWAYS make the feelings of homesickness worse.
- A camp staff member will call you to discuss your campers' home sickness, and if they are having problems.
- Tried and True Strategies that work for home sickness

- Letters: Campers can send letters home (we will scan them and email them to you), and you can send letters to your camper by emailing ynoahcamper@akronymca.org. Please include your campers name and cabin in the subject line of the email. Initial letters home often have strong feelings of homesickness so don't panic. Give us a call and we'll give you an update on how your camper is doing.
- Before camp, be positive and excited about the experience! Camp is a cool, fun, exciting experience. You can let them know that they're going to have a great time, and help make a plan for if they're feeling homesick (reading a book, talking to a friend or counselor, or writing letters home)
- Care Packages: Please include your campers' name and cabin on all packages sent. Packages can be dropped off at our camp office during business hours or at your camper's check-in (this option is more likely to get to us in time) and marked appropriately (Example: Deliver Wednesday) Camp will not return mail or packages that arrive late.

PICTURES

We do our best to take pictures of everybody's child at camp. Below are a couple of FAQ's regarding pictures.

- "Where do I go to get pics?" Pictures are posted almost daily on our Waldo account. You can find our gallery using [THIS LINK](#). During check in, you'll be given your password for CYN's Summer 2026 photo gallery.
- "I don't see a photo of my camper!!!" During our busy camp days, we strive to capture as many moments as possible. Throughout the week we will be uploading photos onto Waldo. If you do not see a photo of your child after day three, please email me at Leighar@akronymca.org
- Our waiver states the following, "I authorize the YMCA to take and use any photographs, comments, and videos of my child for promotional purposes." If you're not OK with the previous statement, please indicate that in our camper forms. Please know that this means that no photos of your camper will be posted to WALDO.

COMMUNICATING WITH CAMPERS

- If there is an emergency at home and you need to contact your camper, please contact our camp office at 330-896-1964 between 9:00 – 5:00 pm. After hours, please call **330-858-4102**. This phone is carried by one of our directors after hours while the office is closed.

WHAT IS SIESTA?

During our afternoon programming, before lunch we allow time for Siesta. This is a block of quiet cabin time to allow campers to digest and prepare for the afternoon activities. If campers opt not to rest, they are welcome to enjoy quiet activities; card games, read a book /magazine, or write a letter home.

OVERNIGHT CAMP CHECK OUT

- Check out begins at 5:15 pm on Friday (Wednesday for mini weeks), please do not arrive before 4:45pm.
- You will meet your camper, for a parent show at the main fire circle, staff will Help you get there.
- Camper luggage will be available for pick up at your camper’s cabin
- Medication picked up is at the main fire circle.
- A picnic style dinner will be in A-Field for any families interested in hanging out for a little bit longer at camp.
- Make sure to stop by the store to grab any last-minute Camp souvenirs
- **Camp closes for cleaning at 7:00 pm**

WHERE SHOULD I LOOK FOR LOST AND FOUND?

- Lost and found will be located on the store porch (if you can’t find the store porch ask your camper where to find ice-cream).
- Lost and found will be held onto for two weeks after the week it is found, after this point it will be donated. We do not hold onto underwear or socks.
- A photo of our lost and found for each week can be found in that weeks waldo.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING TO CHECK OUT

- In order to pick your camper up, you must be on the authorized pickup list located [HERE](#). If Grandpa shows up to pick up your camper, he will not be able to pick them up if he is not on that list.
- The authorized person on the list, which includes you, must bring a **photo I.D.** Without a photo I.D. of an appropriate person on the pickup list, we **cannot** release your camper.

DAY CAMP

Have any questions? Email CYNdaycamp@akronymca.org

Refer to our [website](#) for our upcoming day camp program dates

SAMPLE DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

* **Note:** Only Campers registered for Ranch programs will ride a horse.

7:00am	Sunrise Camp Check In Begins	12:45pm	Activity 3
8:30am	Check In Begins	2:15pm	Activity 4
9:00am	Group Time	3:00pm	Snack and Camp Store
9:25am	Activity 1	3:30pm	Check Out Starts

10:35am	Activity 2	4:15pm	Check Out Ends, Sunset Camp Begins
11:45am	Lunch	6:00pm	Sunset Camp Ends

CHECK IN

Day camper check-in is from **8:30am-9:15am** Monday through Friday.

- Where should you go?
 - Check-in for Day Camp is happening by the check-in tent in front of the Dining Hall.
 - On Monday when you pull into Camp, a staff member will greet you and give you the information that you need. You will either be instructed to head towards the office to settle an outstanding balance for that week or to follow the orange cones and choose a side of the tent.
 - Once you pull up to the tent, a staff member will come to the vehicle window and check-in your camper. Once your camper is checked in, we will walk them to their group, and we will see you at check out!
 - Please drive slowly and carefully through our parking lot for the safety of our campers

CHECK OUT

Check-out takes place from **starts at 4PM**. To help keep the roads around camp safe and clear for traffic, we ask families: **please do not arrive before 3:30 PM** for pick-up.

In order to pick your camper up,

- You must be listed as an authorized person on your campers' account. The approved person on the list, which includes you, must bring a **photo I.D.**
- Without a photo I.D. of an appropriate person on the pickup list, we **cannot** release your camper.
- Once your ID has been verified, you will pull into the parking lot and wait by the picnic tables for your campers to come to your car.
- Please drive slowly and carefully through our parking lot for the safety of our campers.

WHERE SHOULD I LOOK FOR LOST AND FOUND?

Camp's lost and found is located in the dining hall foyer. It is recommended that Lost and found be checked at the end of the week. If you would like to check lost and found at pick up or drop off, please let one of the staff members in the parking lot know, and they will direct you to the appropriate place to park.

PICTURES

- For pictures we prioritize our overnight campers, since they don't go home each day. For Day Camp we strive to get a photo of your camper's day camp group as a whole and at least one other photo of them participating in activities.
- If you would like to see more photos of your camper's time at camp, we recommend sending them with a disposable or inexpensive digital camera. Please mark the camera with their name.
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ABSENTEES

- Notify camp as soon as possible if your camper cannot attend a registered week of day camp. We want to be able to give this opportunity to another camper.
- At the beginning of each day of camp, a parent or guardian of registered campers that have not been checked in will be contacted to confirm their absenteeism.
- Have a planned absence? Let us know via email (CYNdaycamp@akronymca.org) or by calling us at 330-896-1964

SUNRISE/SUNSET CAMP

- Sunrise/Sunset Extended Camp Care is offered to make scheduling more flexible for parents! Campers who attend Sunrise/Sunset camp will be supervised by counselors.
- Sunrise Campers can arrive as early as **7:00 am**. All campers who arrive by 8 am will receive breakfast.
- Sunset campers can stay at camp as late as 6 pm. The cost for Sunrise is \$45, Sunset is \$35, and for both programs it is \$80 for the week.
- Campers need to be registered to attend Sunrise/Sunset camp. **Unfortunately, we cannot take campers at the door.** Please call the office to register your camper, (330) 896-1964!

FISHING AT CAMP

For the safety of all campers, fishing is not permitted during camp. Camp does not currently have a designated fishing area. Without a specific space designed for fishing, it can present safety concerns for campers and staff, including the safe use of equipment and maintaining clear activity areas around the water.

Have questions? Email CYNdaycamp@akronymca.org

Additional Info

SOCIAL MEDIA

[Waldo](#): View and download photos from camp.

[Facebook](#): Updates on camp and special events.

[Instagram](#): Special photos from the summer and events at camp

[YouTube](#): Check out our funny, and informative videos from camp.

VISITORS

For the safety and privacy of our campers we do not allow visitors on site. If your camper needs to be picked up early, please complete our early departure form at check in, or online and we'll make sure to have them ready for you when you arrive at the camp office.

CONTACT WITH CAMP AND SUMMER STAFF

Check out our social media links to hear about what we have going on the rest of the year. We offer everything from lessons to minicamp programs like Holi-Day camp, Family Camp, and Family Fun Days.

If your camper wants to contact a counselor from summer, please send those letters to camp. 815 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Green, OH 44216 and we can get them to the right people.

ACCREDITATION

The American Camp Association is a community of camp professionals who, for over 100 years, have joined together to share our knowledge and experience and to ensure the quality of camp programs. Because of our diverse 10,000 plus membership and our exceptional programs, children and adults have the opportunity to learn powerful lessons in community, character-building, skill development, and healthy living — lessons that can be learned nowhere else.

As a leading authority in youth development, ACA works to preserve, promote, and improve the camp experience. Our association is committed to helping our members and all camps provide:

- Camp communities committed to a safe, nurturing environment
- Caring, competent adult role models



- Healthy, developmentally appropriate experiences
- Service to the community and the natural world
- Opportunities for leadership and personal growth
- Discovery, experiential education, and learning opportunities
- Excellence and continuous self-improvement

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at.....

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330-896-1964 1-877-GOT-CAMP
campynoah@akronymca.org**