



West Morris Area YMCA

Camper Code of Conduct & Camp Policies & Procedures

The YMCA is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and positive camp environment. Campers are expected to follow YMCA core values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility, and to behave appropriately in group settings.

Camper Expectations

Campers are expected to:

- Take responsibility for their actions
- Show respect for others, staff, and the environment
- Be honest in all interactions
- Care for themselves and those around them
- Use appropriate language (no profanity, name-calling, or offensive language)
- Keep hands and feet to themselves (no hitting, kicking, fighting, spitting, etc.)
- Listen, pay attention, and follow staff instructions
- Treat others as they wish to be treated
- Be positive, engaged, and open-minded
- Respect YMCA members, facilities, equipment, and grounds

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

If a camper does not follow the Code of Conduct, the following steps may be taken:

1. Staff will redirect behavior.
2. Camper will be reminded of rules and expectations.
3. Camp Director will meet with the camper.
4. Parent/guardian will be notified.
5. Continued disruption may result in suspension or removal from camp.



No refunds or credits will be issued for suspensions or expulsions.

Behaviors Resulting in Immediate Suspension or Expulsion

- Endangering the safety of campers, staff, or others
- Stealing or damaging property
- Leaving camp without permission
- Repeated disruption or refusal to follow rules
- Lewd or inappropriate behavior

Campers who are suspended, expelled, or too ill to participate must be picked up within 60 minutes of notification.

The YMCA reserves the right to modify or bypass disciplinary steps based on the situation. The YMCA is not responsible for lost or stolen personal items.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Location: West Morris Area YMCA, 14 Dover Chester Rd
Please use extreme caution in the parking lot.

Check-In/Check-Out Locations

- **AM Supervision & Grades 1-10:** Left side of main building (Check-In/Out Tent)
- **PreK/KDG:** Program House (right side of the Main Building)

Camp begins at 9:00 AM. Please allow extra time for check-in, especially on Mondays.

Do not drop off early or arrive late for pick-up.

Adventure Camp trips require on-time arrival to ensure bus departure.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In poor weather, sign-in/sign-out will be inside the YMCA front lobby. Please be patient and mindful of YMCA members.

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AM/PM SUPERVISION

- **Morning:** Begins at 7:30 AM
- **Afternoon:** Ends at 5:30 PM

Early drop-off or late pick-up results in a \$2 per minute fee, payable at pick-up or before the next camp day. Failure to pay will result in the camper not being permitted to return. Cards on file may be charged upon request.

WATER

Pack at least two labeled, refillable water bottles daily (not mini bottles). Steel bottles are recommended. Hydration is critical—when in doubt, pack extra water.

SUNSCREEN & BUG REPELLENT

- Provide sunscreen and bug repellent (spray preferred)
 - Campers must apply themselves
 - Counselors are not permitted to apply products
 - Campers needing assistance must have a signed permission form on file
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LOST & FOUND

Check with counselors first for missing items. Lost & Found is located at the Check-In/Out area.

- Items kept until the end of the week
- Unclaimed items will be discarded
- Items left on Friday are held until the following Friday

Please label all items clearly with permanent ink.

TRIP DAYS Camp buses depart on schedule and cannot wait for late arrivals. Late campers may need to be transported by a parent. Lunch inclusion will be noted in weekly email sent out prior to

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the first day of each session. Dietary needs should be communicated to the Director or Health Director on the first day of camp.

SWIM DAYS

Pack a swimsuit and towel. All campers are expected to swim.

- Swim tests conducted during the first swim day of each session
- Color band system:
 - **Red:** Life jacket required; shallow areas only
 - **Purple:** Must stay where feet can touch
 - **Green:** May swim anywhere in the pool

Buddy checks and safety drills are conducted regularly.

PREK/KDG: Please send campers in swim attire/ Goggles and water shoes are permitted.

FOOTWEAR

- Campers must wear closed-toe shoes daily.
 - Sandals or water shoes may be packed for water activities.
 - No Crocs, except during swim time.
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ELECTRONICS

No electronics or cell phones are allowed at camp.

Devices will be confiscated and returned to parents at pick-up. Camp phones are available if campers need to contact home.

QUESTIONS & CONTACTS We look forward to a great summer and appreciate your cooperation!

Camp Directors:

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

I have received and reviewed the Camper Code of Conduct and Camp Policies & Procedures for the West Morris YMCA Camp Programs. I agree to follow all policies and procedures.

Camper Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Received By: _____