

## PARENT'S AGREEMENT

### Important – Please read carefully.

By registering my child(ren) for Old Colony YMCA day camp programs, I understand and agree to the following conditions:

- Complete the registration form in full by checking the appropriate camp session, program, extended hours and camp extras. Please sign and date Registration Form A, B, C, and D.
- **Refund Policy:** All fees are non-refundable with the exception of a note from a physician stating your child cannot attend camp for medical reasons. Refund requests need to be made before or during the session. No refunds will be made due to failure to attend, incomplete attendance, or inclement weather.
- **Change Policy:** All program change requests must be received in writing at least one week prior to the beginning of each session. Requests will only be honored if space is available and needs to be submitted to the Camp Director.
- **Payment Policy:** Old Colony YMCA Day Camp Payment Policy: Enclose the required non-refundable deposit for each child per session. This deposit will be credited towards your tuition balance and it cannot be transferred to other programs or sessions. All payments must be paid in full by June 2nd to avoid a \$25 late fee per child. A \$60 deposit is required for all 1-week registrations.
- **A fee of \$20 will be charged to all NSF transactions.**
- Make checks payable to "Old Colony YMCA", and submit by mail or when registering in person. If paying by credit card for camp, either bring card to camp in person or contact the office to pay over the phone. You can also register online at [www.oldcolonyymca.org](http://www.oldcolonyymca.org).
- Confirmation packets will be sent to you upon receipt of registration and deposit. The requested information needs to be returned one month before your session begins.
- We are required by the state to have health history forms for each camper prior to attending camp. Completed health form must be returned with the registration form. No child will be registered without this form. Your child's current school health form is acceptable. Physicals are valid for two years.
- Purchase four weeks of camp (pay in full by April 1,) and **receive 20% off** each additional week (per child). Must register in-person or with mail-in forms.

Don't forget to "like" the Old Colony Facebook page! Throughout each session, we will post photos and stories on Facebook so you can see all of the fun your children are having. Also, be sure to check our website regularly for camp updates, spirit calendars, important dates and reminders.



## IMPORTANT FAQS

### How does Old Colony YMCA select its staff?

Counselors and instructors are selected for sound judgment, maturity, experience, camping skills, leadership skills and their desire to work with children in the camping environment. Counselors come from a variety of backgrounds including human service majors in college, exemplary high school students, and campers who have gone through our C.I.T. program. All staff must pass reference and criminal background checks.

### What type of training does the staff have?

All staff undergo a minimum 3 day orientation that covers a variety of topics that include counseling skills, team building, programming, conflict resolution, and sensitive issues such as child abuse and neglect. Aquatic staff are certified lifeguards and undergo a 3 day training specific to our facility. Senior and specialty staff are CPR and First Aid certified. Rope directors are certified by trained professionals. Archery instructors are also certified by trained professionals.

### What is the staff to camper ratio?

For ages 6 years and under, the ratio is 1 staff per 5 campers. For ages 7 years and older, the ratio is 1 staff per 10 campers.

### What medical information does the camp need?

A copy of the health history form is attached in the brochure. Under Massachusetts State law, each camper must have a recent physical and immunization form, signed by a licensed physician, on file prior to attending camp. We require each camper to have a physical dated within 2 years prior to admission. Current physical and immunization records from your child's school are acceptable. Completed health forms must be in our files before your child may be registered for camp.

### Do you offer financial assistance?

Yes. Thanks to generous donations from YMCA families, staff, camp alumni and friends, funds are available to those who may not be able to afford a camp experience for their child. Partial tuition for one session is applied towards camp fees. Confidential campership applications are available on request and must be submitted by May 5, 2019. For more information, please contact your camp office.

### What happens if my child gets sick at camp?

The care of mildly ill campers, administration of medications, and emergency care is overseen by a registered nurse who is on-site daily. A pediatric physician is available during camp hours to provide consultation or emergency care. Based on the emergency contact information provided, a parent or guardian will be contacted if the child needs to leave camp because of sickness.

### What should my child bring to camp?

Every day, campers should bring a bathing suit, towel, a non-perishable bag lunch, sunscreen, bug spray, and a water bottle from home.

### How is the camp licensed?

All Old Colony YMCA camps are licensed by the local Department of Public Health and follows all state camp regulations. Our ropes course is inspected on an annual basis.

### What happens when it rains or when it is extremely hot and humid?

In the case of thunder, lightning and torrential downpours, all campers are brought inside. In the case of light rain or extreme heat, we try to continue all activities outdoors utilizing the pavilion and tent areas, however ropes course, archery and other activities may be closed and campers moved to alternate activities/locations. We do request that you prepare your camper with clothes/gear for all weather. Camp leadership staff will make decisions during inclement weather to ensure safety for all campers.