

Happy Summer Families!

We appreciate your continued trust in us. At swim camp your swimmer will grow in multiple ways. Our swim camp program is in alignment with the Y's mission; to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Our quick "day" is broken up into 4 main parts; swim lessons, snack time, games / competitions and free swim. In order to maximize our time, every minute has to be spent efficiently.

Swim campers will:

- Become more independent by taking care of their own belongings as well as one another
- Become more water proficient and learn about water safety
- Learn more about empathy & equity towards others and the YMCA core values: caring, honesty, respect, responsibility and faith
- Gain a greater understanding for healthy competition in an Aquatic environment
- Have a safe, fun water filled week!

Aquatics specialty camp time: Monday – Friday 7:30am – 11:30am

- For the safety of **ALL** of our campers, guardians are not able to stay, drop by or interact with campers
- With limited pool space, the pool deck will be closed to all members 8 am – 11 am during camp weeks
- Families will be permitted to watch our "swim meet" on the Friday of camp * 8:15 am - 9:15am
- Thursday we will be having a Watermelon eating contest
 - let us know in advance if your swimmer has an allergy
- In the event of an **emergency or** for immediate help during camp time please call:
Membership (803-773-1404) or the Youth Department (803-774-2511)

Drop off: FRONT of the building in the Community Health Room (across from membership)

- Aquatics staff will be in the room promptly at **7:30am** for check in ***Campers may not be left unattended**
- Please make sure swimmers are ready to get in the water with suit on under clothes or cover up
- Once campers have left the Community Health Room (approx. 7:45-7:50am), guardians must bring camper directly to the pool deck (we do not have additional staff to transport in groups of 3's for late swimmers)

Pick up: FRONT of the building across from membership promptly at **11:30am**

- We thank you in advance for your patience as little ones are getting changed and every time without fail we will need to go back as a group for a sock, shoe or random item left behind. We will make every attempt to be on time to meet you at the front entry way

Gymnastics Camp: If your child is registered for Gymnastics camp

- They will be transported to the gymnastics facility at **11:30am** for lunch
- Please make sure your swimmer understands what to do with their suit and wet towel

Specialty Camp Extension: If your child is registered for an extended day

- They will be dropped off at the Youth Dept at **11:30am** for lunch
- Please confirm with the Youth Department that your swimmer is registered

Restrooms: 2 general use locker rooms are available for boys and girls separately

- **NO** child will ever be in less than a group of 3 while in our care
- We will assist only if your child is really struggling with their suit, otherwise they will **be expected to be fully independent with their clothing and belongings**

What to bring or not bring to bring:

- Bag or book bag to hold all of their things
- 1-2 towels
- **Small** light snack for after swim lessons (please make sure they know what is lunch vs snack in lunch bag)
- **Filled water bottle**
 - swimmers **must** have water daily as they are in the water for 2.5 - 3 hours and need to hydrate
- Goggles (labeled or easy to identify - strongly suggested) and maybe have a back-up pair just in case
- Face masks (with nose covered) will **not be allowed**
- Water shoes will **not** be worn **in** the water at any time
- 0% cotton shirts are OK (rash guard, polyester, etc.)
- Special toys that are valuable to your swimmer should remain at home

Please feel free to reach out to ktorres@ymcasumter.org if you have any additional questions or concerns.