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# BEST SUMMER EVER™



Camp Spirit and  
Specialty Camps  
YMCA of York County YMCA



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EVER**



**CAMP SPIRIT LOCATION**

505 Jerusalem School Rd.  
Mt. Wolf, PA 17347

**SUMMER CAMP HOURS**

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Every summer, YMCA of York and York County provides exciting activities and programs that allow campers the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive in their own unique way.

**WELCOME TO CAMP SPIRIT!**

Childhood is a very special time and day camp experiences create memories that will last a lifetime. It is our goal that each child has a positive experience at camp and leaves having learned many things.

YMCA Camp Spirit is located at 505 Jerusalem School Road, Mt. Wolf, PA 17347. The facility includes a swimming pool, arts and crafts building, gaga, basketball court, sports field and much more.



# YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURE BEGINS AT THE Y

Camp Spirit is located on 14 acres of outdoor space. Campers participate in a wide variety of programming that includes swimming, archery, indoor gaga pit, sports, theatre and an arts and crafts center. Many activities are related to theme days. Each Friday, campers travel to a local park and to the Graham Aquatic Center for outdoor activities!

## AGE GROUPS

- CHIPMUNKS:** 5 year olds
- OTTERS:** 6 and 7 year olds
- FOXES:** 8 and 9 year olds
- HAWKS:** 10 and 11 year olds
- EAGLES:** 12 and 13 year olds
- LIT'S:** 14-16 year olds

## QUALIFIED STAFF

### CAMP DIRECTOR:

Doug Markel is a graduate of York College, PA, with a Bachelor's of Recreation and Leisure Management. He has multiple years of camp experience at the Lionville Community YMCA and Camp Spirit. This summer will mark his third summer leading Camp Spirit. "Camp is a place to make new friends, learn new things and create memories. It is my goal as a Camp Director to create a culture and an environment for campers to do just this. We swim, play games, make crafts and enjoy the outdoors. The staff at Camp Spirit encourage an inquisitive nature in the hopes that teachable moments will prompt further learning. I hope that Camp Spirit will be the place for your camper to attend this summer. I look forward to seeing you there."

### Camp Counselors:

Counselors must have a high school diploma and a minimum of two years experience working with children. We require background check, clearances, YMCA trainings, First Aid/CPR certification, and two letters of reference.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

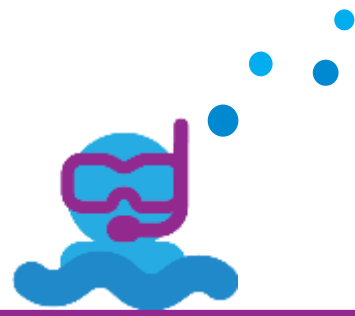
### CAMP DIRECTOR

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Camp Director



# CAMP SPIRIT INFORMATION



## OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 24 and  
Saturday, May 19 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



## SUMMER CAMP HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

\*Buses Leave the Dover Branch, York Branch, and  
Eastern Branch at 8:30 a.m.

\*\*On Fridays, the buses leave each location at  
8:30 a.m. to transport campers directly to  
Springettsbury Park

Transportation is provided by the YMCA between  
the Y branch and Camp Spirit. We do not provide  
transportation between branches.

## Extended Care Hours (No Additional Cost)

AT A YMCA BRANCH:

Before Care 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.,  
After Care 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

AT CAMP SPIRIT:

Before Care 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.,  
After Care 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## AGE-APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS

Children ages 5 - 13 years old are grouped according to  
ages. Five year olds must be entering kindergarten to  
attend Camp Spirit.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

A camper's weekly schedule will vary through the  
summer and will include the following: Swimming,  
Arts and Crafts, Games, Sports, Team Building,  
Archery, Outdoor Education, Theatre,  
Special Activity, Event or Field Trips

## BRING A BUDDY DAY

June 13, 2018

Campers are invited to bring a buddy to camp this one  
day at no charge to them. Buddies would be in the  
proper age group based on their age and must fill out  
and provide a camp spirit registration form to the Dover  
or York YMCA Branch no later than June 7.

# CAMP SPIRIT FEES

## YMCA Family Membership

## YMCA Youth Membership and Non Member

Registration Fee                      \$30/Child \$50/Family                      \$30/Child, \$50/Family

Weekly Fee (ages 5-13)              \$126/Week                                      \$152/Week

Daily Fee Offered                      \$30/Day                                      \$35/Day  
for Week 1 and 12 for those who are still in school during this week.

Special Early Bird Rates for youth on family membership registered for six or more weeks of camp and paid in full on or before Healthy Kids Day (April 21, 2018).

Full Day pricing includes before and after care.

### Discounts Available:

-All children on a family membership will receive ½ off on one week of camp. Cannot be combined with another offer.

- 10% each additional sibling. 50% weeks are not eligible for this discount.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Camp is for everyone, regardless of income. The Y provides scholarships for families who are unable to pay the full camp fee. Contact the Dover or York YMCA for a confidential financial assistance application. Applications must be submitted at least two weeks prior to enrollment to allow time for processing. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Scholarships are partially funded by Macy's.



## CAMP SPIRIT SESSIONS

WEEK	DATES	THEME	SPECIAL EVENT
*Week 1	June 4-8	Muck Mess and Mayhem	Make a Mess Day
Week 2	June 11-15	Around the World	World Cup Tournament
Week 3	June 18-22	Party in the USA	DJ
Week 4	June 25-29	Lights, Camera, Action	Frank Theatres Trip
Week 5	July 2-6	Nature at its Finest	The Oaks Museum of Natural History Trip
Week 6	July 9-13	What's Your Talent	Camp Talent Show
Week 7	July 16-20	Working Together	All Camp Capture the Flag
Week 8	July 23-27	Go Green	Miniature Golf Trip
Week 9	July 30-Aug 3	Go for the Gold	Camp Olympics
Week 10	Aug. 6-10	Splish Splash Water Bash	Water Day
Week 11	Aug. 13-17	Friendship and Memories	Art Show
*Week 12	Aug. 20-24		

\*Daily Fee Offered Week 1 and Week 12 only, for those in a school district which ends or begin mid-week. All schedules are subject to change due to field trips, special events and at the Camp Director's discretion. Friday's schedule will reflect a trip to Springettsbury Park and swimming at the Graham Aquatic Center.

A young girl with dark hair is smiling and swimming in a pool. The water is bright blue and splashing around her. In the background, other people are visible but out of focus. The image is overlaid with several large, semi-transparent circles in shades of blue, purple, and pink. The text 'CAMP IS Y.' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the top half of the image.

**CAMP IS Y.**



# SPECIALTY CAMP SESSIONS

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

AGES: 10-13  
WEEK: June 18-22

YMCA Girls Volleyball Campers will enjoy learning valuable skills through instruction, drills and games. Our experienced instructors work with participants based on their skill level. A daily swim is included at the York Y Natatorium. All skill levels welcome. Held at the York Branch.

## CO-ED BASKETBALL CAMP

AGES: 7-9; WEEK: June 25-29  
AGES: 10-13; WEEK: July 9-13

Take it to the hoop! Individual skills, along with game techniques and strategies are taught through age-appropriate instruction, drills and games. Beginners and experienced players will benefit from this camp. Basketball camp is held in the York YMCA gym, along with a daily swim at the York Y Natatorium.

## CO-ED SOCCER CAMP

AGES: 7-9  
WEEK: June 18-22

For beginners and experienced soccer players. Participants will learn and enhance their skills through instruction, drills and pick-up games. Camp will begin inside the Dover YMCA with most of the time in the outfield of the baseball field at Brookside Park.

## FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP

AGES: 7-9  
WEEK: July 9-13

Participants will enjoy learning all the non-contact football skills along with game techniques and strategies through instruction, drills, and pick-up games. Camp will begin inside the Dover YMCA with most of the time in the outfield of the baseball field at Brookside Park.





# SPECIALTY CAMP FEES

## FEES AND RATES

	YMCA Membership	Non Member
Weekly Fee	\$130	\$155



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# LEADERS IN TRAINING

## ABOUT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Leaders In Training program is for children ages 14-16 years old. The LITs will embark on their leadership journey with the campers and staff of Camp Spirit, and gain skills of leadership that can be used at school, home and community. Time will be spent planning activities, leading, being involved in the community, and acting as role models while working with an age group. LIT's must go through an application and interview process prior to the start of the summer. Contact [dmarkel@yorkcoymca.org](mailto:dmarkel@yorkcoymca.org) to begin the process.

## LEADERS IN TRAINING FEES

	<b>YMCA Family Membership</b>	<b>YMCA Youth Membership and Non Member</b>
<b>Registration Fee</b>	\$30/Child, \$50/Family	\$30/Child, \$50/Family
<b>Weekly Fee</b> (ages 14-13)	\$115	\$140
<b>Daily Fee</b> <b>Offered For Week 1 and 12</b> <b>for those still in school this week</b>	\$25	\$30



**EMBARK ON YOUR  
LEADERSHIP JOURNEY**

LEADERSHIP IS Y.



# GENERAL POLICIES FOR CAMP SPIRIT

## REMIND.COM

Get information for the YMCA Camp Spirit right on your phone. Pick a way to receive messages for YMCA Camp Spirit:

1. Download the Remind app. It's free!
  2. Enter the class code @73egad
- Or visit the link: [www.remind.com/join/@73egad](http://www.remind.com/join/@73egad)

## CAMP REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES

Registration form must be submitted to the branch with the registration fee. The registration form must be completed in full.

Families, sending more than one child per week, pay the full amount for the first child and receive a 10% discount for siblings attending the same week. (Sibling discounts cannot be combined with financial assistance or other values.)

YMCA Family memberships receive a 50% value (one half price) week per child for Camp Spirit. Cannot be combined with any other offers.

Campers with balances in any Y programs will not be permitted to register until all balances are paid.

Payments are accepted by cash, check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express through the membership desk or can be set-up on auto draft.

Camp payments are due, in full, by 12 midnight on the Sunday prior to the start of each week. Make checks payable to the York YMCA. If the payment is not received by 12 midnight the Sunday prior to the next week of camp, a \$15 late fee will be applied on a weekly basis.

## CAMP REFUNDS/CANCELLATIONS

Full refunds may be given if a written notification is provided to the camp director by the close of business Thursday prior to camp week. If your child becomes ill at the beginning of the week and cannot participate in camp, a pro-rated YMCA credit may be requested. The child must have a doctor's note and the camp director must be notified before the end of the week. A credit/refund may also be given for a death in the family or serious injury.

Refunds/credits will not be given for days absent. Refunds/credit may NOT be given if a child is suspended from camp for any reason. Changes made after close of business Thursday prior to the camp week are subject to a \$4 administration fee which includes cancellations or switching paid weeks.

Six weeks of care under the Early Bird rate must be maintained; if it is not, the full fee will be enforced upon refund of weeks attended/attending.

## ALL REFUNDS AND CREDITS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CAMP DIRECTOR

## SIGN IN/OUT PROCEDURE

Each day, parents/guardians are required to sign their camper in and out upon arrival and departure at the Camp Desk. Campers will only be released to adults listed on their emergency contact form. Photo identification is required. No camper will be allowed to sign themselves out or walk home without an adult. Campers picked up after 6 p.m. will be subject to a \$15 late pick up fee for every 15 minutes late. Camp Spirit parents should check the table in the upper lodge for any important information regarding field trips, special events and weekly newsletter.



# GENERAL POLICIES FOR CAMP SPIRIT cont.

## MEDICATION POLICY

Prescription medication in your child's name will be administered as prescribed. The medication must be stored in its original container with the amount and time of dosage clearly marked. Parents/guardians must sign the medication log at the start of each camp week. Staff will not administer over-the-counter medications without a doctor's note. \*For those campers with an IEP, a copy of the IEP must be presented to the Camp Director and a meeting will be arranged to discuss the IEP.

## ILLNESS POLICY

If a camper becomes ill during camp, they will be sent home. For this reason, it is imperative that parents or the designated emergency contact person(s) be accessible by phone and available to pick up the child within an hour. In the event of an emergency, 911 will be contacted along with the parents/guardian. If we cannot get in contact with the parent/guardian, judgment will be made by the camp director or co-director as to the treatment of the camper. Please make yourself available by listing multiple numbers at which you can be reached on the emergency contact form and update emergency information if necessary. Please keep your child home if he/she has:

- Temperature of 100° or more
- Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)
- Lice – Please contact Director
- Contagious illness /rashes
- Diarrhea/Vomiting
- Migraines
- Severe coughing



## CAMP POSITIVE GUIDANCE POLICY

The YMCA of York and York County is committed to each camper's success in learning within a caring, responsive, and safe environment that is free of discrimination, violence, and bullying. Our camp counselors work to ensure that all campers have the opportunity and support to develop to their fullest potential and share a personal and meaningful bond with people in the camp community.

Thoughtful direction and planning ahead are used to prevent problems and encourage appropriate behavior. Communicating consistent, clear rules and involving campers in problem solving help them develop their ability to become self-disciplined. We encourage campers to be fair, to be respectful of other people, of property, and to learn to understand the results of their actions.

When a camper engages or exhibits a challenging behavior YMCA camp counselors will complete a Behavior Tracking Form (BTF). All incidents will be documented and collected to determine the appropriateness of the behavior in the context of the camper's development. Counselors will offer a copy of the BTF to families when a behavior occurs. BTFs completed for the following behaviors: aggression that causes physical harm to others, self-injury, running away, property damage and/or sexual behavior will require a signature. Prior to pick-up, families will be notified of those behaviors which require signature. Should a pattern of behavior develop, the camp team will hold a meeting with the parent to develop a plan to redirect and encourage positive choices. If the camper exhibits no change in behavior and/or is a risk to self/peers, the Director may suspend the child from camp pending additional supports.

# GENERAL POLICIES FOR CAMP SPIRIT cont.

## CAMP SPIRIT AGE GROUPS

Camp Spirit campers will be placed in groups based on their age. We do not guarantee changes or transfers of children based on a birthday that occurs during our summer camp operational dates. The camp director will try to accommodate changes based on their discretion and the camper's ability to adjust to the new camp age group.

## CAMP T-SHIRTS

Campers must wear their camp T-shirt on Fridays for trips to Springettsbury Park and Graham Aquatic Center (GAC).

## WHAT TO BRING/WEAR

Campers **MUST** bring lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, bathing suit and towel for daily swimming. Please mark your child's name on belongings. They **MUST** wear camp appropriate clothing including closed toe sneakers for safety. (Flip Flops are not permitted; parents will be called to bring closed toed shoes). Campers may wear sandals on GAC field trips only. Campers are not allowed to wear swimsuits all day. We ask that campers dress modestly. Tank tops must follow the "3-finger-width rule." YMCA Camp Spirit is a Christian organization and we expect our values to be reflected in our programs.



# GENERAL POLICIES FOR CAMP SPIRIT cont.

## WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME

Anything of personal value (toys, stuffed animals, video games, iPods, MP3 players, cell phones, etc.) should be left at home. Any electronic that is found on a camper will be confiscated and given back when the parent/ guardian picks up the child. Cell phones are prohibited at camp.

## LOST AND FOUND

Daily announcements will be made to inform the campers of lost and found items. Items that are not claimed will be placed in a Lost and Found table located in the upper lodge. The YMCA is not responsible for lost, misplaced, or stolen items.

## INCLUSION

The YMCA of York and York County believes that children of all ability levels are entitled to the same opportunities for participation, acceptance and belonging. We will make every reasonable accommodation to encourage full and active participation of all campers in our program based on his/her individual capabilities and needs. Camp Spirit follows the recommended ration of 1 counselor to 12 - 15 campers. We are unable to provide 1:1 supervision of campers but we do permit support staff to attend camp to assist your child. Please contact the Camp Director to discuss your child's needs.

## DIVERSITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

The YMCA of York and York County embraces values and beliefs which support and reflect the inclusion and appreciation of all persons regardless of race, gender, creed, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age or disability. The YMCA of York and York County is an equal opportunity community partner.

## TSS POLICY

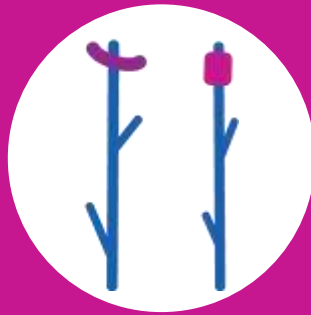
Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS) are permitted to accompany children at Camp Spirit. For more information, please contact the Camp Director.

## STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

The YMCA understands the positive impact camp counselors can have on a camper's life. Counselors are selected based on experience, creativity and their abilities to fulfill the responsibilities that are expected of them. All counselors must obtain or complete the following: High School Diploma (18 years of age), American Red Cross CPR/AED Certification, Pre-camp training including child abuse prevention, mandated reporting, safety guidelines, first-aid and program planning for Camp Spirit. Pennsylvania State Requirements: Child Abuse Clearance, Criminal Background Check, and FBI Fingerprinting.



**All Policies and Procedures  
are the same for  
Specialty Camps.**



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