WELCOME TO YMCA DAY CAMPS
At YMCA Summer Day Camps kids get the chance to be kids! There are many exciting activities with plenty of choices each day. Campers will learn about themselves, others and the world around them through activities that match their age, interests, needs and abilities. Camp sessions include arts and crafts, games, sports, drama, singing, storytelling, and outdoor activities. Outtrips, special guests, swimming, gym time and special theme days may also be part of the camp experience. (Note: The camp structure and programming may change once the session starts depending on the weather, space and campers’ needs).

DROP OFF AND PICK UP
Please allow extra time to sign in on the first day of each camp.

1. Upon arrival on the first day of camp, go directly to the “Sign-in” table. Day Camp with Climbing Option participants must have a parent/guardian complete a waiver prior to climbing. Only those individuals specified in Family Zone are able to pick up campers. Valid government issued photo ID is required for drop off and pick up.

2. Children are not to be left unsupervised in the building before or after camp. Parents/guardians of Eau Claire YMCA campers must obtain a facility access card and show photo ID to gain access to the facility at all times.

3. Parents/guardians or authorized persons must sign their child(ren) in and out. Children eight-years-of-age and older, who have Authorization of Release indicated at Family Zone, may sign themselves out. Any exceptions to the sign-out procedure rules must be approved in advance by the Youth Director. No exceptions will be made regarding photo ID.

SAFETY
All medical information must be completed at Family Zone (yycymca.campfax.com) at least 7 days before the camp start date.

1. If your child has any serious medical conditions, behavioural concerns or is attending camp with an aide, please inform the Youth Director/Day Camp Coordinator prior to camp.

2. For the safety of your child, a current photo of your child must be uploaded at Family Zone. The forms cannot be completed without a photo, and photos will not be returned.

3. If your child needs to take medication during camp hours please indicate these details at Family Zone.

4. If your child has an Epi-Pen, please indicate this on Family Zone.

5. Pool rules will be discussed on the first day of camp. Children wishing to swim in the deep end must swim a full length of the 25m pool conducted by branch lifeguards.

6. If a child needs to leave early or will be missing a day of camp, please notify the Youth Director or Day Camp Coordinator.

7. Any photos, videotaped footage, or audio recording taken of your child at camp by YMCA staff are for YMCA purposes only. Images will only be used for promotional and/or educational use of the YMCA and not for commercial reasons. Speak to the Youth Director with any concerns. Ensure that the photo release portion of the Med Form is signed by parent/guardian.

8. In consideration of those with allergies to peanuts and other nut products, we ask that campers do not bring snacks and lunches containing peanut/nut products.

WHAT TO BRING (IN BACKPACK)

1. Peanut-free bag lunch with two snacks and drinks.

2. Hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and water bottle.

3. Swim suit and towel (this does not apply to ½ day morning Tenderfoot campers at Eau Claire YMCA).

4. Weather appropriate clothes (be prepared for unexpected weather changes).

5. Appropriate footwear (running shoes are preferred and no flip flops).

6. If you are registered for climbing camps, please ensure your child is wearing running shoes, pants or shorts – no skirts allowed.

Note:
- YMCA Calgary is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Campers should be able to carry their backpack comfortably all day.
CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- Cancellations made less than seven days before the program start date will incur a 25% cancellation fee based on the full program fee.
- Cancellations made after the camp starts with a note from a medical doctor will receive a pro-rated refund from the cancellation date.
- Cancellations made after the camp starts without a note from a medical doctor will receive a pro-rated refund from the cancellation date and there will be a 25% cancellation fee.
- Any refunds from cancelled programs will remain on your account as a credit unless you request a refund. Refunds made by cheque are subject to a $10 charge. If you paid by bank debit or credit card, there is no charge to refund back to your card.
- Exchanges (course swapping) are processed at no extra charge (space permitting).

CAMP STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

At YMCA Calgary, we select our Day Camp counsellors for their maturity, skills and experience with children. In addition to planning and supervising our camps, these full-time staff members receive training in Leadership, Safety and Emergency Procedures, and are certified in both First-aid and CPR. We select our volunteers, who assist counsellors with program activities, for their experience and commitment to the YMCA. At YMCA Calgary, we require that all staff and volunteers pass a security clearance prior to the start of camp.

CAMPER SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICY

- If your child is ill and is deemed unable to fully participate in day camp activities, you will be notified by a YMCA Calgary staff member. If YMCA Calgary has determined that your camper should go home for the day, an authorized parent or guardian will be asked to pick the child up as soon as possible.
- For safety reasons, when picking up campers, parents and guardians MUST show their picture identification. Eau Claire camper parents/guardians must provide identification and facility access card to access the facility at all times.
- We require a photo of each camper for our records. The photo should be uploaded at Family Zone.

PROGRAM

Please note: YMCA staff reserve the right to modify and change programming and structure of the camp to accommodate a variety of needs.

1. Children will be participating in a number of age-specific activities. Please ask counsellors for details on the first day of camp.
2. Day Camps with Swim Option will include a structured lesson during part of the morning and a recreational swim, among other activities, in the afternoon. There will be no recreation swimming or swim lesson on outtrip day (summer only). We require an up-to-date swim lesson card to assist with placements.
3. Children are not permitted to purchase snacks or lunches while under YMCA supervision. Please do not send money.
4. To ensure that all children can participate fully in all indoor and outdoor/ off-site activities, please prepare them with suitable clothing for all types of weather. Activities will run as scheduled unless the conditions are extremely harsh, in which case alternate indoor activities will be offered.
5. All campers (excluding climbing option campers and ½ day tenderfoot campers) will attend an exciting outtrip at least once during the week. If transportation is needed, school buses or Calgary Public Transit will be used (summer only).
6. Eau Claire campers are required to leave the building during prime time hours 11:30am - 1:30pm. Children should be able to carry backpack comfortably all day.

LUNCH / SNACKS

Campers require a nutritious nut/peanut-free lunch, two snacks and plenty of cool drinks each day. Please note: Campers are not permitted to purchase food during camps hours at branch cafes.

LABEL BELONGINGS

Label your camper’s belongings. YMCA Calgary is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

SPECIAL EVENTS – SUMMER ONLY

Food Drive – 3rd week of August

YMCA Calgary Day Camps and YMCA Kids in Motion will take part in our annual food drive for the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank. Each year, YMCA Calgary collected over 15,000 pounds of food. This is a great opportunity for campers to learn about community service! For further details, please inquire with the Youth Director at your branch.

CAMP OPTIONS – SUMMER ONLY

YMCA Calgary offers a variety of camps to suit your child’s interests. All campers will have the opportunity to participate in games, songs, arts and crafts, gym time, recreational swimming and outtrips. Choose from climbing, swim, cooking and creative arts. Please note: day camp options may vary based on location.

OUTRIPS – SUMMER ONLY

Outtrips take place one day per camping week. There will be no swimming lessons on outtrip days. Tenderfoot half day and climbing options do not attend outtrips.

WEATHER/SUN SENSE

YMCA Summer Day Camps are outdoor-based programs. To ensure every child can fully participate in all outdoor and indoor activities, campers must bring suitable clothing for all types of weather. Sunscreen, a hat and water bottle are also necessary. Due to the nature of sunscreen allergies, YMCA staff will not provide or apply sunscreen. It is important that campers understand the importance of sunscreen and know how to apply it prior to camp.