University of Minnesota
Youth and Community Programs

Parent Handbook
Information, Policies & Procedures
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The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, gender identity or sexual orientation.
Welcome to University Youth Programs!

Thank you for choosing us for your summer experience. We want your child to enjoy and explore the many facets of the University of Minnesota in a safe and enriching environment that emphasizes healthy activity. We will strive to do our best at all times and your cooperation and input are needed to achieve this! Please keep us informed about how we are meeting your needs. Email or call us at the Youth Programs office with your questions or suggestions at any time. There will also be an evaluation/feedback survey at the end of summer.

This handbook is designed as an overview to answer common questions about the program, policies & procedures, and to provide expectations and guidelines for participation. All parents/guardians are expected to read and follow the policies, procedures, and guidelines.

Youth Programs Leadership Team

Each summer an experienced Leadership Team is employed to run our programs. This is a seasoned group of staff members with experience at camp and beyond. Together they oversee the daily operations and ensure a fun and high quality experience for all. Our Leadership Team Coordinators are mainly located in the summer programs office, which is inside of the program entrance on the north end of the building, near the pool and rock wall. The year-round Youth Programs office is upstairs, inside the South entrance of the building.

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University Recreation & Wellness

Mission
Our mission is to serve all students and the greater University community by enriching the campus experience and encouraging life long wellbeing. We are driven to develop leaders, foster supportive relationships, and inspire active living through recreation and wellness.

Guiding Principles
Excellence exceeding expectations and standards
Integrity leading with sound and responsible judgment
Development fostering a culture of growth and improvement
Collaboration working collectively to achieve common goals
2021 Program Locations Vary

In-Person Activity Sessions are based at or near the St. Paul Gymnasium at 1536 N Cleveland Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108 (two blocks south of Larpenteur Avenue). Look for colorful flags and signage.

Learn-to-Programming is based at the St Paul Gym (Tennis & Climbing Club) and just down the street at Les Bolstad Golf Course. Detailed information regarding drop off and pick up procedures, as well as what to bring will be provided one week prior to the program start date. If you have any questions prior to receiving the email, please contact our Youth Programs staff at ypsummer@umn.edu. Information will also be available for access through our website at http://recwell.umn.edu/youth.

Camp-in-a-Box, virtual camp material’s kits, and activity box curbside pick up location will be at the St. Paul Gym. Shipping will be available to Minnesota residents only at this time, for an additional shipping and handling fee.

Virtual Programs will take place online via Zoom. Hybrid options for some virtual camps will have drop off and pick up at the St. Paul Gym.

New info for 2021!
Drive Up & Drop Off

Parking in the area can be challenging due to contract lots, on street hours, and road work. There may be minor traffic jams during drop off and pick up times. With our updated program structure in 2021, please follow signs according to your welcome email as you pull up and park only in the spaces specifically marked for Youth Programs.

Please plan ahead and allow time for our new Drive up & Drop off sign in and out procedures. Detailed information regarding our new procedures will be shared via email one week prior to your program start date. Be aware that the Minnesota State Fair may overlap with our last day of programming causing congestion on nearby streets.

WHERE TO PARK:

Due to our updated check in and out procedures for 2021, parking is only permitted in the designated YP spaces. Please remain in your vehicle at all times as a staff member checks you in.

Programs being held at the St Paul Gym or in the front field will park at meters at the North end of the Gymnasium Lot SC171 – they are not enforced during check in and out times.

Programs being held at the tennis courts or the soccer fields will Drive Up and Drop Off in Lot SC175 across Cleveland Avenue – you will not be ticketed during check in and out times.

We will have signs posted to help guide you.

Please be aware of the many pedestrians and bicyclists in the area.

If your family is registered for multiple in-person sessions in the same day, parking is NOT available on site between sessions.

The Gym lot SC171 is contract parking -- Do NOT park in non-metered spaces. You may be ticketed by UMPD.

Much can change through the spring and we will provide updates on this as we get closer to the start of our programs. Our decision will be advised through CDC and MN State Health Department guidelines as well as recommendations and requirements from the University of Minnesota, American Camp Association, and camp and medical professionals collaborating with us.
About Our Staff
The people who work for University Youth Programs are our biggest asset. Their special interest in today’s youth, and their enthusiasm for the physical activity and learning make all programs a fun experience. University students and other adults from the community work as group leaders, program coordinators, and office staff.

All staff are CPR and Standard First Aid certified, have passed a background check, and have participated in extensive orientation and training programs. These initiatives emphasize safety and provide tools and resources for addressing common situations that may arise.

Staff are expected to participate along with the youth in many of the activities and to develop a positive relationship that fosters a love of learning and recreation. For Summer 2021, in most programs we are staffed for 2 adults to 8 children or less (1:4 ratio).

Program Times
Program days and times will vary this summer. Pay close attention to the program description dates and times when registering.

All registrations will close two Sundays (one week) prior to the program start date, or when the program fills.

Due to the very limited number of spots, register early. Waitlists will be available at no cost for all options.

If you are registering for multiple program sessions in one day, care WILL NOT be available or provided between sessions. You must pick up your child within the pick up window provided. Inability or unwillingness to do so may result in late fees being assessed and/or dismissal from the program.

Daily Routine
Each day during check in your child will receive a name tag. Once checked in, participants will wait with their group in a designated area until it is time to travel, as a group, to their activity session.

Socially distanced cohorts will remain within their groups throughout in-person activity sessions from check in to check out.

During check out, youth will remain with their group until an authorized parent or guardian arrives.

Detailed information regarding our updated procedures will be emailed prior to your program start date.
REGISTER ONLINE

Online registration is the preferred method and is the only method which accepts credit cards.

- Conveniently available 24 hours a day
- Your program selections are immediately confirmed through online registration.
- Receipts are immediately available for your personal records.

Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover are all accepted payment methods online.

Payments must be made in full with a credit card online when registering. If a program is full, you will be given the option to be put on a waitlist for no additional fee.

To Register by Mail or In-Person

Mail or hand-deliver the completed paper registration forms to:

University Youth Programs
104b St Paul Gym
1536 N Cleveland Avenue
St Paul, MN 55108

Include full amount due by check payable to the University of Minnesota. Youth Programs cannot accept credit card payments for mail or in-person, paper registrations.

Phone & fax registrations are not accepted.

All registrations have a convenience fee added to the transaction. This amount is added to the total and goes directly to our registration service provider. The flat fee is only added one time per transaction, even if you are paying for multiple programs at the same time. If you register separately for programs, the convenience fee applies to each transaction. Convenience fees are nonrefundable.

Registration and Health Forms

Summer program registration opens on Tuesday, March 23rd at 8:00am. The link to our registration site is found on our website: recwell.umn.edu/youth

Returning Families

- Log in to your account and update any information that may have changed since last year (email, address, best phone number to contact you with, etc.)
- Make sure all children have their profiles created on your account.
- Make sure all adults/parents/guardians authorized to make registration changes are also on the account.
- Have all required registration information ready to go to aid in ease of registering.

New Families

- Make sure your account is created prior to registration open.
- Make sure each child is on your account prior to registration open.
- See “Returning Families” above for additional information.

Youth Participant Health Information

Participant’s health information (medical, behavioral, special accommodations/needs) must be entered at the time of registration; please have this information ready. You will also enter in your health insurance name and policy number at this time. Our YP Coordinator will be reaching out prior to participation for more information if/as needed.

Fees

Program registration fees are due in full at time of registration. A $60 non-refundable deposit per program is assessed immediately from the date of registration. There is a $5.50 processing fee per transaction regardless of the number of programs you register for. Plan ahead and save!

To review your completed registration or view your account after registering, login and click on “My Programs” at the top of the page.

Communications

You will receive an automatic confirmation when registering for programs online. Watch for your “Welcome to Summer Programs at University Youth Programs” email the week before your program session.

Camperships & Financial Assistance

The mission of the Campership & Financial Assistance program is to enable as many children as possible to have a summer experience by providing assistance to families who demonstrate genuine financial need. Applications are collected in the Youth Programs office, and funding is distributed on a rolling basis based on available resources. An interest list is collected for any additional funding that may become available after those resources are exhausted for the year. To apply for a campership or contribute to the fund visit our website.

You may also email ypsummer@umn.edu or call (612)625-2242 with any questions.
Non-Parental Emergency Contact & Authorized Pick Up Information

When registering, make sure to enter this information for every child in your family, for every program that you are registering for. We find that having this information on a Word document, and then just copying and pasting into the registration form fields online is the most pain free way to go about this.

Don’t worry, we always call a parent or guardian first in case of an emergency; but we do need to have someone else on file in case we can’t get a hold of you.

If you find that your emergency contact or authorized pick up information needs a change or update, send us an email with the request and updated information!

Forms, Fees, and Waivers

All registrants must complete the registration agreements, waivers, and medical information either on the paper registration form or online. Completed, signed forms and waivers are required before youth will be allowed to participate - this includes the new system-wide University of Minnesota Covid waiver and release form.

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Registration for Additional Programs

Some programs will still be available at the start of summer and others will become available during the summer due to transfers, changes or cancellations. Additional registrations are taken until one week prior to the program start date (that Sunday evening at 11:59pm), unless otherwise noted.

You can view current openings at any time in our online system:

• Go to https://apm.activecommunities.com/umnrecwell/Home

• Choose Activities from the top bar next to “Home” in upper left OR if you know the program’s Bar Code, enter it in the Search box.

• Choose the program by title, listed alphabetically or put in the bar code.

• The program that you are interested in will come up. The column labeled “Avail” shows you how many spaces are left in each program for registration. Click on the course to view the ages and details.

• If a program is full, there is a Waitlist button. We encourage all interested participants to wait list. It is free and allows us a means to contact you if an opening occurs. It also lets us know level of interest for the possibility of adding more programs and future planning.

Registration Changes and Cancellations

• All requests for transfers or cancellations must be received in writing by emailing ypsummer@umn.edu one month prior* to the start of the specific program week to qualify. No verbal or phone requests are accepted.

• All program fees include a $60 non-refundable deposit per program. This charge is withheld from any refunds or credits when canceled by the deadline. Cancellations or changes after the cancellation deadline forfeit the entire fee.

• All changes will be charged a $15 processing fee (changes, transfers, and cancellations).

• Refunds are not available for absences due to vacations, special events, short-term illnesses/common colds, or other personal commitments that prevent attendance. Cancellations due to severe medical circumstances will need a written request and doctor’s note, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

• Any programs not meeting minimum enrollment by the Monday before it starts will be canceled and you will be contacted. Some programs may have earlier deadlines.

• If we must cancel a program due to insufficient enrollment or any other circumstance beyond our control, we will offer a full refund or issue credit towards another program (minus the registration transaction fee).

*Deadlines may vary around holidays to accommodate office closures and processing time. Special Cancellation Deadline: Cancellations/Transfers for the week of July 12th must be made in writing no later than June 7th to account for the one week camp and office closure for the July Fourth holiday.
**Weekly Themes**

*Get those Friday costumes and dance moves ready!*

1: YP Heroes  
2: Imagination Station  
3: Space & Science  
4: Color Collisions  
5: Around the World  
6: We are UMN  
7: Gopher Olympics  
8: Splashtastic  
9: Super Sleuth  
10: YP’s Got Talent

**FREE Social Media Content & Daily Themes:**

While we may not be together in person in our traditional way, we are excited to bring some of the Gopher Adventures experience to you in the comfort of your home. Each week, join us as we explore, discover, and create throughout 10 weeks of themed, free and fun online content on Facebook and Instagram that you can access right from the comfort of your safe space. Learn about what kinds of experiences you can expect each day through our daily themes, described below.

**Daily Themes:**

- Mindfulness Monday
- Challenge Time Tuesday
- Buzzword Wednesday
- Tour/Demo Thursday
- Festive Friday

**Art & PE:** Join us virtually all summer long for weekly art projects and physical activities. These activities will be posted through our social media with supplemental resources for you to use and try out in the convenience of your own home! Materials and supplies will need to be found at home. Join in on the fun as the activities coordinate with each themed week this summer, adding to an interactive and engaging at home camp experience.

**What to Bring Each Day**

- **Gym / athletic shoes** —required daily for all activities. No flip flops or sandals for in-person programs. These are unsafe options that will limit participation.
- **Mask** – Due to the multi-household group setting, participants and staff are required to wear face masks at all times.
- **Medications** – any medication brought to YP must be in its original packaging, and requires a signed medical permission form. They must be placed in a ziplock bag with your child’s name and turned into a member of the Leadership Team.
- **A filled water bottle** to stay hydrated throughout activity sessions. Drinking fountains on-site will not be accessible during program hours.
- **A bag or backpack** for personal items and projects. Extra clothes, especially for younger campers, are recommended.
- **A hat, rain gear/umbrella, sunscreen, & bug spray** - sunscreen and bug spray must be applied before you arrive at YP.
- **Label everything** with your child’s name. Also, it must be appropriate for the group setting. We reserve the right to remove possessions and limit the use of any items brought in.

**Do Not Bring**

- Electronic devices such as cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, hand held games, dvd players, etc. (unless requested for a specific program or approved in advance)
- Money or valuables
- Toys or personal sports equipment, unless requested for a specific camp, or arranged in advance

If a child is found to have any of these items, they will be instructed to put it in their backpack for the remainder of the session and/or it will be sent home. If the item continues to resurface during programming, it will be confiscated by staff and returned to an authorized pick up/adult at the end of the activity session.

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Early Pick Ups Are Not Available for 2021!

Our program structure is different. With short, in-person sessions, there's no need to pick up early.

Plan appointments and other commitments outside of program hours.

Refunds will not be provided for missed sessions due to schedule conflicts.

Pay close attention to the pick up and drop off window provided for your program. We have limited transition time between activity sessions and can not accommodate late pick ups.

Inability or unwillingness to adhere to this policy could result in late fees being assessed and/or dismissal from the program.

Late Pick Ups

Due to the structure of our programs this year, all participants must be picked up within the designated 15 minute window after a program session ends for the day. Extra expenses are incurred when YP is not able to close each program on time. Parents arriving after the 15 minute pick up window will be assessed a late fee beginning immediately and as follows:

$1 per minute for the first 10 minutes
$5 per minute after 10 minutes

Late pick up fees are due upon arrival. The clock on site is the official clock used to determine check in and out times.

Drive Up & Drop Off + Check In & Out

New Info for 2021!

Our check in and out procedures will look different this year. Curbside drop off and pick up times will be staggered in order to ensure physical distancing. All youth and staff will participate in daily health screenings upon arrival, including temperature checks and a brief questionnaire. Youth Programs will follow the most up to date and applicable guidelines released by the MDH, CDC and the University. All parents/guardians must have a current email address on file.

All youth must be signed in and out with a Lead Team member by an authorized adult. The adult must adhere to our check in and out procedures, be on the approved pick up list and show a photo I.D.

Make sure all adults, including all legal guardian names, are on the registration form as possible authorized pick up persons when you register.

Detailed information regarding check in and out procedures, as well as relevant health considerations prior to your program start date will be shared via email.

Please Be Patient

When you arrive there may be lines. Please be mindful of those around you, and remain in your vehicle while a Youth Programs staff member goes through the screening procedures with you, and checks your child(ren) in.

Help ensure a smooth check out:

To help us make the process as smooth as possible, please make sure to:

1) Confirm your authorized adults are saved to your account. This includes parents/guardians.
2) Let your authorized adults know to bring a photo ID at pick up.
3) When you arrive, follow the signs and only park in Youth Programs designated pick up spaces.
4) Remain in your vehicle until a member of the Lead Team goes through check out with you.
**Safety Considerations at our Programs**

- NEVER take your child without signing out! This can cause great distress and distraction of program staff who will proceed as if a child is missing and may involve the police.

- Do not go looking for your child in the program areas and remain in your vehicle until a staff member is able to go through the check in and out process with you.

- Only a few, designated staff have authorization to check out children from our programs and most check outs are at the main location at the St. Paul Gymnasium.

- Drop off and pick up from other locations on campus or off campus are only available when clearly stated.

**Important Procedures**

Youth must be escorted into and out of the drop off and pick up site, by a member of the Lead Team and signed in and out by an authorized adult. Parents / Guardians must remain in their vehicle during check in and out procedures.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS and all other adults** that are picking up a child at YP must all be listed on the account or the registration records **IN ADVANCE** to be authorized for pick up!

- At the time of registration, add all parents to the registration account and indicate all possible adults that may pick up at YP.

- To add or change your authorized pick-ups, provide a written notice by paper or email to the office in advance. Verbal authorizations are not permitted.

- For everyone’s safety, valid government issued identification is required for persons picking up a child. Youth Programs staff will do their best to learn names and faces quickly, however, with the large number of different parents and children each week it is challenging. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

- All adults must wait in their vehicle while waiting for a staff member to bring your child to your vehicle.

- Youth over the age of 12 may check in or out on their own (such as when walking or biking to camp) **ONLY** if written, signed, and dated parent/guardian permission with the **approved time of day** for the sign out to occur is submitted to the office in advance. Youth Programs’ responsibility for the child begins after sign in and ends at sign out each day.

- All adults walking or biking to pick up youth must wait in the designated space and wait for a staff member.

Requests for transfers, changes or cancellations must be received in writing one month (30 days) prior to the start date of the camp by emailing ypsummer@umn.edu. No verbal or phone requests are permitted and changes cannot be made online. Some programs have earlier cancellation deadlines due to holidays and office closures.
Special Needs and Assistance
We can accommodate most children at our programs with adequate notice and information. If your child receives any individual assistance at school, has a behavior chart or plan, is on an IEP, or has any mental or physical limitations, and can function with a 1:7 adult to camper ratio, it is very important to know about and plan ahead for this. In order for us to provide a good experience for your child, we ask that you consult with us about any special needs in advance.

The information will only be shared as necessary with staff who are working directly with your child. Please provide details in writing in advance regarding the specific needs of your child, including examples of successful techniques that have worked in similar settings in the past (i.e. at school, child care, etc.). Parents/guardians may be asked to attend a planning meeting with staff to prepare for or follow up on plans or issues.

Help us be Proactive & Successful
In order for us to be prepared and ready for every child, information and ideas about working with your child provided in advance by parents or guardians is key. You will be consulted as needed when something arises as a question or concern on our part.

Please email or call us in advance with any information, questions, or suggestions to help make the experience at YP the best it can be.

Allergies
If your child needs an Epi-pen, inhaler, or other specified emergency meds: you will need to send these with your child each day of programming. All medication needs to be given directly to staff during the check in process. Written instructions and a plan for the use of the treatment must be on file upon beginning a program along with a signed permission form.

Medications
If your child has a need to take any medications during the program hours, they must be provided in the original bottle, placed in a ziplock bag, labeled with the child’s name, dosage, and prescription information and given directly to staff during the check in process. Medications are dispensed by a designated, trained camp staff. A signed parent/guardian permission form with specific care instructions must be on file before medications can be given. Because of the short duration of our programs, please plan for your child to take their medications outside of the program hours whenever possible.

Parent Behavior
We reserve the right to dismiss a family from our program if the parent/guardian at any point threatens the safety of our children and/or staff. This also applies if the parent/guardian shows inappropriate, aggressive, or offensive behavior towards children and/or staff, or refuses to follow our policies and procedures.
Behavior & Participation

Program attendees are expected to participate throughout their activity session. Staff will assist in introducing new activities and encouraging children to try them.

If there is a medical condition or situation that prevents participation, parents/guardians must notify staff in writing in advance so appropriate alternatives can be discussed.

Participation also includes following rules for safety and respect, similar to a school setting.

Program Rules

These are the program rules enforced for all staff and participants at all program locations. Staff will review all rules regularly with the children. Parents/guardians can assist by familiarizing children with the rules in advance of attendance.

Safety first

- Stay with the group. Children are never left unattended (alone or as a group). An adult supervises trips to the bathroom or any needs that stray away from the group.
- Assign buddies/pairs/groups of three when traveling. Kids help keep track of their buddies for responsibility and as a double check system.
- Proper shoes and clothing must be worn at all times.
- Use equipment as it is intended and always with care.

Listen

- Adults have important information and instructions to share.
- Don’t interrupt when others are talking.
- Look at the speaker to help pay attention.
- Take turns listening and talking.
- Follow the directions and rules, they are for safety and fun.

Respect

- Keep hands and feet to self.
- Treat others kindly. Say nice things or say nothing.
- Help others be safe.
- Use indoor voices inside buildings and vehicles.
- Take care of the facility and our earth.
**Discipline Policy**

In accordance with our goal of providing a safe, secure and nurturing atmosphere for all children, the program must follow established discipline guidelines and consequences. Disruptive behavior is defined as verbal or physical activity which may include, but is not limited to, behavior that requires excessive attention from staff, or ignores or disobeys the rules which guide behavior during program time. In order to minimize disruptive or unacceptable behavior, staff use a variety of techniques such as preventative measures, stop and think time, redirection, verbal intervention, and consequences.

**Discipline Procedure**

Staff will strive for consistent application of all rules. Families will be kept informed of any cause for children to be removed from an activity.

**3 Strike Approach:**

- **First strike:** Warning
  Child is briefly taken aside and told what the inappropriate behavior is, and a reminder of what the expected behavior is.

- **Second Strike:** Take a Break
  If the behavior continues or another issue arises, the child is removed from the activity to take a break. Staff will let the child know the reasons behind taking a break, including the inappropriate behavior that was demonstrated and remind them of what the expectations are to rejoin.

- **Third Strike:** You’re Out
  If attempts to remedy the situation are unsuccessful, the child will be brought to the office to talk it out with a member of the lead team. Depending on the amount of time left in the activity as well as the nature of the situation, the child may return to the same activity, rejoin the group later, or be sent home.

Parents/guardians will be notified at the end of the day whenever a child has been issued a strike. In more serious cases of behavior issues, for example physical harm or intent to harm, the child will be immediately removed from the activity to work through the behavior with a Leadership staff. In some cases, the parent or authorized contact person may be called to pick up the child from YP immediately for the remainder of the day.

**Suspension or Dismissal**

If a child’s behavior materially or substantially violates the rights of others, is substantially disruptive, endangers self, other children or staff, or damages property, suspension may be a consequence. If so, the following guideline will be utilized:

- **1st offense** - 1 day suspension
- **2nd offense** - 3 day suspension
- **3rd offense** - 5 day suspension

Suspensions may consist of removal from the current program and potentially carrying over to the next registered program. Parents are expected to support the staff’s efforts and assist in reinforcing the rules and expectations for behavior at YP.

We have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all students and staff. The program reserves the right to terminate participation immediately should there be a severe act of aggression towards participants, staff or property and/or repeated offenses.
Health, Safety & Wellbeing
Help us keep each other healthy and well this summer as we begin to come together in cohorts of mixed households for in person programs. If your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms do not send them to any in-person programs:

• A temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, measured by mouth. Temperature must be normal (98.6F) for 24 hours before returning to camp.
• Fever, cough, vomiting, diarrhea, any undiagnosed rash, discharge from eyes, ears or profuse nasal discharge, severe cold symptoms, head lice.
• Showing symptoms of COVID-19
• Exposure to communicable diseases (Such as: whooping cough, severe sore throat, measles, pink eye, ringworm, fifth disease, mumps, chicken pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, strep throat, H1N1 virus, or COVID-19).

Please notify the program staff immediately if you become aware of any of these conditions, so that we can alert staff and other families (confidentially) to watch for symptoms.

If your child(ren) has any of the symptoms while at the program, a member of the lead team will contact a parent or authorized adult to immediately pick up the child.

COVID-19 Prevention
Youth Programs will continue to assess best practices and keep you informed regarding policies and procedures surrounding our Summer 2021 programs. We are closely following guidance from the CDC, Minnesota Department of Health and the University around COVID-19 recommended precautions.

Attendance/Absence
Attendance will be taken on a daily basis. For safety reasons, it is important that we know when your child is not attending. Contact us during normal camp hours by calling 612-625-2242.

Concussion Awareness
A concussion is a brain injury caused by a bump or blow to the head. Sports and other physical activities that youth commonly participate in can result in falls, bumps and other accidents. Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks afterward. Youth Programs staff are trained in concussion prevention and the symptoms to watch for. Parents also need to be aware and informed about the seriousness of concussions. Further information is available on the website below or contact our office for a print out of this information.

https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/parents/index.html
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Weather Considerations

The majority of our activities will take place outdoors. Because we cannot depend upon nature to be completely cooperative, please send rain gear with your child if rain is in the forecast.

Program cancellations may be necessary when weather conditions become unsafe or too uncomfortable / unpredictable.

Weapons Policy

University Youth Programs will not tolerate weapons or toy weapons on the property or in a child’s possession at or away from camp. A student in possession of a weapon or a toy weapon may be subject to suspension or expulsion.

Switchblades, pocket knives, guns, and any other potential weapon, including “look alike” weapons such as plastic knives or guns, will be confiscated immediately and parents/guardians will be contacted.

Lost and Found

Any items left behind by program participants will be placed in a plastic bag and stored in the Youth Programs Office.

If you believe your child has left something behind, send us an email with a detailed description of the item. We will do our best to respond within 24 hours to your inquiry.

Nothing is guaranteed to be kept for more than two weeks and contact will only be made for found (labeled) items if time permits. Youth Programs and the University of Minnesota are not responsible for your child’s lost items. Remember to label everything they bring to their activities.