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Welcome to University Youth Programs!

Thank you for choosing us for your summer camp 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 team of youth-oriented adults is employed to run the summer camps. Together they oversee the daily operations and ensure a fun and high quality experience for all. The Summer Camp Coordinators are mainly located in the summer camp office, which is inside of the camp entrance near the pool and rock wall. The year-round Youth Programs office is upstairs, inside the South entrance of the building.

Director for Youth & Community Programs: Vinh Chung
Youth Programs & Community Outreach Manager: Erica Churchill
Summer Leadership Team Coordinators: Katie Strother, Liv Mauk
Summer Program Assistants: TBD

University Recreation & Wellness

Mission

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

Guiding Principles

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Contact Us

Office (year-round): 612-625-2242
Summer Camp Office: 612-624-1423
Email: ypsummer@umn.edu
Website: recwell.umn.edu/youth

Youth & Community Summer Camp Office: 612-624-1423

- This number is ONLY available June 19-August 25 during camp hours (8:00am-5:00pm)
- Voicemail is NOT available at this number.
- Call this number for “day of” issues or needs regarding a child that is at camp
- This line is answered as time permits by program staff when they are not attending to the needs of children, parents/guardians or staff.
- Messages that are less urgent may be left at 612-625-2242 any time of the day.

Office & Camp Address:

University Youth Programs
104b St Paul Gymnasium
1536 N Cleveland Ave
St Paul, MN 55108
About Our Staff
The camp Group Leaders are carefully selected for their ability to work with children. They are college students and adults from the community, such as teachers or counselors. All staff have passed a background check and those who may drive University vehicles pass a driving record check.

They complete over 30 hours of training in safety and program procedures prior to the start of camp including CPR, First Aid, AED, mental health and more.

Group Leaders are expected to participate along with the campers in many of the activities and to develop a positive relationship that fosters a love of learning and recreation. We are staffed for 2 adults to 16 children or less (1:8 ratio).

Check us out on Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram!
Facebook.com/UofMYouthPrograms
Snapchat: ypsummer
Instagram: UofMYouthPrograms

Program Location
The summer camps are all based at or near the St. Paul Gymnasium at 1536 N Cleveland Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108 (two blocks south of Larpenteur Avenue). The office is also housed at this site.

Learn-to-Programming (Climbing Clubs) is based at the St. Paul Gymnasium.

Camp Entrance
The main camp entrance is at the north end of the St. Paul Gymnasium. This entrance is typically only open during camp hours.

Parking
Parking in the area can be challenging due to the number of participants, contract lots, and on street hours. There may be minor traffic jams during drop off and pick up times, as there are approximately 250 children dropped off and picked up each day.

Please plan ahead and allow time for parking and check in and out. The first two days of the Minnesota State Fair often overlap our last two days of camp causing congestion on nearby streets.

WHERE TO PARK:
Park at meters at the North end of the Gymnasium Lot SC171 – they are not enforced during check in and out times (8:00-8:45am and 4:00-5:00pm).

Parking Lot SC175 across Cleveland Avenue is also not ticketed during check in and out times and typically has less congestion.

We will have signs posted to help guide you.

Please be respectful of Parking Contract Holders and be aware of the many pedestrians and bicyclists in the area.

The Gym lot SC171 is contract parking -- do NOT park in the non-metered spaces! You may be ticketed by UMPD.
REGISTER ONLINE

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

- Conveniently available 24 hours a day
- Your camp 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 camp is full, you will be given the option to be put on a waitlist for no 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 camps at the same time. If you register separately for camps, the convenience fee applies to each transaction. Convenience fees are nonrefundable.

Registration and Health Forms

Summer camp registration opens on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00am. 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 registration.

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.

Camper Health Information

Camper’s health information (medical, behavioral, special accommodations/needs) must be entered at the time of registrations; 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

Camp registration fees are due in full at time of registration. A $60 non-refundable deposit per camp is assessed immediately from the date of registration. There is a $5.50 processing fee per transaction regardless of the number of camps 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 camp online. Watch for your “Welcome to Summer Camp at University Youth Programs” email the week before your camp session.

Camperships & Financial Assistance

In order to achieve greater access, we set aside a limited amount of funding and raise funds from the community to provide assistance for families who demonstrate genuine financial need for participation in our summer camps. Families facing financial hardship are encouraged to apply to help cover their camp fees. We ask families to apply early and contribute as much as possible to their camper’s fee to help us fund as many campers as possible. To apply for a campership or contribute to the fund visit recwell.umn.edu/campership. You may also email ypsummer@umn.edu or call (612)625-2242.
Non-Parental Emergency Contact & Authorized Pick Up Information

When registering, make sure to enter this information for every child in your family, for every camp 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 ahold 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 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.

Much can change through the spring and we will provide updates on this as we get closer to the start of camp. 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.

Registration for Additional Weeks

Some camps 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 camp 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

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

3. Choose the camp by title, listed alphabetically or put in the bar code.

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

5. If a camp 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 camps 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 camp week to qualify. No verbal or phone requests are accepted.
- All camp fees include a $60 non-refundable deposit per camp. This charge is withheld from any refunds or credits when cancelled 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 camp not meeting minimum enrollment by the Monday before it starts will be cancelled and you will be contacted. Some camps may have earlier deadlines.
- If we must cancel a camp due to insufficient enrollment or any other circumstance beyond our control, we will offer a full refund or issue credit towards another camp (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 10th must be made in writing no later than June 5th to account for the one week camp and office closure for the July Fourth holiday.
Program Times

8:00am  Camp opens for Check In on the front fields

8:45am  Group Leaders gather their group for the day

9:00am  Scheduled activities begin; Morning Instruction groups travel to destination for 9:30am-12n class

12:00n  Lunch – everyone – spread out around St. Paul Gym

12:30pm  Afternoon instruction groups travel to destination for 1:00-3:30pm class

4:00pm  Structured schedule ends; family pick-up begins.

5:00pm  Camp closes for the day

What to Bring Each Day

- **Swimsuit and Towel** – the indoor pool at St Paul Gym will be enjoyed by all at various times during the week. Schedules change, so be prepared **DAILY**.
- **Non perishable lunch and beverage** – refrigeration and microwaves are NOT available; deliveries are discouraged. **If your child does not bring a lunch, a parent will be contacted to bring one. If we are unable to contact a parent, lunch will be purchased and a $20 fee is due upon pick-up for all purchased lunches.**
- **Snacks** – nonperishable & portable, as students will sometimes be away from the Gym during this time
- **Gym / athletic shoes** — required daily for all activities. No flip flops or sandals except for pool times. These are unsafe options that will limit participation. Bare feet may occasionally be allowed during water activities on site, although enclosed water shoes are encouraged.
- **Medications** – any medication brought to camp must be in its original packaging, and requires a signed medical permission form. They must be turned in at the desk to a Lead Team member in the lower office/cubby room.
- **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** – for your child to have protection against the elements.

**Label everything brought to camp** 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, Apple watches, iPods, MP3 players, hand held games, DVD players, etc. (unless requested for a specific camp 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, the camper will be instructed to put it in their backpack for the remainder of the day and/or it will be sent...
Check In and Out
Check In and Check Out will occur outdoors at the front fields. Look for the big tent!
• Participants must be checked in by 8:45am each day.
• Check Out is available from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.
• Look for signs posted and form two lines by the first letter of the child’s last name. As always, please allow extra time and be patient.
• Early pick-ups are limited and discouraged. See Early Pick Up section on page 9 for more information.
• In the case of rain, Check In/Out will move indoors. Families should go to the main camp entrance at the north end of St. Paul Gym.

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 camp. Contact us during normal camp hours by calling 612-624-1423 or 612-625-2242.

Weekly Themes
Get those Friday costumes ready!
1: YP Heroes
2: Blast from the Past
3: World of Wonders
4: Dive into YP
5: We Are UMN
6: Happily Ever After
7: Be-HUE-tiful
8: Diversity in STEM
9: YP’s Got Talent

Daily Routine
Each Monday 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 begin scheduled activities.

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 camp start date.
**Important Procedures**

Children must be escorted into and out of the drop off and pick up site, and signed in and out by an authorized adult.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS and all other adults** that are picking up a child at camp 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 camp.
- 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 at camp as well as entering the site during the main camp hours. 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 is appreciated.
- All adults must wait in the designated area while the staff radio for your child to come out from the activity area.
- Please remind your child to get their belongings and meet you outside near the check out table.
- Campers 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.

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**Check Out**

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

- **Arrive at or after 4:00pm to pick up your children.** If you arrive early, please wait off to the side or in your vehicle until we are ready to begin check out.
- **Drive slowly and cautiously in the parking lot**—there are a lot of “moving parts” (cars, cyclists, pedestrians, children) moving about.
- **Have your ID ready** to show the staff.
- **Have all individuals picking up your child on the authorized list,** and communicate they also need their valid ID.
- **Make sure your child has all of their belongings** (and check the Lost & Found table while you’re waiting!) Ask them about art projects, water bottles, and wet clothing, please. (Our top 3 Lost & Found culprits.)
- If you are going to be later than 5:00pm, please give us a call and have a check or cash ready for the late pick-up payment if this is the case.
- **Be nice to our staff.** They are doing their best, love your kids, and are lovely people; they were chosen specifically for their role as Check Out Folks. Please treat them accordingly.
Early Pick Ups Are Limited!
We have a large and unique program that is highly organized while also being very mobile and dispersed on and off campus. Travel is a major part of the program and is not always predictable. With over 250 youth and 40 staff to coordinate, it is important for our Leadership Staff to focus on the daily operations and safety of our camps rather than rearranging activities for personal needs.

We will not compromise group activities and schedules to make arrangements for special pick up times.

We are NOT able to accommodate early pick up between 3:00-4:00pm.

Early pick-ups are discouraged; please arrange appointments outside of camp hours. When feasible within the group’s schedule and with advance, written notice, we may be able to arrange a pick up between the hours of 12:00 to 1:00pm.

Plan appointments and other commitments outside of camp hours.

The parent/adult picking up at any time of day must be on the authorized pick up list and sign out the child with the office.

Safety Considerations at our Camp
- NEVER take your child without signing out! This can cause great distress and distraction for camp staff who will proceed as if a child is missing and may involve the police.

- Please do not go looking for your child in the program areas — there is not space for additional people in the activity area and it is also a safety concern. If you would like to escort your child, you must notify staff and wear a Visitor Badge.

- Only a few, designated staff have authorization to check out children from camp and all check outs are down at the front fields at the St. Paul Gymnasium.

- Pick ups from other locations on campus or off campus are not permitted.

Late Pick Ups
Due to the extra expenses incurred when camp is not able to close on time, parents arriving after 5:00pm will be assessed a late fee beginning immediately at 5:00pm.

This fee is $1 per minute for the first 10 minutes, then $5 per minute thereafter.

Late pick up fees are due upon arrival. The clock on site is the official clock used to determine check in and out times.
**Allergies**
If your child needs an Epi-pen, inhaler, or other specified emergency meds: we need to have a supply that we can keep at camp for the whole week. All medication needs to be given directly to staff in the lower office. Written instructions and a plan for the use of the treatment must be on file upon beginning camp along with a signed permission form. Also, be sure to notify us of any FOOD allergies. Some camp activities include a snack or meal. There will also be groups of youth eating together for lunch.

**Medications**
If your child has a need to take any medications during the camp hours, they must be provided in the original bottle, labeled with the child’s name, dosage, and prescription information. Medications can only be administered by designated personnel following the printed instructions on the medication and will be locked up when not in use. A signed parent/guardian permission form with specific care instructions must be on file before medications can be given.

**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.

**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 1:8 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.

**Behaviors**
Every child is different and responds differently to new experiences. You know your child best and how to transition them in to these new experiences and therefore we trust that you will help your child get the most out of camp by preparing in a way that best suits them.

Please review the Program Structure, Camp Rules and Discipline Policy with your child prior to coming to camp. While all of these will be covered on Monday of each week, it is helpful for many children to be aware of them ahead of time.

**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 camp experience here the best it can be.
Behavior & Participation

Camp attendees are expected to participate in all of the activities. 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, drinking fountain, or away from the group.
- Assign buddies/pairs/group 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 and we let them know what the inappropriate behavior is. We have the child take a break nearby 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. 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 camp 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 camp and potentially carrying over to the next camp week. Parents are expected to support the staff’s efforts and assist in reinforcing the rules and expectations for behavior at camp.

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.
Pool Safety & Swim Test

Our pools are staffed by certified lifeguards on deck during all sessions. Our Group Leaders are in the water, swimming and playing with the youth.

Each week, participants must demonstrate adequate swimming skills for the lifeguards or they will wear a lifejacket during pool time. Please keep in mind that ‘adequate swimming skills’ include being able to sustain good swimming strength for up to an hour of activity.

If you have any questions regarding the swim test or about the pool, please contact the St Paul Aquatics Program Coordinator at aquatics@umn.edu

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

Health, Safety & Wellbeing

Help us keep each other healthy and well this summer as we come together in cohorts of mixed households for camp. If your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms, do not send them to camp:

- A temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, measured by mouth. Temperature must be normal (98.6F) for 24 hours before returning to camp.
- Fever, 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 camp, a member of the Leadership 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 Summer 2023 camps. We are closely following guidance from the CDC, Minnesota Department of Health and the University around COVID-19 recommended precautions.
Weather Considerations

Camp continues rain or shine. When possible and if lightning is not present, some outdoor activities may continue during rain or mist. Send appropriate clothing!

As necessary, activities will move indoors and at times, alternate activities will be conducted. It is typically not possible to reschedule or make up instructional activities missed due to bad weather and refunds or credits are not given.

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

A lost-and-found bin is available in the Summer Youth Programs office and is set up outdoors at check in & out.

Families are expected to check the lost and found regularly, and pick up any completed projects from the week. Due to the volume of items, 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 camp.