

# WELCOME TO Rye YMCA Camp!

We wanted to share the following helpful information to make your summer at the Y the very best it can be. Please note our new COVID-19 protocols, following the recommendations of the American Camp Association (ACA), Environmental Health & Engineering, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the NY State Health Department. While our operations may look slightly different this summer, we are confident we can deliver a memorable camp experience for your child and are so excited for the start of camp!



## HEALTH FORMS

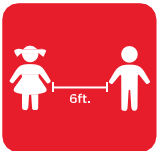
Updated to include COVID-19 guidelines, it is imperative we receive all completed health information prior to the start of camp. These forms will require immunization information and a pre-camp screening for each camper. Please have the completed pre-camp screening sheet submitted to Renee the week before he/she will attend or bring a copy with you on the first day of camp.

## DAILY HEALTH SCREENING

We will implement health screening and temperature checks for all staff and visitors (vendors) each day at camp. We ask for your assistance in doing the same with your children each day before they leave for Camp. If they present a fever above 100.4 degrees, please keep them home.

Morning drop off will include a health screening and temperature check before the child is allowed out of the car. When parents arrive at drop-off, Rye Y staff will use a 'touch-free' thermometer to record the temperature of each child (as per DOH regulations) and a parent will need to initial the recording. Temperatures must be lower than 100.4 to enter camp. We ask for your patience as this may take some time the first few days. We encourage a staggered drop-off time between 8:45-9:15 am.

*We also ask that anyone (staff, children) who are feeling sick, to please stay home and not come to camp.*



## PHYSICAL DISTANCING

We are fortunate to have a large camp ground to explore that will allow our campers to enjoy almost all activities outside and have the space to do so. Within each "POD", physical distancing will not be required, but throughout camp buildings (bathrooms, cafeteria, camp office) and larger activities outside each POD, physical distancing of 6 feet will be maintained.



## SANITIZATION & HAND WASHING

We take great pride in the cleanliness of our facilities and will implement additional precautions this summer. Rye Y camp will use all CDC and Department of Health recommended sanitation products and will clean all equipment, frequently touched and shared surfaces throughout the day.

Per CDC Guidelines, we will have campers and staff wash hands throughout the day, upon arrivals, before and after meals, after using the restroom and after activities. Camp will feature additional hand wash facilities and will have hand sanitizer stations located throughout the property.



## FACE MASKS & FACE COVERINGS

Camp staff will be wearing face masks/coverings throughout the day even when social distancing is not possible, except for in the pool. Campers will have to wear their face masks/coverings throughout most of the day except for eating and when social distance can be maintained. We will have dedicated mask breaks throughout the day.

Please have your children bring their own clearly labeled face masks/coverings to camp every day.





## GROUP SIZING & INTERACTIONS

Based on NY State regulations, group sizes will be limited to 15 campers. Each group will have their own “POD” and dedicated counselor(s). These are the groups that children and staff will spend the majority of their day with. And just like your own family members, no distancing will be required.



## CAMP T-SHIRTS

Parents are invited to pick up a Rye Y t-shirt for their campers. We will be ready for curbside pick-up the week of June 15-29, between 9:00-11:00 am and 1:00-3:00 pm. Call ahead and we can have your shirt ready and delivered to your car!



## WHAT TO BRING EACH DAY

(A reminder to be sure to clearly label all personal items)

- Bathing Suit (swim or water play)
- Towel
- A bag lunch
- A face mask/covering (labeled)
- Sunscreen to be kept in the backpack (labeled)
- Hat
- Water bottle (clearly labeled)
- Optional: Pool Shoes, Goggles

## WHAT TO WEAR

Comfortable, athletic clothing is strongly encouraged, including shorts and t-shirts (all clearly labeled with your child’s name). Sneakers are also strongly recommended (no sandals/thongs/crocs).

On cooler, rainy days, feel free to include a rain jacket or sweatshirt in your child’s bag

## SPORTS EQUIPMENT

- The Rye YMCA will provide children with their own sports equipment (balls, bats, etc).
- The Director will notify you if your child will need to bring any items to camp.



## ACTIVITIES

We have almost all of our activities outdoors and we expect all camp activities to run as planned. On days that there is inclement weather, camp will be held indoors. We have enough classrooms dedicated to each individual “POD”

Within the pool for free swim, we will have “lanes” dedicated for our “PODS” and instruction swim will take place in small groups with dedicated instructors in and outside the pool, as in previous years.



## LUNCH & SNACK

Lunch protocols: No sharing of foods or drinks will be permitted. Daily snacks will not be provided by camp this summer.

Birthday celebrations will take place but without any food or goodies.

Campers should plan to bring their own bag lunches Monday through Friday.

We are still planning on having our end of the summer party. Once we receive guidance we will communicate all details.

## FOOD ALLERGIES

Rye YMCA camp is not peanut free. However we are “peanut sensitive”. Our staff is made aware of all peanut allergies/ tree nut allergies and will keep children with allergies away from children with peanut/ tree nut products in their personal lunches. Parents serving peanut or tree nut products are asked to clearly label bags with “PEANUT” or “NUTS” and those children will be required to wash their hands and face immediately after eating.



## TRANSPORTATION NOTES

### PARENT PICK-UP & DROP-OFF PROCEDURE

We will have two drop-off/pick-up areas this summer at camp that is held at Resurrection. Parents will be assigned to a specific area once details are finalized.

Gymnastics Camp and Kinder Camp will have one drop-off/pick-up area at the Rye YMCA.

Drop-off and Pick-up times may stagger once we finalize all details. Stay tuned!

Anyone coming after 9:30 am must pull up to the designated late arrival area and call the office for assistance.

Campers are not allowed to enter camp until health and temperature screenings are completed.

### EARLY DISMISSALS

Children can be picked up early in the day if arrangements are made prior to 12:00 noon. No 'early' pick-ups after 3:00 pm.

### SICK CHILD

Parents will be notified if a child is feeling ill or showing any COVID 19 symptoms. The child will be isolated in our "guardian room". Parents will need to pick up their child immediately at our designated early pick up location.



## CAMP COMMUNICATION

We offer a few different ways to stay in touch with The Rye Y Camps throughout the summer:

### Email NEWSLETTER

Is our weekly email newsletter delivered to your inbox every Friday featuring great photos, up-to-date news and articles from camp.

### DAILY PHOTO GALLERIES

Available to view from your smart phone using your login and password information. Simply download the app "bloomz" to find pictures of your child throughout their camp day

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Camp Photos:** Group Photos will be schedule for July. Please have your children wear their Camp t-shirt on that day.

### Have a question or comment? Stay in touch!

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*We thank you for your continued support this summer. If you have any further questions, please email us at [camp@ryeymca.org](mailto:camp@ryeymca.org) or call us at (914) 967-6363*