



CAMP GET OUT AND GO

— YARMOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICES —

PARENT HANDBOOK 2025

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*Creating community through
people, parks and programs.*

Camp Mission and Core Values

Our Mission To provide a quality experience that is safe, convenient, and creative while fostering community through people, parks, and programs.

Clipper Day Camp Core Values:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

Behaviors that do not align with YCS Core Values may require immediate disciplinary action:

- Misuse or destruction of Yarmouth school or town property/equipment.
- Persistent inability to follow rules and expectations.
- Use of profane, vulgar, or disrespectful language.
- Hitting, kicking, spitting, or other inappropriate physical/verbal contact with another participant, staff member, volunteer, or visitor.
- Use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs at any YCS activity or on school grounds.
- Littering.
- Throwing objects or running outside of supervised activities.

Please review the Parent Packet and YCS Behavior Policy with your child to ensure a safe, healthy, and fun summer.

All About Camp

Camp Locations and Schedule

- **6/30/2025-7/31/2025** (5 weeks)
- **Mondays through Thursdays: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM** (full day field trip each day)
- **Pick up and drop off Location: Harrison Middle School Playground** (*indoor location: cafeteria*)

Late Fees

- Regular camp session: **9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**
- **Late pick-up fee:** \$15 for the first 5 minutes, then \$1 per additional minute

What to Bring to Camp (Label all items clearly!)

- **Lunch** in a cooler bag (*no refrigeration/heating available*)
- **Refillable water bottle** (*no glass containers*)
- **Two snacks** (labeled AM/PM; not provided by camp)
- **Swimsuit & towel**
- **Sunscreen** (*must arrive with it applied and bring extra*)
- **Backpack** to store belongings
- **Change of clothes** (including underwear) in a Ziploc bag
- **Beach shoes** (*flip-flops/crocs/water shoes for beach days only*)
- **Rain Jacket** (*we may still hike/bike in the rain!*)
- **Medication** (if needed; must be labeled and accompanied by medication permission form in 2025 Camp Form)
- **Money for snack bars** (*optional; must be in a labeled bag/envelope; **staff will not hold onto money***)

What Not to Bring

- Valuables
 - Skateboards (must be left at bike racks)
 - Cell phones, tablets, smartwatches (***must be stored during camp hours***)
- YCS is not responsible for any lost/stolen money/personal belongings**

What to Wear to Camp

- **Comfortable, active clothing** (hiking, biking, climbing, etc!)
- **Sneakers/closed-toe shoes** (flip-flops/sandals allowed only on beach days)
- **Weather-appropriate attire** (hat, jacket for light rainy/drizzly weather)

Camper Arrival and Departure Procedures

- **In-Person Check-In/Out:** Parents/guardians must sign in/out; ID may be required.

- **By Bicycle/Foot:** Parental permission required; no early departures before 3:00 PM unless given written permission by guardian/parent.
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Medication Policy

- **Permission to Administer Medication form** required for all medications (see 2025 Camp Form).
 - Prescription meds must be in original bottles with labels / enough for one dose
 - Medication will be self-administered under supervision / not stored overnight
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Sunscreen Policy

- Campers **must** arrive with sunscreen applied.
 - Must bring **clearly labeled** sunscreen.
 - No sunscreen sharing (except among siblings).
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Camper Illness & Injury Policy

- Keep your child home if they exhibit:
 - Fever, vomiting, diarrhea, severe sore throat, excessive coughing/sneezing
 - Head lice (*must be treated before returning to camp*)
 - Campers must be **symptom-free for 24 hours without medication** before returning.
 - If illness develops during camp, parents must pick up their camper within **30 minutes** of notification.
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Emergency Procedures

- Certified staff will administer first aid; EMS will be called if necessary.
 - If hospitalization is required, a staff member will accompany the camper until a guardian arrives.
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Staff & Camper Safety Policy

- Staff will maintain **professional relationships** with campers.
- No one-on-one interactions where staff are unobservable.

- Staff are **mandated reporters** for suspected abuse/neglect.
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Camper Behavior Expectations & Policy

- **Clipper Day Camp Core Values:**
 - Be Safe
 - Be Respectful
 - Be Responsible
- Staff use **positive reinforcement** and clear expectations.

Behavior Action Plan:

1. **First offense** – Verbal reminder.
 2. **Continued misbehavior** – Brief "take a break" period.
 3. **Persistent issues** – Removal from activity; incident report sent home and signed by parent/guardian.
 4. **Serious/repetitive behavior** – Parent meeting and potential suspension from camp.
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Thank you for partnering with us to create a safe, fun, and enriching summer experience for all campers!