

2021-2022



**School's Out Day Camps**





**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

The YMCA of Regina is dedicated to providing the best possible day camp experience for both you and your child(ren). It is important to talk to your child(ren) about their upcoming day camp experience in preparation for their time at the YMCA of Regina as day camps may be a different experience than what they are typically use to at home or at school.

Our day camps will focus on our 5 YMCA Core Values and encourage respect for our other day-campers, respect for our day-camp leaders as well as respect for our YMCA of Regina facility and staff. We will encourage children to work together as a team to help build and create inclusive environments throughout each day camp. We will encourage children to help create an environment of caring and responsibility, and to act with honesty and compassion.

We hope that this information package will assist in answering any of the questions that you may have had after going through the information on our website.

If you are unsure about any aspect related to our day camps, please feel free to contact me.

Warmest Regards,



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## Hours of Operation

Our Schools Out Day Camps operate from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm when an entire school system has no school and is open to everyone regardless of whether you are a member or non-member of the YMCA of Regina. Please note that we do not offer care for specific school retreat days, when a school has parent-teacher conferences or on statutory holidays.

## How to Register for Schools Out Day Camps

Registrations must be completed prior to attending the preferred day camp. Each day camp has a maximum capacity so we strongly encourage early registration to avoid disappointment or cancellation of a day camp. Payment is due upon registration. If your child(ren) attend a YMCA of Regina Before and After School Program, they will receive TWO FREE Schools Out Day Camps with their registration. To utilize this special offer, you will need to email me prior to registration.

## Cancellation Policy

Withdrawals made more than 48 hours prior to the day of a required day camp will receive a full refund. Parents/guardians may request a refund or leave the credit on their account for future use. If withdrawals are made with less than 48 hours notice, refunds will not be granted. Non-attendance does not constitute withdrawal from the day camp.

## What to Expect During Schools Out Day Camps

While each YMCA day camp is unique in its own way, all of our day camps will include outside and gym activities and games, creative activities, life and social skills activities and nutritional activities. Some day camp activities will take place directly within the YMCA of Regina facility while other activities will take place outside of the YMCA of Regina facility. We try to spend as much time as possible outside. Please do not send valuable items with your child to day camp, as the YMCA of Regina will not assume responsibility for any lost articles. This includes toys and electronics.

## Arrival and Departure Procedures

Upon arriving to the YMCA of Regina facility, please ask the front desk what room the day camp is housed in and walk your child(ren) to the designated room. Please sign your child(ren) in at the sign-in sheet provided, located with the staff. Upon departure, at the end of the day, please approach the staff and sign-out your child on the sign-out sheet provided, located with the staff.

Please note that if there will be someone other than you, picking up your child(ren) at the end of the day, please make sure that the staff are aware of this. Upon drop off in the morning, indicate the individual's name on the sign-in sheet who will be authorized to pick them up and sign them out on your behalf. Authorized individuals will be required to provide Government issued photo I.D. If you realize after you have already left in the morning after drop-off that you forgot to notify the staff of an authorized pick up person, you can call the site cell phone number to directly get in touch with the staff to make them aware. Schools out Day Camp (306) 527-7138 (during day camp hours).

## Medications

If medications are being sent to a day camp, please ensure that they are clearly labeled with the child's name and instructions for use. A Medication Form must be completed, which authorizes staff to administer medication to your child(ren). All medications must be given to a staff member at the time of arrival and you will be asked to complete the required document before leaving.

## Behavioural Guidelines and Procedures

We understand that behavioural issues can arise. If behavioural issues arise, our staff will do their best to ensure any issues are dealt with efficiently and in a respectful and supportive manner. Ideally, resolutions to behavioural issues will occur quickly. However, there may be circumstances where having your child remain at the facility is not in their best interest, or the interest of others around them. Behaviour, (including, but not limited to: physical or verbal abuse, bullying, self-harm, etc.) that negatively affects one's physical or emotional state will result in dismissal from the day camp at the discretion of the YMCA of Regina. Fees associated with a day-camper being dismissed for behavioural reasons will not be refunded.

We, just as you do, want your child to participate and remain at the day camp and will do our best to ensure that this happens. However, if you have been called to pick up your child, it is because we have exhausted all of our resources and we feel that staying is no longer an appropriate action. At that time we will discuss better options for when your child(ren) returns to a future day camp. You may be asked, upon pick up to sign a Behaviour Incident Form.

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## MONTHLY SCHEDULE

	Public	Separate	Both	
September			24th	Day camp for September will focus on activities that will help children learn about various Community Helpers and Community Safety.
October		8th	15th	Day camps for the month of October will focus on activities that are related to fall colors. Halloween, Thanksgiving themed.
November		5th	12th	Day camps for the month of November will focus on activities that will help children learn about physical activity and yoga.
December	6th			Day camp for December will focus on activities pertaining to holidays around the world. Winter, Christmas themed.
January	17th	14th		Day camps for January will focus on New Years, resolutions, and arctic animal activities. Winter themed.
February		11th		Day camp for February will focus on activities that will help children learn about friends/friendship and family. Respecting differences themed.
March	7th	11th		Day camps for March will focus on activities that will help children learn about plants and gardening. Bugs and butterflies themed.
May	2nd	20th		Day camps for May will focus on activities related to water. Summer themed.
June	17th	10th		Day camps for June will focus on activities related to backyard fun. Summer themed.