



SUMMER 2026

DAY CAMP

PARENT HANDBOOK

Welcome to YMCA Camp Kresge!

Whether you are one of our many returning camp families or new to the program, we would like to welcome you to another fun-filled, action-packed summer with old and new friends. Day Camp at YMCA Camp Kresge is a fun way to enjoy the summer and to give children a positive experience that builds character.

Communication and parent involvement are essential for a positive camp experience. Please make every attempt to read the information emailed or sent home. Your understanding and cooperation with camp policies will ensure a smooth summer for all of our campers. This guide provides helpful camp information. If you need additional information or would like to discuss your child's camp experience, please contact Mike Kirkpatrick, Day Camp and Outdoor Education Director, at 570-443-2267 or outdooreducation@wvymca.org

We look forward to serving your family this summer!

-The YMCA Camp Kresge Team

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Our Mission & Values

Mission Statement *To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.*

Core Values

YMCA Camp Kresge is committed to a value- based character development program. We seek to teach the following core values in all camp activities and programs:

- **Caring:** To love others, to be sensitive to the well-being of others, and to help others – includes compassion, forgiveness, generosity, and mercy.
- **Honesty:** Telling the truth, earning other's trust, having integrity, and making sure your choices match your values.-includes trust, worthiness, and fairness.
- **Respect:** Treating others as you would have them treat you and valuing the worth of every person, including yourself.- includes acceptance, empathy, self-respect and tolerance.
- **Responsibility:** Doing what is right, what you ought to do, and being accountable for your behavior, actions and obligations-includes commitment, determination, self-discipline, cleanliness, and helpfulness.

2026 Weekly Camp Themes			
Week	Date	Theme	Friday Theme Day
Week 1	June 8-12	Around the World	Wear your favorite country's colors!
Week 2	June 14-20	Heroes vs Villains	Dress to pick your side
Week 3	June 21-27	Decades	A journey through time!
Week 4	June 28-July 3	Stars and Stripes	Wear red, white, & blue
Week 5	July 5-11	Pirates of Beaver Lake	Cardboard Regatta
Week 6	July 12-18	Hollywood Week	Dress up from your favorite movie
Week 7	July 19-25	The Color War	Week-long team competition
Week 8	July 26-August 1	Games! Games! Games!	Larger-than-life size board games!
Week 9	August 3-7	Trip Week	Monday- Blue shirt Tuesday- Purple/maroon Shirt Wednesday- Green Shirt Thursday- Red/orange Shirt Friday- Blue Shirt
Week 10	August 10-14	Spotlight Week	Camp Kresge Talent Show!

**Trip Week: All campers will attend a field trip each day of the week (M-F). Trips include visits to local state parks and attractions. More information will be provided prior to Trip Week.

Some trail groups may have the opportunity to attend a weekly half-day trip to Nescopeck State Park for nature programs with Park Rangers. Notice will be given to camp families prior to the trips. The Specialty Camps may also attend field trips throughout the summer.

American Camp Association Accreditation

YMCA Camp Kresge is an accredited member of the American Camp Association. This means that YMCA Camp Kresge is compliant with over 250 standards that have been set forth for accreditation through American Camp Association.

The standards pertain to safety, program, supervision, camper health, facilities, human resources, and general camp management. To remain an accredited camp, our facility is audited periodically to ensure we are maintaining the highest ACA standards.

Camp Youth Outcomes

The prevailing goal of attending summer camp at YMCA Camp Kresge is to gain new skills, build confidence, and make lasting friendships in a safe, supportive environment.

In an effort to provide the best possible experience for your camper, we have incorporated the American Camp Association's Camp Youth Outcomes Battery. This will allow our leadership team to measure various youth outcomes seen in a camp setting.

We will be focused on the following youth outcomes:

- Friendship Skills (i.e., make friends and maintain relationships)
- Independence (i.e., rely less on adults and other people for solving problems and for their day-to-day activities)
- Teamwork (i.e., become more effective when working in groups of their peers)
- Family Citizenship (i.e., encourage attributes important to being a member of a family)
- Perceived Competence (i.e., believe that they can be successful in the things they do)
- Interest in Exploration (i.e., be more curious, inquisitive, eager to learn new things)
- Responsibility (i.e., learn to be accountable for their own actions and mistakes)
- Affinity for Nature (i.e., feelings of emotional attraction toward nature)
- Problem-Solving Confidence (i.e., believe they have abilities to resolve problems)
- Camp Connectedness (i.e., feeling welcomed and supported at camp)
- Spiritual Well-Being (i.e., having purpose and meaning in life, transcendence)

Surveys may be administered by camp staff to campers and camp parents as a means of data collection so we can measure the outcomes listed above. Participation in the surveys is completely voluntary and confidential.

By providing feedback on the focused outcomes, we will be able to better serve you and your family in future camp sessions. We appreciate your support as we work to provide a safe, fun, and supportive environment for your camper.



The YMCA Camp Kresge Schedule

Day Camp Hours Day Camp at YMCA Camp Kresge operates from 9:00 AM—4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Sample Daily Schedule

9:00 Camp Day Starts
9:00—9:30 Opening Ceremony
9:30—10:30 Period 1 Activity
10:30—11:30 Period 2 Activity
11:30—12:30 Lunch
12:30-1:30 Period 3 Activity
1:30-3:00 Camper's Choice Activity
3:00—4:00 Camp Store
4:00-4:30 Closing Ceremony
4:30 Depart Camp

Sample Activities

- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Boating
- Climbing Tower
- Daily Swim
- High Ropes*
- Low Ropes
- Mountain Biking*
- Nature
- Sports & Games
- STEM
- Wilderness/Survival
- Zipline*

*For the safety of our campers, some activities are age restricted.

Trail Group Ages

Age 5-6: Otters & Beavers
Ages 7-8: Bobcats, Coyotes, & Foxes
Ages 9-11: Eagles, Hawks, Falcons, and Owls
Ages 12-16: Snappers, Bullfrogs, & Geckos

*We will do our best to accommodate group placement requests (limit one request per week).

Camper's Choice Periods

This is an exciting new addition to Day Camp 2026! During the final activity of every day, campers get to choose from a selection of their favorite activities at camp. This allows campers to get more out of their favorite activities while still enjoying all that camp has to offer!



Specialty Day Camps

Please contact the Day Camp Director at outdooreducation@wvymca.org for more information regarding these programs

Day Camp Counselor-In-Training (CIT)

Ages 13-15

Session 1: June 15 - 19

Session 2: June 29 - July 3

Session 3: July 13 - 17

Session 4: August 3 - 7

Fishing Specialty Camp

Ages 10-16

July 13 - 17

MySky Elite Basketball Camp

Ages 8-16

Date TBD

College Tour Week

Ages 13-15

July 27 - 31

Jr. Lifeguard Camp

Ages 10-16

July 6 - 10

Bus Stops & Pick Up/Drop Off

Morning Drop Off

Please arrive 10 minutes early for your bus location. We are unable to wait if you are late.

Afternoon Pick Up

Please ensure that you are on time for your bus location. We are unable to wait if you are late. Campers will not be allowed to leave the bus if there is no one present to pick them up. If you are not at your designated stop on time, we will call your emergency contact person to pick up your child.

To sign out your camper, you must show a valid photo ID. Campers will only be released to those authorized in our CampDoc records. If someone is picking up your child who is not on the release form, please provide the Camp Office with advanced notice.

We will not release campers to anyone who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. If the adult in question refuses to call another authorized pick up, the authorities will be called and the camper will not be released.

Trusted Contacts

In your camper's CampDoc profile, list all persons authorized to pick up your camper in the Trusted Contacts section, including parents/guardians. We use CampDoc to check campers out and will only release campers to people listed as a Trusted Contact.

Bus Schedule

Parents will be notified through email if there are any changes to the bus schedule.

Route 1 - Wilkes Barre/White Haven

Jewelcor- Back Lot (Wilkes-Barre)
White Haven Market
End of Camp Road

AM Drop Off

8:00am
8:40am
8:55am

PM Pick Up

5:30pm
4:50pm
4:35pm

Route 2 - Pittston

Pittston YMCA

AM Drop Off

8:15am

PM Pick Up

5:15pm

Route 3 - Mountain Top/Hazleton/Drums

Hazleton YMCA
Drums Elementary
Crestwood High School (Mountain Top)

AM Drop Off

8:00am
8:20am
8:40am

PM Pick Up

5:30pm
5:10pm
4:50pm

Route 4- Forty Fort

Wyoming Seminary-Lower School

AM Drop Off

8:15am

PM Pick Up

5:15pm

Route 5- Freeland

Freeland YMCA

AM Drop Off

8:30am

PM Pick Up

4:50pm

Camper Bus Rules

- Campers must be seated with hands, arms, and heads in the bus at all times.
- No food or drink on the bus (water bottle should remain in backpack).
- Be kind to others – inappropriate language, pushing or hitting will not be tolerated.

Failure to comply with these policies may result in suspension from the use of transportation.

Busing Changes We ask parents to notify us before **12:00 noon** if there will be a change in their camper's busing for the day so we can ensure staff and campers are aware of the change.

Early Camp Pick Ups

Please notify us if you will be picking up your camper early from camp by **12:00 noon**.

Please allow at least 10 minutes of time when picking up a camper early.

What to Bring to Camp

Please put your child's name on **EVERYTHING** they pack.

Swim Suit

Beach Towel

Full Water Bottle

Rain Coat/Poncho

Sunscreen

Bug Spray

Opt: Change of clothes
(recommended for Otters)

Opt: Store Money

Opt: Water Shoes



What to leave home: All electronics, including cell phones. All items of value, including trading cards, toys, animals, and personal sports equipment. Camp Kresge is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

Bringing alcohol, drugs, or weapons on property will result in immediate dismissal from the program.

If the weather is cool, please pack your child with a sweatshirt/jacket. Due to our location, we can be up to 10° cooler than Wilkes-Barre and Pittston. If it is raining, please pack your child with an umbrella, poncho or rain coat, and rainboots if you have them. We will plan for indoor activities, but campers will need to walk outside to move through camp during the day.

Dress Code

The philosophy of YMCA Camp Kresge's dress code is rooted in our variety of active programs. We want campers to be able to participate fully in all activities offered without discomfort, self-consciousness, or pressure on appearance. Please note:

- No strapless attire, short-shorts, or shirts that reveal the midriff.
- A secure bathing suit is required for our active aquatic programming.
- No clothing that portrays inappropriate behavior, language, or logos that could be considered offensive to others.
- Day Campers MUST wear sneakers or closed toed shoes suitable for walking around outdoors. Crocs are not recommended. Sandals will result in your camper sitting out of activities for their safety. Slides and flip flops are never appropriate to wear at camp.

Camp Lunch

Camp Kresge provides a hot lunch to campers in our program. The lunch adheres to PA Dept. of Education Food Service standards, including protein, vegetables, fruit, and milk. A menu will be provided the week prior to the start of the session. If your camper will not eat the meal provided, please pack them a nutritious lunch (no peanuts or tree nuts). The YMCA Camp Kresge menu is subject to change without notice.

If your child has a food allergy (e.g. tree nuts, gluten, etc.) or dietary restriction (vegetarian, pork-free, etc.), please fill out CampDoc as appropriate and notify the office.

Swim Test & Lake Policies

Our waterfront is divided into three swim sections—red, yellow and green. Campers participate in the test on their first day at Camp Kresge, and may choose to retake the swim test on Monday of a future week. Our swim test consists of:

- Jumping into the water and putting head & face underwater
- Swimming the length of the dock and back without touching the ground, untimed
- Treading water for one minute

Campers are evaluated on swimming ability, stamina, and comfort in the water. Campers may be confident swimmers in pool water, but struggle in lake water. This is normal. Their swim assessment will take that lack of comfort into account, so a camper may be issued a different colored band than at a pool facility. We trust parents to understand that this is for the safety of their camper.

Campers are welcome to bring a life vest or floatation device with them to camp. They will need to participate in the swim test without the device, and will swim in whatever section they were assessed at without the device. Camp Kresge is not responsible for loss or damage of items brought. Pool toys and noodles may not be brought to camp.

Green Section Swimmers:

- Demonstrate complete comfort in lake swimming
- Display stamina and strong swim strokes
- Can tread water for one minute

About this section:

- 8ft-14ft deep—diving is allowed in this section only

Yellow Section Swimmers:

- May have a vertical body position or doggy paddle while swimming
- May not have stamina to complete swim portion of test
- May not be fully comfortable in lake water
- Can tread water for 30 seconds

About this section:

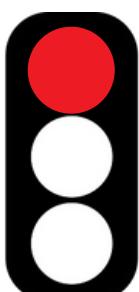
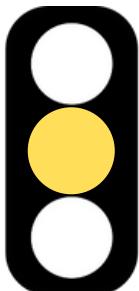
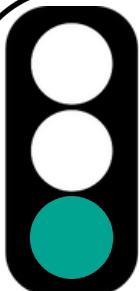
- 3.5ft to 6ft deep—campers can jump into this section

Red Section Swimmers:

- Non-swimmers or rely on floatation device in the water
- May be unable to complete swim portion of the test

About this section:

- Zero depth entry to 3.5ft deep
- Campers that cannot stand in 3.5ft may be asked to wear a PFD in the water.
- A great place to catch salamanders



Behavior Management

It is the goal of YMCA Camp Kresge to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment for all day camp participants. YMCA Camp Kresge teaches the core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. Children who attend the program are expected to follow the behavior guidelines and to interact appropriately in a group setting.

Behavior Guidelines

People are responsible for their actions. We respect each other and the environment. Honesty and caring will be the basis for all relationships and interactions. If a camper needs reminders of acceptable behavior, the following steps will be taken:

- Staff will redirect the camper to more appropriate behavior. Camper will be reminded of camp rules and guidelines.
- If behavior persists, camper will participate in a discussion with camp counselor and/or senior staff member to develop a plan to correct behavior.
- If behavior persists or based on the severity of the situation, parents will be notified and a meeting will take place with YMCA Camp Kresge Senior Staff, parents, and the child to develop a course of action.
- If a child's behavior at any time threatens the immediate physical safety or well-being of that child, other children, or staff, the parent/guardian may be notified and expected to pick up the child immediately.

The following behaviors are not acceptable and may result in the immediate suspension of a camper for the remainder of the session:

- Endangering the health and safety of themselves or others, including staff and volunteers.
- Stealing or damaging YMCA or personal property
- Continuing to disrupt the program
- Refusing to follow the behavior guidelines or day camp rules
- Using vulgarity frequently or acting in a lewd manner

If any of these behaviors persist, the Camp & Conference Director holds the right to expel the camper from the program.

Bullying Prevention

At YMCA Camp Kresge, bullying of any kind will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to, physical, verbal, and emotional bullying. Camp staff are trained in preventing and addressing bullying. Any camper determined to be bullying others will need to be picked up from camp at the time of incident. The Camp Director and parent of the camper will need to have a meeting to discuss the behavior before the camper may return to the program.

Diversity & Inclusion

YMCA Camp Kresge does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, nationality, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. We believe that diversity in our camp program is a key component in creating a strong foundation in our campers' lifelong values.

We seek to provide a safe and supportive environment for all youth in our programs, including those who are non-binary or transgender. Campers who are non-binary or trans will be placed with the gender they most identify with for any gender related programming or facility usage. If you have information to share that will positively impact your camper's experience, please call our Day Camp Director, Mike, at 570-443-2267. Information will only be shared as needed with camp staff in an effort to respect your camper's privacy.

Registration & Payment Information

Payment Policy

Payments may be made at any time prior to the start of camp. The session must be paid at least one week prior to the start date. Payments can be made online, at the front desk of the Wilkes-Barre YMCA, or over the phone with Camp Kresge. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. Please do not send your camper to camp with large sums of checks or cash.

Cancelation Fee

Cancellations submitted within 7 or less days of the start of the camp session will result in a \$25 cancellation fee.

Refund Policy

Refunds will not be issued for cancellations once a camp session has begun, inclement weather, or dismissal from camp. Refunds for medical reasons are considered with a note from an authorized medical professional. Camp sessions are a weekly fee and will not be prorated due to absence.

Scholarship Program

The scholarship program offers families the ability to participate in YMCA Camp Kresge programs at a reduced rate. As part of the YMCA's mission, financial scholarships are available based on the need and availability of funds. The percentage to be paid will be determined by gross income and family size. All information is confidential.

To apply: Submit the YMCA Camp Kresge Scholarship Application and all supporting documents to the Camp Kresge Office. Applications will not be considered until all paperwork has been submitted. Funds are limited and completed applications are taken on a first come, first served basis.

Session Change Procedures

Please notify the camp office in writing of any desired changes in registered sessions. Changes will not be authorized once a session has begun.

General Camp Information

Lost & Found

Lost & Found is placed in a centralized location in camp and campers are brought to the area daily to check for lost items. Please make sure that your child knows what they are bringing to camp so they can recognize their items. Mark all items clearly with your camper's name.

If your child misplaces an item, please call the camp office and a senior staff member will check if that item is in our Lost & Found. We will do our best to locate the missing items, but hold no responsibility for loss or damage. We keep lost & found items for a maximum of 2 weeks, after which, they will be donated.

Camp Store

All campers will have the opportunity to visit the camp store once a day to purchase a snack or ice cream. We recommend campers bring \$2 a day if they would like a snack, and about \$20 on souvenir days (Fridays). Campers may not share money. We ask for your assistance in teaching your child on how to be responsible with their money. Camp Kresge Counselors are not responsible for and will not hold on to campers' money.

Site Safety

All camp staff are identified with a name badge and/or staff shirt. For the safety of our campers, visitors are not allowed without prior authorization from Directors. Any visitors must check in at the camp office and be escorted around camp by a staff member. We receive regular visits from local emergency services that patrol the area. YMCA Camp Kresge regularly practices missing camper drills and other emergency procedures.

Custody Issues

At the time of enrollment, you will be required to inform us of any arrangements regarding a custody agreement. If there is a custody agreement that prohibits a family member from picking up your child, we require a copy of said agreement and the information to be documented in CampDoc. If this information changes, notify the camp office within 24 hours. YMCA Camp Kresge will operate lawfully and within the scope of the custody agreement. We expect all parties involved in the agreement to communicate with Camp and each other with the best interests of the child in mind. If you anticipate an issue with your agreement circumstances, please notify the Day Camp Director (outdooreducation@wvymca.org, 570-443-2267) with concerns.

Rainy Day Activities

On rainy days, Camp Kresge fun will continue. Campers may put on a performance, play games, or have a competition indoors. Swimming will continue to take place unless lifeguards or directors deem it too cold to safely swim, if guard's visibility is impacted, or in the event of thunder or lightening. Please note that while we will do our best to keep campers dry and warm, we are an outdoor facility. Please pack your child with a rain coat/poncho, rain boots and sweatshirt on rainy days. In case of thunder or lightening, all outdoor programs will cease immediately. Campers and staff will immediately report to the nearest shelter until the storm passes (30 minutes without thunder or lightening). In case of weather emergencies, YMCA Camp Kresge staff are trained to keep campers calm and safe in shelters at camp. If camp needs to close due to a weather emergency, all campers will be safely transported from camp once transport is safe. We will use all possible methods of communication to keep parents up to date should this circumstance arise.

Staff Expectations

YMCA Camp Kresge seeks to provide a safe and high quality experience for your child, and would like to create a partnership between staff and families. If at any time you have concerns regarding your child's emotional or physical well-being in our program, please call the camp office at (570) 443-2267 so that we can work with you to rectify the situation.

Babysitting

The YMCA Camp Kresge Code of Conduct prevents all staff from babysitting or transporting any program participants in non-camp vehicles/to non-camp functions while they are under our employment. This included staff members that remain on payroll after summer ends. The only exception is for relationships that existed prior to the summer season. (e.g. relationships stemming from church, school, family, or other communities outside of the YMCA).

Post Summer Staff-Camper Relationships

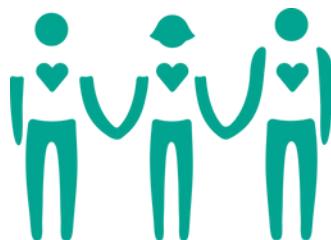
We hope that your camper's counselors have made a positive impact on their summer, and ask you to assist us in keeping our campers safe. The YMCA's policy is for counselors to discontinue all communication and contact with campers once summer ends to ensure safety and privacy for all participants.

If your camper has made a bond with a staff member, they may send one postcard to camp. YMCA Camp Kresge will forward the postcard to the staff member, who will be permitted to respond with one postcard back, forwarded from Camp Kresge. We ask that your camper not friend or follow any staff members on social media, including Facebook, Snapchat, and Instagram. They are welcome to follow YMCA Camp Kresge's official social media pages.

If your camper has a previous relationship with a YMCA Camp Kresge Staff person (family member, church, school, neighbor, etc.) we will work with the staff person on appropriate conduct while in our program.

Training for Summer

YMCA Camp Kresge staff are trained for a minimum of 40 hours on proper conduct when working with campers in a camp setting. This training includes professionalism, youth development, program facilitation, risk management, and policies, as well as First Aid, CPR, Mandatory Reporting, and water safety.



Health & Safety Information

CampDoc

All camper's paperwork is completed through our secure website hosted by CampDoc. All information is kept confidential and is only accessible to directors and medical staff. You will be emailed an invitation to complete the paperwork from CampDoc once you have registered. If you do not receive an invitation, please check your junk/spam folder. Add the domain "campdoc.com" to your safe sender list. If you do not have access to the internet or need help completing the paperwork online, please set up an appointment by calling the Camp Office at 570-443-2267. All profiles must be 100% complete to participate in any YMCA Camp Kresge program.

Health and Safety Administration

All staff are trained in basic First Aid & CPR, with select staff trained in Advanced or Wilderness First Aid. Public health care facilities are a short distance away. There is an AED on site. In case of minor injury, care will be provided at camp and parents will be notified. In more severe circumstances, parents and emergency services will be notified immediately.

Medical Emergency Procedures

In case of an medical emergency, the following procedure will be followed:

1. A staff member will administer immediate, basic first aid. 911 will be called if needed. 911 is called for all serious neck/head injuries. A staff person will accompany the child to the hospital and stay until the parent or guardian arrives.
2. A staff member will contact the parent if advanced medical care is necessary.
3. Information regarding the accident will be recorded. Any necessary forms will be completed by YMCA staff.

Medical Insurance

In the event that your camper needs medical treatment, the family's medical insurance will be billed. Parents will be notified of any serious accident or illness that requires treatment.

Child Abuse Reporting

The Child Protective Services Law of Pennsylvania requires any persons in contact with children to report any suspected child abuse to PA CHILDLINE immediately. Every staff person at the YMCA will comply with this law to protect the health and safety of all of the children.

Release of Records

A request must be made in writing prior to the YMCA releasing any records. In order to fully protect your camper's privacy we will not accept any faxes. Requests for the release of records will only be granted to persons/caregivers registering the camper for our programs. Any release of information will be made according to the Greater Wyoming Valley Area YMCA operating procedures with regards to business records.

Medical Policies

Illness Policy

Please keep your camper at home if they are sick. If at any time camp staff feel that your child is too sick to remain in camp, you will be called and asked to pick up your child. You, or a person authorized on your account, must pick the child up within one hour of receiving notification. This policy is for the safety of all campers and staff.

Your camper will be sent home if any of the following conditions are present:

- A temperature of 100.4 degrees or more within 24 hours of camp session
- Vomiting or diarrhea within 24 hours of camp session
- Rash (if cause is unknown)
- Suspected communicable disease
- Severe cold with fever, coughing, unclear mucus
- Bronchitis or other throat infections such as strep
- Nits or lice in hair

Your child is welcome back to camp with a doctor's note or reasonable evidence of recovery. To return to camp, they must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

Medication Policy

YMCA Camp Kresge does not provide OTC medication to day campers. The only medication that will be provided to day campers must be prescribed by a doctor and provided by parents, and will be dispensed only as noted in our CampDoc software. If there are changes to this dispensing information, please contact the camp office so that we can ensure records are properly updated. Please make sure that allergy medication is administered before your child arrives at camp.

All medication sent to camp must be turned into a Camp Kresge staff member on the first day of camp, who will ensure that it is safely locked in our infirmary. All medication must remain on site for the summer season while your child is in camp.

Emergency Medication and Allergy Policy

When filling out health information online, please be sure to include any allergies your child has to food, medicine, or the environment. If your child requires an epinephrine injector, please provide at least one to keep at camp. Emergency medication such as inhalers and epi-pens will be given to your child's counselor, who will carry it for your child throughout the camp day.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that new injectors are given to camp when existing ones expire. If an injector is used in an emergency situation, emergency services will be notified. Parents will be responsible for the disposal of used epinephrine injectors.

Special Needs at Camp Kresge

YMCA Camp Kresge's goal is to provide high quality programs and well trained staff to enable your camper to have a fun and successful camp experience. However, we are not a disability advocacy agency and our staff and personnel are not experienced in managing special needs for medical, physical, behavioral, or intellectual needs. If your camper has an IEP or behavioral plan, please contact the camp office to discuss a care plan for your child.

If your camper requires an aide (TSS, PCA or other aide) during the school year, we require the aide to be present for camp as well to ensure a successful experience. When an aide is assigned, they are to remain with your camper at all times to allow for appropriate support during all activities. We reserve the right to call the parent/guardian to pick up any camper for the day if the camper's aide worker fails to report.

Communication with Camp Families

Communication Expectations

It is our belief that communication and cooperation between the parents and the camp staff are key to providing and maintaining the highest quality day camp experience for your camper. We will respond to all phone calls and emails within 24 hours and as soon as possible in emergency situations.

Methods of Communication

Please make sure that you are set to receive emails from the following accounts: outdooreducation@wvymca.org and ck.office@wvymca.org. All email communication will be sent to the primary account holder on your account. If you are not the primary account holder, please inform the camp office.

A weekly newsletter will be emailed to the primary account holder. This newsletter has all the information you will need to know about camp for the upcoming session including menus, field trips, reminders, and office hours.

To ensure a successful camp experience, please make an effort to read all materials sent home through email.

How to Contact Us

The camp office is open from 9am to 4pm Monday – Friday. You can call us at 570-443-2267. We will do our absolute best to have someone in the office during these times to answer phones. If you leave a voicemail, we will respond within 24 hours.

Due to the nature of our program, senior staff may be out of the office and in camp actively observing the program. We will do our best to respond quickly to your inquiry (within 12 hours, as soon as possible during an emergency).

Please contain communication to email and phone calls. Messages sent through Social Media or Apps are not guaranteed to reach the appropriate parties. This includes Facebook messages and Instagram comments.

For questions regarding balances due and scholarships, please contact:

Steph Bewley
Executive Director

(E) steph.bewley@wvymca.org
(P) 570-443-2267

For questions or concerns related to Day Camp, please contact:

Mike Kirkpatrick
Day Camp and Outdoor Education Director

(E) outdooreducation@wvymca.org
(P) 570-443-2267

Camp Kresge is located in White Haven, PA:

YMCA Camp Kresge
382 Camp Kresge Lane
White Haven, PA 18661

Parent Agreement

YMCA Camp Kresge activities revolve around our four core values; **Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility**. All participants, staff, and families are held to these standards to ensure a safe and fun summer for all. These standards must be initialed on your registration form. This copy is for your own records.

- I will treat all staff, campers, and volunteers with respect in all forms of communication and will receive the same thing in return.
- I will complete my camper's CampDoc Health Profile and understand that my camper will not be allowed to attend camp if the profile is not 100% complete. Invitations will be emailed to the primary email address. I will keep camp updated to any change of contact information.
- I have reviewed this handbook and I understand that it is my responsibility to read and understand/be aware of all policies.
- I will keep my camper home if sick and will notify the office of the absence. I will arrange for camper pick up if I am notified that my camper is too ill to remain at camp. If a household member becomes ill with a communicable disease, I will contact camp for the safety of others.
- I understand electronic devices are not allowed to be brought to camp. I will instruct my camper to keep these items home. If an electronic device is found at camp, it will be locked in the office for safekeeping and returned to parents at pick up. YMCA Camp Kresge is not responsible for any lost or damaged property at camp.
- I understand that there are no refunds available. Dismissal from camp programs for behavioral issues does not qualify for a refund. Cancellations submitted within 7 or less days of the start of the camp session will result in a \$25 cancellation fee.
- I understand that payment in full for camp sessions MUST be paid 7 days prior to my child attending the camp week. Camp Kresge reserves the right to refuse service if an account falls past due.
- I grant permission to have my camper transported by a YMCA vehicle, participate in all YMCA Camp Kresge programs, and attend field trips. Field trips will be communicated through newsletters and with advanced notice.
- I grant permission for YMCA Camp Kresge staff to assist my camper with applying sunscreen and bug spray. I understand YMCA Camp Kresge does not supply these items and I will pack what items are appropriate for my child.
- In signing this I acknowledge I have read and understand all the information provided in this registration packet and all information has been completed and is correct to the best of my knowledge.



Day Camp Parent Orientation

This year, YMCA Camp Kresge will have a Day Camp Parent Orientation on May 27th. Details regarding the Orientation Night will be sent out prior to the event. The orientation will be virtual.

Join us for the Day Camp Parent Orientation on Wednesday, May 27th! The Camp Orientation Night is scheduled from 6:30-7:30pm. Join us for this virtual event, it is a great chance to meet the Camp Director, learn about the Day Camp programs, and ask any questions. A meeting link will be sent via email to all registered participants. We hope to see you then!

Thank You!



Thank you for taking the time to read through our Parent Handbook. We want to give your camper a fantastic summer and hope to partner with you to do so. Please contact the Camp Office with any questions.

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“Here Are Kindled the Fires of Lasting Friendship.”