

WESTERN ILLINOIS YOUTH CAMP

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Parent Info 2017

New for 2017

- Extended our hours 7:30-5:30 due to no WCMT
- Forestry Camp for 10-14 year olds
- Writing Wednesday adds to Turn-Page Tuesday to keep minds active all summer

■ PICK UP AND DROP OFF

All campers will be signed in and signed out at our Information Cabin. Only individuals listed on the Camper Medical and Emergency Contact form are authorized to transport campers. Parents and guardians may park in the Main Parking Lot behind the Information Cabin and should not drive past the cones. If raining, the cones will be moved so campers can be picked up from the Craft Hall (Wentz Hall).

DAY CAMPS: Campers attending our day camps may be dropped off between 7:30 and 9:00am. Day campers may be picked up between 4:00 and 5:00pm. Campers may be picked up earlier if the Camp Director is notified. Campers should **not** be dropped off before 7:30am, as support staff are not on site.

OVERNIGHT CAMPS: Overnight campers need to be dropped on Monday of their scheduled camp at 5:00pm promptly. **Overnight campers should not arrive before 5pm since staff will not be available.**

■ CAMPER EXPECTATIONS

Camp rules and safety procedures are introduced to campers the first day of camp and reinforced daily at Morning Rally. Please review these with your camper and discuss appropriate behavior prior to camp.

There are two basic rules of WIYC: Safety and Fun. We also enlist the following camper expectations:

- I will stay with an adult at all times.
- I will follow directions the first time.
- I will respect camp staff, other campers, and wildlife.
- I will have fun and try new things.

■ CAMP MEALS AND SNACKS

Day Campers are to bring a packed lunch. A refrigerator in the Craft Hall is available. Microwaves are available during lunch. Please limit microwave usage time to 90 seconds so all who need to warm their meals have time to eat.

An afternoon snack is included in the price of both day and overnight camps. Meals are included in the price of overnight camps. Dinner will not be served the first night (Monday) of overnight camps; please provide an evening meal prior to arriving at camp.

■ CAMP TRANSPORTATION

For summer 2017, West Central Mass Transit will not be providing transportation to camp. We have expanded the camp hours to accommodate the adjustments. Please call or email if you have needs outside the 7:30 to 5:40 time frame.

CAMPER PACK LIST

After day campers are signed in at the Information Cabin, they should report to the Craft Hall (Wentz Hall). Each camper will be assigned a tote to store belongings. After signing-in, Overnight campers will report to their assigned cabins with their belongings.

DAY AND OVERNIGHT CAMPERS SHOULD BRING:

- Shoes and socks (closed toed/closed heeled shoes for hiking)
- Sandals (for beach and water front activities) Please note: footwear is to be worn at all times except during swimming.
- Rubber boots (optional-depending on weather)
- Poncho, light jacket and/or sweatshirt(s)
- Extra clothes
- Towel(s)
- Swim gear (swimsuit, beach towel, nose plugs if necessary, hats, etc.)
- Sunscreen (camper will be reminded to apply and reapply multiple times each day)
- Insect repellant (optional)
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Required medicines must be in original bottle, placed in a clear bag, labeled, and give to Director

OVERNIGHT CAMPERS SHOULD ALSO BRING:

- Bedding and pillow (sleeping bag or sheets & blankets)
- Personal care items (toothbrush/toothpaste, comb/brush, deodorant, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Small flashlight and extra batteries
- Some white or light-colored items for tie-dying: for example t-shirts, socks, hats, cotton shorts

CAMPERS SHOULD NOT BRING: if found at camp, will be stored until parents pick up camper.

- Lighters, matches, firecrackers, etc
- Tobacco of any form, alcohol, or illicit drugs
- Weapons of any kind (no pocket knives or sharp tools)
- Cell phones, Mp3 players, game systems or any other electronic items like radio, TV, computer, alarm clock.

Western Illinois Youth Camp is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.

■ HEALTH AND MEDICATION

All camper medication should be in the original bottle and clearly labeled in a clear bag. Medication directions should also be listed clearly on the Camper Emergency Contact and Medical form. **Campers should not be in possession of any medicine including allergy medication, pain reliever, or ointment.**

If your child has a fever, you will be contacted and asked to make arrangements for your child to go home as soon as possible.

■ SWIM CHECK

Campers are allowed to swim in our shallow, enclosed swimming area. Campers, who wish to swim in our deeper area with our waterslide, will take a swim test. Lifeguards will ask the camper to swim two lengths of our dock and then tread water for sixty seconds. If you do not wish for your child to swim in the deep end, indicate so on his or her Camper Emergency Contact and Medical form.

■ CONTACTING THE DIRECTOR

Our director can be contacted by calling: (217) 673-3771 or emailing <u>contactourcamp@gmail.com</u>. During the school year, our director works on projects around camp or volunteers in town, so messages are returned as quickly as possible. During camp, she can be reached at sign-in and sign-out times.

Drawstring Backpacks \$7 or T-shirts \$15