

# Mexico Area Family YMCA Summer Day Camp

# 2022



# Parent Handbook

# A-Z Information

## **ABSENCES**

Please call if your child will be absent that day. There is no fee credit for absences or illness.

## **AGE GROUPS/ RATIOS**

Day Camp is offered to children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. Campers are assigned to groups according to their ages. This atmosphere encourages close child/staff interaction and provides an opportunity for each child to express herself/himself, be accepted by their peers, and learn new skills.

## **AREAS OF FOCUS**

Y's offer the programs we do for a reason. Young people need safe and enriching environments to try new things, develop skills, meet new people and show what they are capable of doing. Achieving and maintaining health in spirit, mind and body makes for a rich life. Giving back to neighbors and those in need is our responsibility as neighbors, colleagues and citizens. The Y defines our areas of focus- the programming you are part of everyday- like this:

**Youth Development:** Nurturing the potential of every child and teen

We believe that all kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve . That is why, through the Y, millions of youth

today are cultivating the values, skills and relationships that lead to positive behaviors, better health and educational achievement.

**Healthy Living:** Improving the nation's health and well-being

In communities across the nation, the Y is a leading voice on health and well-being. With a mission centered on balance, the Y brings families closer together, encourages good health and fosters connections through fitness, sports, fun and shared interests. As a result, millions of youth, adults and families are receiving the support, guidance and resources needed to achieve greater health and well-being for their spirit, mind and body.

**Social Responsibility:** Giving back and providing support to our neighbors

The Y has been listening and responding to our communities' most critical social needs for more than 160 years. Whether developing skills or emotional well-being through education and training, welcoming and connecting diverse demographic populations through global services, or preventing chronic disease and building healthier communities through collaborations with policymakers, the Y fosters the care and respect all people need and deserve. Through the Y, 500,000 volunteers and thousands of donors, leaders and partners across the country are empowering millions of people in the U.S. and around the world to be healthy, confident, connected and secure.

## **CAMP COUNSELORS**

YMCA Day Camp counselors are selected on the basis of ability, enthusiasm, and concern for helping young people develop into young leaders. All camp counselors participate in pre-camp orientation and ongoing training sessions. Counselors are also CPR and First Aid certified.

### **Outside contact between Staff and Children**

Y staff are prohibited from having outside contact with children in Y programs. This includes, but is not limited to, birthday parties, babysitting, sleepovers, transportation, and non-Y events. Any exceptions require a written explanation before the fact and are subject to administration approval.

## **CAMPER T-SHIRTS**

Campers must wear their Day Camp t-shirt on field trip days, so we can represent the Y as a group. This is also one of our safety components. One t-shirt is included in the camp fee.

## **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT**

The YMCA's mission comes to life through the emphasis of four character values: **Caring**, **Honesty**, **Respect** and **Responsibility**. Challenging people to accept and demonstrate these values is the foundation for the development of important character traits that will remain with a child for his/her entire life. To accept and demonstrate positive values is more effective than just treating problems, because it deals with the roots and not just the results.

If everyone exhibited Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility, what would our community look like? The country? The world?

Character Development is what the YMCA is all about. Make this a summer for your child to grow and develop strong roots and positive values. Talk at home about what they have learned. Talk in the car about their experiences. Talk about how your family can display these values to others.

## **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & SAFETY**

The health and well-being of your child is essential to the YMCA. The YMCA is mandated to report any suspicion of child abuse to Social Services. YMCA staff are trained in the signs of child abuse and the appropriate procedure for responding to the suspicion of abuse, and be alert to the physical and emotional state of all children. When any sign of suspected abuse is detected, the Director will be notified immediately and a report will be made to the appropriate authorities. The YMCA will not release a child to anyone other than authorized parents/guardians or other individuals authorized by the parent/guardian. If you believe your child has been abused, you should seek immediate assistance from your county Department of Social Services. The telephone number for the child abuse and neglect hotline is 1-800-392-3738.

## **CLOTHING AND DAILY ATTIRE**

During Day Camp, children should wear simple, non-restrictive clothing that you do not mind getting dirty, muddy, wet, etc. Please have your child wear **closed-toe athletic shoes** at all times except at the pool. This is for your child's safety and comfort, as programs are very active. Label all belongings. Please do not wear articles of clothing which are not in good taste or appropriate for Day Camp, i.e., clothing that does not appropriately cover the body. If your child wears a skirt/dress, they will be required to wear shorts underneath. Campers are also asked to wear one piece bathing suits for the pool and other water activities. The YMCA is not responsible for loss of belongings

## **CODE OF CONDUCT-Child**

It is the goal of the YMCA to provide a healthy, safe, secure environment for all camp participants. The YMCA Teaches the core values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility. Children who attend camp are expected to follow the Code of Conduct below and to interact appropriately in a group setting.

- We are all responsible for our actions.
- We respect each other and our environment.
- Honesty will be the basis for all relationships and interactions.
- We will care for ourselves and those around us.
- No use of profanity, offensive language or name-calling will be tolerated.
- No physical aggression, e.g. hitting, kicking, pulling, fighting, spitting, etc.
- Be enthusiastic, thoughtful, open-minded, and involved.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Listening & paying attention are mandatory for a safe and fun camp.
- Respect others using YMCA facilities, e.g. YMCA members and program participants.
- Complete respect for all equipment, facilities, and grounds is expected.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT-Child cont.**

### **Disciplinary Procedures:**

When a camp participant does not follow the Code of Conduct, we may take the following step:

1. Staff will redirect the child to more appropriate behavior.
2. The child will be reminded of the behavior guidelines and camp rules, and a discussion will take place.
3. The Camp Director will be notified of the problem and will meet with the child.
4. If the behavior persists, a parent will be notified of the problem.
5. If a problem persists and a child continues to disrupt the Camp program, the YMCA reserves the right to suspend or remove the child from camp, for any amount of time or for the remainder of the program. If this were to happen, the YMCA will not grant a credit or refund for any camp payments.

The following behaviors are not acceptable and may result in the immediate and indefinite suspension of the camp participants:

- Behaviors that endanger the health and safety of children and/or staff, volunteers and members.
- Stealing or damaging YMCA, off site, or personal property.
- Leaving the camp program without permission.
- Continuous disruption of the program with consistent disrespect.
- Refusing to follow the behavior guidelines and/or camp rules.
- Acting in a lewd manner.

Children who are expelled or whose illness prohibits participation must be picked up from camp within **60 minutes** of notification. **The Mexico Area Family YMCA reserves the right to modify, repeat, accelerate steps or not use the outlined processes as the situation demands.** The Mexico Area Family YMCA is not responsible for Lost, Stolen, or damaged property.

Please also see our **Discipline Procedures.**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT- ADULT**

The Y requires adults of enrolled children to behave in a manner consistent with courtesy, respect and Y values. The YMCA's goal is to provide the most appropriate environment in which a child can grow, learn and develop. Achieving this ideal environment is not only the responsibility of the staff, but the responsibility of each and every adult who enters the program. Adults are required to behave in a manner that fosters this ideal environment. Adults who violate the Code of Conduct may be dismissed from the program.

- Swearing/cursing: No adult is permitted to curse or use inappropriate language in a YMCA program, whether in the presence of children or not. Such language is considered offensive and will not be tolerated.
- Threatening of staff, children, or other adults: Threats of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Other children: Adults are prohibited from addressing, for the purpose of correction or discipline, a child that is not their own. Of course, no adult may physically punish another adult's child. If an adult should witness another adult's child behaving in an inappropriate manner, or is concerned about behavior reported to them by their own child, it is most appropriate for the adult to direct their concern to staff.
- Confidentiality: It is inappropriate for one adult to seek out another adult to discuss their child's behavior. All behavior concerns should be brought to the staff's attention. The staff will address the issue with the other adult. Although you may be curious about the outcome of such a discussion, staff is strictly prohibited from discussing anything about another child with you. All children enrolled in Y programs have privacy rights and are further protected by our Confidentiality Policy.
- Violations of our safety policy: Adults are required to follow all safety policies at all times. These procedures are designed not as mere inconveniences, but to protect the welfare and best interest of the children and staff.

**Participants can be removed from the program based upon inappropriate behavior of a parent or guardian.**

## **COMMUNICATION**

Communication is an important component to providing quality care for your child. We will contact you through letters/memo's or phone calls or text to the number provided on the registration form.

## **DAY CAMP PHILOSOPHY**

The Y seeks to provide each child with enriching, creative, recreational activities that enhance self-esteem and lifelong learning.

### **Our Goals:**

1. Helping youth form positive values for life
2. Strengthen families
3. Improving physical and mental fitness
4. Developing and implementing programs, which strengthen and preserve the family and its values
5. Providing affordable and accessible programs for economically disadvantaged persons
6. Incorporating Christian principles into programs and activities

### **Mission Statement:**

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

## **DISCIPLINE/REDIRECTION PROCEDURES**

The YMCA's philosophy of a discipline/redirection program is a continuous, daily process of love and logic during which:

- Children will be encouraged at all times, and given feasible choices to adjust their behavior
- Responsible behavior will be recognized
- Self-esteem will be built through positive interaction and age appropriate consequences.

The YMCA does not permit corporal or physical punishment of a child.



## **Difficult Child:**

- Occasionally it becomes necessary to inform parents of disruptive behavior that is above and beyond the typically expected range. In events such as this, a behavior report (Parent Communication) is written and submitted to the Day Camp Director. A copy is given to the parent along with some discussion from the staff regarding the child's behavior.
- In cases where the child receives two behavior reports, a conference will be scheduled to discuss the child's continued participation in the program.
- In some cases, it becomes necessary to dismiss a child from the Day Camp Program. If this occurs, parents will be asked to find alternative care immediately. No child will be dismissed without the benefit of a conference between parent and staff first.

The YMCA reserves the right to bypass the steps listed above and/or terminate a child's enrollment immediately if the child's behavior poses a threat to the safety of herself/himself or others. If a child is suspended or removed from the program, no refund will be given.

## **Examples of such behavior include, but are not limited to:**

- Excessive disruptive behavior
- Bullying
- Refusing to follow the basic rules of the program
- Refusal to participate
- Using foul language or being rude and discourteous to the YMCA staff
- Defacing YMCA property or field trip facilities
- Leaving YMCA program premises without permission, or going into unauthorized areas
- Engaging in physical or verbal violence
- Stealing or defacing another child's property
- Intentionally injuring another child
- Refusing to remain with the group
- Refusing to follow check in and check out procedures
- Bringing of using illegal substances

## **Bully Procedure:**

Bullying is when one or more people repeatedly exclude, physically harm, or verbally abuse another person with the intent to hurt another. Bullying happens when a person or group of people want to have power over another and use their power to get their way, at the expense of someone else.

Parents, please note, bullying can also happen through cyberspace through the use of emails, text messaging, instant messaging, and other less direct methods. This type of bullying can be especially hurtful when people are targeted with meanness and exclusion.

At Mexico Area Family YMCA programs, bullying is inexcusable, and we have firm procedures against all types of bullying. Our philosophy is based on our goal, which is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to feel a sense of belonging, make achievements, and create positive friendships with children and meaningful relationships with staff. We work together as a team to ensure that children gain self confidence, make new friends, and go home with great memories.

If a child or family member demonstrates bullying behavior, the child may not be allowed in the program. Unfortunately, people who are bullied may not have the same potential to get the most out of the Y experience. Our staff addresses all incidents of bullying seriously and trains staff to promote communication with their staff and the child so both staff and children will be comfortable alerting us to any problems during their program experience. Every person has the right to expect to have the best possible experience, and by working together as a team to identify and manage bullying, we can help ensure that all children and staff have a great time at YMCA programs.

There is no fee refund for any child sent home for disciplinary reasons. Any questions or concerns about your child's behavior should be directed to the camp director.

## FEES

	Member	Non-Member
1 Child	\$100	\$125
2 Children	\$190	\$240
3 Children	\$290	\$360
4 Children	\$385	\$480

***Full*** weekly fees are due for each week enrolled.

\*\*Weekly fees must be paid by automatic draft coming from a credit card, debit card or EFT. Fees will be withdrawn on the Monday of the current week.

## HOLIDAYS/Non Camp Days

Day Camp will not be in session on the following days:

- **July 4th**

## ILLNESS

All staff are trained in First Aid and CPR. Throughout the summer, Day Camp counselors and other staff watch for signs of fatigue, dehydration, improper eating, etc., that may indicate illness. If a counselor or camper expresses a health concern, they are escorted to the Camp director. The Camp Director will contact parents or emergency services when necessary. Parents will be notified immediately if a child has a fever in excess of 100 degrees, has been vomiting, or has evidence of lice. The parent will be asked to pick up the child immediately in any of these instances. Should a child have a communicable disease (i.e. chicken pox, strep throat, etc.), they will be isolated from other campers until the parents pick up the child. In the case of a camper having a communicable disease, parents of all Day Campers will

be notified. Please notify us if a communicable disease occurs during day camp. In the event of injury that requires medical attention, the parent will be notified immediately. Arrangements will be made to meet the parents at the hospital, or for the parent to pick up the child, depending upon the severity of the injury. Please be assured that we will always contact parents when there is a concern about a person's health and/or when a situation is not progressing as expected.

If your child shows signs of illness, please keep them home that day and let them return to Day Camp when they no longer exhibit signs of illness and **are fever and symptom free for 48 hours** and have a note from a doctor. Please call the Camp Director to institute a plan to safeguard the health of all other campers and staff.

### **Chronic or severe health conditions:**

To establish a safe environment for your child and our staff members, the following procedures must be followed for your child's medical care and treatment should your child require the use of nebulizers, inhalers, epipens, diabetes testing, acid reflux or other chronic or severe conditions.

- An Identification of Authorization for Treatment for Participants with Chronic or Severe Health Conditions form is to be filled out completely by your **physician and/or specialist**.
- A Release and Waiver of Liability for Administering Treatment to Children with Chronic or Severe Health Conditions form completed in full and signed.
- A Health and Medical Authorization form completed in full.
- Children will be accepted for care after all above items and enrollment processes have been completed.
- **The YMCA is a recreational/educational not therapeutic program. Failure to disclose all necessary information will void enrollment and be considered falsification of records.**

### **Contagious/infectious disease guidelines:**

If a child is sent home from camp with a communicable/infectious disease, the Y may require a child to be examined by a physician if the Y believes

that the child can infect others. **The child will be excluded from camp until a physician provides written authorization determining the child cannot infect others, or until the recommended exclusion period has passed** (physicians written recommendation may not supersede YMCA policies or director discretion). Please notify the staff if our child has a communicable/infectious disease.

The following diseases are communicable and/or infectious:

- Chicken Pox- If a child has skin eruptions that are not yet scabbed over and is with or without a fever.
- Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)- If the eye is red or swollen and has drainage or is oozing. This is highly contagious and must be medically treated for at least 24 hours before returning.
- COVID-19 (Corona Virus) If your child has a fever, cough, or shows other signs of this virus, they will not be allowed to be in the program. We will require a note from a doctor stating that the child is virus free and able to attend our program.
- Fifth Disease- Child will exhibit a slapped red rash on cheeks. Child is contagious before exhibiting symptoms.
- Giardiasis- This is characterized by diarrhea, loose watery stools, stomach cramps and upset stomach. There is generally a 1 to 2 week incubation period before symptoms appear. Symptoms can last anywhere from 2-6 weeks. A doctor's statement is required to return to camp.
- Hand Foot and Mouth Disease- A mild fever and sore throat; 1 to 2 days later blisters or ulcers appear inside the mouth and on tonsils, gums, tongue and cheeks. Blisters or red spots appear on hands or soles of the feet. Children usually get sick 3-6 days after exposure.
- Head Lice- If **lice or nits** are found in a child's hair the child may return after they have been treated and they are clear.
- Impetigo- If infected sores or lesions are oozing and/or crusting it is contagious and must be medically treated for 24 hours before a child can return to camp.
- Measles- If a child has a rash accompanied by flu symptoms.
- Mumps- Symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness, loss of appetite and/or swollen salivary glands under ears or jaw. A doctor's statement is required to return to camp.

- Novel Influenza A (H1N1)- The symptoms are similar to the regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. The child must be fever free without fever reducing medications for at least 24 hours before returning to camp.
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)- Cold like symptoms and mild cough possible, followed by fever with a severe cough that creates a “whooping” sound after 1-2 weeks. Doctor’s statement is required to return to camp.
- Pinworm or Ringworm- If a child is itching in the rectal area, especially at night (pinworm). If a child has a raised itchy spot resembling a hoop (ringworm).
- Rash- If the cause of the rash is unknown.
- Rosella- Child has a high fever for 48 hours followed by small red spots.
- Scabies- If a child has red, itchy areas on finger webbing, on the wrist, or under the armpit and says it also itches at night.
- Shigellosis- The child develops diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps. Diarrhea is often bloody. Shigellosis usually resolves in 5 to 7 days. Some persons who are infected may have no symptoms at all, but may still pass the Shigella bacteria to others. A lab test confirming the child is non-contagious will be required to return to camp.
- Strep or Possible Strep- Maybe no more than a sore throat or fever, swollen tonsils and neck glands, lack of appetite or tiredness.
- Thrush/Candida- If the child has creamy white spots on the inside of the mouth (gums, cheeks, tongue).

A parent/guardian will be notified when a child displays any of the above symptoms. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the next contact designated by the parent/guardian on the enrollment form will be contacted. The ill Child will be isolated from the other children until pickup. **The child must be picked up within 60 minutes of the call.** The late pickup policy will apply at the end of the one hour grace period. Failure to have your child picked up per guidelines will result in immediate dismissal from the program.

## **IMMUNIZATIONS**

As a condition of enrollment, parents must keep current on child immunizations. Failure to do so will be grounds for termination from the program. We will need to keep a copy in their file.

## **INJURY**

All Y Day Camp staff are trained in emergency first aid. If your child sustains an injury more severe than our skill allow, staff will take whatever steps are necessary to obtain emergency medical care including, but not limited to, the following:

- Attempt to contact a parent, using all numbers for persons provided on the enrollment form.
- If an injury warrants, we will call an ambulance or paramedic and have the child taken to the closest emergency facility in the company of a staff member.

## **LATE PAYMENTS**

If your payment is not received within 3 business days of the initial payment per billing cycle, your children's participation in camp program or any other Y program(s) or services within the Association will be terminated and late fees assessed until your account is current or arrangements have been made with the Y Program Director.

## **LATE PICK-UP**     Late pick-up fees per child:

5:31 p.m.-5:45 p.m.	\$15.00/child
5:46 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	\$30.00/child
6:01 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	\$45.00/child
6:16 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	\$60.00/child

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Regardless of how careful we are, it is inevitable that some items will be misplaced throughout the summer. Properly labeled or marked items are always easier to get back to their owners, so be sure to put your Day Camper's name on everything you possibly can. Unclaimed items will be kept by the Y for one week and then donated to local charities. The YMCA is not responsible for the loss of articles; campers are encouraged to not bring valuables to Day Camp.

## **Lunch/SNACK**

All students enrolled in Day Camp will be provided lunch and an afternoon snack. **Be sure to have your child eat a hearty healthy breakfast before arriving each day.** Lunch is mandatory, however, you may also pack your child's lunch if you choose to. **Please do not send soda or any soda type drink with your child for lunch.**

## **MEDICATION**

You will need to bring over-the-counter medications such as acetaminophen and ibuprofen; the Y does not keep these in supply. However, only staff may administer them, and the medication must be given to staff **by a parent** at check in. Do not send medication with your child.

Any medications including vitamins, inhalers, and non-prescription medications must be checked in with the Camp Director.

If you are sending any medications at all with your Day Camper, you must complete the **Medication Authorization** form and bring it with you at check in with the child's name, name of medication, dosage, and time to dispense (breakfast, lunch, or as needed). Containers will be sent home daily.

### **Allergies:**

Help us keep your child safe by noting ALL known allergies or any special dietary needs based on a medical condition must be in writing on your child's registration forms. Please talk with staff if your child has special or more serious circumstances (example: cannot be near peanut butter or latex).



A **Medication Authorization** form must be filled out and signed for all medications given during Camp. This form is in the enrollment packet.

## **OVER THE COUNTER SKIN PRODUCTS**

Y staff are only permitted to apply sunscreen and insect repellent to children in spray form. Cream products will need to be self-applied by children. Parents are responsible for sending all sunscreen and insect repellent to use. Sunscreen will be applied every hour to protect your child from sunburns. According to the ADD, "Sunscreen use can help prevent skin cancer by protecting you from the sun's ultraviolet rays. Anyone can get skin cancer regardless of age, gender or race. In fact it is estimated that one in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in a lifetime." **Please make sure your sunscreen is less than 1 year old, as expired sunscreen may magnify the sun rays and can result in a severe burn.**

## **PARTICIPATION**

Day Campers are encouraged to participate in all activities. If they cannot participate, we ask that your child not attend, while unable to participate. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and requirements, there will only be one staff per group.. Campers who refuse to participate in group activities make it difficult for other campers in the group to have an enjoyable time. If a child continually refuses to participate in activities, staff will discuss with the parents whether this is the right program for them. When applicable, any child not swimming will sit with staff on the pool deck for the swim time.

## **PAYMENT**

The registration fee for day camp is \$25 to be paid at the time you register your child. This fee includes a day camp t-shirt and supplies that will be used throughout the summer. Full weekly fees are due for each week enrolled. \*\*\*We will have limited spaces available. Please know that once you are registered you will be responsible for payment of camp fees from Week 1 until Day Camp is over, **whether your child is in attendance or not.**

## **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Please do not have your camper bring toys from home, or items of value such as phones, any electronic handheld games, iPods, trading cards, animals or sports equipment. The YMCA is not responsible for any lost, stolen or broken items, so please leave these items at home.

## **PHOTO/NEWS/TESTIMONIAL RELEASE**

It is understood and agreed that Mexico Area Family YMCA reserves the right to take and utilize pictures, likenesses, videos and testimonials of participants for promotional purposes including, but not limited to reports, publications, brochures, e-mails, our website and other social media. Families may opt out by providing in writing their desire to exclude a child from the above.

## **RELEASE OF CHILDREN**

Parents are required to sign their children in upon arrival to Day Camp, and sign them out before leaving, for their safety. For their safety, children are **not** allowed to sign themselves in or out of Day Camp.

Authorization to pick up your child is included in the enrollment forms. The list of persons authorized to pick up your child must be current and accurate. Changes must be made in writing and submitted to the Group Leader. Photo identification is required for any person picking up a child. Persons **MUST** come into the Y facility in order for a child to be accepted or released. No child in our care will be released to persons not authorized to do so by the enrolling parent. In case of emergency, please contact the Y staff as soon as possible.

If a person picking up a child displays the signs of being inebriated or in some way unable to provide safe transportation for the child, the staff member in charge will suggest alternate transportation. If no arrangements can be made DHS and the local police will be notified.

If we have not heard from you by check-out time, and we cannot reach you by phone, your emergency contact numbers will be called. If neither you nor your emergency contacts can be reached we will keep your child for a half hour. After that time, the police will be notified.

### **Custody Agreements:**

Changes in custody agreements will be accepted only with a copy of the court order specifying the change and the persons named as having legal custody of the child. Y staff cannot legally refuse to release a child to a verified parent unless there is a court order in the child's file stating that the parent does not have custodial rights. Simply writing on the enrollment form

that you do not want a parent to pick up your child does not allow the YMCA the legal right to refuse pick up.

## **SNACKS AND MEALS**

Our YMCA Staff is dedicated to giving your child fun, healthy meals. The YMCA focuses on healthy eating and lifestyles. Lunch and snacks are provided at the YMCA Summer Day Camp Program. **Be sure to have your child eat a hearty healthy breakfast before arriving each day.** If you are sending food with your child, please send a nutritious lunch to give your child more energy during the day. Please do not send soda or soda like drinks for your child's meals.

## **SWIMMING**

Campers will be utilizing the NEW Mexico City Pool. A schedule of your child's assigned days will be given at a later date. All campers will be given a swim test. Any camper who does not complete the test will be required to remain in the shallow end of the pool. We ask that campers bring a swimsuit and towel so that they may participate. Campers will only be allowed to swim in a swimsuit, no exceptions. One piece swimming suits are required.

## **TERMINATION**

The Y reserves the right to terminate children, families and/or parents/guardians from the program as a result of actions or behavior that are not deemed in the best interest of the organization based on rules, policies, and situations. Fees will be forfeited.

## **TOILET TRAINING**

All children enrolled in the camp must be completely toilet trained due to insurance and legal requirements, unless a specific documented medical/developmental reason exists. The Y understands that a child may have an accident; however, if a child has more than one accident, they must be suspended from the program and not permitted to re-enter the program until they have been completely toilet trained.

## **WATER**

Water is the ultimate hydrator and is our primary drink during the day. Each camper can have a water bottle with them during outdoor activities. Make sure the bottle has your child's name. Day Camp counselors will stop in between activities and have the campers take a water break and remind campers of the importance of hydration.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

- Swimming suit-One piece for girls
- Beach towel
- Water bottle
- Glasses case (if needed to prevent breaking or losing when swimming)
- Sunscreen
- Tennis shoes (**PLEASE no sandals** other than for the pool area; wearing sandals prevents children from participating in some activities).
- Play clothes (please send your child in clothes that you do not mind getting dirty)
- If your child is wearing a dress or skirts, they will be **required** to wear shorts underneath.

## **WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP**

- Electronic devices
- Money (may bring money to use at the pool)
- Snacks (unless needed for a medical reason)
- Toys

## **Y MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT**

Holding a Family or Single Parent Family membership to Mexico Area Family YMCA will provide a reduction of program fees besides all of the other added benefits of being a YMCA member! Please inquire at the front desk for more information.