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Dear Preschool Summer Day Camp Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for registering your child for the Marion Family YMCA's Preschool Day Camp. We're looking forward to having her / him as a camper and together exploring crafts, swimming and academics! Our goal with Y Preschool Day Camp is to provide a fun experience full of activities to help our young campers build relationships and to foster a sense of personal achievement in an atmosphere that reinforces the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

The following is important information that you will need to know in order to better prepare your child for their camp experience. We will send you another letter the week prior to camp as a reminder and update on what to expect with greater details.

**REGISTRATION & FEES:**

- At this point, you should have already completed our registration paperwork. If you need to update or change any information, you may do so at the Service Center any time prior to the first day your child attends camp or when you drop him / her off at camp.
- Fees for camp must be paid in full 1 week prior to each weekly session. For example, fees for the week of June 19<sup>th</sup> must be paid in full by June 12<sup>th</sup>. Children not paid in full by the deadline, will be removed from the upcoming roster. The YMCA does not send out payment reminders or invoices.
- Once a week of camp begins, we will not give credits or refunds for that session.
- Tax Information: The YMCA tax ID number is 31-4380058. This is also on your original receipt. We do not send duplicate year-end receipts.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Financial assistance with camp fees is available for those who demonstrate financial need. This is an important part of our mission to be available for all. Financial assistance starts with membership. If you think you may qualify for financial assistance, please complete a Financial Assistance application. These are available on our website <http://www.marionymca.org/financialaid> or at the Service Center.

**TRAVEL:** Camp begins and ends each day at the Y. As of right now, we may travel via Marion Area Transit bus each week. As of this time, the bus leaves the Y at approximately 9:30am. If your child is not here, we cannot wait for him / her. We will return from our trip by approximately 11:30am. We are not able to accept campers dropped off at any of our field trip locations, and parents should not plan on picking children up from any field trip location. All drop off and pick up must be done at the YMCA. Parents will be notified of the exact details of this and any other field trips in advance, and details about confirmed departure and arrival times will be included in that notification. Parents are welcome to chaperone on a volunteer basis. Marion Family YMCA volunteer paperwork will need to be completed at least two weeks prior to the date of travel. Depending on enrollment, space on the bus may be limited. Please contact Crystal Pratt if interested in volunteering to chaperone on your child's field trip day.

**SIGNING IN AND OUT:**

- A parent, guardian or other designated adult must sign your child into and out of camp each day. The registration form has a section to designate individuals for pick-up. An additional Pick-up Authorization Form is available upon request.

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**WHAT TO BRING:** Your child will need the following each day of camp, or just on days as designated.

- Sunscreen (spray, not lotion) best if applied before you arrive at camp
- Water bottle
- Bug repellent (best if applied before you arrive to camp)
- Swim suit and towel (we may not swim every day, but please bring these just in case!)

**ATTIRE: Please LABEL all items the camper brings to camp!** All campers should be prepared for a day of full activities indoors and outdoors. Campers should wear light colored, loose fitting clothing; shorts, t-shirts and gym shoes are recommended. Parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen at the start of the day, unless notified that we are swimming as our first activity (this will be communicated in advance when applicable). Flip flops or other open-toed sandals are not allowed, as we will be very active. Sturdy, safe shoes are important.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Please watch your mail for an updated parent letter in the week prior to the start of camp. This may include more details on what you and your child can expect at Marion Family YMCA Preschool Day Camp and will have finalized details on any field trips planned. We will also post a copy on our website at <http://marionymca.org/youth> the week prior to camp.

**WHAT'S NEW:**

The Marion Family YMCA is now a Summer Feeding site as part of the Marion City School's Summer Feeding Program. Any child, 18 and under, may receive a free meal Monday through Friday. As soon as Preschool Day Camp is concluded each day and you have signed your child out of camp, you may take them to the designated spot for lunch.

If you have any questions prior to camp, please do not hesitate to contact:

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