



## YMCA Blackstrap Summer Day Camp 2019 Parent's Package

Welcome to the YMCA Blackstrap Day Camp!

This package contains important information to help your camper have an excellent experience at camp this summer. If you have questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. The camp is located the Blackstrap Lake.

### Your camper(s) are registered in Blackstrap Day Camp for:

- Week 1:** July 2-5\*
- Week 2:** July 8-12
- Week 3:** July 15-19
- Week 4:** July 22-26
- Week 5:** July 29- August 2
- Week 6:** August 6-9\*
- Week 7:** August 12-16
- Week 8:** August 19-23

### Bus Stop

**Lawson Heights Mall:** 8:00am 4:30pm

**Confederation Mall:** 8:am 4:30pm

- Canadian Tire parking lot

**University Heights:** 8:15am 4:15pm

- Nelson Rd. northbound

**Meadow Green:** 8:15am 4:15pm

- Front of WP Bate School

**Market Mall:** 8:30am 4:00pm

- Front on Petro-Can on Preston

**YMCA:** 8:30am 4:00pm

*YMCA stop includes before and aftercare from 7:30am-6:00pm*

### Drop off and Pick up:

Camp programming runs from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. We offer before and after camp care from 7:30 am and until 6:00 pm.

### Sign in and Sign Out:

It is mandatory that you sign your camper in and out of camp each day! Camp leaders will check your ID upon arrival and once your name has been verified on the authorized pick up list, you will be issued a PARENT PASS which allows you to pick up and drop off your child without showing your ID every time. At the end of the week you are to return the pass on final pick up.



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### Authorized Pick Ups:

You indicated on your camp form the authorized persons to pick your child up from camp. Camp leaders cannot release your child to anyone not on the list. If your plans change and someone else will pick up your child, please let the coordinator/leaders know in the morning so that they can add the person's name onto the list.

Those who are not on the Authorized Pick Up list will not be allowed to take the child(ren) off the camp premises.

*Only the primary contact can add names onto the Authorized Pick Up list*

### Clothing and Equipment List

Each day, your camper will need a backpack packed with:

- Cold packed lunch
- Healthy snacks (always a good idea to pack extra)
- Hat
- Sunscreen (SPF 30)
- Insect repellent (less than 10% DEET)
- Bathing suit and towel
- Running shoes
- Rain gear
- Water bottle

Due to serious allergies, our camp is completely **nut-free**: please do not pack any type of nuts for your camper for the safety of others!

*Please do not bring electronics or other valuable items to camp*

Please label all of the items you send to camp with first and last names. We will have a lost and found and will keep items for three weeks after camp.

### Behaviour Guidelines

The YMCA is a values based, non-profit organization. It is our goal to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment for everyone at our Day Camp. With that in mind, our staff and volunteers use a positive, values based approach to guide appropriate behaviour, and seek to reward and reinforce positive behaviour.



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If a child has been given numerous warnings and the behaviour has not changed, we have the right to send the child home from camp for the day. In the instance that this has happened, you as the parent/guardian are obligated to pick your child up from camp promptly.

At the YMCA of Saskatoon, we believe that all campers:

- Are responsible for their own actions,
- Respect each other and the environment,
- Are honest and true to their word,
- Care for themselves and those around them,
- Make healthy and safe choices.

### **YMCA Values:**

Respect Honesty Caring Acceptance Responsibility Fairness

### **Protect Your Camper from the Sun and Bugs**

Your camper will spend time outside at Martensville Super Summer Camp. Here are some sunscreen and insect repellent tips!

- Use SPF 30, or more
- Use an insect repellent with less than 10% DEET
- Campers are expected to put sunscreen on themselves, but leaders will remind your camper to put on sunscreen before going outside
- Hats are important to help your camper defeat the heat of summer, as is plenty of water to stay hydrated!

### **Family Night:**

On Wednesday nights we invite the families of our campers out to our Blackstrap Camp for a BBQ, camp tour, and songs performed by all the different camp groups. All are invited.

We will be serving hot dogs. If you are able, we ask that those in attendance make a small donation towards our Strong Kids Campaign if you are having hot dogs.

If you cannot make Family Night, that is A-OK! We will be bussing your child(ren) back to the city, they will be arriving later than usual.



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### Bus Stop Changes:

- Market Mall:** 7:15pm
- University Heights:** 7:25pm
- Lawson Heights Mall:** 7:45pm
- Confederation Mall:** 8:00pm
- Meadow Green:** 8:15pm
- YMCA:** 8:20pm

### Directions:

Camp is located on Blackstrap Access Road, Dundurn Sk.

Stay to the left when you cross the lake (Blackstrap Provincial Park is on the right) and keep driving up the hill.

Take the first left. You will pass Blackstrap Youth Camp on the left, keep driving past Cedar Lodge, and the YMCA Camp will be on the left.

Turn into the gate and the camp is just beyond the hill.

### Important Administrative Notes

#### Unexpected Pickups:

If you need to pick up your child from camp, it is best to give as much notice to the YMCA as you can in case they are out of the building on a field trip.

#### Missing Camp Days:

If your camper will be missing from camp for any reason, please call the YMCA to inform us.

#### Medication:

If your camper needs medicine at camp, it must be given to the leader in the morning. Please make sure that medication is clearly labeled with your camper's name, doctor's name, and instructions for use.



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### **Photography:**

Any photographs that are taken by the YMCA of Saskatoon will become YMCA property and may be used for various promotional purposes. The authorization on the camp form includes this permission; if you wish otherwise please contact the YMCA.

### **Late Fees:**

If you have not picked your child(ren) up within the aftercare time frame, 6pm, there will be a charge after 15 minutes. \$15 dollars after 15 minutes, and a dollar for every minute after.

If this happens more than three times, an automatic \$30 fee will be added to your account.

### **Cancellation and Refund Policy:**

If you need to cancel your child's day camp registration, refunds are available until one week before the start date of your child's camp. After that time refunds are issued for medical reasons only. All refunds/duplicate receipts are subject to a \$30 administration fee.

If you have any questions regarding refunds or cancellations, please contact the Camp Director Jamie McCulloch at [Jamie.mcculloch@ymcasaskatoon.org](mailto:Jamie.mcculloch@ymcasaskatoon.org) or at 306-652-7515 ext. 259.