



**2019**  
**MORRISON YMCA**

**SUMMER**  
**DAY CAMP**  
**PARENT**  
**HANDBOOK**

**Q. How do I register my child for camp?**

A. You can search for camp offerings and register online. You can also register in-person with our Sales & Service team anytime during open branch hours.

**Q. What ages do your camp programs serve?**

A. We have programs for kids 2 years old through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade!

**Q. Does my child need to be potty-trained?**

A. Yes. The only exception is our 2 year old preschool camp. Children ages 3 and up must be fully potty-trained by the first day of camp. If you've been working on it, but aren't quite there by your scheduled camp session, let us know so we can work with you on arranging camp for a different week!

**Q. When is camp in session?**

A. We will offer weekly sessions beginning June 3 through August 23, 2019.

**Q. Who is caring for my child while he/she is at camp?**

A. We have an awesome staff team! From energetic high school and college students to professionals leading our programs for the summer to our experienced year-round staff, we have a diverse team who can't wait to work with your child! We make a point to hire staff with excellent character, strong values, enthusiasm, and experience working with kids. Before camp starts, we add to their skills with more than 30 hours of instructional training including child development, conflict resolution, and child abuse prevention. All of our staff are also certified in CPR and First Aid.

Ratios for all camp programs are:

- 2 year olds 1:6
- 3-5 year olds/Rising K 1:8
- 1st-5th Grade 1:10
- 6th-10th Grade 1:12

Do you want to meet your camp director or child's counselors? Please email [morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org](mailto:morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org) to inquire about the best time to stop in. We're available for a quick hello during camp hours, but for a more extensive chat we want to be sure and reserve time to spend with you.

**Q. What should my child bring/wear to camp?**

A. Check the weather daily and dress your camper accordingly — the camp day will continue rain or shine! Be sure to label EVERYTHING you send to camp with your camper and check the camp's lost and found at the end of the week before items are donated. Information specific to your camp program will be sent out in an email the week before camp begins.

**Campers should:**

- Dress comfortably in clothes that can get dirty.
- Wear closed-toe tennis shoes to protect their feet during camp activities.
- Pack a healthy lunch, refillable water bottle and 2 snacks for morning and afternoon.
- Bring any spray sunscreen or bug spray they might need (labeled!)
- Pack an extra change of clothes.
- Come with a backpack they can carry full of the things they'll need that day.

**If your child is in Day Camp, Sports Camp, or Splash Camp:**

- Campers will be outdoors 90% of the day, so they need to be prepared!
- Please dress your kids in cool clothing for hot weather days (light colors, light fabric, hat and visor).
- Pack a swimsuit and towel. Sandals may also be worn to walk from the program area to the pool and back.

## **Q. What are the lunch/food guidelines?**

Campers are very active and will get hungry! Pack a healthy, satisfying lunch every day. We aren't able to refrigerate lunches, so please pack them in a small cooler/lunch box with ice packs or frozen water bottles. **Label everything!**

- For AM camps: 1 snack, 1 lunch and 1 refillable water bottle
- For PM camps: 1 snack and 1 refillable water bottle
- For full-day camps: 2 snacks, 1 lunch and 1 refillable water bottle

## **No Nuts Please**

We are a nut-free program and the foods we provide as a part of the program are allergy-friendly. Please DO NOT send your child with any food containing nuts. We have children in our programs with severe allergies and you can help prevent a life threatening emergency by selecting alternatives to pack in your child's snacks and lunches.

## **Q. Will my child swim?**

A. Not all of our camps swim. You can find more details in the camp email you'll receive the week before that camp begins. You are always welcome to email us at [morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org](mailto:morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org) with questions as well.

## **Q. What if my child can't swim?**

A. All of our children go through a swim assessment the first swim day of each week of camp. In the event that a child is considered a non- or weak swimmer, or if they opt out of the swim assessment, they will be able to participate in the Splash Pool, which is low depth. Most of our camp groups utilize both of our pools and the counselors split between those areas to accommodate children of all swim levels.

## **Q. What is your swim policy?**

A. Before swimming at camp each week, all campers are swim tested in the pool under the direct supervision of certified lifeguards and camp staff. In the event that a child is considered a non- or weak swimmer, or if they opt out of the swim assessment, they will be able to participate in the Splash Pool, which ranges from 0 to 1.5 feet. Throughout the week, we do not require that kids retake their swim test, but we do offer it as an option Tuesday through Friday for kids who want to move to the big pool, or who have been practicing and want to try their skills in an assessment. [Learn more >>](#)

## **Q. What is your sunscreen policy?**

A. Protecting skin from the sun's damaging rays is important. If you have specific questions about sunscreen application or if you have a child with a sunscreen allergy, please contact your branch camp director.

- Apply sunscreen to your child before arriving at camp — we can assist in reapplying as needed
- Send your preferred SPRAY sunscreen labeled with your child's name on it
- If you prefer that your child uses a lotion sunscreen, please specify with camp leadership staff if your child will need help applying it.

**Q. What time can I drop off / pick up my child?**

A. For Grades K-12:

<b>Camp Timeframe</b>	<b>Drop-off Times</b>	<b>Program in Session</b>	<b>Pick-up Times</b>
Preschool AM Camp	9:00 AM	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	1:00 PM
Half Day AM Camp	7:30–8:30 AM	8:30 AM – 1:00 PM	1:00–1:30 PM
Half Day AM Add on Camp	7:30–9:00 AM	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	N/A
Half Day PM Camp	1:00–1:30 PM	1:30–5:30 PM	5:30–6:00 PM
Half Day PM Add on Camp	N/A	1:30–4:00 PM	4:00–6:00 PM
Full Day Camp	7:30–9:00 AM	9:00 AM–4:00 PM	4:00–6:00 PM

\*\*Preschool Camps do NOT have early drop-off or late pick-up.\*\*

**Q. Where do I drop off / pick up my child?**

A. If your camp will take place somewhere other than the Morrison YMCA Campus, it will be noted in the camp title. Specific drop-off and pick-up locations will be included in an information email that will be sent the week before each scheduled week of camp.

**Q. What is your pick-up procedure?**

A. For the safety of your child, participants will only be released to the legal guardian or responsible adult listed on in your child’s account. Every adult must present a government-issued photo ID during pick-up each day. In the event that a child will be picked up by an adult not provided on their account information, written permission from the parent (we prefer by email!) and a photo ID must be shown during rides out. Thank you for helping to expedite this process by having your ID ready. If there are special circumstances involving custody issues you must provide the Camp Director with legal documentation of these arrangements.

If you are utilizing a carline, please do not get out of your car in order to drop-off or pick-up your child. Your child will be escorted to and from your vehicle as needed. We are not authorized to buckle your child into the car. If they are unable to do so themselves, please pull forward out of the carline and help them.

If you need to drop-off late or pick-up early, please be prepared to park in a designated parking space and walk in to your child’s camp location. If you’d like to call the appropriate camp phone number listed below, we will do our best to have your child prepared for early departure.

**Q. Will you transition kids from their morning camp to their afternoon camp?**

A. Yes! In the event that their camps take place at the Morrison YMCA and Hawk Ridge Elementary School, we will walk with them from their morning camp to their afternoon camp. If their morning or afternoon camp takes place at the Ballantyne Arts Center, we will transition them on a YMCA Bus. For safety reasons, we are not able to transport preschoolers on a bus.

**Q. What should I send (or not send) with my child to camp?**

A. Information specific to your camp program will be sent out in an email the week before that camp begins. In general, we recommend sending:

- Comfortable clothes & closed-toe shoes that can get messy.
- Refillable water bottle
- Lunch & snacks
- Spray Sunscreen
- For Preschoolers – an extra full set of clothes

We recommend that the following items stay at home:

- Any food containing nuts (we are a nut-free program!)
- Electronics (Teen Camps do have specific times when they are allowed to use devices)
- Toys
- Anything you would be sad to lose

### **Q. What do you do for hot weather?**

A. During extreme heat and heat advisory days, we will adjust our schedule when possible. The safety and comfort of our campers is always our top priority and we want you to be aware of the changes we will make to our camp schedule with the heat is on.

- We will limit the time we spend in direct sun.
- We will spend more outside time in shady places.
- We will take more breaks than usual to "chill out."
- We'll play games that keep kids hydrated and cool (like water fun).
- We will move activities inside when possible.
- We will take extra water breaks and make sure water is always available.

Here are some tips to help your kids stay comfy cool during summer fun:

- Pack a frozen water bottle.
- Dress campers in lightweight and light colored clothing.
- Store lunch in an insulated, chilled lunch box.
- Send your child with a hat.
- Apply sunscreen before camp.
- Tell your camp staff if your child has a health condition that makes them more sensitive to the heat.

### **Q. How do I get in touch with camp staff during the day?**

A. We can be reached by email at [morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org](mailto:morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org) or by phone at the location-specific numbers listed below:

Morrison Family YMCA - Pavilion	704-589-0250
Morrison Family YMCA - Building	980-214-1514
Hawk Ridge Elementary School	980-240-6137
Traveling Teen Camps	980-240-6179
Ballantyne Arts Center	704-716-4670

### **Q. How do you handle discipline?**

A. Our goal is to guide children in becoming happy, responsible and cooperative participants through positive teaching techniques.

- Staff will make a concerted effort to preserve the child's self-image and will not embarrass the child.
- Staff will help children learn self-control, choose alternatives, identify feelings and develop an understanding and respect for the feelings of others.
- Every effort will be made by staff to enlist the cooperation of the child and parent(s) to solve problems.

In the event of misbehavior, we will redirect the behavior, give the child a warning, then provide a logical consequence if behavior continues. Repeated or serious misbehavior will require parent involvement and may result in consequences up to suspension(s).

### **Q. What if my child has developmental or physical needs?**

A. The YMCA will make every reasonable accommodation possible to serve all children regardless of their developmental or physical abilities. Please contact the Director at least two weeks in advance to discuss modifications that would be helpful for the success of your child at the Morrison Family YMCA.

## **Q. What is your health and wellness policy?**

A. If your child develops symptoms of illness during their stay, parents will be notified and will need to pick up their child within one hour. If parents cannot be reached, the staff will call other emergency contacts listed on the account.

CHILDREN WHO HAVE THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS SHOULD REMAIN AT HOME UNTIL THEY ARE SYMPTOM FREE FOR 24 HOURS UNLESS A WRITTEN NOTE FROM THE CHILD'S PHYSICIAN IS GIVEN, STATING THAT THEIR SYMPTOMS ARE NOT CONTAGIOUS. Some of these symptoms include, but are not limited to:

Sore Throat	Skin Rash	Open Sores	Pink Eye	Head Lice
Coughing	Fever	Diarrhea	Vomiting	

## **Q. What is your medication policy?**

A. Please administer all medications at home whenever possible. If medications are required during the afternoon, a "Medication Authorization Form" must be filled out and medications provided to the office staff in the original container in a plastic bag with the child's name clearly written on the outside. All medications including over the counter items, must be dispensed by the office personnel. Please contact the Director if your child's allergy requires special consideration.

## **Q. How do I find out what my child is doing all week?**

A. If you would like additional updates on how your child is doing or what they've been up to all week, don't hesitate to ask! We have time for a brief check-in during pick-up times, and can always schedule a follow-up conversation (on the phone or in person) if we need more time to chat.

## **Q. Our summer plans have changed. How do I cancel a session of camp or change to a different program?**

A. Please think ahead! Cancellations and requests for transfers must be made at least 8 days prior to the start of the requested camp week in order to qualify for a full refund or full transfer of money paid. You can make those requests with our Sales & Service team or by emailing [morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org](mailto:morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org). Cancellations not received by the designated day will result in a forfeiture of all deposits and fees paid towards that camp week. Outstanding payments that have not been made will still be owed.

## **Q. What is your payment schedule and policy?**

A. Member/program participant rates are determined based on the child's YMCA membership status. All balances must be paid in full in order for a camper to attend. If your membership status or program adjusted rate changes before the week your child attends camp, the payment will be adjusted accordingly.

### **Deposits**

- Deposits collected at the time of registration are deducted from the total balance due for that week of camp.
- All registrations require a \$10 deposit for each camp.

### **Program Adjustment Rate**

As part of our My Y Pricing rate structure, an adjusted program rate is available to all who qualify. Both members and program participants must provide income verification at the Sales & Service Desk in order to receive an adjusted program rate.

### **Payment Options**

- Pay in full at time of registration.
- Automatic draft with a credit card according to the payment schedule on the right. In the event a draft is returned subsequent drafts will occur until the draft is successful.
- Payment in person. Payment will be accepted at the Sales & Service desk in the form of cash, debit, or credit card before the due date. Payments not made by the due date will be automatically charged at that time using the card on file.

## Late Payment Policy

Failure to make a payment by the balance due date will result in a \$25 charge per child, per session. If payment isn't made in full upon notice, the camper will be removed from the session.

## Cancellation/Transfer Policy

- Cancellations and requests to transfer programs must be made in writing by visiting our Sales & Service Desk or emailing [morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org](mailto:morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org).
- Cancellations or requests for transfers must be received at least eight days prior to the start of the requested camp week to qualify for a refund or transfer of money paid.
- Cancellations not received by the designated day will result in a forfeiture of all deposits and fees paid towards that camp week and the balance due will still apply.

## Day Camp Payment / Cancellation Schedule

CAMP DATES	DUE ON OR BEFORE	CANCEL BY
June 3 – June 7	May 1	May 26
June 10 – June 14	May 15	June 2
June 17 – June 21	May 15	June 9
June 24 – June 28	June 1	June 16
July 1 – July 5	June 1	June 23
July 8 – July 12	June 15	June 30
July 15 – July 19	June 15	July 7
July 22 – 26	July 1	July 14
July 29 – August 2	July 1	July 21
August 5 – 9	July 15	July 28
August 12 – 16	July 15	August 4
August 19 – 23	August 1	August 11

## Q. How can I get a copy of my receipt to submit for reimbursement from my flexible spending account?

A. For questions regarding tax receipts, please log into your account on the website – you'll be able to generate a statement from there. Our Tax ID# is 56-1045299.

## Q. Can I see photos of my child at camp?

A. YES! Log on to our Y Camp Life portal to check out fun photos of your camper in action! [Visit Y Camp Life >>](#)

## Q. Who can I contact at camp?

A. Camp Email: [morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org](mailto:morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org)  
Sales & Service: [704 716 4600](tel:7047164600)  
Morrison Family YMCA Cell Phone: [980 214 1514](tel:9802141514)  
Pavilion Cell Phone: [704 589 0250](tel:7045890250)  
Hawk Ridge Elementary: [980 240 6137](tel:9802406137)  
Teen Camp Cell Phone: [980 240 6179](tel:9802406179)  
Ballantyne Arts Center: [704 716 4670](tel:7047164670)

## Camp Directors

Marie Duty – Preschool  
Andie Maloney – Visual and Theatre Arts  
Jenn Thome – Gymnastics  
Meghan Hitt – Fitness  
Charlie Murphy – Sports  
Amanda Kennedy – Day Camp  
Stephanie Wilson – Dance  
Ken Porter - Teens



## Creative Art, Theatre, & Visual Arts Camps

### **Location:**

For all camps held at the Ballantyne Arts Center:

- The address is 11318 North Community House Rd. – just 1 mile from the Morrison Family YMCA. We do not offer a carline at the BAC.
  - Drop-off for AM Camps is 7:30-8:30am. Drop-off for full day camps is 7:30-9:00am.
  - Pick-up for morning camps is 12:50-1:00pm.
  - Drop-off for PM Camps is 1:00-1:30pm.
  - End-of-day pick-up for PM camps is from 5:30-6:00pm. Pick-up for full day camps will run from 4:00-6:00pm.

For all camps held at The Morrison Family YMCA:

- These programs are held in the Arts Studio at the Bojangles' Park Pavilion on the Morrison Family YMCA Campus. We run a carline at the Pavilion for drop-off. See below for pick up information.
  - Drop-off for AM Camps is 7:30-8:30am. Drop-off for full day camps is 7:30-9:00am.
  - Pick-up for morning camps is 12:50-1:00pm.
  - Pick-up for full day camps will run from 4:00-6:00pm through the carline at the pavilion.

### **Transition**

We provide midday transition for our campers to their afternoon camps at the Morrison Family YMCA, Hawk Ridge Elementary School and the Ballantyne Arts Center. Generally, kids will walk between the Morrison Family YMCA and HRES. We will use buses in the event of stormy weather and when transitioning kids to and from the Ballantyne Arts Center.

Our buses hold 13 children, a passenger counselor and a driver. Our Drivers are all at least 21 years old, have a clean driving record approved by our insurance company, and have completed an online safety course in addition to an in-person driving skills test.

### **Schedule/Rotation:**

Preschool-aged campers begin their day with table time and circle time before rotating to 20-30 minute classes in theatre, visual art, and dance/music. Snack break, gross motor play and lunch break are intertwined into the daily rotation. Restroom breaks occur between each rotation.

School-aged campers typically begin and end their day as a full group to get settled and do some warm-ups, games, and lessons pertinent to the camp theme. Campers will then break into smaller groups for art lessons and to work on projects in 30-45 minute rotations. Morning and afternoon snack break, lunch break, and camp games are intertwined into the daily rotation. Restroom breaks occur between each rotation.

### **Group Breakdown:**

Camps will be divided into smaller groups based on age during their rotations.

Our ratios for staff to campers are:

- 2 years - 1:6
- 3-5 years - 1:8



- Rising K - 1:8
- Rising 1-5 grades - 1:10
- Rising 6-10 grades - 1:12

### **Lunch/Snack Specifics:**

All morning camps will break for a morning snack and lunch. All afternoon camps will break for an afternoon snack. If your child is attending camp all day, please pack 2 snacks, lunch, and a refillable water bottle. When packing food, we protect our campers with allergies by being a PEANUT AND TREE-NUT FREE facility. For everyone's safety, please refrain from sending PB&Js, peanut butter crackers, trail mix with nuts, etc. Refrigeration, microwaves and vending machines are NOT available. Please label everything!

### **Medication and Allergy Information:**

We take medications, food allergies, and dietary restrictions seriously. If you are sending medication with your child to camp please put the medication and Medication Authorization Form into a plastic bag labeled in sharpie with your child's name. Please ensure your child's medical/allergy information is correct at drop-off.

### **Restroom Breaks:**

Restroom breaks will be taken as a group at the beginning of each activity block. In the event that a child needs to use the restroom in the middle of an activity, a counselor will escort them to the closest restroom/locker room. Restroom trips will always be taken in groups of 3 or more people.

### **Attire:**

Dress for movement and mess! Art projects are messy. We use clay, paint, glue and more. While we try to use materials that are washable, not all art mediums wash out – please dress accordingly. If your child insists on wearing skirts/dresses, please put shorts on underneath as we move around a lot.

**Closed toe shoes that will stay securely on the feet and are slip resistant are mandatory for safety in all Arts Camps.** Campers without appropriate footwear will not be permitted to rehearse in the theatre as toes can get smashed when moving set pieces and dancing on stage.

Water games are often incorporated into camps located at our Art Studio to keep campers cool. If your child's Visual Arts Camp is taking place there, it is a good idea to pack sandals or crocs to wear during water play.

### **Inclement Weather details:**

The Art Studio is enclosed. In the case of inclement weather, camp activities will remain inside the studio for the day. All camps that take place at the Ballantyne Arts Center will remain inside.

### **Sunscreen Application:**

Camps located at our Bojangles' Pavilion Art Studio may be exposed to sun and mosquitos. The Art Studio is an open air space and campers often work outside at picnic tables in addition to being in the studio. We ask for kids to come to camp with sunscreen on and to pack labeled spray sunscreen in order for us to reapply it during the day. If your child can't use spray sunscreen, please let our staff know that they have permission to assist with lotion sunscreen. Please let us know if you do not want your child to wear sunscreen. Groups will reapply sunscreen regularly to correspond with outside activities and/or swimming.

### **Swimming:**

Arts Camps do not swim.



## Cooking Camps

### **Location:**

Cooking Camp takes place in the Curran Family Teaching Kitchen. We will operate a carline at the main building by the preschool playgrounds. The easiest way to access the carline is by coming in through our entrance on Community House Rd.

- Carline will run 7:30-8:30am for morning camps.
- Pick-up for morning camps is at 1:00pm. Carline will begin at 12:50pm.
- Drop-off for PM Camps is 1:00-1:30pm.
- End-of-day Carline will run from 5:30-6:00pm.
- If you are dropping off late or picking up early, you will need to park and walk in to the Dee Dee Harris Program Entrance. The Sales & Service staff will confirm the current location of your child's camp and direct you where to go.

### **Transition**

We provide midday transition for our campers to their afternoon camps at the Morrison Family YMCA, Hawk Ridge Elementary School and the Ballantyne Arts Center. Generally, kids will walk between the Morrison Family YMCA and HRES. We will use buses in the event of stormy weather and when transitioning kids to and from the Ballantyne Arts Center.

Our buses hold 13 children, a passenger counselor and a driver. Our Drivers are all at least 21 years old, have a clean driving record approved by our insurance company, and have completed an online safety course in addition to an in-person driving skills test.

### **Schedule/Rotation:**

Each cooking camp will make 3 recipes per day and will practice and develop important kitchen skills. Outside of their cooking they will play games and do activities related to the theme for the week. While cooking camps do spend most of their time in the kitchen, you should dress your child and plan for them to spend time outdoors. Throughout the week, they will play outside during break times, weather permitting.

### **Group Breakdown:**

All cooking camps are separated by rising grades. We limit the number of registrants for each camp to ensure the best experience possible for our campers in the kitchen. Our ratios for staff to campers are:

- Rising K - 1:8
- Rising 1-5 grades - 1:10
- Rising 6-10 grades - 1:12

### **Lunch/Snack Specifics:**

All morning camps will break for a morning snack and lunch. All afternoon camps will break for an afternoon snack. If your child is attending camp all day, please pack 2 snacks, lunch, and a refillable water bottle. When packing food, we protect our campers with allergies by being a PEANUT AND TREE-NUT FREE facility. For everyone's safety, please refrain from sending PB&Js, peanut butter crackers, trail

mix with nuts, etc. Refrigeration, microwaves and vending machines are NOT available. Please label everything!

### **Medication and Allergy Information:**

We take medications, food allergies, and dietary restrictions seriously. If you are sending medication with your child to camp please put the medication and Medication Authorization Form into a plastic bag labeled in sharpie with your child's name. Please ensure your child's medical/allergy information is correct at drop-off. We will do our best to accommodate special dietary needs – if you have specific questions, please email us prior to camp at [MorrisonTeachingKitchen@ymcacharlotte.org](mailto:MorrisonTeachingKitchen@ymcacharlotte.org).

### **Restroom Breaks:**

Restroom breaks will be taken as a group at the beginning of each activity block. In the event that a child needs to use the restroom in the middle of an activity, a counselor will escort them to the closest restroom/locker room. Restroom trips will always be taken in groups of 3 or more people.

### **Attire:**

Please send your child to Cooking Camp in comfortable, form-fitting "play clothes"- they may get messy in the kitchen. Closed-toed shoes are required for camps. Fingernails should be trimmed and long hair should be tied back.

### **Inclement Weather details:**

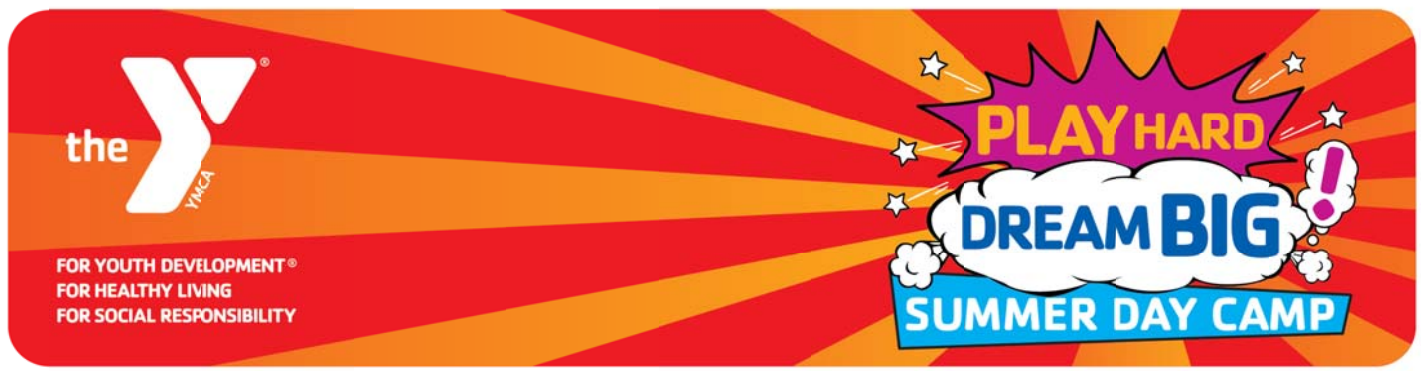
Cooking Camp spends minimal time outdoors; however we are prepared by adjusting our camp schedules to safeguard our campers from dehydration and overexposure to sun and heat. Campers in cooking camp will be outside no longer than 30 minutes at a time. On stormy days, we will forgo outside time.

### **Sunscreen Application:**

We will be applying sunscreen since our programs does go outside. We are outside for 15-30 minutes when weather is nice. If your child can't use spray sunscreen, please let our staff know that they have permission to assist with lotion sunscreen. Please let us know if you do not want your child to wear sunscreen. Groups will reapply sunscreen regularly to correspond with outside activities and/or swimming.

### **Swimming:**

Cooking Camp does not swim.



## Dance Camps

### **Location:**

All Dance Camps are located at the Morrison Family YMCA Dance Studios unless noted in the camp title.

For camps at the Morrison Family YMCA:

We will operate a carline at the main building by the preschool playgrounds. The easiest way to access the carline is by coming in through our entrance on Community House Rd.

- Carline will run 7:30-8:30am for morning camps.
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- If you are dropping off late or picking up early, you will need to park and walk in to the Dee Dee Harris Program Entrance. The Sales & Service staff will confirm the current location of your child's camp and direct you where to go.

For all camps held at the Ballantyne Arts Center:

- The address is 11318 North Community House Rd. – just 1 mile from the Morrison Family YMCA. We do not offer a carline at the BAC.
  - Drop-off for AM Camps is 7:30-8:30am. Drop-off for full day camps is 7:30-9:00am.
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### **Schedule/Rotation:**

Preschool Dance Daily Schedule:

- 9:00-9:30: Drop Off and Icebreaker/Devotion Activity
- 9:30-10:15: Warm-Up, Dance Routine
- 10:15-10:45: Bathroom Break and Snack
- 10:45-11:15: Craft
- 11:15-12:00: Dance Routine/Daily Activity (Crafts, Games, etc.)
- 12:00-12:30: Bathroom Break and Lunch
- 12:30-1:00: Daily Wrap Up and Camper of the Day/ Dismissal or Carline (All Preschool and School Age Camps taking place at Morrison will utilize car line for pick up. Ballantyne Arts Center camps will need to enter the building for pick up)

### Full Day Dance Camps:

- 9:00-9:30: Morning Assembly
- 9:30-10:30: Rotation 1
- 10:30-11:00: Snack and Break
- 11:00-12:00: Rotation 2
- 12:00-1:00: Lunch and Games
- 1:00-2:00: Rotation 3
- 2:00-2:30: Snack and Break
- 2:30-4:00: Rehearsal/Wrap Up
- 4:00-6:00: Pick Up/ Group Activities

**\*Please look for details in your pre-camp email about end-of-week showcases for parents to attend!\***

### Group Breakdown:

School Age camps will be divided into smaller groups based on age during their rotations.

Our ratios for staff to campers are:

- 2 years - 1:6
- 3-5 years - 1:8
- Rising K - 1:8
- Rising 1-5 grades - 1:10
- Rising 6-10 grades - 1:12

### Lunch/Snack Specifics:

All morning camps will break for a morning snack and lunch. All afternoon camps will break for an afternoon snack. If your child is attending camp all day, please pack 2 snacks, lunch, and a refillable water bottle. When packing food, we protect our campers with allergies by being a PEANUT AND TREE-NUT FREE facility. For everyone's safety, please refrain from sending PB&Js, peanut butter crackers, trail mix with nuts, etc. Refrigeration, microwaves and vending machines are NOT available. Please label everything!

### Medication and Allergy Information:

We take medications, food allergies, and dietary restrictions seriously. If you are sending medication with your child to camp please put the medication and Medication Authorization Form into a plastic bag labeled in sharpie with your child's name. Please ensure your child's medical/allergy information is correct at drop-off.

### Restroom Breaks:

Restroom breaks will be taken as a group at the beginning of each activity block. In the event that a child needs to use the restroom in the middle of an activity, a counselor will escort them to the closest restroom/locker room. Restroom trips will always be taken in groups of 3 or more people.

### Attire:

- Change of Clothes -Be sure to label everything!
- Please wear comfortable clothing that allows movement, Dance Shoes/Attire Optional.
- We also encourage dress up everyday to go along with our theme! Please use the Camp Central Page to see what our themes are.
- Hair should be pulled back off of the face in a bun, braid, or ponytail.

### Inclement Weather details:

Since our programs run indoors, we will be unaffected by inclement weather!

**Sunscreen Application:**

We will not be applying sunscreen since our programs take place indoors. If your child has an outdoor afternoon or morning camp, please be sure to send them with labeled spray sunscreen. If your child can't use spray sunscreen, please let our staff know that they have permission to assist with lotion sunscreen. Please let us know if you do not want your child to wear sunscreen. Groups will reapply sunscreen regularly to correspond with outside activities and/or swimming.

**Swimming:**

Dance Camp participants do not swim during our programs.



## Day Camp

### **Location:**

All Day Campers will be dropped off and picked up at the Bojangles' Park Pavilion. Drop-off for full day programs takes place from 7:30-9:00am. Half Day Campers will be transitioned by staff members from their morning camp to their afternoon camp. Pick-up for all Day Campers will be from 4:00-6:00pm at the Bojangles' Park Pavilion. If you are dropping off late or picking up early, please park and walk to the pavilion and check your child out with a lead staff member.

During the day, Day Campers rotate through activities all around the Morrison YMCA Campus. They will also spend time at our neighboring properties – Hawk Ridge Elementary School and Community House Middle School. Because our properties are adjacent, the kids will always walk to and from their activities. If a child is being picked up mid-day, parents should park and walk up to the pavilion and speak with a lead staff member. Parents can expect a short wait while we send a runner to their activity and escort them back to the pavilion.

### **Transition:**

We provide midday transition for our campers to their afternoon camps at the Morrison Family YMCA, Hawk Ridge Elementary School and the Ballantyne Arts Center. Generally, kids will walk between the Morrison Family YMCA and CHMS. We will use buses in the event of stormy weather and when transitioning kids to and from the Ballantyne Arts Center.

Our buses hold 13 children, a passenger counselor and a driver. Our Drivers are all at least 21 years old, have a clean driving record approved by our insurance company, and have completed an online safety course in addition to an in-person driving skills test.

### **Schedule/Rotation:**

The following is the schedule for Outdoor Adventure Camp:

7:30-9:00am – Drop-off / Group Games  
9:00-9:30 – Morning Assembly  
9:30-9:45 – AM Snack  
9:45-10:45 – Activity #1  
10:45-11:45 – Activity #2  
11:45-12:45 – Activity #3  
12:45-1:45 – Activity #4  
1:45-2:45 – Activity #5  
2:45-3:30 – Activity #6  
3:30-3:45 – PM Snack  
3:45-4:00 – Afternoon Assembly  
4:00-6:00 – Pick-up / Age Group Activities

For full day campers, 1 activity block will always be lunch and another will always be swimming. The other activity blocks rotate each day to make sure the schedule stays fresh. Examples of the other activities they will participate in include environmental education, arts & crafts, field & gym games, reading, archery, etc.

Half Day Campers will fall into the schedule above during their time in Day Camp. AM Half Day Campers will swim daily and PM Half Day Campers will swim on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

### **Group Breakdown:**

Within their age groups, kids are split into smaller groups – usually around 20 kids. Our staff to child ratios are as follows:

- Rising K - 1:8
- Rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> - 1:10

### **Friend Requests:**

We do our best to group kids in the same age group together when requested by parents, though we can't always accommodate it. To make a request, please email [morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org](mailto:morrisoncamps@ymcacharlotte.org) prior to your child's week of camp.

### **Lunch/Snack Specifics:**

All morning camps will break for a morning snack and lunch. All afternoon camps will break for an afternoon snack. If your child is attending camp all day, please pack 2 snacks, lunch, and a refillable water bottle. When packing food, we protect our campers with allergies by being a PEANUT AND TREE-NUT FREE facility. For everyone's safety, please refrain from sending PB&Js, peanut butter crackers, trail mix with nuts, etc. Refrigeration, microwaves and vending machines are NOT available. Please label everything!

Lunch times are:

Rising K – 10:45am

Rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 11:45am

Rising 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12:45pm

Rising 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – 11:45am

### **Medication and Allergy Information:**

We take medications, food allergies, and dietary restrictions seriously. If you are sending medication with your child to camp please put the medication and Medication Authorization Form into a plastic bag labeled in sharpie with your child's name. Please ensure your child's medical/allergy information is correct at drop-off.

### **Restroom Breaks:**

Restroom breaks will be taken as a group at the beginning of each activity block. In the event that a child needs to use the restroom in the middle of an activity, a counselor will escort them to the closest restroom/locker room. Restroom trips will always be taken in groups of 3 or more people.

### **Attire:**

Day Campers need to wear play clothes! We are active all day and campers often go home dirty. Shoes should be sneakers that can be worn inside & outside and that are allowed to get muddy from time to time. Campers are permitted to bring sandals in their backpacks to wear to the pool only.

Campers should also bring a bathing suit and towel every day.

### **Inclement Weather details:**



On days that are extremely hot or rainy/stormy, we will adjust our schedules so that kids are spending activity times either inside or in a sheltered area. If it is storming during drop-off or pick-up, we will adjust our carline to use the service road in front of the pavilion.

Please note, Day Camp spends A LOT of time OUTSIDE!

### **Sunscreen Application:**

We ask for kids to come to camp with sunscreen on and to pack labeled spray sunscreen in order for us to reapply it during the day. If your child can't use spray sunscreen, please let our staff know that they have permission to assist with lotion sunscreen. Please let us know if you do not want your child to wear sunscreen. Each group will reapply sunscreen 2-3 times per day to correspond with swimming and outside activities.

Please note, Day Camp spends A LOT of time OUTSIDE!

### **Swimming:**

Swim times for each group are as follows:

Rising K – every day at 9:45am

Rising 1<sup>st</sup> – every day at 10:45am

Rising 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – every day at 11:45am

Rising 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – every day at 12:45pm

Half Day PM – Tuesday & Thursday at 1:45pm

Kids need to bring a bathing suit and towel each day. Each week, kids will swim test on Mondays (Tuesdays for Half Day PM Campers). Here is Crystal's explanation of why we do this on a weekly basis:

It's our routine in camp to go through the swim assessment with kids on Mondays. Because camp is such a large operation, we do this to really ensure the safety of the kids and so that the counselors and lifeguards working with them that week are able to get a good idea of their skill-level.

While we do track swim bands in our database and on our rosters, we do not have a way of knowing when that information was entered – so, it's possible that a child has a yellow band that they earned last year entered for them on a roster – but what happens if they haven't practiced their swimming since last summer? For us, it's more about creating a safe (and fun) environment where everyone – kids, counselors and lifeguards – can feel confident in kids' abilities. So, while our rosters may indicate that a child once earned a band, we do not make a habit of trusting it without seeing those skills first-hand.

Speaking as a prior aquatics director, the other thing I can say is that a band, whether yellow or green, is not a one-time achievement. While we get excited along with the kids when they reach those milestones, we truly use the bands as a safety tool in order to properly monitor swimmers in the water. To wear a yellow band, kids must be able to demonstrate yellow band skills at the present time. If they are having an "off day," and can't complete those yellow band skills, then that is an indicator that being in deeper water isn't safe for them – even if it's just that day. I hope that makes sense.

With all kids, it's never our objective to hinder their confidence. We try to be very encouraging and supportive at the pool and especially during the swim assessment time – our counselors get in the water with the kids during the test to make sure they are as comfortable as possible, etc. Throughout the week, we do not require that kids retake their swim test, but we do offer it as an option Tuesday through Friday for kids who want to move to the big pool, or who have been practicing and want to try their skills in an assessment.



## Gymnastics & Youth Fitness Camps

### **Location:**

Morrison Family YMCA:

We will operate a carline at the main building by the preschool playgrounds. The easiest way to access the carline is by coming in through our entrance on Community House Rd.

- Carline will run 7:30-8:30am for morning camps.
- Pick-up for morning camps is at 1:00pm. Carline will begin at 12:50pm.
- Drop-off for PM Camps is 1:00-1:30pm.
- End-of-day Carline will run from 5:30-6:00pm.
- If you are dropping off late or picking up early, you will need to park and walk in to the Dee Dee Harris Program Entrance. The Sales & Service staff will confirm the current location of your child's camp and direct you where to go.

### **Triathlon Bike Days:**

Campers will need to bring their bikes for 2 days during camp week. We will notify parents prior to the week of camp which days bikes and helmets will be needed. Each Friday of camp will be a bike day as the kids will be competing in a mock tri. Campers will not be allowed on their bike if they do not have a properly fitted helmet.

### **Transition:**

We provide midday transition for our campers to their afternoon camps at the Morrison Family YMCA, Hawk Ridge Elementary School and the Ballantyne Arts Center. Generally, kids will walk between the Morrison Family YMCA and HRES. We will use buses in the event of stormy weather and when transitioning kids to and from the Ballantyne Arts Center.

Our buses hold 13 children, a passenger counselor and a driver. Our Drivers are all at least 21 years old, have a clean driving record approved by our insurance company, and have completed an online safety course in addition to an in-person driving skills test.

### **Schedule/Rotation:**

All camps operate on a 3 block rotation throughout the morning or afternoon. Your camper's specific camp schedule will be provided prior to the start of camp. Weather is a factor in the final schedule. Pool days are set days and will not be made up if the weather does not allow us to swim.

- 8:30-9:00: Break into groups & Games
- 9:00-9:45: First Block
- 9:45-10:00: Transition/Break
- 10-10:45: Second Block
- 10:45-11:15: Transition/Break
- 11:15-12:00: Third Block
- 12-12:15: Transition/Break
- 12:15-12:45: Lunch
- 12:45-1:00: Wrap Up

## **Group Breakdown:**

Camps will be divided into smaller groups based on grade during their rotations.

Our ratios for staff to campers are:

- 2 years - 1:6
- 3-5 years - 1:8
- Rising K - 1:8
- Rising 1-5 grades - 1:10
- Rising 6-10 grades - 1:12

## **Lunch/Snack Specifics:**

All morning camps will break for a morning snack and lunch. All afternoon camps will break for an afternoon snack. If your child is attending camp all day, please pack 2 snacks, lunch, and a refillable water bottle. When packing food, we protect our campers with allergies by being a PEANUT AND TREE-NUT FREE facility. For everyone's safety, please refrain from sending PB&Js, peanut butter crackers, trail mix with nuts, etc. Refrigeration, microwaves and vending machines are NOT available. Please label everything!

## **Medication and Allergy Information:**

We take medications, food allergies, and dietary restrictions seriously. If you are sending medication with your child to camp please put the medication and Medication Authorization Form into a plastic bag labeled in sharpie with your child's name. Please ensure your child's medical/allergy information is correct at drop-off.

## **Restroom Breaks:**

Restroom breaks will be taken as a group at the beginning of each activity block. In the event that a child needs to use the restroom in the middle of an activity, a counselor will escort them to the closest restroom/locker room. Restroom trips will always be taken in groups of 3 or more people.

## **Attire:**

Camp participation will be limited if attire is not appropriate. Camp specifics will be emailed to the campers prior to the start of camp. The following are general guidelines.

### Gymnastics Camps:

Comfortable, cool and snug fitting clothing that allows children to move is required.

- Leotards with shorts are highly recommended for girls but not required. Boys should wear shorts and a t-shirt.
- Snug fitting shirts are best as they allow the coaches to appropriately spot the children in the correct body location.
- Snaps, buttons, zippers, textured embellishments are not allowed on clothing. This means no jeans please.
- **Hair must be secured back and out of the way as much as possible.** Buns, braids or pony tails are recommended.
- Headbands and metal clips are not permitted.
- Children participating in other camps will be allowed to change into appropriate clothing before camp begins. Slip-on shoes are appreciated for the gymnastics camp to save us time for restroom and snack breaks!

### Fitness Camps:

Comfortable, cool clothing and that allows children to move and tennis shoes with socks are required. **Hair must be secured back and out of the way as much as possible.** Pool days will require the camper to pack a suit, towel and flip flops. **Triathlon swim day requires a one piece suit.**

As with all camps, electronics are not permitted and we can not be responsible for them. Sending a child with a backpack to secure their belongings for this camp is recommended. Everything should be labeled with the child's name. Please have parents notify the Camp Director if their child is carrying medication in their backpack. A medical authorization form must be completed and the counselors will secure the medications for the child and ensure they stay with the child.

**Inclement Weather details:**

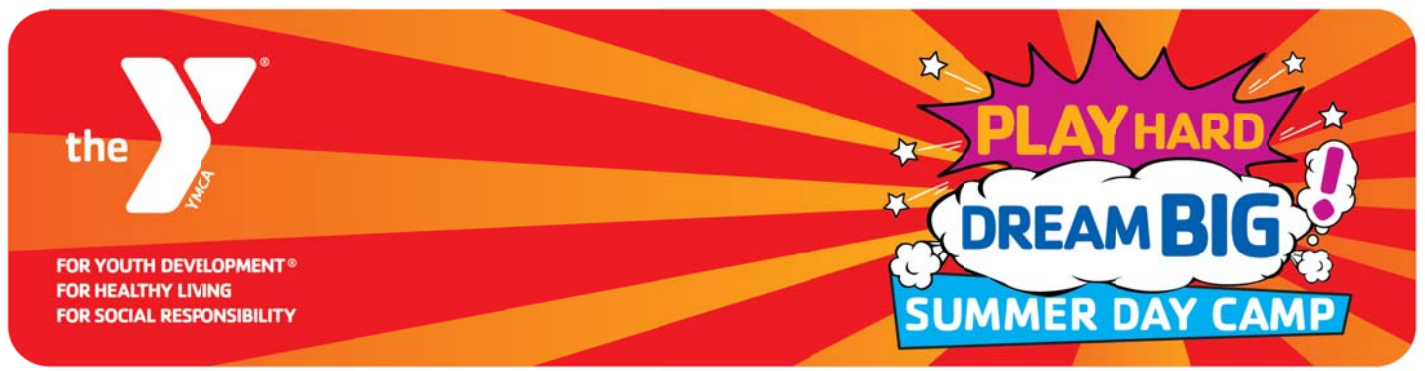
On days that are extremely hot or rainy/stormy, we will adjust our schedules so that kids are spending activity times either inside or in a sheltered area.

**Sunscreen Application:**

We will not be applying sunscreen in our camps that take place indoors. For our outdoor camps, or if your child has an outdoor afternoon or morning camp, please be sure to send them with labeled spray sunscreen. If your child can't use spray sunscreen, please let our staff know that they have permission to assist with lotion sunscreen. Please let us know if you do not want your child to wear sunscreen. Groups will reapply sunscreen regularly to correspond with outside activities and/or swimming.

**Swimming:**

There will be swim days in Ninja Warrior and Triathlon Camps.



## Preschool Camps

### **Location:**

All themed Preschool Camps take place at the Morrison Family YMCA in the Preschool classrooms. We will operate a carline at the main building by the preschool playgrounds. The easiest way to access the carline is by coming in through our entrance on Community House Rd.

- Carline will run 8:55-9:10am
- Pick-up for camp will run from 12:45-1:00pm.
- If you are dropping off late or picking up early, you will need to park and walk in to the Dee Dee Harris Program Entrance and go to your child's camp classroom.

### **Schedule/Rotation:**

Each week the children will participate in the following activities:

- Morning table time
- Stories
- Songs
- Creative Crafts
- Sensory Play
- Science
- Games Galore
- Outdoor Play
- Character Education
- Water Play

### **Group Breakdown:**

Each week the children will be broken down into smaller age-specific groups. \*Please note, all children age 3 and up MUST BE FULLY POTTY TRAINED by the first day of their camp.\*

### **Lunch/Snack Specifics:**

- Please pack a separate snack and refillable water bottle for your child each day of camp.
- Please also pack a lunch with an additional drink.
- When packing food, we protect our campers with allergies by being a PEANUT AND TREE-NUT FREE program. For everyone's safety, please refrain from sending PB&Js, peanut butter crackers, trail mix with nuts, etc.
- Refrigeration, microwaves and vending machines are NOT available.
- Please label everything, including lunch boxes, ice packs, and food containers!

### **What to Pack:**

- Please send a backpack that is large enough to hold all of your child's supplies
- Pack a separate lunch and snack
- Pack a FULL extra change of clothes that we can leave in your child's backpack each day
- If your child is in diapers (under age 3), please pack enough pre-labeled diapers for the day
- On water play days please send a labeled towel

### **Water Play**

#### **Two Year Olds**

- Our two year old campers will enjoy water play on our playground once a week. We use the water tables, sprinklers and baby pools.

- Please send them to camp wearing a swimsuit and a regular diaper. Please do NOT send them in a swim diaper.
- Pack their dry clothes and we will change them when our water play is done.

### **Three Year Olds**

- Our three year old campers will have water play at the spray park area on the pool deck once a week.
- Children MUST BE FULL POTTY TRAINED to be in this group.
- Please send children dressed in their swim attire as we will go to the spray park early in our day.
- Normally we will dry on the pool deck while having snack and will not need to change into regular clothes, but please do have them available in case we need to come in early or children are cold.

### **Four to Six Year Olds**

- Our four/five year old campers will have pool play at the Wade Pool once a week.
- Children MUST BE FULLY POTTY TRAINED to be in this group.
- Please send children dressed in their swim attire as we will go to the pool early in our day.
- Normally we will dry on the pool deck while having snack and will not need to change into regular clothes, but please do have them available in case we need to come in early or children are cold after swimming.

### **Medication and Allergy Information:**

We take medications, food allergies, and dietary restrictions seriously. If you are sending medication with your child to camp please put the medication and Medication Authorization Form into a plastic bag labeled in sharpie with your child's name. Please ensure your child's medical/allergy information is correct at drop-off. Please let us know if you need the medication returned to you at the end of each camp day.

### **Attire:**

- We get messy at our Preschool Camps! Please send children in clothing that is designed for hands on, active play.
- We will play outside and have active games every day so please do not send children in flip flops. Closed toed shoes with a back on them are best.

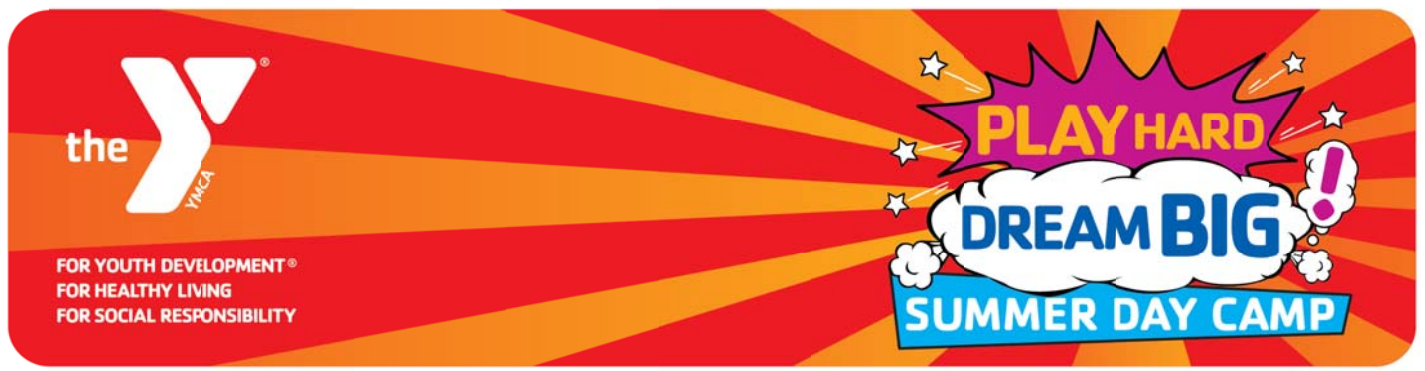
### **Inclement Weather details:**

We are prepared to adjust our camp schedules to safeguard our campers from dehydration and overexposure to sun and heat. On days when the temperature is above 90 degrees, we may limit the time we spend outside. Additionally, we take frequent water breaks when outside, another reason it is important for you to send a refillable water bottle with your child.

In the event of a thunderstorm, all outdoor activities will be suspended. Normal activity will resume 30 minutes after the last visible lightning strike or episode of thunder.

### **Sunscreen:**

Sunscreen is considered a medication in preschool camp. We ask that you pre-apply it just before you leave the house in the morning.



## Sports Camps

### **Location**

For all camps held at Hawk Ridge Elementary School:

- The address for Community House Middle School is: 9201 Bryant Farms Rd, Charlotte, NC 28277, and you'll drive around to the back of the campus.
- Carline will run 7:30-8:30am for morning camps and 7:30-9:00am for full-day camps.
- Pick-up for morning camps is at 1:00pm. Carline will begin at 12:50pm.
- Drop-off for PM Camps is 1:00-1:30pm.
- End-of-day Carline will run from 4:00-6:00pm for full-day camps and 5:30-6:00pm for half-day camps.
- If you are dropping off late or picking up early, you will need to park and walk in.

For all camps held at The Morrison Family YMCA:

- We will operate a carline at the main building by the preschool playgrounds. The easiest way to access the carline is by coming in through our entrance on Community House Rd.
  - Carline will run 7:30-8:30am for morning camps.
  - Pick-up for morning camps is at 1:00pm. Carline will begin at 12:50pm.
  - Drop-off for PM Camps is 1:00-1:30pm.
  - End-of-day Carline will run from 5:30-6:00pm.
  - If you are dropping off late or picking up early, you will need to park and walk in to the Dee Dee Harris Program Entrance. The Sales & Service staff will confirm the current location of your child's camp and direct you where to go.

### **Transition**

We provide midday transition for our campers to their afternoon camps at the Morrison Family YMCA, Hawk Ridge Elementary School and the Ballantyne Arts Center. Generally, kids will walk between the Morrison Family YMCA and HRES. We will use buses in the event of stormy weather and when transitioning kids to and from the Ballantyne Arts Center.

Our buses hold 13 children, a passenger, counselor, and a driver. Our Drivers are all at least 21 years old, have a clean driving record approved by our insurance company, and have completed an online safety course in addition to an in-person driving skills test.

### **Schedule/Rotation**

Half day sports camps will focus on a different fundamental skill each day. Learned techniques will be reinforced through a series of varying techniques, games, drills, and exercises designed to keep our campers engaged and excited. As always, our emphasis is on a safe and fun environment.

Full day sports camps will play a variety of different sports and camp games throughout the week. Full day camps will swim twice a week, and have a Color Wars Competition mid week against a rival camp.

Campers of both half and full day camps will rotate with their group and have time indoors out of the heat and will also alternate between high intensity and low intensity games.

## **Group Breakdown**

Groups will be divided based on age. To ensure the quality of your child's experience, sport-specific camps may be further broken down based on proficiency in that sport when necessary.

Our ratios for staff to campers are:

- 3-5 years - 1:8
- Rising K - 1:8
- Rising 1-5 grades - 1:10
- Rising 6-10 grades - 1:12

## **Lunch/Snack Specifics**

All morning camps will break for a morning snack and lunch. All afternoon camps will break for an afternoon snack. If your child is attending camp all day, please pack 2 snacks, lunch, and a refillable water bottle. When packing food, we protect our campers with allergies by being a PEANUT AND TREE-NUT FREE facility. For everyone's safety, please refrain from sending PB&Js, peanut butter crackers, trail mix with nuts, etc. Refrigeration, microwaves and vending machines are NOT available. Please label everything!

## **Medication and Allergy Information**

We take medications, food allergies, and dietary restrictions seriously. If you are sending medication with your child to camp please put the medication and Medication Authorization Form into a plastic bag labeled in sharpie with your child's name. Please ensure your child's medical/allergy information is correct at drop-off.

## **Restroom Breaks**

Restroom breaks will be taken as a group at the beginning of each activity block. In the event that a child needs to use the restroom in the middle of an activity, a counselor will escort them to the closest restroom/locker room. Restroom trips will always be taken in groups of 3 or more people.

## **Attire**

We are active in camp! It's best for campers to come in clothing that is comfortable, easy to move in, and able to get dirty. Please also keep in mind that closed-toe athletic shoes tend to work best. For any sports camp that uses cleats, while they are not required we ask that if a camper does bring them to camp, they have a change of shoes for time spent indoors.

## **Inclement Weather details**

We are prepared by adjusting our camp schedules to safeguard our campers from dehydration and overexposure to sun and heat. On days when the temperature is above 90 degrees, we provide cool, indoor or shaded places for camp activities and limit the time we spend outside. Additionally, we take frequent water breaks (and always have water available for our campers). Our campers are outside no longer than 45 minutes at a time and alternate between indoor and outdoor activities. On the days where it's just too hot, all activities can be modified into an indoor activity.

In the event of a thunderstorm, all outdoor activities will be suspended. Normal activity will resume 30 minutes after the last visible lightning strike or episode of thunder.

## **Sunscreen Application**

We ask for kids to come to camp with sunscreen on and to pack labeled spray sunscreen in order for us to reapply it during the day. If your child can't use spray sunscreen, please let our staff know that they have permission to assist with lotion sunscreen. Please let us know if you do not want your child to wear



sunscreen. Groups will reapply sunscreen regularly to correspond with outside activities and/or swimming.

### **Swimming**

All Sports Camp 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday & Thursday, 2:00 – 2:45 PM

All Sports Camp Add-on 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday & Thursday, 2:00 – 2:45 PM

All Sports Camp 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday & Friday, 2:00 – 2:45 PM

All Sports Camp Add-on 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday & Friday, 2:00 – 2:45 PM

Each week, kids will participate in the swim assessment on their first swim day.



## Teen Camps

### **Location:**

All Teen Camps are home-based out of our Teen Center, but will spend a lot of their time around our campus or on field trips. We will operate a carline at the main building by the preschool playgrounds. The easiest way to access the carline is by coming in through our entrance on Community House Rd.

- Carline will run 7:30-8:30am for morning camps and 7:30-9:00am for full day camps.
- Pick-up for morning camps is at 1:00pm. Carline will begin at 12:50pm.
- Drop-off for PM Camps is 1:00-1:30pm.
- End-of-day Carline will run from 5:30-6:00pm. **\*Please note! If you are picking up your Teen Camper between 4:00-5:30pm, you will need to park and come in to the Teen Center!\***
- Parents of Teen Campers have the option to give them permission to check themselves out of the program. More information will come when you get weekly detailed communication.
- If you are dropping off late or picking up early, you will need to park and walk in to the Dee Dee Harris Program Entrance. The Sales & Service staff will confirm the current location of your child's camp and direct you where to go.

AM Safe Sitter Camps are located at Hawk Ridge Elementary School.

- The address is 9201 Bryant Farms Rd.
  - Drop-off for AM Camps is 7:30-8:30am.
  - Pick-up for morning camps is 12:50-1:00pm.

### **Transition**

We provide midday transition for our campers to their afternoon camps at the Morrison Family YMCA, Hawk Ridge Elementary School and the Ballantyne Arts Center. Generally, kids will walk between the Morrison Family YMCA and HRES. We will use buses in the event of stormy weather and when transitioning kids to and from the Ballantyne Arts Center.

Our buses hold 13 children, a passenger counselor and a driver. Our Drivers are all at least 21 years old, have a clean driving record approved by our insurance company, and have completed an online safety course in addition to an in-person driving skills test.

### **Schedule/Rotation:**

Teen Camp AM – this group will rotate around the Morrison YMCA campus doing different activities each day. On Tuesdays, the group will go on a field trip. On Wednesdays, they will participate in "Color Wars" with sports camps.

Teen Camp Add-on - this group remains on the Morrison YMCA campus for the entirety of the week. The group will have go swimming each day and have a variety of activities to participate in, as well as some time to relax and socialize.

Field Trippin' Camp – this group will go on a field trip in Charlotte or the surrounding area every day of the week.

**Group Breakdown:**

We follow a strict staff to camper ratio of 1:12 or better in our Teen Camps. In the event that we have a large number of teens, the camp will be split into 2 smaller groups.

**Lunch/Snack Specifics:**

All morning camps will break for a morning snack and lunch. All afternoon camps will break for an afternoon snack. If your child is attending camp all day, please pack 2 snacks, lunch, and a refillable water bottle. When packing food, we protect our campers with allergies by being a PEANUT AND TREE-NUT FREE facility. For everyone's safety, please refrain from sending PB&Js, peanut butter crackers, trail mix with nuts, etc. Refrigeration, microwaves and vending machines are NOT available. Please label everything!

**Medication and Allergy Information:**

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**Restroom Breaks:**

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**Technology:**

Our Teen Campers are permitted to use their own devices during specific times of the day, as long as the use is appropriate. There are times when devices are required to be put away.

**Attire:**

Teen Campers need to wear comfortable, conservative clothes that they can be active in. Campers spend time both inside and outside. They should wear sneakers each day.

Campers attending the afternoon Add-on will should also bring a bathing suit and towel every day for their swim time.

**Inclement Weather details:**

On days that are extremely hot or rainy/stormy, we will adjust our schedules so that kids are spending activity times either inside or in a sheltered area.

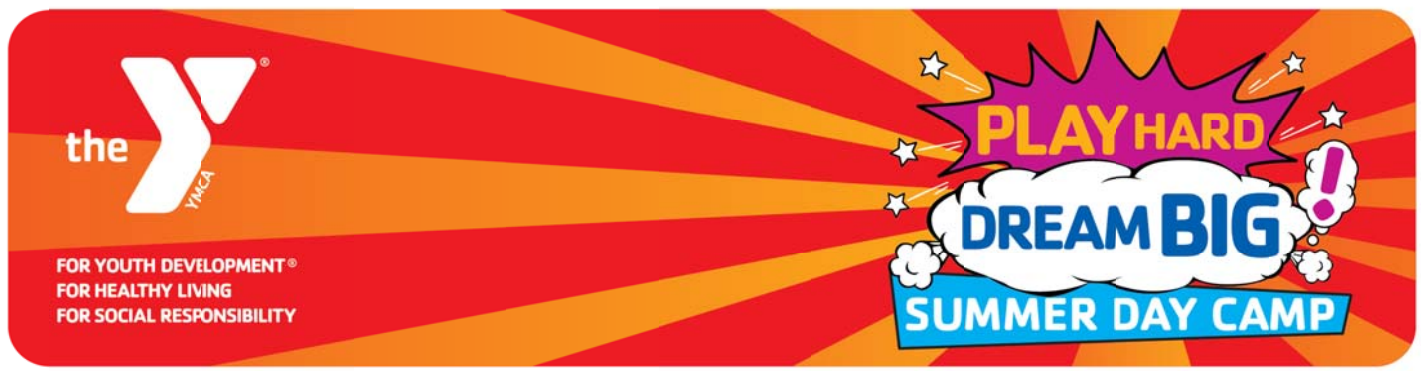
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Please note, Teen Camp and some of our field trips spend A LOT of time OUTSIDE!

**Swimming:**

The Teen Camp Add-on campers will swim at 2:45pm each day.



## Themed & Aquatics Camp FAQ

### **Location:**

For all camps held at Community House Middle School.

- The address for Community House Middle School is: 9201 Bryant Farms Rd, Charlotte, NC 28277, and you'll drive around to the back of the campus.
  - Drop-off for AM Camps is 7:30-8:30am and 7:30-9:00am for full-day camps.
  - Pick-up for morning camps is 12:50-1:00pm.
  - Drop-off for PM Camps is 1:00-1:30pm.
  - End-of-day Carline will run from 4:00-6:00pm.
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For all camps held at The Morrison Family YMCA.

- The carline will take place at the main building by the preschool playgrounds. The easiest way to access the carline is by coming in through our entrance on Community House Rd.
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  - Drop-off for PM Camps is 1:00-1:30pm.
  - End-of-day Carline will run from 5:30-6:00pm.
  - If you are dropping off late or picking up early, you will need to park and walk in to the Dee Dee Harris Program Entrance. The Sales & Service staff will confirm the current location of your child's camp and direct you where to go.

### **Transition**

We provide midday transition for our campers to their afternoon camps at the Morrison Family YMCA, Hawk Ridge Elementary School and the Ballantyne Arts Center. Generally, kids will walk between the Morrison Family YMCA and HRES. We will use buses in the event of stormy weather and when transitioning kids to and from the Ballantyne Arts Center.

Our buses hold 13 children, a passenger, counselor, and a driver. Our Drivers are all at least 21 years old, have a clean driving record approved by our insurance company, and have completed an online safety course in addition to an in-person driving skills test.

### **Schedule/Rotation:**

AM Camp begins promptly with assembly at 8:30am.

- AM camps will break for snack and lunch

PM Camp begins promptly at 1:30pm, after transition.

- PM camps will break for snack

Schedules for all theme camps will vary slightly but each day will include:

- 2-3 larger activities related to the camp's theme.
- Ice breakers, games and activities related to the camp's theme.
- Sensory play (a few times per week).
- Physical activity (a few times per week).
- While themed camps do spend more time in a classroom setting, you should dress your child and plan for them to spend time outdoors. Throughout the week they will do obstacle courses, nature walks, and other related activities outdoors.

**Group Breakdown:**

All themed camps are separated by rising grades and function as small groups. If it is a larger camp, the group will split in half or in thirds and rotate through the activities for the day. Our ratios for staff to campers are:

- Rising K - 1:8
- Rising 1-5 grades - 1:10

**Lunch/Snack Specifics:**

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**Attire:**

Please send your child to Camp in comfortable, form-fitting "play clothes"- they may get messy while playing! Closed-toed shoes are required for camps.

**Inclement Weather details:**

We are prepared by adjusting our camp schedules to safeguard our campers from dehydration and overexposure to sun and heat. For our camps at Community House Middle School, we have the luxury of both an auxiliary gym and main gymnasium for extremely hot days. On days when the temperature is above 90 degrees, we provide cool, indoor or shaded places for camp activities. Additionally, we take frequent water breaks (and always have water available for our campers). Our campers are outside no longer than 30 minutes at a time and alternate between indoor and outdoor activities. On the days where it's just too hot, all activities can be modified into an indoor activity.

In the event of a thunderstorm, all outdoor activities will be suspended. Normal activity will resume 30 minutes after the last visible lightning strike or episode of thunder.

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**Swimming / Splash Camp:**

Themed camps do not swim.

Splash Camp is our Aquatics camp held in the afternoons at the Morrison Family YMCA. In this camp, kids will receive a swim lesson, participate in on-deck activities and games, and also have free/play time in the pool. Kids will need to bring a bathing suit and towel. Each week, kids will swim test on Mondays.



**Morrison Family YMCA**  
9405 Bryant Farms Road  
Charlotte, NC 28277  
704 716 4600

Bryant Farms Rd



N Community House Rd

Hawk Ridge Elementary

Parking Lot

Morrison Family YMCA

Parking Lot

Bojangles Outdoor Pavilion

Parking Lot

Lower Parking Lot

Gravel Parking Lot

### KEY



Entrance



Enter here to walk your child to camp



Families using the Morrison Family YMCA Carline between the times of 8:45am-9:10am and 12:45-1:15pm must pull into our gravel lot here. A staff member will be there to let you know when you can pull forward into the carline by our building.



Turn left into our 2-lane carline. Staff will be there to assist your camper out of the car and into their camp. Please only turn left when exiting the carline to leave our campus through our main entrance on Bryant Farms Rd.



**BALLANTYNE ARTS CENTER**  
11318 North Community House Road  
Charlotte, NC 28277  
704 716 4600

**KEY** .....

Park in the lot and come upstairs via the stairs or elevator. Look for the glass doors leading into the Ballantyne Arts Center

-  Entrance Ballantyne Art Center
-  Stairs
-  Elevator next to Toppers Pizza





Morrison Family  
YMCA



Bojangles Outdoor  
Pavillion

Community House Rd.



Morrison YMCA Bojangles Pavilion  
9201 Bryant Farms Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28277  
704.716.4600

**KEY** . . . . .

-  Entrance
-  Drop-Off/ Pick-Up





Morrison YMCA at Hawk Ridge Elementary  
9201 Bryant Farms Rd  
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