

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHERE IS YMCA CAMP THUNDERBIRD LOCATED?

YMCA Camp Thunderbird is located approximately 15 miles south of Charlotte, NC off of Highway 49.

## HOW WILL MY CHILD BE SUPERVISED?

Every learning group will be assigned at least one chaperone from your child's school and one YMCA Camp Thunderbird staff member. The YMCA Camp Thunderbird staff member will lead the learning groups through their activities. The chaperone will help supervise the students and escort them to their activities and meals. Students must have a chaperone with them wherever they go. For schools staying overnight, every cabin group will be assigned at least one chaperone from your child's school. The size of the cabin group depends on the number of beds available in the cabin. The maximum cabin group size is 21 students. Adults must remain with the students while they are in the cabins.

## WHAT HAPPENS IN INCLEMENT WEATHER?

We run all of our activities rain or shine as long as the weather is safe. In the event of dangerous weather we adhere to the policies and procedures outlined by the YMCA of Greater Charlotte to ensure the safety of our visitors. If weather compromises outdoor programming, we will move activities to our indoor lodges, labs, and classrooms.

## DOES YMCA CAMP THUNDERBIRD HAVE A NURSE ON STAFF?

There is no nurse on staff at Camp Thunderbird. In the event of an emergency, our staff is trained in CPR, First Aid, and AED operation. We have access to the Emergency Medical Team at River Hills, the community directly adjacent to camp.

## HOW WILL MY CHILD TAKE HIS/HER DAILY MEDICINE?

Teachers and chaperones attending YMCA Camp Thunderbird with your school handle and dispense student medications. Ask your child's teacher about the rules regarding student medications.

## MY CHILD WILL EAT MEALS PROVIDED BY CAMP THUNDERBIRD – HOW WILL MY CHILD'S DIETARY RESTRICTIONS BE HANDLED?

Please communicate all of your child's dietary restrictions to your child's teacher. We collect this information from each school and pass it to our dining hall staff so they are prepared to accommodate your child. We do not serve food that includes or was cooked with peanuts, tree nuts, or their products. We have vegetarian and gluten-free options available upon request. We can also prepare meals from ingredients your child brings from home.

## WHAT PAPERWORK DO I NEED TO FILL OUT PRIOR TO MY CHILD'S TRIP?

Your school might have additional paperwork than what YMCA Camp Thunderbird requires. Check with your child's teacher regarding paperwork specific to your school. Please be sure to complete YMCA Camp Thunderbird's waiver for your child. Any student without a waiver signed by their parent will not participate in the program. All attending teachers and chaperones must sign a waiver as well.

## CAN I SEND MY CHILD MAIL AT YMCA CAMP THUNDERBIRD?

Yes! Please send mail to:

(Your child's name and school name)  
YMCA Camp Thunderbird  
1 Thunderbird Lane  
Lake Wylie, SC 29710

## WHO DO I SPEAK WITH IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

If you have more questions please contact Audrey Sykes, the Director of Environmental Education at YMCA Camp Thunderbird. Feel free to call (704-716-4147) or email (CampThunderbirdEEC@ymcacharlotte.org) her regarding your child's trip.

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