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# YMCA CAMP TYCONY

## SUMMER 2025 PROGRAM GUIDE

KOKOMO FAMILY YMCA

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# WELCOME TO CAMP TYCONY!

## Dear Camp Tycony Family,

Welcome! We are thrilled to have you and your family joining us for Summer 2025 at YMCA Camp Tycony. The YMCA is the nation's leader in camping, offering outdoor programming for over 100 years. We are the original social network! The Kokomo Family YMCA serves over 400 children in our Camp Tycony summer day camp each year, and we are excited to have your camper experience what the Y has to offer. Your camper is in for a fun-filled, exciting summer.

Established in 1954, our goal at YMCA Camp Tycony is to provide a safe, wholesome, Christian environment for campers to experience outdoor adventures and grow physically, mentally and spiritually so that they may achieve their greatest God-given potential. Our focus at camp is to encourage campers to demonstrate four key character traits (Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility), while creating an environment that promotes belonging, achievement, and positive relationships. Keeping our mission and purpose in the forefront allows us to reach our goal of strengthening our community.

The YMCA is committed first and foremost to the safety of your child. YMCA professionals supervise all Camp Tycony staff. We place a serious emphasis on safety and program quality standards by requiring all of our staff to complete 40 hours of pre-camp training, including CPR and First Aid, Child Abuse Prevention, and specific trainings in the areas of working with children, positive discipline, group dynamics, safety, and programming. All YMCA camp staff go through background checks prior to hiring. We take pride in the high expectations we set for our camp staff each year and evaluate them on a regular basis.

Going to a summer camp program is a very exciting experience for campers and parents. It's very natural for everyone to be anxious about the first day of camp and meeting new friends. Hopefully, the following information in this guide will familiarize you with camp procedures and minimize any "first day jitters." YMCA Camp Tycony has well-trained staff that are focused on meeting the needs of our campers and are committed to serving as excellent role models.

We want to be partners in ensuring your child has a wonderful experience while at camp, so please do not hesitate to reach out if you ever have any questions. Our team is happy to help and can be reached during camp hours by calling 765-434-3711 or via email at [camp@kokomoymca.org](mailto:camp@kokomoymca.org).

Yours & S'mores,

**Mark Sutton & A.J. Edwards**  
Camp Directors  
YMCA Camp Tycony





# SUMMER AT A GLANCE

Camp Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM | Programming runs 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

YMCA Camp Tycony operates 9 weeklong sessions of Day Camp. Each session as its own theme. Descriptions for each theme can be found below:

## Week 1 (June 2–6): Jump into Summer

Campers will dive into exciting activities like water games, sports challenges, and outdoor adventures, all designed to help them make a splash and start their summer strong!

## Week 2 (June 9–13): The Case of the Missing Treasure

Campers will become detectives during this exciting, mystery-filled week! Through problem-solving challenges, team-building, and clue hunting, campers will work together to unravel the mystery and discover the hidden treasure.

## Week 3 (June 16–20): Global Adventures

Campers will be globetrotters, exploring the beauty and wonder of different countries without ever leaving camp! Join us for a week filled with cultural diversity, camaraderie, and the magic of the world's wonders. Bon voyage!

## Week 4 (June 23–27): Mad Scientist

Campers will explore the wonders of chemistry, physics, and biology, all while unleashing their inner scientist and learning about the magic of discovery!

## Week 5 (June 30–July 3): Party in the USA

America, the Beautiful! We will celebrate all there is to love about the USA with lots of patriotic activities. \*Camp Tycony is closed on Friday, July 4th.

## Week 6 (July 7–11): H2 Oh Yeah

Beat the summer heat with a wet and water-filled week of thrilling activities. Who knows? You might experience kiddie pools, water balloons, super soakers, wild water games, and more! Your camper will be sure to have lots of water fun! Get ready to be in the splash zone!

## Week 7 (July 14–18): Back to the Future

Join in as we flashback through the decades. Campers will design and create a time machine to visit the past and future to explore music, games, fashion, and more!

## Week 8 (July 21–25): Happening Holidays

'Tis the season to celebrate the Holidays...EVERY DAY! This week, we will celebrate a different holiday each day. Go trick-or-treating, enjoy Thanksgiving feast, and celebrate Christmas together as a camp family!

## Week 9 (July 28–August 1): Summer Rewind

As we wrap up another amazing summer at Camp Tycony, campers will revisit their favorite activities and relive the fun with a mix of the best memories and adventures.

# ENROLLMENT & SESSION REGISTRATIONS

Registration Opens April 1, 2025 at [CampTycony.com](http://CampTycony.com)!

## Summer 2025 Rates and Fees

### Weekly Rates:

Weekly Rate: \$165.00 (for both Y Members & Community Participants)

### Multiple Child Discounts:

\$15.00 for the second child and \$30.00 for the third child.

### Enrollment Fee:

There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$25.00 per child.

## Summer Enrollment

Please visit [www.CampTycony.com](http://www.CampTycony.com) to complete our online enrollment form (you must register for at least one session). We also must have copies of your child's birth certificate and immunization records prior to their first day at camp. Please submit these documents to the Downtown YMCA front desk or email to [camp@kokomoymca.org](mailto:camp@kokomoymca.org).

There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$25.00 per child due at the time of enrollment/initial registration. Session registrations are due Fridays at noon for the following week. However, should a session reach its capacity limit prior to that deadline, registration for that particular session will close when the limit is reached. Late registrations are not accepted. If payment is not received or is returned, your child will not be permitted to attend camp. All session payments for camp registration(s) are due at the time of registration.

## Forms of Payment

Camp registration takes place online at [www.CampTycony.com](http://www.CampTycony.com), where credit/debit cards are accepted. During the summer, you may register additional weeks with our Camp Office Staff. In our Camp Office, we accept checks, cash, and credit/debit card payments. Outstanding YMCA account balances (including membership and other program fees) must be paid before your child may attend any YMCA program. Please include your camper's name in the memo line on all checks. If you need assistance accessing your online YMCA account, please email [camp@kokomoymca.org](mailto:camp@kokomoymca.org).

## Financial Assistance

Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) vouchers are accepted at Camp Tycony. If your child has CCDF vouchers for Camp Tycony, you must still register for each session your child will be attending. Please email [camp@kokomoymca.org](mailto:camp@kokomoymca.org) to have your online account adjusted. You must complete your CCDF check-in/outs each day your child attends camp. Your child will not be permitted to attend camp if your CCDF account is not current. Drop-off will not be permitted if you do not complete your check-in.

The Kokomo Family YMCA's Annual Campaign ensures that everyone in Kokomo has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. At the Y, no child, family, or adult is turned away because of inability to pay, as long as funds and space are available. If you would like to apply for financial assistance for Summer 2025, please email [camp@kokomoymca.org](mailto:camp@kokomoymca.org) to receive a copy of our scholarship application. Applications are confidential and are due by Friday, May 9, 2025.

## Schedule Changes/Refunds

Full refunds will only be issued if a request is submitted to the camp office at least one week in advance of the requested session. Refunds requested less than one week before the session or during the session will receive a 75% refund. Refunds requested after the requested session will receive a 50% refund. Refunds are only issued for complete non-attendance of a session. Refunds are not issued in cases of partial attendance or if a camper is dismissed from camp due to behavior.



# WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

## All About Camp Tycony!

### Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- › Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers must follow all established policies and procedures outlined in this YMCA Camp Tycony Program Guide and Parent Handbook, including our pick-up policies, session payment policy, and schedule change policy.
- › Parents and Guardians are responsible for reading all emails, newsletters, signs, and flyers at the YMCA and Camp Tycony to keep well-informed about our programs.
- › Parents and Guardians should read and review our Camper Code of Conduct with their children prior to the first day of camp. Campers will be expected to adhere to our Code of Conduct at all times.
- › Camp Tycony is a beautiful 52-acre property. If you need to pick up your child quickly from camp and cannot wait a few minutes, please call ahead at 765-434-3711 or let our Office Staff know when you sign your child in.
- › Campers must be dropped off by 9:00am each day. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

### What Can I Expect?

At Camp Tycony, your child will be grouped with other children close in age. Our day camp age units are Trailblazers (6-7), Explorers (8-9), Pathfinders (10-11), and Adventurers (12-14). Camp Tycony runs rain or shine, so be sure your camper is dressed for the weather. Please send your camper to camp in clothes and shoes that can become muddy or dirty. Campers must wear tennis shoes or boots. Campers will not be permitted to be dropped off in sandals, flip-flops, crocs, or any shoes with holes or openings. Your camper will likely come home tired and may need additional rest after a day of high-energy activities. Please label all items with your camper's name, including swimsuits, towels, water bottles, and lunch boxes, and do not send valuable clothing, jewelry, or electronics to camp. Be sure to send your camper with a lunch that does not require refrigeration or a microwave. Our check-in staff will not permit drop-off if your camper does not have a lunch with them. We strongly recommend you send bug spray and sunscreen, as well.

### Our Daily Adventures

It is important to us that your child has a wonderful "first," "second," or "seventh" summer at camp. Therefore, our goal is to create an atmosphere of trust and friendship so each camper will feel happy and confident at camp. Camper activities include, but are not limited to: Chapel devotions, activities based on weekly themes, skits, stories, arts and crafts, playground games, sports games, canoeing, campfire cooking, visiting our Sandy Beach, fitness activities, archery, air riflery, STEM activities, hiking, and academic enrichment.

We take special care of our campers. Camp programs are progressively structured to challenge children according to their age. Campers stay with their group counselors throughout the entire day. However, YMCA lifeguards and additional staff supervise aquatic activities. Our programs are designed to give children an introduction to a wide-variety of camp activities, along with providing them the opportunity for creative expression.

**Please Note:** It is important for us to define our program as a day camp and not day care. While we do promise to care for your child as if they were our own, we must stay inside the boundaries of operating a day camp. Groups move every 50-60 minutes with little downtime. Campers must be able to handle a large, fast-paced, loud environment with several transitions for the whole day, while participating in almost entirely outdoor activities in all weather conditions.

# WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

## All About Camp Tycony!

### Chapel

We start each morning off as a group with Chapel. During Chapel, our campers will listen to a devotion or character-development story, sing camp songs, and go over any announcements for the day. We will go over the Camper Code of Conduct and expectations on the first day of each week. YMCA Camp Tycony is a Christian camp, so Chapel will contain religious devotions.

### Viewing Our Daily Adventures

We use SmugMug to share pictures of our programs, along with social media. Pictures of our campers and staff will be posted in a folder at [kokomoymca.smugmug.com](http://kokomoymca.smugmug.com). Pictures will only be posted of campers that have a signed photo/video release. Camper galleries on SmugMug are password-protected. Please see our Office Staff for the password.

### It's Weather or Not

In the event of severe weather, such as thunderstorms or tornado warnings, we will take immediate cover in our Lodge or our shelter area at the Downtown Y. Camp administrators will stay alert for weather advisories. We will not transport campers on our camp bus during severe weather conditions. Our camp staff are trained to handle severe weather, such as storms, tornadoes, and heat conditions. During heat advisories, campers continue activities at a slower pace and will see an increased amount of water breaks. We will adjust group schedules so that campers are not participating in field sports during the hottest parts of the day. On days where we are able to anticipate rainy weather, we may bus some of our groups to the Downtown Y to participate in activities. Parents will always be notified in advance. Alert notifications from the YMCA come via email ([camp@kokomoymca.org](mailto:camp@kokomoymca.org)).

### Leave It At Home

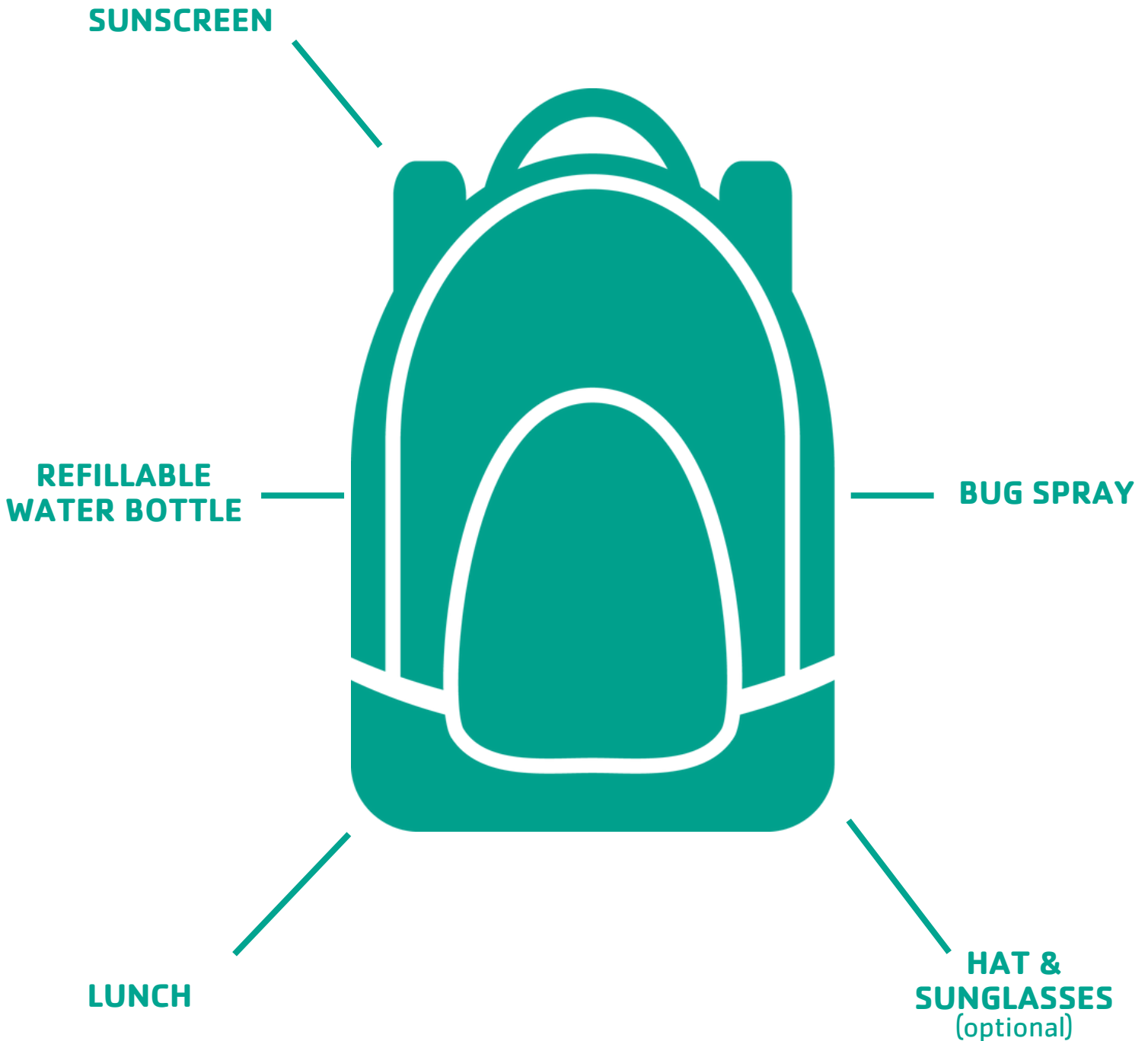
The YMCA is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal items. Please make sure your child leaves toys, candy, trading cards, video games, iPods, cell phones, smartwatches, and other electronic devices at home. Campers will not be allowed to use these items, and if they do, they will be confiscated and returned to the parent, guardian, or caregiver at pick-up. At the Y, we make sure our programs are packed with fun activities and these personal items can often be a distraction. We understand that some families send a device "in case of emergency," however, campers are always under the safe supervision of staff. If you need to get ahold of your camper urgently, please call the camp office at 765-434-3711.

If any of the aforementioned items become a repeated issue, dismissal from the program may follow.



# WHAT TO BRING

Backpack is optional! All campers must have a lunch each day and we strongly encourage you to send bug spray and sunscreen with your camper. If you have a question about whether or not something is needed, please reach out to our team at any time!





# BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

Caring, Honesty, Respect, & Responsibility

**The Y expects all campers, parents, guardians, and caregivers to demonstrate our core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility at all times.**

## Behavior Guidelines and Expectations

Campers who fail to exhibit our core values will be counseled by Y staff. YMCA employees use positive discipline approaches to modify behavior, including redirection and discussing the importance of following our core values. Y staff respect children and do not participate in any forms of physical discipline or corporal punishment, including spanking, hitting, or using exercise as punishment. Should behavioral concerns arise that require parent involvement, the Y will follow the steps below:

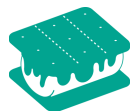
- › First Offense: Corrective Action Plan issued.
- › Second Offense: Corrective Action Plan revised and/or suspension.
- › Third Offense: Corrective Action Plan revised and/or dismissal from our programs.

Please Note: These steps are simply guidelines and YMCA directors reserve the right to adjust consequences on an individual basis as the situation warrants. We want all of our children to enjoy their experiences at the Y. We also want all of our children to be physically, emotionally, and mentally safe when in our programs. Children who interfere with the mental, emotional, or physical safety of others (including making threats of harm) may not find our programs a good fit and may be asked to leave. No refunds or credits will be issued if your child is dismissed or suspended from our programs due to behavior. All campers and adults are expected to behave in a respectful manner toward others at all times. Using a disrespectful or threatening tone toward any Y staff member will not be tolerated. Mutual respect is expected.

**A camper physically striking another camper will result in immediate dismissal from camp.**

## Camper Code of Conduct

- › Campers must behave toward others and their environment in a way that demonstrates the Y's core values.
- › The use of cell phones, smartwatches, or other electronic devices is not permitted.
- › Campers are expected to follow all instructions issued by Y staff.
- › Campers may not strike or kick other campers or staff.
- › Campers may not use disrespectful or vulgar language.
- › Campers must stay with their group at all times.
- › Campers may not intentionally damage or destroy Y property or the property of others.
- › Campers may not steal or take items that do not belong to them.
- › Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated.



# DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Drop-Off runs from 7:30am – 9:00am and Pick-Up runs from 4:30pm – 6:00pm

**All drivers on YMCA property are expected to drive slow and with caution.**

## Check-In

Camp Tycony opens at 7:30am. Families will pull into our drop-off loop, where our staff will have you sign your camper in on a tablet. If you would prefer to walk your camper in, you may park in our parking lot and walk your child in to our Lodge.

**All campers must be dropped off by 9:00am.**

## Check-Out

Camp Tycony closes at 6:00pm. Families will pull into our pick-up loop, where staff will have you sign your camper out on a tablet. You may also park pick up your camper from our Lodge if you would prefer. When you sign-out your camper, our staff will radio your camper's group and a staff member will walk your child to the desk. We ask that if you see your child outside, please do not take your child from their group prior to signing them out. If your child has CCDF vouchers, you must complete your check-out each afternoon.

Only authorized adults listed on your child's enrollment form will be allowed to pick up your child. We will check photo IDs of all adults picking up your child. Anyone coming to pick up a child from our programs should always be prepared to show photo ID. Any changes to your child's authorized pick-up list must be submitted in writing to the Y by the parent or legal guardian. Any court orders declaring changes in custody should also be provided to the Y for our records. The parent or guardian(s) listed on the enrollment form are the only individuals authorized to amend the pick-up list. Changes may only be made with our Office Staff or Camp Director.

## Late Pick-Up/Failure to Pick-Up

Camp Tycony closes at 6:00pm. However, staff will not leave a camper unattended. At 6:01pm, a late pick-up fee of \$20.00 per child will be applied, with an additional \$20.00 per child applied every 10 minutes thereafter until your child is picked up. Late pick-up fees must be paid in full prior to your child's return to our programs. After three late pick-ups (at any YMCA program), your family will be dismissed from our programs. In the event that you fail to pick-up your child, the following will happen:

- › All phone numbers on file for your child will be called.
- › After 6:30pm, the Director will contact the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

## Impairment

Your child's safety is our top priority. At times, we are called to make judgments concerning a camper's safety. If a YMCA staff member suspects that a parent, guardian, or caregiver is impaired when he or she arrives, the YMCA will keep your child at the facility until alternative transportation can be arranged. The YMCA reserves the right to involve the appropriate authorities, if necessary, to protect the child.

## Custody Issues

In cases of separated or divorced parents, we cannot deny releasing the child to a parent as listed on the child's birth certificate, unless a court decree is on file expressly forbidding a parent from picking up their child from the YMCA.

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Health and Wellness

It is our sincere desire to provide quality care for your camper while they are participants at YMCA Camp Tycony. It is absolutely imperative that we work together to make this happen. If a child becomes ill while at camp and is unable to participate in activities, we will contact the parent/guardian. Any child running a temperature over 100 degrees or has vomitted will be required to go home immediately.

If a child is hurt, staff will administer appropriate first aid. If the situation requires further medical attention, our office staff will attempt to contact the parent/guardian. In the event that the parent/guardian(s) cannot be reached, all contacts on your child's emergency contact list will be contacted.

Please Note: In cases of emergency, where medical treatment is urgently required and 911 is called, YMCA staff may be required to secure medical treatment for your child prior to contacting the parent/guardian(s) or emergency contacts. Any medical treatment/ambulance services utilized are not the financial responsibility of the YMCA. If your child should require a hospital visit, they will be transported to Ascension St. Vincent Kokomo Hospital via ambulance and will be accompanied by YMCA staff.

Please be advised that staff will not exclude your camper from activities unless one or more of the following exist:

- › Your child is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- › The illness results in greater care than the counselor can provide without compromising the health and safety of the other campers.
- › The camper has any of the following conditions: (a) Fever, (b) Signs of Possible Severe Illness (examples include lethargy, uncontrolled cough, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, wheezing, or other unusual signs), (c) Diarrhea, (d) Vomiting, or (e) Signs of Communicable Illness (rash, lice, etc.)

If your camper has any of the symptoms above or is removed from camp because of an above listed condition, please refrain from returning to camp until the condition discontinues (a minimum of 24 hours medication-free). This is in the best interest of all of our campers and staff. Please assist us in our efforts to maintain a healthy environment for our children.

## Medications

If prescription medications need to be administered during camp hours, all medications must be in the original container that identifies the prescribing physician, the name of the medication, the dosage, and the frequency of administration. All medications must be turned in to our office staff at check-in, and the parent/guardian will need to fill out an Authorization to Administer Medication form. Please do not pack medications in backpacks or lunch bags.

If your child has an inhaler or EpiPen, one must be provided to the Y to stay on site at all times. The inhaler or EpiPen will remain with your child's counselor throughout the day. If your child has an allergy that requires an EpiPen, 911 will be called in the event of an allergic reaction. You must have your child's physician fill out our Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan form and return to our office staff prior to your child's first day at camp. Please communicate any severe allergies or concerns to our administration.



# SAFETY

## Safety

The safety of our campers and staff is our number one priority at the YMCA. All Kokomo Family YMCA properties (including YMCA Camp Tycony) are private facilities. No unauthorized individuals are permitted on our property. For your safety, families may not be on camp property after hours. Weapons of any kind are not allowed on YMCA property. The YMCA is a tobacco-free environment, including e-cigarettes/vapes. Smoking is prohibited, even in our parking lot. The YMCA conducts regular emergency drills (including Fire, Tornado, and Code Adam) throughout the summer. All emergency drills are conducted under the supervision of YMCA directors.

## What's Going On At Home

Children's actions at camp often reflect situations they are experiencing at home (pet's death, divorce, sibling conflict, etc.). If any disruptive or traumatic experience should occur, please inform our office or administrative staff. Please review the following regarding YMCA policies:

- › Parents may not leave children at the YMCA or Camp Tycony unsupervised.
- › The YMCA is a mandated reporter of any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect.
- › Please do not ask our staff members to babysit or transport your child. The YMCA has a very strict policy that does not allow our staff members to babysit any of the children enrolled in our programs. Our policy also states that staff members are never to transport any of the children in our programs or communicate with them outside of the Y. This is to help ensure the safety of our campers and staff members.
- › Children may not be dropped off at camp before 7:30am. We request that you do not block the front gate if you arrive before 7:30am.

## About the YMCA & Disclaimers

The YMCA is a cause-driven, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, dedicated to strengthening our community through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. At any time during camp hours (7:30am - 6:00pm), you may contact our team at 765-434-3711 or email [camp@kokomoymca.org](mailto:camp@kokomoymca.org). YMCA Camp Tycony is supervised by YMCA Directors A.J. Edwards and Mark Sutton. These YMCA Camp Directors report to Nick Glover, YMCA Chief Operating Officer, who reports to Trish Severns, YMCA CEO.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Kokomo, Indiana ("YMCA") is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items. Any items without names will be discarded after each Friday at the end of the camp day. The YMCA and its staff are mandated by the State of Indiana to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect. The YMCA is not responsible for any injury, accident, or death that may occur as a result of participation in our programs. The YMCA does not permit any potentially dangerous items to be brought onto our property. Possession or use of firearms and/or dangerous weapons on our property is strictly prohibited. For security reasons, the YMCA reserves the right to search the bag, backpack, or pocketbook of any individual on our property or in our programs. All camp community members (campers, staff members, visitors, parents, guardians, and caregivers) agree to all policies, procedures, and disclaimers included within this program guide and parent handbook as part of the program enrollment form and participation in our programs.





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