

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

(updated 2018)

When is Summer Camp held?

The Youth Garden Project (YGP) Summer Camp is a full day camp (9am-4pm) and is held Mondays through Fridays for nine weeks during summer vacation.

Who are the Youth Garden Project camp instructors?

Julie Zender is the Youth Programs Director. She handles all camp registrations, manages the program, and supports the Youth Programs Instructors. At least four instructors will be with your child each day. Youth Programs Instructors are at YGP completing a six-month internship program. Our instructors have prior experience working with groups of elementary-aged children and are here to gain experience teaching in an outdoor setting. Each instructor has received certification in first-aid and CPR, training on effective teaching strategies, and has undergone an extensive background check.

What is the child to instructor ratio?

We maintain a camper/instructor ratio of 6:1. There will be no more than 25 campers registered for camp. Julie, Youth Programs Director, over-sees camp and additional YGP staff and interns will also be on site for the majority of the camp day.

Can I sign my child up for more than one camp session?

Yes! Each week has new and creative activities planned that connect to the weekly theme. There are some camp elements that repeat, such as helping in the garden in the morning, going to Rotary Park, and the personal/quiet time each afternoon.

How will I know if my child is signed up?

After you submit registration materials you will receive a registration confirmation e-mail. This e-mail will indicate which weeks of camp your child is enrolled in, which weeks of camp they may be on the waiting list for, and your balance amount due along with the due date.

What happens if I sign my child up for a week that is full?

Registration is organized on a first come first served basis, so there is a possibility that your child may be placed on the waiting list for a certain week(s). As noted above, you will be notified via e-mail if this is the case. The Youth Programs Director will contact you as soon as possible should an opening in the week become available. Sometimes this doesn't happen until the very first day of the camp session, so we appreciate your patience and flexibility!

If we *are* able to sign your child up via the wait list, the summer camp payment will be due either two weeks before the start of camp *or* at the time of registration (this will depend on timing of registration). If your child does not receive a spot in the summer camp week, your deposit will be returned.

It's recommended that you call YGP and ask which weeks of summer camp are full already if you are getting a late start on registration. We do fill up quickly!

What does my child need for camp?

CLOTHING:

- Please send your camper to YGP in comfortable clothes and shoes that can get wet and dirty. Shoes should be able to be worn into the creek. We DO NOT allow kids into the creek without shoes on for their own safety. Your camper will also need a swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen packed every day in a bag or backpack.

FOOD:

- YGP provides a morning and afternoon snack each day. Your camper should always bring a full water bottle with their name on it and a sack lunch. If your camper has any food allergies, please make sure to note that on the parental release section on the back of the registration form.

DO NOT BRING:

- Electronic games, personal toys, etc. They are a distraction and often get lost! Cell phones should remain in campers' bags/backpacks until pick-up time. If you need to contact your camper, please call the YGP office at 435-259-BEAN. If there is an emergency, you can reach Julie Zender (Youth Programs Director) on her

cell phone at 847-204-8121, or Ruth Linford (Executive Director) at 801-389-6099. Cell phones are very disruptive; please support us by affirming our policy with your child.

Are there any additional materials fees?

No! The cost of camp includes all materials, take-home projects, snacks, etc.

What is your payment and cancellation policy?

Tuition is \$130 per child per session. The off-site camp in partnership with Canyonlands Field Institute is \$150 per child per session. A \$30 good faith deposit per child per session is due with registration to hold the space. The deposit is ONLY refundable if you cancel 30 days prior to the camp start date. The remaining balance is due two weeks prior to each session. Payment must be received at this time. You will be e-mailed balance due reminders, as well as a complete list of balance due dates in the registration confirmation e-mail.

Can someone else other than the listed authorized individuals pick up my camper? Can my camper bike/walk to camp?

Yes! Please list them on the registration form in the section titled: "Individuals Other than Parent/Guardian(s) Authorized to Pick Up My Child." If the camper is going to be picked up by someone *other* than those you have listed on the registration form, let us know as soon as possible either with a written note of permission, or if it is last minute, call the office at: 435-259-2326. If you plan to have your child walk and/or bike to summer camp daily, please provide written permission on the first day.

What are your behavioral expectations?

In order to foster a fun and safe environment, YGP asks that all summer camp participants follow the C.A.R.E.S. models of behavior expectations. Outlined below is the C.A.R.E.S. model for your review. If new to camp, we recommend going over this with your camper before the start of camp. We will go over it in detail on the first day of camp as well.

C=Cooperation: follow directions; works as a team.

A=Attitude: come ready to have fun! Come ready to try new things!

R=Respect: follow KYHFOOTY: "keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself."; kindness and respect should be shown to all campers, staff and guests at all times; be gentle with all plants and animals; clean up after yourself; use an indoor voice when inside the Shafer Home

E=Empathy: follow the "golden rule": treat others as you would like to be treated; lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it.

S=Safety: stay with the group at ALL times; WALK and stay on the designated pathways; wash your hands before eating and after visiting animals; be ready to drink lots of water!

Anyone who does *not* follow the above expectations will:

1. Be given one verbal warning and discuss behavior with an instructor.
2. If behavior continues, the camper will be removed from the activity (time-out) with a follow-up discussion with an instructor. If more than one time-out is given in a day, family will be notified at pick-up.
3. If more than three time outs are given in a day or as deemed appropriate by staff, the camper will meet privately with the Youth Programs Director. In some cases, a parent/guardian will be called immediately. Depending on severity, if issues continue, the child will be dismissed for the remainder of the day or week. Camp tuition will not be refunded.



STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Call the Youth Garden Project: 435-259-2326 or e-mail julie@youthgardenprojec.org