

YMCA CAMP TOPANEMUS

Summer 2010 Parent Information Packet



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Dear Families,

We are all very excited about the upcoming 2010 summer at Camp Topanemus. We are pleased to continue to offer our traditional day camp program. It is open to children who will be starting kindergarten in September and is available to all campers up to and including the 8th grade. In addition, our Leadership Training Program is continuing, for girls and boys who are in 9th and 10th grade. We are also continuing our most popular Sport and Specialty camps. We are also pleased to continue our Travel Camp with exciting trips. We have also extended are Travel Camp to those entering 9th grade.

We are also very pleased to announce that YMCA Camp Topanemus is now accredited by the American Camp Association; ACA. The ACA is the largest camp association in the world. ACA accreditation is granted to camps that demonstrate substantial compliance with approximately 300 industry-accepted standards for facility maintenance, safety, staff training, program quality, administrative procedures, food service, emergency preparedness and transportation. The standards are frequently updated to reflect changing laws and regulations and the changing needs of camps. Although any summer camp can seek ACA accreditation, only 2,340 of the estimated 12,000 summer camps are accredited. YMCA Camp Topanemus now has the great honor of being one of those camps.

We are all committed to provide safe and high quality programs led by dedicated staff. Our staff continues to demonstrate the YMCA positive values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. All our programs are designed to build these character traits in all our campers.

We look forward to seeing you this summer and creating fond memories to last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

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THE TOPANEMUS FACILITY

YMCA Camp Topanemus, located on over 50 acres of lush pine woods, is dedicated to providing your child with a quality, safe, fun and enriching day camp experience. We emphasize to your camper the YMCA's four core values: **caring, honesty, respect** and **responsibility**. Your camper will gain memories and experiences when participating in all of our activities and special events at YMCA Camp Topanemus to last a lifetime!

Throughout our camp facility there are many fun filled activities that your camper will experience at Camp Topanemus, including the following:

- Archery Range • Multi Purpose Sports Fields • Arts & Crafts Studio •
- Nature Lodge • Baseball Fields • Outdoor Amphitheater • Basketball Courts
- Ga-Ga Courts • Performing Arts Theater • Batting Cage • Game Room
- Beach Volleyball • Soccer Field • Street Hockey • Softball Field •
- Splash Park • Swimming Pools • Gymnastics • Tennis Courts
- Ropes Course • Tetherball • Kickball • Climbing Tower • 400 Ft. Zip Line

We offer over 10 different camp programs that your child can experience during their stay at camp. We offer the flexibility to sign up for as many or as few weeks that suit your family's needs. You have the option to sign up for as few as one week, or the entire summer inclusive of our Summer Finale week. In addition to traditional camp, our sport and specialty camps offer a variety of challenging sports, gymnastics, magic, and theatrical programs.

SECURITY

While camp is in session, there is a security checkpoint when entering our facility. Visitors are announced and directed to the main office.

LOCKER ROOMS

We offer separate changing rooms for all of our male and female campers. Privacy stalls are also available.

LOST AND FOUND

Stray items are collected at the end of the day and can be retrieved at the Lost and Found station at our Security Cabin. PLEASE clearly label every item your child brings to camp with a permanent marker. We are not responsible for lost articles. Each Friday, we hold a Lost and Found Fashion Show at Morning Assembly. If campers recognize an item in the Fashion Show, they can also claim it at that time.

TICKS AND MOSQUITOES

The camp property is professionally treated on a regular basis.

CAMP HOURS

CAMP OFFICE HOURS

During the off season, our Camp Director, Megan McVay can be reached at the Freehold Branch at 732-462-0464, ext. 138. Summer season hours are 8:00 am to 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM HOURS

9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday

EXTENDED CARE HOURS—7:00 AM TO 6:30 PM

Extended care hours are available either at Camp Topanemus or at the YMCA Freehold facility, or the Old Bridge YMCA facility for a nominal fee. We provide a shuttle bus to and from either facility to accommodate campers. Before Care hours are 7:00 am to 9:00 am. After Care hours are 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Extended Care can be added after the camp season begins. To do so contact the Camp Office.

ABSENT & LATE CAMPERS

Attendance will be taken on a daily basis. For safety reasons, it is extremely important that we know when your child is not in camp. Please call the office as soon as you know your child will be absent or late, and dial extension 12. If you are dropping off your child after 9:00 am, you must sign in at the camp office. Please do not allow your child to walk into camp without being escorted by a staff member or without being signed-in.

EARLY PICKUP

All campers **must be picked up by 3:00 pm**. Any time after that interferes with our end-of-day activities and our dismissal process. Campers must be signed out in the main office. Only parents or authorized persons with proper identification will be permitted to sign out campers early. Our rules are strictly enforced for the safety of your children. Please notify the office in writing if you plan to pick up your camper before 3:00pm.

Please note: There will be a \$20.00 fee for each 15-minute interval a camper arrives before 8:45 am or when picked up after 4:15 pm.

CAMPER CONDUCT

CONDUCT OF CAMPERS

Any camper whose condition, conduct, influence, or behavior is deemed unsatisfactory or detrimental to the best interest of the camp, the camper or fellow campers, may experience the following consequences:

First instance	Time out
Second instance	Camp Leadership / Parent Conference
Third instance	Suspension from Program (length of time determined by the Director and depending on the nature of the situation)
Fourth instance	Expulsion

The camp reserves the right to dismiss any camper. Refunds or credits will not be issued.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

All campers are expected to show respect for the property of fellow campers as well as YMCA property (facility, equipment, etc.). Campers caught vandalizing the facility will be charged for all damages and risk expulsion from camp.

TRANSPORTATION BEHAVIOR

Campers are expected to remain seated on the bus at all times. Each bus is staffed with a bus counselor, and that person is responsible for the safety of our campers. Campers must wear seat belts. Riding the bus is *a privilege*, not a right. Camp reserves the right to remove any camper who's behavior interferes with the safe operation of the bus.

COMMUNICATION

It is very important to maintain an open line of communication with *all* of our campers and their families. We have a variety of ways to keep each family informed of what's happening daily as well as upcoming events. Here is what you may expect:

- Weekly emails full of the day's activities, updates, and camper achievements. We can't send this if we do not have your current email address. To update your email information, please send your name and email to *camp@topanemus.org*
- Weekly updates posted on our website *www.topanemus.org*
- Flyers sent during the summer to announce upcoming events
- Family Night and Family Day— dates to be announced; weather permitting

We are so excited that our email list gets longer each summer. We encourage family participation. We now have the capability to include grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other members of your extended family on this list. If someone is interested in what's happening at camp, we can add up to three email addresses per camper to the list.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

At YMCA Camp Topanemus, we instill and promote the four core values of the YMCA: **caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility**. Please call us with any issues and concerns. We always keep discussions discrete and confidential. We encourage parents and campers to contact and/or meet with us to address any concern.

In addition, we welcome any suggestions and/or feedback that will help make our camp more successful. ***We want our families involved.*** We care all year long, not just during the summer!

REGISTRATION and PAYMENTS

YMCA PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP FEE

To register for camp, YMCA Program Membership is mandatory. This entitles your camper to utilize all programs offered at any YMCA of Western Monmouth County for one year. If your child's current membership expires between June 28 and August 27, 2010, you must renew their membership along with your camp application.

REGISTRATION

Programs fill up quickly, therefore, all of our registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. A **\$25.00** per week, per camper, non-refundable deposit is necessary to hold a spot for your child. You must have a valid YMCA of Western Monmouth County membership to participate in camp. A valid credit card must be on file in order to register for camp. If your camper incurs any incidental charges during the camp season, (lunch, canteen, etc.) we have the right to charge your credit card for any and all such expenses. **Tuition balances are due two weeks before your camper attends camp.**

Week #	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Balance Due	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	Aug 2

CAMP CLEAN UP DAY

Camp Clean Up Day is a unique, enjoyable way to earn an opportunity to reduce camp fees by 5%. Participation is highly encouraged.. It is held the first Saturday in May from 10am—2pm. In case of inclement weather, Camp Clean Up Day will be rescheduled for the 2nd Saturday in May.

- This offer cannot be combined with any other discount.
- This reduction does not apply to membership fees, lunches, or trading post.
- Upon completion for Camp Clean Up Day, your balance will be adjusted to reflect the reduced fee.

All participants must be at least eighteen (18) years old. Camp will be an active job site and we will not have baby-sitting available.

REGISTRATION and PAYMENTS

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BRING A FRIEND RATE

If you bring another camper with you to attend our camp, you are entitled to a 5% reduction off of the number of weeks you attend together. You can bring up to 10 friends to camp with you and receive up to a 50% reduction off your camp tuition. This offer cannot be combined with any other discount.

PROGRAM SWITCH FEE

After June 28, 2010, all program changes will be subject to a \$25 switch fee. If a camper changes to a Specialty Camp program, the cost difference must be paid before the switch is activated. Campers are not allowed to switch programs mid-week.

Switching programs must be completed by the Wednesday of the previous week. The switch fee and any additional tuition adjustments will be automatically billed to your credit card. Any switch requests made after Wednesday are subject to an additional \$10 fee.

REFUNDS/CREDITS

All payments are refundable prior to the date that your camper's tuition is due, **less a \$25.00 per week processing fee.**

After the date your camper's tuition is due, no tuition will be refunded. Any reduction in weeks attending may result in a credit within the YMCA of Western Monmouth County facilities valid for one year, **less a \$25.00 per week processing fee.**

If your child is absent from camp due to an accident or illness (as certified by a physician), credit may be issued after the fifth consecutive absence from camp minus a \$25.00 per week registration fee.

There is no credit issued for vacations, incidental absences, transportation delays, withdrawals or dismissals from camp.

RETURNED CHECKS

All returned checks are subject to a \$25 processing fee.

PROGRAMS

TRADITIONAL DAY CAMP PROGRAMS

For the camper who is interested in having a taste of everything, **Day Camp** is what you should consider. Each participating in age appropriate activities that include instructional swim* and recreational swim daily, arts & crafts, sports skill instruction, drama, nature, archery, low or high ropes, climbing wall, game room, and special event days. A sample schedule is provided on page 11.



Day Camp includes Mohawks for campers entering grades K-2, Cayugas for campers entering grades 3-5 and Senecas for campers entering grades 6-8.

SPORT and SPECIALTY CAMPS

Half the day is spent in the specialty program and half is spent enjoying all of the age appropriate activities in camp. Instructional swim is only available in Day Camp.

The following is a list of our weekly specialty programs. The choice is yours. Not all programs are offered throughout the 8 week camp season. Our specialty camps are designed for campers with beginner and intermediate skills that would like to improve in a non-competitive atmosphere.

SPORT CAMPS

Soccer Grades 3-8 ONE WEEK ONLY!!!



Introducing Challenger British Soccer! Each day includes individual foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, small sided games, coached scrimmages and a daily World Cup Tournament. All this plus the most innovative camp curriculum in the USA from qualified British Coaches! Rubber molded cleats or sneakers are required



Sports Max Grades K-2

Develop sportsmanship and teamwork while learning various skills in several different sports. Sports Max is geared for our young campers as an introduction to team sports.



Gymnastics Grades 3-8

Emphasizing grace, poise, self-confidence, coordination and strength using the uneven bars, floor exercise, vaulting and balance beam.



Basketball Grades 3-8

Fundamentals through advanced skills, as well as individual and team instruction. Campers are required to have appropriate basketball sneakers.



Baseball Grades 3-8

Batting and fielding instruction, as well as individual and team instruction. Required equipment must include a baseball glove, either rubber molded cleats or sneakers. Baseball cap and bat are optional.



Tennis Grades 3-8

Emphasis is on athletic awareness, stroke production, and good sportsmanship. Tennis racquet and a cap or visor are required.

PROGRAMS continued

SPECIALITY PROGRAMS



Magic Camp Grades 4-8

Camp Topanemus has partnered with professional magicians to offer campers the opportunity to learn public speaking and confidence through the use of magic in a fun setting. Your camper will learn how to perform an assortment of magic tricks and illusions. This year we will have two Magic Camp groups!



Performing Arts Grades 4 - 8 (Four Week Session)

Each four-week session will emphasize introduction to skits, short plays, improvisation techniques as well as planning and producing a performance for their families. Offered June 28—July 23 or July 26—August 20.



Travel Camp Grades 6-9

A summer of travel is in store for the Teen Camper. They will take supervised day trips to outdoor recreation areas, sporting events, beaches and more. Each week has its own theme; from Sportastic to Waterific! Limited to 44 campers.

PROGRAMS continued



Leadership Training Program

Grades 9-10 (8 Week Program)

Through supervised group leadership opportunities, an LT learns the skills and responsibilities necessary to become a peer leader by participating in various camp activities. The LT develops values, environmental awareness, camping skills and the confidence necessary to make proper decisions and choices in life. This program includes trips. It is essential that an LT attends the entire 8-week program. Each week includes one supervised field trip from the entire group. Participation in this program does not guarantee being hired as staff. Interested candidates must complete a separate application, including a series of essay questions and personal references. Qualified candidates will then participate in an interview process prior to being accepted into Camp Topanemus Leadership Training Program.

Finale Week

Summer Finale Week Grades K-8 Aug. 23-27



The fun doesn't stop once the main camp program comes to a close! This program follows a relaxed schedule for the week after our main camp program ends. This week *does not* offer instructional swim. The only transportation available is from the Freehold YMCA and Old Bridge YMCA via shuttle bus. No other bus routes are available.

*INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM

In the interest and safety of *all* our campers, a swim test is given on their first day of camp. If the camper's swimming ability is strong enough for the deep end, they will be given a wrist band to wear while in the aquatic area.

We follow the same curriculum used in all YMCA swimming programs.

Our instructional swim is offered in Day Camp Programs only.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

WE ENCOURAGE YOUR CAMPER TO PARTICIPATE. We cannot and will not force a child to participate in any program, including swimming. That's not to say that we won't try to promote the activity to your child, but in the end if the child simply refuses to participate, their stay will not be as enjoyable as it could be.

ADDING ADDITIONAL WEEKS

If you desire to add additional weeks to your camper's summer, please call the office by Wednesday of the previous week. All additions are subject to availability.

Sample Day Camp Schedule

The following is a **SAMPLE** day camper schedule for a typical week. If your camper has instructional swim, the typical scheduled time is between 9:30 am and 11:30 am. (**Specialty campers have their specialty in the morning until 12:00, afternoon schedule is the same as a day camper with a recreational swim.**) Lunch periods are scheduled between 10:50 am and 12:50 pm.

PERIODS	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
9:00 – 9:15	CAMPERS ARRIVE				
9:15 – 9:30	MORNING ASSEMBLY				
9:30 – 10:10	Sports	Nature	Drama	Climbing Tower	Games in Backyard
10:10 – 10:50	Low Ropes	Soccer	Beach Volleyball	Sports Field	Upper Basketball Courts
10:50 – 11:30	INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM				
11:30 – 12:10	LUNCH				
12:10 – 12:50	Athletic Field	Splash Park	Cooking	Beach Volleyball	Special Event Time
12:50 – 1:30	Game Room	Lower Basketball	Zip Line	Archery	Arts & Crafts
1:30 - 2:10	Arts & Crafts	Tennis	Baseball	Nature	Pavilion
2:10 – 2:50	RECREATIONAL SWIM				
2:50 – 3:30	TRADING POST				
3:30 – 3:45	CLOSING CEREMONIES AT AMPHITHEATER				
3:45 – 4:00	CAMPER DISMISSAL				

MEALS AND SNACKS

The Healthy and Improved Lunch Program

This year YMCA Camp Topanemus has collaborated with Foodtown and Gian Marco's Pizza to bring lunches to our campers. The lunches are available Monday through Friday of each week. Monday through Thursday will be a different lunch from Foodtown that you and your camper will select ahead of time from our lunch menu. Each Friday we will be ordering pizza from Gian Marco's. Juice boxes will also be provided to each child.

The fee for lunch is \$5.00 per day. You and your camper can pick from the menu provided on the website and submit it, along with payment at the time of registration.

No camper will ever go without a lunch at YMCA Camp Topanemus. If you have signed up to receive the bag lunch and we do not receive the order form, your child will receive a peanut free (soy) butter and jelly sandwich for the day.

YMCA Camp Topanemus also plans several cookouts throughout the summer season using all beef, kosher hot dogs. The cookouts are always on a Friday, and are free of charge. Your camper may have a hot dog, watermelon and a drink in lieu of pizza. These cookouts will be on the special events calendar on our website.

As always, if you choose to send lunch with your camper, we will refrigerate all of them in our large walk in refrigerator. Simply send a brown bag, or reusable soft lunch bag labeled with your camper's name. Our counselors will ask the campers to place their lunches into a lunch bin, which will then be stored in the refrigerator until their group's specific lunch period.

Please note special health, allergy, and dietary needs on the camper's health form.

TRADING POST

One of the most popular locations in camp is our Trading Post. The Trading Post is stocked with beverages (gatorade, iced tea, and water) and snacks for an additional cost. Other items are also available here such as t-shirts, souvenirs, fresh fruit, and ice cream.

WATER

We recommend that each camper bring a bottle of water with them during the camp day. Campers and staff need to drink plenty of fluids due to the active schedule of camp. The camp facility offers several water fountains and ice water stations set up at each program area throughout the camp. These stations are checked regularly throughout the day.

STAFFING

Our mature and professional camp staff is especially trained to be caring and supportive to each and every camper. Megan McVay, Camp Director, has 12 years experience with Y summer camps. Elaine Geiger, Vice President of Child Care and Camps has 21 years of YMCA experience with summer camps, after-school care, and child care. Chris Bautista, our Assistant Camp Director has many years of experience with YMCA Summer Camps and After School Care. All three senior staff are employed by the YMCA year-round. They are vital assets in assuring that your child's stay at Camp Topanemus is one filled with fun and laughter surrounded by a strong nurturing environment.

All staff members over the age of 18 receive a thorough background check to insure your child's safety. In addition, all staff are required to attend training sessions prior to the start of the camping season. Certain Activity Leaders receive additional training and certifications in their related specialty areas (i.e.: Aquatics, Archery and Ropes Course, Climbing Tower).

MEDICAL STAFF/INFIRMARY

The camp houses an infirmary to meet our daily healthcare needs. It is staffed with a trained medical professional. YMCA Camp Topanemus meets and exceeds all state requirements so that we may provide the safest environment. If a camper is sick or not feeling well, parents will be notified to come take the child home. Please notify the camp immediately if your telephone numbers or emergency contact information change. Generally, for minor cuts and scrapes, parents will be notified with a note sent home at the end of the day. For more serious matters, parents will be notified by telephone.

GROUP SIZE & CAMPER/STAFF RATIO

- **Mohawks (Grades K-2)** are limited to 15 campers per group with a 8 to 1 ratio.
- **Cayugas (Grades 3-5) and Senecas (Grades 6-8)** are limited to 20 campers per group with a 10 to 1 ratio.
- **Specialty and Sport Camps** are limited to 20 campers per group with a 10 to 1 ratio.
- **Travel Camp (Grades 6-9)** is limited to 44 campers and the ratio is 8 to 1.
- **Leadership Training Program (LT'S)** is limited to 30 campers per group with a 10 to 1 ratio. Only the most qualified individuals are accepted.

These ratios are based upon the direct camp to staff in each group. The ratio of camper to staff moves even lower as they move to the program areas where additional staff will meet and work with the group.

TRANSPORTATION

BUS ROUTES

NEW IN 2010: Bus Transportation is \$50.00 per child per week. We use a designated bus stop system. **WE DO NOT OFFER DOOR TO DOOR BUSING.** Please see our Busing Schedule for a detailed listing. Your camper's AM and PM stops must be the same. Busing is offered on a first come first serve basis. Please keep in mind that seating may be limited.

Parents are responsible for getting campers to and from the bus stop. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time printed on the Bus Schedule. For morning pick-up, if a child misses the bus, parents are responsible for their child's transportation to camp. For afternoon drop off, if a parent is not at the stop, the driver will be instructed to return to Camp with the child. You will then be required to pick-up your child at Camp. *An extended care charge will be incurred.*

The Camp Office will notify parents by phone if the bus will be more than 15 minutes late in the afternoon. Children under 9 years old must have an authorized person waiting at the bus stop.

Children 9 and older, with written authorization from the parent, may be permitted to walk home. **CAMPERS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO RIDE ON THEIR ASSIGNED BUSES. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

FINALE WEEK TRANSPORTATION

During the Finale Week of camp, the only transportation available is to and from the Freehold YMCA and the Old Bridge YMCA via shuttle bus. There will be no other bus routes available. Transportation must be confirmed upon registration, otherwise a seat on the bus is not guaranteed.

CAMP GEAR

WHAT TO WEAR

Campers should always dress appropriately for the weather. We recommend wearing light colored comfortable clothing. To avoid twisted ankles and stubbed toes, campers must wear sneakers or hiking boots. *SANDALS AND FLIP-FLOPS ARE NOT PERMITTED.*

WHAT TO BRING

A water bottle is an excellent item to bring with you each day as well as a bathing suit, towel, backpack, pocket money for Trading Post, lunch, and sunscreen. Make sure EVERYTHING is LABELED WITH YOUR CAMPER'S NAME.

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

A GOOD RULE OF THUMB, IF YOU CARE ABOUT AN ITEM, LEAVE IT AT HOME. CHERISHED ITEMS MAY BECOME LOST OR BROKEN.

CD players, **cell phones**, chewing gum, expensive clothing or jewelry, glass bottles, iPods, MP3 players, PSPs, DS/DSIs, radios, video games, and laser pointers. Any of the above mentioned items found at camp will be taken away by a staff member and can be retrieved by a parent from the Camp Director. *Camp will not be responsible for any lost or broken items.*

YMCA Camp Topanemus Head Lice Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the prevention and control of head lice in the campers and staff attending YMCA Camp Topanemus.

At any time during the summer the camp nurse may inspect any camper for head lice. If nits or lice are identified during inspection the following procedure will be implemented:

The camper will be removed from the group and activities.

The parent or guardian will be called to come to the camp to pick up the camper. It will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian to transport the camper home before the end of the camp day. The camper will not be permitted to ride the camp bus due to added risk of other campers acquiring lice.

A verbal instruction as well as written instructions will be given to the parent and camper (depending on the age of the camper) before the camper leaves the campus. It is the parents responsibility to follow these instructions and rid the camper of lice so that the camper may readmit to camp. These instructions will include treatment as well as management of the camper's environment and prevention.

After treatment has been completed and ALL nits have been removed from the head, the camper may return to YMCA Camp Topanemus. The camp nurse will then inspect the camper for lice and nits, and after clearance, the camper will be permitted to return to their group and resume normal camp activities.

There is no specific exclusion time from camp for head lice. Some parents are able to accomplish the treatment in one day. **IT SHOULD NOT TAKE MORE THAN A FEW DAYS.**

CAMP EVENTS

All Specials Events can be found on our Special Events Calendar either at camp or on our Website; www.topanemus.org.

CAMP CARNIVAL

Each year, the camp holds a carnival with games, rides and food. This is in addition to the events the individual groups organize. It is full of fun and has quickly become a favorite tradition. We use fully insured carnival companies with proven safety records in addition to our own programs and events.

CAMPLIFIED ROCK CONCERT

In its 8th and most successful summer, the CAMPLIFIED tour played in front of 40,000 teens and tweens at over 35 different camps. CAMPLIFIED is a nationally recognized musical endeavor, providing teens and tweens at summer camps the experience of a rock concert, complete with the VIP/backstage experience.

PICTURE DAY

Camp hosts a Picture Day during the summer. We strongly encourage everyone to wear a camp shirt on this day. Group, individual and sibling pictures are available. We use Slayton Studios as our photographer. They have a very good reputation and we have been pleased with the past results. Specific photography questions should be directed to them at 1-800-SLAYTON.

Family Night—Thursday, July 22, 6:30—8:30

Family Day—Thursday, Aug 5, 10am—12noon

Family Night and Family Day are two special events where the families of campers are invited to see first hand all of the fun there is to be had at YMCA Camp Topanemus.

CAMP T-SHIRTS

During your camper's first week with us, each camper will receive a camp t-shirt. We ask everyone to wear a camp shirt on Picture Day.

EXCESSIVE HEAT AND RAINY DAY SCHEDULES

Campers should bring a water bottle each day. In the event of excessive heat or rain, the regular scheduled activities will be altered and a special modified curriculum will be implemented. In the event of inclement weather, YMCA Camp Topanemus is able to provide enough shelter to the entire camp population.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

From Howell Area:

From New Friendship Road turn Left onto US-9. Take the I-195 W. ramp towards Trenton. Merge onto I-195 W. Take Exit CR-527 — Exit # 21—Towards CR-526/Jackson/Siloam. Keep Right at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto CR-527. Turn Left onto CR-537/Monmouth Road. Right hand side, right after Copper Penny Farm.

From YMCA in East Windsor/Hightstown:

Going Northeast on Mercer ST/NJ 33, turn Slight Left onto S. Main St. Turn Right onto Franklin St./NJ-33. Turn Slight Right onto Woodville Rd./CR-527 ALT., becomes Woodville Rd./CR-527. Turn Right onto CR-537/Monmouth Rd. Camp is on the left side.

From YMCA in Freehold:

Head South on E. Freehold Rd. Turn Right onto RT.-79. RT.-79 becomes E. Main St. RT.-79/E. Main St. becomes RT.-537/W. Main St., which will become RT.-537/Monmouth Rd. Right hand side, right after Copper Penny Farm.

From Manalapan Area:

Stay straight on CR-527/N. Main St.; becomes CR-527/S. Main St. Turn slight left onto CR-527/Park Ave. Stay straight to go onto Conover St.; becomes Millhurst Rd./CR-527. Stay on CR-527. Turn Right onto CR-537/Monmouth Rd.

From Marlboro Area:

N. Main St./NJ-79. Turn slight Right onto CR-537/E. Main St./NJ-79. Stay straight to go onto CR-537/E. Main St. Stay straight to go onto CR-537W. Main St.; which becomes CR-537/Monmouth Rd. Right hand side, right after Copper Penny Farm.

From Old Bridge:

Take the US-9 S. towards Freehold. Take the CR-537/W. Main St. ramp towards Freehold, just after the Freehold Raceway Mall. Turn Right onto CR-537/W. Main St. CR-537/W. Main Street becomes CR-537/Monmouth Rd. Right hand side, right after Copper Penny Farm.