



# Welcome to YKnots Camp!

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Camp Cell Phone: 862.438.1717

Camp Site Location: South Mountain YMCA

13 Jefferson Avenue, Maplewood, NJ 07040

This basic guide will help with what to expect this summer at YKnots Camp. For more details, view our Camp Parent Handbook on [our website](#).

## Important dates for Pre-Camp:

- **Meet and Greet – Saturday, June 21**
  - Groups 1 - 4 ONLY 10 -11am
  - Groups 5 - 8 ONLY 11:15am-12:15pm
- **Group assignments** will be sent out prior to June 21
- **First Day of Camp for Week 1 campers-** Monday, June 23

## DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURES

YKnots I & II are held at 13 Jefferson Ave. Maplewood.

Important Notes:

- Camp hours: 9:00am-3:00pm (Early drop-off starts at 7:30am). If arriving before 8:00am, walk your child to the Program Center entrance to be signed in.
- If dropping off or picking up at a non-designated time, call the camp cell phone: 862.438.1717 and come to the Program Center door.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Reminders:

- Stay in your car for a quick drive thru drop-off. A staff member will assist your child getting out of the car from 8:30-9am!
- For longer conversations with a coordinator, park legally to avoid traffic buildup.
- Be prepared to show identification at pick-up. Staff may verify all authorized pick-ups.
- 3-3:30pm pick up time if your child is not registered for aftercare.

- 3:30-6:30pm is camp aftercare, which is a different program that you must register for separately.

## **CAMP REMINDERS & HEALTH/SAFETY**

- Campers are to arrive at camp dressed in their bathing suits with sunscreen applied.
- **Medications:** Bring prescribed medications in their original, labeled container. Emergency meds (e.g., inhalers, epi-pens) will be stored with the group's Coordinator.
- **Sunscreen:** Apply sunscreen before camp, and pack extra for reapplication.
- **Label Belongings:** Label water bottles, lunch bags, and all personal items.
- **Lost & Found:** Items not claimed by session end will be discarded, check before leaving!
- **Nut-Free:** We are a nut-free facility. Avoid packing any snacks containing peanuts/tree nuts.
- **Water Bottles:** Pack a refillable, labeled water bottle.
- **Footwear:** Sneakers are required daily (no flip-flops or open-toed shoes).
- **Prohibited Items:** Leave electronics, toys, and stuffed animals at home. Phones and smartwatches must remain off and are not to be used during camp. If a camper needs to contact a parent, they will ask a staff member.

## **WEEKLY CAMP THEMES**

- Each week has a different theme with special events and trips. Keep an eye out for the full calendar soon on our [camp page](#).

## **COMMUNICATION:**

- Our summer camp programs use PlayerSpace, a management system where you input essential camper information (emergency contacts, health details, etc.). You'll receive an invitation via email to create your account. **This information must be completed before your child's first day at camp.** If you have trouble with PlayerSpace, contact us at [playerspace@metroymcas.org](mailto:playerspace@metroymcas.org).
- During the summer, we'll be communicating with you through regular emails, Tadpoles and/or Player Space communications. This will be our main source of communication - [please let us know](#) if there are any changes in your contact information. We will also be sending regular weekly updates during the summer.
- Feel free to request to speak to your child's counselors with any questions or concerns, understanding that their top priority is the safety of the campers.

Please note, we will be updating you as much as we can on all we are doing to ensure a safe, healthy and happy camp environment.

We are ready for the summer and can't wait to meet all our campers! Please don't hesitate to call us with any further questions or comments you may have now or in the future about camp. We are always open to your suggestions and ideas.

## GENERAL DAILY SCHEDULE (sample)

<b>MAIN SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN</b>					
<b>Time</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>7:30-8:30</b>	DROPOFF	DROPOFF	DROPOFF	DROPOFF	DROPOFF
<b>8:30-8:45</b>	CIRCLE TIME	CIRCLE TIME	CIRCLE TIME	CIRCLE TIME	CIRCLE TIME
<b>9:00-10:00</b>	SPECIALS	SPECIALS	SPECIALS	SPECIALS	SPECIALS
<b>10:00-12:00</b>	TRIPS/ OUTSIDE	TRIPS/ OUTSIDE	TRIPS/ OUTSIDE	TRIPS/ OUTSIDE	TRIPS/ OUTSIDE
<b>12:00-1:00</b>	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
<b>1:00-2:00</b>	QUIET TIME /ACTIVITY	QUIET TIME/ ACTIVITY	QUIET TIME/ ACTIVITY	QUIET TIME/ ACTIVITY	QUIET TIME/ ACTIVITY
<b>2:00-3:00</b>	SPECIALS	SPECIALS	SPECIALS	SPECIALS	SPECIALS
<b>3:00-3:30</b>	SNACK/ PICKUP	SNACK/ PICKUP	SNACK/ PICKUP	SNACK/ PICKUP	SNACK/ PICKUP
<b>3:30-4:30</b>	STATIONS	STATIONS	STATIONS	STATIONS	STATIONS
<b>4:30-5:30</b>	OUTSIDE/ GAMES	OUTSIDE/ GAMES	OUTSIDE/ GAMES	OUTSIDE/ GAMES	OUTSIDE/ GAMES
<b>5:30-6:30</b>	FREE PLAY	FREE PLAY	FREE PLAY	FREE PLAY	FREE PLAY