



## **Grassy Plain YMCA Camp 2009**

**Dear Families:**

**Thank you for your interest in the Grassy Plain YMCA's Summer Fun Club. This year's regular camp season runs from June 22-August 14 and will offer eight weeks of exciting activities including our famous Jell-O eating contest, swimming twice each week, slip & slide, super soaker day, our annual camper vs. counselor kickball game, field trips and our famous camp show. Sign up for one week or all. Either way, your child will surely have a great time!**

**We are also offering the following Specialty Clubs. Trendy Tweens: A Girls Health and Fitness Club is June 22-26 for ages 9-12, Arts and Crafts is July 6-10 for ages 7-12, Jazz & Hip Hop is July 13-17 for ages 7-12 and Sports Club is July 27-31 for ages 9-12. We are also offering a Mini-Specialty: Broadway Stars is July 20-24 for ages 8-12 and runs Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Friday. These week-long clubs offer something for everyone!**

**Attached you will find a packet full of important camp information including pizza sign-up forms, calendar of events and a list of the field trips and activities.**

**You will also find a Summer Club General Information Sheet. Please read it carefully. It contains a lot of information about camp, including rules pertaining to our licensing regulations in addition to what your child will need to have a great camp experience.**

**Please be advised that due to the Boughton Street YMCA's shutdown week, where they close for yearly renovations, we will not be swimming the week of July 20. This week we offer alternative water activities such as the inflatable water slide from Interactive Inflatables or slip and slide/sprinkler.**

**Please don't hesitate to call 744-4890 if you have any questions about Summer Club. We are looking forward to another great year of Grassy Plain Summer Club Fun!**

**Sincerely,**

**Michele Toth  
Summer Club Director**

## YMCA Grassy Plain Summer Club General Information

- **Location:** Grassy Plain Summer Club is located at 57 Grassy Plain Street in Bethel. We are a year round Childcare Center, licensed by the State of Connecticut and Accredited by NAEYC and NAA. Located in one of Bethel's original schools, our classrooms are spacious and air-conditioned and our outdoor space has two playgrounds and a large ball field; both areas are fully fenced in.
- **Staff:** Most of our staff are seasoned employees who work year- round at our center. In addition to our year- round staff, we hire a few additional staff, usually college students pursuing their Education Degree. We also have some college students return each summer. All staff undergo rigorous training in the areas of Safety, Supervision, CPR, First Aid, Camp Programming, Mandated Reporting and Positive Discipline to name a few.
- **Summer Club Schedule:** Summer Club runs in weekly sessions from June 22- August 14, 2009. We are closed on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the week's tuition will be prorated.
- **Theme Weeks:** Each week is planned around a theme and the weeks activities will center on that theme.
- **In-house/Out-of-house Trips:** There will be either an in-house field trip (where a visitor or activity such as an inflatable waterslide comes to the Y) or an out of house field trip such as a trip to the movies, Water park or museum. The cost for all the weekly field trips and activities are included in your weekly tuition. All information such as the camp calendar with weekly themes, daily activities and trip information can be found in this packet.
- **Permission Slip:** The Permission slip for trips/activities is in the Camp registration pack and must be completed & returned along with the packet at the time of registration.
- **Activities:** Summer Club participants will be offered activities such as woodworking (age 8 or older), Sports, Camper's Choice Club, Teambuilding, Crafts, Dance, Outdoor Games, Enrichment activities such as cooking, science and literacy and swimming twice each week at our Boughton Street Branch. (See Swim exceptions in the welcome letter)
- **Sprinkler/Water Games:** Please send your child in with a swimsuit, towel and water shoes (NOT FLIP FLOPS) daily. On hot days we may use the sprinkler or slip and slide on the field or participate in water games. **Campers will not be able to participate unless they have water shoes.** Please remember to label all belongings.
- **Appropriate Footwear:** Flip Flops are not permitted at camp. Sports sandals with rubber soles or sneakers are required so your child can participate in the activities safely.
- **T-Shirts:** All campers will receive a camp T-shirt at registration. Campers should wear this t-shirt on field trip days in order to participate in the trip.
- **Cell phones:** Campers are not allowed to text or talk on cell phones while at camp. If your child brings a cell phone to camp it must remain in their backpack.
- **Electronic Devices:** I-pods, Nintendo DS's etc. are permitted at camp on Fridays or rainy days only and at your own risk. The Y is not responsible for the loss, theft or damage to any item brought from home.
- **Water Bottles:** Please send your camper in with a labeled water bottle daily. **This is very important!** They will be able to refill it several times over the course of the day.
- **Lunches:** Campers should bring a lunch each day in an insulated lunch bag with an ice pack. Please do not send soda. **We are a nut-free program so all nut products are prohibited.** Since we picnic outside, please do not send in a lunch that needs to be warmed- cold lunches only. An afternoon snack will be provided.
- **Pizza/Subway lunches:** We offer Pizza lunches on Fridays and Subway lunches on Tuesday-Thursday. Sign up forms for pizza can be found in this packet and can also be found in the upstairs hallway on the bulletin board or in the office. Pizza forms and money (cash please) are due on Tuesdays each week or the entire summer can be paid upfront. Subway lunches can be ordered daily by signing up with your child's counselor at drop off in the morning by 10:00 a.m. Pizza/Subway money is non-refundable.
- **Cook-out Mondays:** We will offer a free hotdog lunch on Mondays. Chips, Dessert and Drink also included.
- **Ice Cream Man:** The Ice Cream Man visits the Y each Friday afternoon. Cost ranges from \$1.50- \$2.50 depending on your child's choice. Ice Cream money must be in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name.
- **Sunblock:** Please be sure to complete the authorization to administer topical medication in the registration packet. In order for us to apply sunscreen, the state requires this form to be completed by the parent/guardian. Please be sure to send in a labeled bottle of sunscreen for your child on his/her first day. Sunscreen will be kept at the YMCA. Please be sure to apply the first dose at home to be sure your child doesn't have an allergic reaction to the sunscreen.
- **Physical Policy:** All Campers must have physicals on file before attending camp. This is a CT licensing regulation. The physical must be on the State of Connecticut form (copies are fine).
- **Medication Policy:** An authorization to give medication form must be completed and signed by a physician and the parent in order for us to dispense any medications, prescription or over the counter. These forms are routinely located in Doctors offices or can be obtained from the Children's Center office. Please read the parents handbook for policies and procedures for administering medication.
- **Code of Conduct:** All campers are required to have a Code of Conduct form on file. This form is included in your registration packet and must be read and signed by both the camper and parent/guardian.

Should you have any question or concern not addressed on this information sheet, please call Michele at (203) 744-4890. We welcome your call and are looking forward to providing a wonderful camp experience for your child.

Sincerely,  
Michele Toth  
Director

**Pizza Order Forms**

Please order your weekly pizza using this form and return in an envelope or baggie labeled with your child's name. Cost for pizza is \$2.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> slice and \$1.00 for each additional. Lunch includes a drink (OJ or MILK) and snack. You can order weekly or pay for all the weeks your child will be attending at once. Pizza money is non-refundable. More order forms can be found in the upstairs hallway on the bulletin board or just ask your child's counselor.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Group: (please circle)

Wanderers      Explorers      Rangers                      Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your choice and complete the amount paid.

Week/Date	# of slices			Amount paid
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July 3, 2009 YMCA CLOSED				
July 10, 2009	1 slice= \$2.00	2 slices=\$3.00	3 slices=\$4.00	\$
July 17, 2009	1 slice= \$2.00	2 slices=\$3.00	3 slices=\$4.00	\$
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August 7, 2009	1 slice= \$2.00	2 slices=\$3.00	3 slices=\$4.00	\$
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# Daily Explanation of Trips/Activities

## Week 1: Build a Friend Week

**Monday 6/22-** Hot dog lunch provided

**Tuesday 6/23-** Bathing suit & towel for swim

**Wednesday 6/24-** Sneakers for kickball game (no open toed shoes)  
Moonbounce today!

**Thursday 6/25-** Bathing suit & towel for swim. Moonbounce rain date

**Friday 6/26-** Come dressed as your "twin"/ pizza & ice cream Money

## Week 2: Patriotic Week

**Monday 6/29-** \*\* *Your child will need a t-shirt for tie-dying on Wednesday.* \*\*

Hot dog lunch provided/ bring bathing suit, towel, and water shoes (no bare feet allowed) for waterslide`

**Tuesday 6/30-** Bathing suit & towel for swim

**Wednesday 7/01-** Bring a t-shirt for tie-dye (can also bring pillowcase, socks, etc). Rain date for waterslide (bring bathing suit, towel, water shoes)

**Thursday 7/2-** Bathing suit & towel for swim

**Friday 7/3-** YMCA CLOSED

## Week 3: Treasure Isle

**Monday 7/6-** Wanderers need to bring a bag lunch, souvenir money (optional) for the Maritime Aquarium. Hot dog lunch provided for Explorers & Rangers only.

**Tuesday 7/7-** Wear a Hawaiian shirt/ bring bathing suit & towel for swim

**Wednesday 7/8-** Explorers need to bring a bag lunch, souvenir money (optional) for the Maritime Aquarium

**Thursday 7/9-** Come dressed like a pirate/ Bring Bathing suit & towel for swim

**Friday 7/10-** Rangers need to bring a bag lunch, souvenir money (optional) for the Maritime Aquarium.

- ❖ Luau & Hula contest for Explorers and Wanderers
- ❖ Pizza & ice cream money

## Week 4: Wacky Y Week

### Great Hollow Wilderness School Trips

**Monday 7/13-** Explorers need to bring a water bottle and bag lunch. They should wear sneakers and long hair should be pulled back. We will be in the woods ALL day so please apply bug spray and sunscreen at home before coming to camp. Hot dog lunch provided for Wanderers & Rangers

**Tuesday 7/14-** Bring bathing suit & towel for swim

**Wednesday 7/15-** Rangers need to bring a water bottle and bag lunch. They should wear sneakers and long hair should be pulled back. We will be in the woods ALL day so please apply bug spray and sunscreen at home before coming to camp. It's also Crazy hair day- spike it, color it or just make it crazy!!

**Thursday 7/16-** Bring bathing suit & towel for swim

**Friday 7/17-** Wanderers trip to Fun Factor. Wear socks.

- ❖ Everyone needs a bathing suit, towel and water shoes for SUPER SOAKER day! P.S. Bring in any water squirter you have.
- ❖ Money for pizza & ice cream
- ❖ Rain date for both Great Hollow Trips

## Week 5: Camp Show Week

**Monday 7/20-** Everyone comes dressed as a movie or rock star to stroll down the Red Carpet at Bethel Cinemas.

- Bring \$5.00 (optional) for popcorn and soda
- Hot dog lunch provided

**Wednesday 7/22-** YMCA Idol contest...bring your best singing voice!

**Tuesday 7/21-** Bring bathing suit, towel & water shoes for the waterslide & water games. ***We are not Swimming today***

**Thursday 7/23-** Bring bathing suit, towel & water shoes for the sprinkler. ***We are not Swimming today.*** \*Rain date for the waterslide\*

**Friday 7/23-** Camp Show- join us at 3:00 pm for our annual camp show. The show is scheduled to take place outside on the field so bring chairs or blankets to sit on. Should the weather turn rainy the show will take place inside. \*\* Remember your cameras\*\*  
Money for pizza & ice cream.

### **Week 6: Heroes Week**

**Monday 7/27-** Hot dog lunch provided.

**Tuesday 7/28-** Come dressed as your favorite super hero. Bathing suit & towel for swim.

**Thursday 7/30-** Bring bathing suit & towel for swim. Explorers trip to Fun Station (extra spending money is optional)

**Friday 7/31-** Wanderers and Rangers trip to Fun Station (extra spending money is optional). Bring in a picture of your hero. Money for pizza & ice cream.

### **Week 7: Rewind Week**

**Monday 8/3-** Wanderers trip to Planet Play. Wanderers need to bring a pair of socks to participate! Hot dog lunch provided.

**Tuesday 8/4-** Bring bathing suit & towel for swim. Summer rewind activity to be announced.

**Wednesday 8/5-**Rangers trip to Sports Center in Shelton, CT for mini-golf and Laser Tag. Bring a brown bag lunch. Spending money is optional. Summer rewind activity to be announced.

**Thursday 8/6-** Bring bathing suit & towel for swim. Summer rewind activity to be announced.

**Friday 8/7-** Explorers trip to Stepping Stones Museum (souvenir money is optional). Explorers bring a brown bag lunch. Summer rewind activity to be announced. Money for pizza & ice cream.

### **Week 8: Carnival Week**

**Monday 8/10-** Hot dog lunch provided

**Tuesday 8/11-** Bring bathing suit & towel for swim

**Wednesday 8/12** –Clown day (come dressed as a clown)

- Moonbounce
- Carnival

**Thursday 8/13-** Bring bathing suit & towel for swim

**Friday 8/14-** **LAST DAY of CAMP!!**

- ❖ Money for pizza & ice cream
- ❖ Rain date for the Moonbounce