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CAMP YOMAWHA 2012

GET OUT OF THE CITY AND INTO NATURE!

Camp Yomawha is located in Rockland County, NY at the picturesque Henry Kaufmann Campgrounds. Our campers indulge in our outdoor setting where they can explore the woods and streams, experience boating on our lake, swim in our private swimming pool, climb our four sided adventure course, play on our multi-purpose sports court and athletic fields, grow in our garden and perform on stage. We also have a fully enclosed indoor facility for rainy days. At Camp Yomawha we provide each camper with a safe, nurturing and exciting day, every day! We offer a variety of activities from athletics to cultural arts. Thank you for choosing to spend your summer with us!

Camp Yomawha is available for children who have completed Kindergarten through Tenth grades. We are an inclusive program and offer a variety of age-appropriate activities designed to increase self-awareness, enhance social interaction, and help develop physical skills in an encouraging environment. Children are grouped according to current grade in school.

Early Bird Discount!
 Register before March 30th for Early Bird Discounts
ALL FORMS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.YWASHHTS.ORG!





CAMP YOMAWHA STAFF

We are proud to have many in our **leadership staff** returning for many years and creating a consistent, positive program for children! **Y professional staff** are on site every day to support the camp program. The **Camp Director** and **Year Round Supervisory Staff** ensure the quality of program and safety of every camper and counselor. All camp staff are carefully screened. Camp Yomawha is licensed with the Rockland County Health Department. Supervisory staff meet daily to discuss the camp environment in order to make sure that each camper is enjoying a safe, nurturing and fun environment. All of our staff go through an extensive training prior to camp which includes strategies for working with all types of children.

All of our **Activity Specialists** and our **Special Needs Coordinator** are trained in their respective fields to teach the highest quality program! Campers are encouraged to participate in all activities and are given the opportunity to grow in each.

Counselors at Camp Yomawha: Our counselors are hand picked. Counselor to camper ratios are minimally 1:8 and generally better. Each group is led by a Senior Counselor that is at least 18 years old and completed one year of college or the equivalent and a Junior Counselor who is at least 16 years old and in high school. All counselors attend weekly staff meetings to discuss issues and continue training.



AT CAMP YOMAWHA

Juniors: Completed Kg & 1st grades (entering 1st & 2nd grades)

Juniors stay at camp every day with a full schedule of activities. They swim twice a day, and see activity specialists regularly. All Juniors groups have three trips throughout the summer (no trip first session) along with special events designed for them at camp.

Explorers: Completed 2nd & 3rd grades (entering 3rd & 4th grades)

Explorers groups swim twice a day, and see activity specialists regularly. Explorers have four trips and participate in two late nights each summer at camp.

Adventurers: Completed 4th & 5th grades (entering 5th & 6th grades)

Adventurers go on a wide variety of day trips around the tri-state area once a week. They also have two overnights at camp! On the other days, Adventurers participate in all swimming and specialty activities at camp.

Tween Adventurers: Completed 6th-8th grades (Entering 7th, 8th & 9th grades)

Tween Adventurers enjoy the same trips and programming as Adventurers. In addition these campers have two 2 night overnight trips over the summer at residential camps in the area.

Counselors in training (CIT): Completed 9th-10th grades (Entering 10th & 11th grades)

CITs' skills are developed throughout the summer as they work in different settings to give them the leadership training essential to become great counselors. CIT's go through an application process which includes an interview to determine if selected to participate in the program. CIT families pay a small membership fee, while CIT's are given an honorarium for their service. Please contact Rachel for further details.

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM AT CAMP YOMAWHA



Swimming: Swimming is always a camp favorite! Each morning the campers learn how to swim in small groups with **certified Red Cross lifeguards**. The instructors work closely with each camper to encourage progress at all swim levels. Every afternoon the campers have “free swim” with lifeguards ensuring the safety of each camper while in the pool.

Sports: Our athletics specialists work with campers to develop skills in a variety of field and court sports and games. Activities include **tennis, hockey, baseball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, Ga-Ga** and more. We strive to provide an environment where campers learn about team work and good sportsmanship. Campers also have the opportunity to choose to participate in inter-camp games with other camps.



Cultural Arts: Our cultural arts programs include **Dance/Movement, Arts & Crafts, Theater, Jewish Culture, Music**, and more. All campers have a time to shine and explore their creative side during the summer. Through dancing, singing, acting, painting and more, our specialists help campers express themselves and have the courage to take the stage!

Climbing and Boating: Our campers learn to support one another with the guidance of our trained instructors at the **Adventure Course**. Children participate in high and low ropes elements and develop team work skills while challenging themselves in new ways. At the **lake** under the supervision of trained lifeguards, campers paddle and row their way to fun in canoes, row boats and paddle boats.



Nature and Gardening: Campers enjoy discovering new insects and animals in the camp environment. Under the guidance of specialists, children explore the acres of woods that surround our campsite where they fish, catch frogs and pick berries. In our **camp garden** campers help to harvest a variety of fruits, vegetables and spices and get to taste them too!



Special Events: There is never a dull moment at camp! Throughout the summer, we have weekly themes with special events including a **Camp Talent Show, Camp Carnival, and Maccabbi Games** adding to the excitement.

Camp Trips and Overnights: For all our campers there are opportunities for off site trips. Past trips have included outdoor adventure and lake areas, a baseball game and Water Park experiences. Our Explorer campers will have the opportunity to have two late nights at camp full of fun and excitement. Our Adventures will get to sleep over twice at camp and our Tweens will get to experience two overnights throughout the summer at overnight camps in the area.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2012 Camp Dates are: June 28- August 17
(no camp July 4th due to holiday)

Full Summer, Six weeks, Half Summer and 2 Week Sessions Available!

<i>Full Summer Option A 6/28-8/17</i>	6 Week Option B 6/28-8/3	6 Week Option C 7/9-8/17	<i>4 Week Option D 6/28-7/20</i>	<i>4 Week Option E 7/23-8/17</i>	<i>2 Week Option F 6/28-7/6</i>	<i>2 Week Option G 7/9-7/20</i>	<i>2 Week Option H 7/23-8/3</i>	<i>2 Week Option I 8/6- 8/17</i>
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How to Register for Camp Yomawha:

- Each camp family is required to be a current member of the Y. Membership lasts a year and can be applied to many programs at the Y. Family memberships begin at only \$200.
- Complete the camper registration form and bring it to the Y with a \$250 deposit and the membership fee and your child's space is reserved.
- Registration is complete when we have received all completed registration information, forms and payment.
- Each new camper family is required to participate in a family interview with the professional staff at the Y prior to camp beginning. The Y will call to make arrangements.
- Campers can not attend camp unless all registration forms are complete. All camper paperwork must be handed in by June 1, 2012 or an administrative fee of \$100 will be charged.
- There will be a \$100 administrative fee applied to registrations completed after June 1, 2012.
- In case of cancellations, all camp fees except for the \$250 deposit will be refunded if communicated before June 1, 2012 in writing. After June 1, 2012 there are no refunds for any reason, unless authorized by Y Management. The Y reserves the right to remove a child from camp.

Spring Open House Dates:

April 15, May 6, and June 3

All Open Houses are open to new campers and parents and will take place from 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Come visit the camp for free and register for these visits on our website www.ywashts.org!

Here are some other options for your children this summer!

Overnight Camp: Recommendations can be made for families looking for an overnight camping experience. Surprise Lake Camp & Camp Poyntelle/Lewis Village are examples of premiere Jewish overnight camps. For more information call Rachel Rothstein at ext. 248.

Nursery Camp: Our summer Nursery Camp is for children ages 2-5. These young campers remain in our facility in Washington Heights/Inwood for the summer and visit the campgrounds twice over summer. For more information see the Nursery Camp brochure or contact Laura Sanchez at ext. 243.

