FRIENDS AND ADVENTURE AWAITS AT CAMP
DAY, OVERNIGHT, AND RANCH CAMPS
WELCOME TO YMCA CAMP WIDJIWAGAN!

We are delighted you enrolled your child at Camp Widjiwagan!

A strong partnership between parents, campers and staff members strengthens the opportunity to achieve your child’s potential. Use this planner to become familiar with our guidelines and expectations as you encourage your child to take full advantage of their summer experience.

CAMP OFFICE
615-360-2267

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OUR CAMP PHILOSOPHY
To provide a safe, fun, magical and educational experience for our guests and children through the demonstration of our four core values (Honesty, Caring, Respect and Responsibility) and practicing a “Kids and Guests First” philosophy.

From I-40
Exit at Stewart’s Ferry and head south towards Cracker Barrel. Stewart’s Ferry will turn into Bell Road. Continue 4.4 miles and turn left onto Smith Springs Road. Go 1.5 miles; the Camp entrance is on the left.

From I-24
Exit at Bell Road. Go north towards Murfreesboro Road and continue on Bell Road to Smith Springs Road. Turn right on Smith Springs Road and go 1.5 miles. Camp entrance is on the left.

From I-65
Exit at Old Hickory (exit 74, head east toward Target). Go east on Old Hickory Blvd. Old Hickory will turn into Bell Road at Nolensville Road. Continue on Bell Road, under I-24, past Hickory Hollow Mall to Smith Springs Road (four-way stoplight) and turn right. Camp is located on Smith Springs Road, 1.5 miles on your left.

Address
3088 Smith Springs Rd.
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CAR RIDERS
Upon arriving at camp, friendly counselors will direct your car to the Airnasium, where you will sign your camper(s) in and out.

CHECK-IN is from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. (After 8:30 a.m. please check your camper in at the Camp Office).

CHECK-OUT is from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Cars that arrive before 4:30 p.m. will be directed to a specific waiting area on the road that circles the office. Afternoon check-out will begin once all campers are at the proper check-out location. Once the buses have left camp, the first car will be directed to begin the check-out procedure.

BUS RIDERS
CHECK-IN for buses will begin at 7:30 a.m. at all bus stops. Look out for our friendly staff to let you know you are in the right place. Introduce yourself and your child to the bus counselors and sign in your child. Let the counselor know if anyone other than yourself will be picking your child up at the end of the day. If there are transportation changes, please notify the bus counselor and call the camp office at (615) 360-2267. You may choose to stay and see the bus off, or you may leave your child in the care of our capable counselors.

Our drivers are not allowed to stop for late campers once the bus is in motion. You may follow the bus and sign your camper in at the next bus stop or the camp office. Buses leave at different times. See the chart on the next page for arrival and departure times.

CHECK-OUT as the bus arrives, please form a line to sign out your child. The counselors will exit the bus and begin check-out. You will need to have a photo ID in order to sign out your camper. While we try to arrive as scheduled, traffic delays are not uncommon.

IN CASE OF DELAYS, WE WILL NOTIFY PARENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA:
  ■ FACEBOOK: @ymca_camp_widji
  ■ INSTAGRAM: @ymca_camp_widji
  ■ TWITTER: @ymca_camp_widji

FOR LIVE UPDATES EVERY AFTERNOON DURING THE BUS RIDE HOME:
  ■ TWITTER FOR CAMP BUSES: @CampWidjiBus

EARLY AND LATE PICK UP
If you must pick up your camper before the end of the camp day, please notify the counselors at your morning bus stop and fill out an Early Pick-up Form, or call the camp office during drop-off time. Your camper must be signed out at the camp office before leaving camp property.

For the safety of our campers, early pick-ups must take place before 3:00 p.m. Be prepared to stay up to one hour if you do not provide us with advanced notice of your pick-up. Requests for changes of transportation must be made before noon.

Pick-ups after 3:00 p.m. will be asked to wait until the 4:30 p.m. dismissal at the Airnasium. If an emergency arises, please call the camp office to make arrangements. All campers must be picked up from their bus stops by 6 p.m. Car riders must be picked up at camp by 5:30 p.m. A $1 per minute per camper late fee will be charged. Chronic late pick-ups may be grounds for dismissal from the camp program. If a camper is not picked up by 7 p.m., local authorities will be called.
WHAT TO BRING FOR DAY CAMP
ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE LABELED WITH CAMPER’S FIRST AND LAST NAME.

- Water Bottle
- Swimsuit (Should provide complete coverage, fasten securely and be designed for active wear)
- Towel
- T-Shirt (T-shirts provide better sun protection than tank tops)
- Shorts
- Backpack
- Rain gear
- Hat
- Closed Toe Shoes or Sandals with a back strap
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent

WHAT TO BRING FOR FIRST CAMP

BEDDING
- Bedding for twin size mattress or a sleeping bag
- Pillow

CLOTHING
- Socks
- Underwear
- Shirts
- Shorts
- One pair of long pants
- One sweatshirt/jacket
- Rain gear
- Two swimsuits (Should provide complete coverage, fasten securely and be designed for active wear)

BATHROOM ATTIRE
- Bath towel and a wash cloth
- Beach towel
- Flip-flops
- Toiletries
- Laundry bag

OTHER ESSENTIALS
- Water bottle
- Sun screen
- Insect Repellent
- Hat/Sunglasses
- Flashlight
- Small day backpack

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

DO NOT BRING NUTS OR FOOD CONTAINING NUTS TO CAMP.
Please do not bring cash, gum, pets, fireworks/explosives, weapons, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, electronic devices, digital cameras (unless disposable), expensive and/or irreplaceable jewelry, clothing, accessories etc.

LUNCH & SNACK ARE PROVIDED FOR DAY & FIRST CAMPS AT NO EXTRA COST

LUNCH & SNACK SCHEDULE

- 7:30 a.m.: Check-in Begins
- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Assembly
- 9:00 a.m.: Morning Activities*
- 11:45 a.m.: Lunch
- 12:30 p.m.: Afternoon Activities*
- 3:30 p.m.: Snack and Afternoon Assembly
- 4:30 p.m.: Check-out and Bus Departure

DAY CAMP SCHEDULE
Monday, Tuesday and Friday
- 7:30 a.m.: Check-in Begins
- 8:45 a.m.: Morning Assembly
- 9:15 a.m.: Morning Activities*
- 12:15 p.m.: Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.: Afternoon Activities*
- 3:15 p.m.: Snack
- 3:30 p.m.: Afternoon Assembly
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FIRST CAMP SCHEDULE
Monday, Tuesday and Friday
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- 9:15 a.m.: Morning Activities*
- 12:15 p.m.: Lunch
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- 3:15 p.m.: Snack
- 3:30 p.m.: Afternoon Assembly
- 4:30 p.m.: Check-out/ Buses Depart

*Our goal is to provide a balance of group activities, individual choices and progressive skill building programs. Activity options will vary daily and are subject to availability and weather. We value a full and rich camper experience with many opportunities for friendship and skill development.

To that end, campers who are aged 7 years and older (Warriors and up) will get a variety of activity choices, group games, and activities that they can repeat.

PARENT PROGRAM
- Every Friday at 3:15 p.m. we have a Parent Program in the Cedar Theater where you can meet your kids’ counselors! We strongly encourage you to arrive early to find a seat.

CANOE WITH A PARENT
- On Wednesday mornings between 7:30 - 8:30am, Day Camp and Day Ranch parents are welcome to canoe with your children! A continental breakfast is provided, as well.

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MONDAY, TUESDAY AND FRIDAY:
• Schedule is similar to Overnight Camp with the exception of an earlier bed time.

BUILDING EXCITEMENT AT CAMP WIDIJI
OVERNIGHT CAMP

CHECK-IN
Overnight Camp check-in is between 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on SUNDAY afternoon. Check-in procedures will not begin before the scheduled time of 3 p.m. Please plan on the check-in process to take approximately 30 minutes. Please see the Camp Wijjiwagan driveway greeter for directions to your Check In Location.

ALL PROGRAMS WILL CHECK IN AT THE TURNER DINING LODGE:

Session 1 Overnight Camp check-in occur on Monday, May 21st from 3pm-5pm.

CHECK-OUT*

Check-out for the VOYAGER VILLAGE will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon in the Turner Dining Lodge.

Check-out procedures for all other overnight camp programs will begin after the Overnight Camp Parent Program at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday morning at the Front Porch Amphitheater.

In order to pick-up your child, you must either be the parent/guardian or listed as allowed to pick-up. Photo identification and sign-out signature is also required.

"Campers attending consecutive weeks at Overnight Camp may stay over the joining weekend at no additional charge. Please confirm this at check-in.

PARENT PROGRAM
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C.I.T. SCHEDULE
These specialty teen programs are designed to provide leadership opportunities at various levels. The CITs will shadow counselors in cabin life, help lead activities and receive constant feedback and mentoring all while assisting fellow counselors in a cabin of younger campers.

WHAT TO BRING FOR OVERNIGHT CAMP

BEDDING

- Bedding for twin size mattress
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag (for campout)

ONE WEEK OF CLOTHING*

- Socks
- Underwear
- Shirts
- Shorts
- One pair of long pants
- Two pairs of shoes
- One sweatshirt/jacket
- Rain gear
- Two swimsuits (should provide complete coverage, fasten securely and be designed for active wear)

BATHROOM

- Bath towel and a wash cloth
- Beach towel
- Flip-flops
- Toiletries
- Shower caddy
- Laundry bag

OTHER ESSENTIALS

- Water bottle
- Sun screen
- Insect Repellent
- Hat/Sunglasses
- Flashlight
- Small day backpack

ITEMS TO THINK ABOUT

- Board game/card games
- Paper/pens/envelopes to write home
- Disposable camera

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Do not bring nuts or food containing nuts to camp.
- Please do not bring cash, food (OVERNIGHT CAMP ONLY) gum, pets, fireworks, explosives, knives, drugs, alcohol, cell phones, iPods, stereos, MP3 players, CD players, electronic games, good jewelry, or any other irreplaceable items.

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DAY RANCH CAMP

CHECK-IN
CAR RIDERS check-in at camp between 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Upon arriving at camp, friendly counselors will direct you to the Airnasium. BUS RIDERS will check-in at 7:30 a.m. at all bus sites. Introduce yourself and your child to the bus counselors and sign in your child. If there are transportation changes, please notify the bus counselor and call the camp office at (615) 360-2267.

CHECK-OUT
Car RIDERS check-out between 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Cars that arrive before 4:30 p.m. will be directed to a specific waiting area on the road that circles the office. BUS RIDERS leave at different times. See the bus chart on page seven for arrival and departure times. As the bus arrives, the counselors will exit the bus and begin check-out. You will need to have a photo ID in order to sign out your camper.

DAY RANCH CAMP PROGRAMS
Day Ranch Camp programs include: Pony Camp, Boots and Bits, Day Ranch Wranglers, and Day Farm Camp.

PARENT PROGRAM
At the end of the camp week, parents can meet their children’s counselors and hear more about the week’s adventures in what we call the Parent Program. Every Parent Program will be Saturday at 2:30 pm. In case of inclement weather, the Parent Program will be moved to the barn. When arriving for the Parent Program, follow signs leading up to the barn and park to the left in the Mockingbird parking lot. Please sign out your camper at the barn before leaving the Parent Program.

DAY RANCH CAMP SCHEDULE
7:30 a.m. Check-in Begins
8:30 a.m. Morning Assembly
9:00 a.m. Groom and Tack
9:15 a.m. Ride Time
12:00 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Afternoon Activities
2:30 p.m. Swim Time
3:30 p.m. Snack and Afternoon Assembly
4:30 p.m. Check-out and Bus Departure

Depending on specific ranch programs times may be different, but campers will still ride horses and experience traditional camp activities for the same amount of time.

WHAT TO BRING FOR DAY RANCH CAMP
In addition to the Day Camp packing list on page 6, please bring:
- Closed-toe shoes
- Long pants

OVERNIGHT RANCH CAMP

CHECK-IN
Overnight Ranch Camp check-in is from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on SUNDAY afternoon at the Turner Dining Lodge. Check-in procedure will not begin before the scheduled time of 3 p.m. Please plan on the check-in process to take approximately 30 minutes. Please double check with the Camp Widjiwagan driveway greeter for your check-in location.

CHECK-OUT
Check-out procedures will begin after the Overnight Ranch Camp Parent Program at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday morning at the Barn. In order to pick-up your child, you must either be the parent/guardian or listed as allowed to pick-up. Photo identification and sign-out signature is also required.

OVERNIGHT RANCH CAMP PROGRAMS
Overnight Ranch Camp programs include: Junior Ranch, Widji Ranch, Teen Ranch, Overnight Farm Camp, Ranger’s Apprentice, Girl Power Ranch and Middle Earth Adventures.

PARENT PROGRAM
At the end of the camp week, parents can meet their children’s counselors and hear more about the week’s adventures in what we call the Parent Program. Overnight Ranch Parent Programs will be EVERY SATURDAY AT 9:15 A.M. AT THE BARN. When arriving for the Parent Program, follow signs leading up to the barn and park to the left in the Mockingbird parking lot.

WHAT TO BRING FOR OVERNIGHT RANCH CAMP
In addition to the Overnight Camp packing list on page 9, please bring:
- Closed-toe shoes
- Long pants
- Open-toe shoes
- Long pants

OVERNIGHT RANCH CAMP SCHEDULE
7:00 a.m. Rise and Shine
7:30 a.m. Flag Raising
7:45 a.m. Breakfast
8:15 a.m. Ride Time
8:45 a.m. Ranch Ground Lesson
10:30 a.m. Activity
12:00 p.m. Widji Worries
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Rest hour
2:15 p.m. Ride Time
3:15 p.m. Swim Time
3:45 p.m. Snack
4:30 p.m. Ranch Ground Lesson
5:45 p.m. Flag Lowering
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Village Time
8:45 p.m. Nightly Reflection
9:00 p.m. Snack, Cabin Time
10:00 p.m. Lights Out

WHAT TO BRING FOR DAY RANCH CAMP
In addition to the Day Camp packing list on page 6, please bring:
- Closed-toe shoes
- Long pants

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PARENT PROGRAM
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HOW TO ORDER WIDJI GEAR

Our T-shirts come in both Youth and Adult sizes and are made of 50% polyester and 50% cotton, perfect for the summer temperatures.

Other Widji gear such as pajama pants, flashlights, swimming goggles, sunglasses, stuffed animals, carabiners, water bottles, towels and our famous WidjiPaks are also available.

LOOK FOR OUR STORE ON WHEELS

Our Widji store on wheels is open every day:

Monday: 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Tuesday: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Friday: 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Sunday: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

CALL US

Call the camp office at 615-360-2267 to place an order.
REFUND POLICY
Cancellation for a session must be made at least two weeks before a session begins to receive a refund less deposit. Cancellations within two weeks of the session's start date will forfeit all deposit. Campers who leave early and cannot return for the remainder of the session due to a medical condition will receive a pro-rated refund. Dismissal due to unsatisfactory conduct is not refundable. The Executive Director has the final decision in a dismissal. The $50 deposit is non-refundable regardless of circumstances.

PAYMENT
The payment dates for the balance of your camp sessions are a day 1st for Color Olympics and Sessions 1-3, June 1st for sessions 4-6, and July 1st for sessions 7-9 and Last Blast. If you elect to have your child stay another session, then full payment is due immediately. Campers sent home must make arrangements for the child to be picked up within three hours of being contacted. Campers sent home due to behavioral problems will not be entitled to any refund of fees.

DISCIPLINE
Campers are expected to treat fellow campers and staff with respect and to abide by camp rules. It is our policy to use a three-step procedure when disciplining campers:

1. Verbal warning
2. A behavior agreement with their counselor
3. A conference with the Summer Camp Director/Equestrian Director

Severe behavioral incidents require a phone call home and may necessitate bypassing the three steps and moving directly to a conference with the Executive Director. Any child verbally or physically abusing or “bullying” another camper may be sent home. Bullying is absolutely not tolerated. Parents of campers who are being sent home are asked to make arrangements for the child to be picked up within three hours of being contacted. Campers sent home due to behavioral problems will not be entitled to any refund of fees.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND CIGARETTES
We reserve the right to seize any illegal materials. Possession of any drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes will result in immediate contact with the camp’s guardians and dismissal with no refund.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT
It is the policy of the YMCA of Middle Tennessee that no behavior that would be classified as sexual harassment will be tolerated by staff or campers. Such behavior will result in dismissal or termination.

FOOD SERVICE
We are a nut-free facility and ask that no food or other products containing nuts be sent with a camper or in a care package. Balanced meals are prepared and served by the food service staff. Overnight campers eat family style meals in cabin groups in the dining lodge. In addition, vegetarian meals are prepared for our vegetarian campers and staff. For day campers, lunch is different every day. However, you can always pack your child lunch if they have certain dietary needs please include this on the online health form. There are many ways to contact campers while they are away at camp. Mail and care packages should be labeled with:

- The Camper’s Full Name
- The Camper’s Cabin Number
- Camp’s Address: 3088 Smith Springs Rd. Antioch, TN 37013

BUDDY REQUESTS
Mutual buddy requests are honored whenever possible and are requested through online registration. The campers must be in the same village or nation. Cabin mate preferences are limited to two requests per camper and each child should request each other.

MAIL CALL FOR OVERNIGHT CAMP
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VITAL INFORMATION
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Financial assistance is made available through the generosity of the YMCA Send A Kid To Camp Campaign and other gifts and donations. Please call 615-360-2267 ext.72412 for details. If you want to help send a deserving child to camp, a tax-deductible charitable contribution can be made on-line.

MEDICAL CARE
Camp’s Health Lodge is staffed with registered nurses 24 hours a day. Medications, prescrip tions, and non-prescription drugs must be in the original container, clearly marked with the child’s name. All medications must be given to the camp nurse, bus counselor, or car rider counselor at check-in. Aspirin, Tylenol, and other over the counter medicines are available from the nurse if needed, at no charge. Medical expenses incurred during a camper’s stay are the responsibility of the camper’s guardian.

HOMESICKNESS
Homesickness is a natural feeling experienced by many campers, counselors, and parents too! For most people it passes in a day or so. It is the policy of the camp to keep our campers involved in constant activities so as to reduce the feeling of homesickness. In the case of severe homesickness, a counselor will contact you for your advice in helping your child. If the homesickness continues we will arrange a call between you and your camper. No refund will be granted for campers leaving early.

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