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PARENT INFORMATION PACKET

OVERNIGHT CAMP @ YMCA CAMP OHIYESA

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Dear Camper Parent,

We are very excited that your camper will be joining us at camp this summer! The impact that camp has on a child lasts a lifetime, as they make new friends, learn new skills and build confidence. We are dedicated to making your camper's experience positive and beneficial.

We've included information in this packet to help you plan for camp. If you would like to talk more about camp, please call us at 248-887-4533 or e-mail camp@ymcadetroit.org

The Ohiyesa staff and I look forward to having your child at camp!

Steve

Steve Heiny
Executive Director

DROP-OFF: Sunday, 3:30-4:30pm. Follow directions from the staff member at the camp stop sign to the check-in table at the cabin area. Please do not arrive earlier than 3:30.

CAMPER FORMS: We use an **online form** system to make check-in more efficient and cut down on paper use. To access the forms, follow the registration link on our website, www.miymcacamps.org, and use your existing log-in if you registered online or create a log-in if you registered using another method. Please submit your forms online at least one week before your camper's first camp session.

Every camper needs to have these forms: Health Form, Risk Waiver, Custody/Sunscreen, and Behavior Agreement. If your child will have medication at camp and you did not fill in the medication details in the online form system, download the Medication Form from our website and turn it in at camp with the medicine.

PICK-UP: Saturday, 9:15—10:00am. Campers will be in their cabin villages during pick-up time. A staff member will meet you at the camp stop sign and direct you to the check-out table.

Session B pick-up will be Thursday, July 2, 4:30-5:00pm at the basketball court.

CAMPER RELEASE: Photo ID must be shown by anyone picking up a child from camp. Campers will only be released to adults listed on the Custody Form. Parents' names must also be listed on the form.

LUGGAGE: On Saturday morning, campers will pack up their belongings and have them ready for Saturday pick-up.



SATURDAY MORNING RODEO: Parents of campers in our horse programs are invited to a Rodeo each Saturday. Show times will be between 9:15 and 10:00am, depending on your camper's group. Please check with us on Tuesday for your camper's start time.

MEDICINE POLICY: All prescription medication must be in the **original prescription bottle** with the camper's name on the label and, by state law, be dispensed according to the direction on the label. If the doctor has changed the dosage or directions for administration, submit a signed letter from your physician with the new directions. The letter must include camper's full name, dosage amount and delivery time(s).

All medications must be turned in at check-in at camp or at the bus pick-up site.

For each medication, either list the dosage instructions in the health portion of the online forms system or fill out a paper 'Request for Dispensing Medication' form. You may download this form from our website.

MEDICAL INSURANCE: In the event your child needs medical treatment and/or prescriptions, the family's insurance will be billed. Parents will be notified of any accident or illness that requires treatment and communicated with every step of the way. A copy of an insurance card must accompany the child to camp.

HEALTH SCREENING: We suggest that all campers have had a physical during the 12-month period prior to camp. The camp nurse meets all campers at check-in and checks heads for lice.

CAMPER SAFETY: Your camper's safety is our top priority and we work to make all of our activities as safe as possible. The camp staff undergo extensive staff training to avoid accidents and injuries. All of our staff has been trained in first-aid and CPR. We also have a Nurse or Health Officer on site at all times. Activities may be suspended at certain times and everyone will go indoors for rainy day activities as a result of weather conditions.

SITE SAFETY: Camp staff are identified by a photo name badge and staff shirt. All visitors must check in at the office and are escorted by a staff member. On the first day of camp, campers receive an orientation about what to do in an emergency and we run a fire drill at the beginning of the week.

PHONE POLICY: Camp phones are for business and emergency use only. In case of an emergency and you must talk with your camper, please call the office at 248-887-4533 so we can put you in touch with your camper. Campers are not permitted to have cell phones at camp.

PARENT NOTIFICATION: The Camp Director will call the parent if the following cases:

1. The camper spends more than three hours in the Health Center.
2. The camper needs care from the doctor or medical facility.
3. A behavior issue occurs and we need assistance to correct the behavior.
4. The camper is experiencing severe homesickness and is not adjusting to the camp environment.

HOMESICKNESS: Feelings of homesickness are natural for many children when they are away from their family. These feelings usually pass in a day or two and we work to keep campers involved in constant activities to reduce homesickness. Prior to coming to camp, talking positively about how much fun your camper will have and making sure they learn about camp can help ease homesickness. Feel free to attend one of our Open House Family Fun Days or call us to set up a time to visit camp and take a tour. The American Camp Association has more resources for parents about homesickness in the media section of their website, www.acacamps.org.

If severe homesickness occurs, we will give you a call to let you know what is going on and to get advice on how to best help your camper adjust to camp.

PACKING LIST: PLEASE MARK ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CAMPER'S NAME.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding: sheets and blanket or sleeping bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, lotion, female hygiene products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long Pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Bug repellent (pump-spray or wipes, please) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Books, magazines or comics for rest periods |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Pair of Shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera (preferably disposable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light jacket or sweatshirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Note paper, envelopes and stamps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Day pack to carry gear for the day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing suit (one-piece style only) | <u>PONDEROSA CAMPERS, PLEASE ALSO PACK:</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shower towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Boots with heel (examples: hiking boots, rain boots, cowboy boots) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wash cloth | |

NOT ALLOWED AT CAMP: Cell phones, knives and weapons of any kind, iPods, electronic games, other electric devices, fireworks, or anything you can't afford to lose. YMCA Camping Services is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Prohibited items will be held in the Camp Office until the end of the camp day.

APPROPRIATE DRESS: The camp dress code mirrors the policies of most schools. No flip-flops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, strapless attire, short shorts, or midriff revealing tops. Clothing that portrays inappropriate behavior, logos or offensive language is also prohibited.

LOST AND FOUND: Please call us right away and we will try our best to locate the item. Always check our lost and found "display area" at the end of the session. Any items left behind after the end of a session will be donated to charity two weeks after that session.

PHOTOS: Photos will be posted online throughout the week and can be found through a link on our website, www.miymcacamps.org. They are free to view and download. Our camp photographer does their best to get to every group's activities daily but we cannot guarantee every camper will be pictured. We try to post new photos from the day each evening.

CAMPER E-MAIL: You may send one-way e-mails at no charge through a link on our website, www.miymcacamps.org. We will print and deliver the e-mails to campers. Campers will not be able to e-mail you back, but definitely enjoy receiving notes via this quick and free method.

CAMPER MAIL: Receiving mail is a highlight for many campers. Please do not send candy, gum, or food, as they may attract critters. Our mailing address is:

Camper's Name
YMCA Camp Ohiyesa
7300 Hickory Ridge Road
Holly, MI 48442

VISITS: For site security and camper safety, visitors are discouraged from coming during the day as they can disrupt activities and bring on homesickness in campers. However, if you need to pick up a child or ever have a concern you are welcome to stop at the office or call 248-887-4533.

REFUND POLICY: All deposits are non-refundable. Deposits are TRANSFERABLE until May 1. Refunds (excluding the deposit) can be made until May 1. After May 1, session fees can be transferred to another session during the current camp season or refunded 50%. Two weeks prior to the camp session, fees are refundable only in the case of illness or injury with a written note from a physician to YMCA Camping Services. No refund is made for late arrivals or early departures. In case of homesickness, dismissal or voluntary withdrawal, there will be no refund of fees. **Please direct any questions about billing, payments or transportation changes to YMCA Camping Services at 248-887-4533.**

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP OHIYESA

7300 Hickory Ridge Road, Holly, MI 48442

Phone: (248) 887-4533

FROM US-23 AT FENTON:

Using the Owen Road exit #73 turn onto Owen Road (Shiawassee Road) heading east into the Village of Fenton for 1.7 miles. At stop sign turn right (south) on to South Leroy Street travel for 2.5 blocks to Holly Road. Turn Left onto Holly Road and travel 2.1 miles to Hickory Ridge Road. Turn right (south) onto Hickory Ridge Road travel 5 miles to Camp entrance on the left side of the road. There is a lighted camp sign.

FROM US-23 AT M-59:

Using the Howell/Pontiac exit #67 turn onto M-59 (Highland Road) heading east towards Pontiac. Travel 4.3 miles to Hickory Ridge Road intersection. To make a left turn and head north on Hickory Ridge Road travel through intersection (keeping left) and use switchback road through median to come back and make a right turn onto Hickory Ridge Road heading north. Camp entrance is 4.6 miles. Watch for winding curves after Clyde Road at 3 miles. Continue another 1.6 miles from Clyde Road to camp entrance on the right side.

FROM THE INTERCHANGE OF I-696/ GRAND RIVER/I-275 & I-96:

Head west on I-96 for 9/3 miles to the Milford exit #155B. Turn right (north) onto Milford Road for 4.4 miles to General Motors Road (you are in the Village of Milford—watch your speed limit). Turn left (west) onto General Motors Road and travel for 2.5 miles to Hickory Ridge Road. Turn right (north) onto Hickory Ridge Road and travel 8.6 miles to camp entrance. As you travel north you will cross over M-59. Watch for winding curves after Clyde Road, at the 7-mile mark. Camp is located on the right side.

FROM I-75 AT M-59:

West of the City of Pontiac - travel north on I-75 for 20.2 miles to East Holly Road exit #98. Turn left (west) onto Holly Road travel 4.9 miles into the Village of Holly. Just beyond the railroad tracks turn left (south) onto Broad Street (Milford Road) travel 1 miles to Fenton/Holly Road. Turn right (west) onto Fenton/Holly Road travel 2.1 miles to Hickory Ridge Road. Turn left (south) onto Hickory Ridge Road and travel 5 miles to camp entrance on the left.

ALTERNATE ROUTE I-75 AT M-59:

From I-75 and M-59 (Highland Road) exit #76 toward Pontiac. Go 2.9 miles to Wide Track loop. Make a right on Wide Track loop back to M-59 (Highland Road). Make a right on M-59 West (Highland Road) 20 miles. Turn right onto Hickory Ridge Road heading north. Camp entrance is 4.6 miles. Watch for winding curves after Clyde Road at 3 miles. Continue another 1.6 miles from Clyde Road to camp entrance on the right side.

