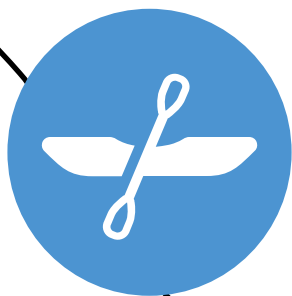
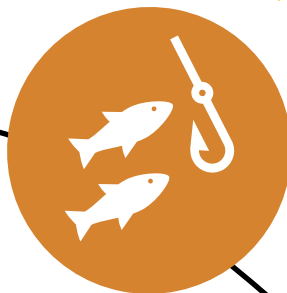


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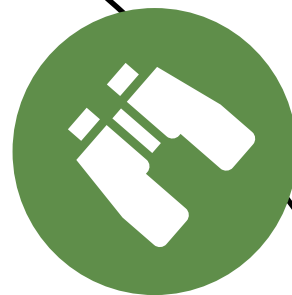
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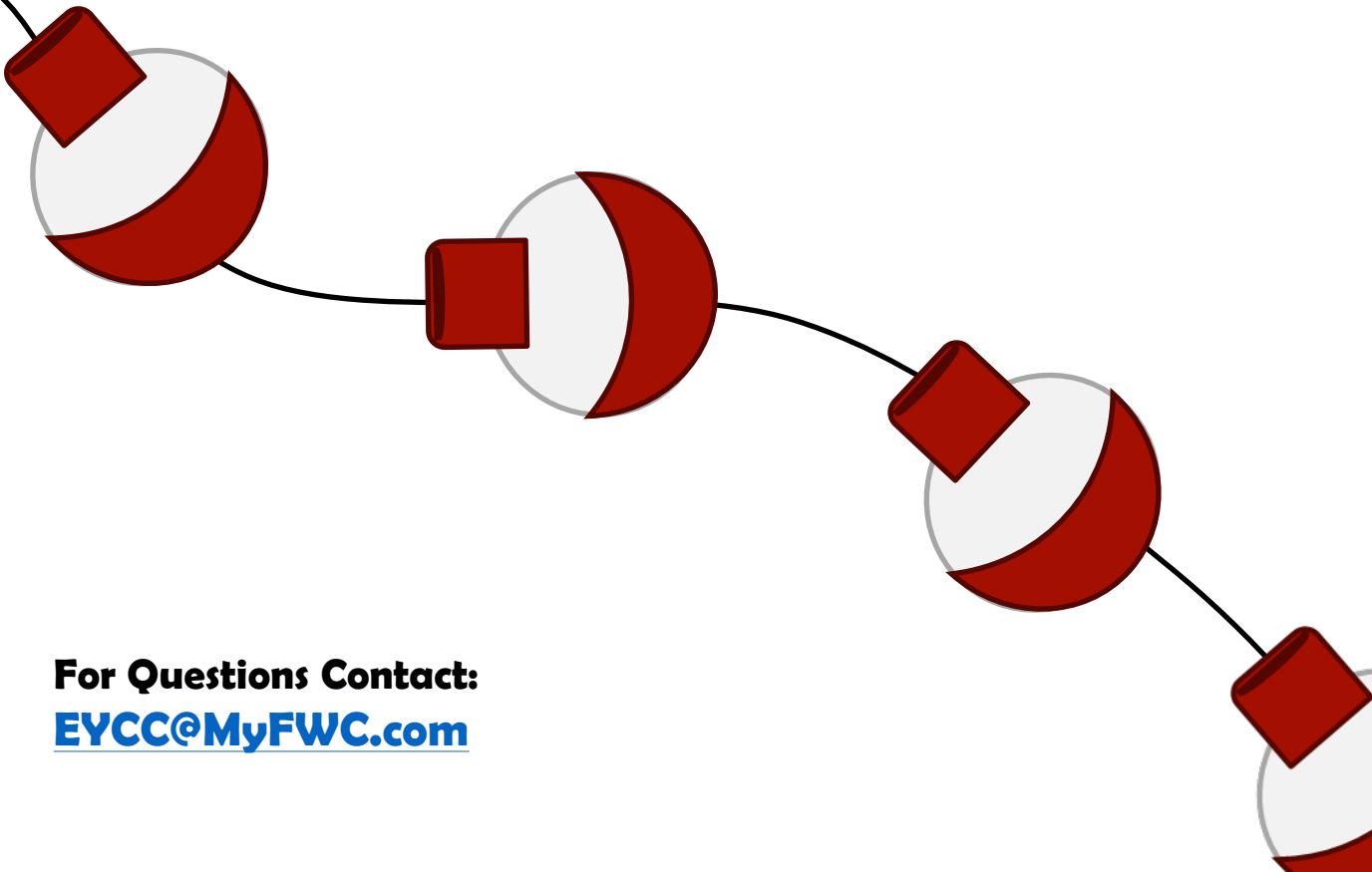
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Overview

The Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network

EYCC was built in the late 1960's and 70's by public interest groups looking to create a place for youth to learn outdoor skills. Today, it is owned and operated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network (FYCCN). FYCCN has four conservation centers including EYCC that operate as year-round education facilities/training centers during the Fall – Spring and as Camps in the summertime. FYCCN also has community partners across the state of Florida that utilize FYCCN as a resource for training and equipment to offer recreation/wildlife-based programs. FYCCN's goal is to spread youth participation in four areas: paddle sports, shooting sports, fishing, and wildlife viewing.

EYCC Programs and Eligibility

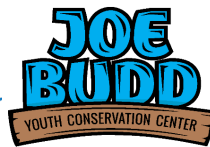
EYCC offers programs covering a wide range of outdoor recreation skills such as: wildlife viewing, fishing, paddle sports, camping, shooting sports, hunting, and archery. Program eligibility is according to grade level completed in the current Fall - Spring academic year ranging from 3rd - 11th grade.

Accredited Through The American Camp Association

The American Camp Association (ACA) is a prominent organization dedicated to maintaining high standards in the camp industry. Established in 1910, ACA serves as an advocate and educational resource for camps nationwide. Its accreditation process evaluates camps against over 300 standards covering safety, quality, and operations. Achieving ACA accreditation showcases a commitment to excellence, ensuring a safe and enriching experience for campers. This process encourages ongoing improvement and innovation. ACA accreditation signifies a camp's quality and provides families with confidence in their choice for a positive camp experience.



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Rights and Dignity of Others

The FWC Does Not Allow Discrimination

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission does not allow discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age or disability. If you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility of this agency which receives Federal financial assistance, you should contact/write to:

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Office of Human Resources, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600; Telephone 850-488-6411 or contact/write to: Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Civil Rights, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

FYCCN Policy on Bullying, Harassment, and Abuse

At All FYCCN Camps, bullying, harassment, and abuse is inexcusable, and we have a firm policy against any kind of bullying, harassment, or abuse. FYCCN takes these issues and the safety of campers in our care seriously. Expulsion from an FYCCN camp for bullying, harassment, or abuse will result in the camper being barred from future attendance at any FYCCN-run camp.

Camper Code of Conduct

Parents must review this code of conduct with their child. Parents are responsible to make sure their child brings the appropriate clothing and items to camp. Failure to abide by these standards will result in consequences including dismissal from camp.

- Campers will accept and get along with others. Put-downs, verbal threats, bullying, foul language, malicious teasing, practical jokes, etc., will not be tolerated from any camper. Campers will be sensitive to others in terms of race, religion, physical characteristics, regional differences and language. Ethnic or religious slurs or jokes will not be tolerated.
- Campers will respect others and their property. Campers will refrain from touching others in any harmful or inappropriate way.
- Campers will follow directions the first time they are given. Most of our directions are for the safety of campers and second chances may be too late.
- Campers are prohibited from bringing firearms, flammables, or explosives into the camp. Violation of this policy is grounds for dismissal.
- The FYCCN Camp is a tobacco, alcohol, and drug free camp. Use and/or possession of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and/or any other substance defined as a drug are grounds for automatic dismissal.



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Staff

All staff are required to pass a level 2 background screening. Position specific training is provided to staff in accordance with ACA standards. Learn more about EYCC's year – round crew below.

Camp Director and Assistant Director



Devyn Hamann
Camp Director

Devyn is a proud wife and mother. Her decade of experience with EYCC is a testament to her passion of getting youth outdoors. She has a Bachelors Degree in Biology from FGCU.



Caylee Sarff
Assistant Director

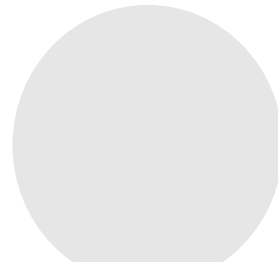
Caylee graduated from FSU in 2019 with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science and Policy. Caylee has a diverse work history from camps to museums and state parks.

Education Specialists



Lyndsey Plancarte

Lyndsey has worked as a summer camp counselor for the past 5 years and is now apart of EYCC's year-round team. Lyndsey is also currently studying marine biology at school.



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Staff

Support Staff



Lisa Contino
Food Service Manager

Lisa manages all aspects of food service for EYCC. She has been part of EYCC's summer camp food service team for many years. She looks forward to providing nutritious meals this season.



Dawn Herron
Administrative Assistant

Dawn diligently manages registration for summer camp and rental use groups. As a jeep owner, she has an extensive collection of rubber ducks, which she loves to plant around the office!

Facility Staff



Dennis Yacino
Facilities Manager

Dennis was born and raised in the New England area. With a diverse background in automotive, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, accounting, and management, Dennis considers himself a Jack – of All – Trades.



Chris Nissen
Facilities Assistant

Hailing from Jupiter Florida, Chris spent many years in the agriculture industry before working for almost two years as a Park Aide in Washington. Chris came to EYCC looking for similar work in warmer weather. We're pleased to have Chris on our team!

Summer Camp Schedule

Camp Sessions

Each week we end our session with a Camp Dance. We encourage campers to bring an outfit to go with the theme for the camp dance. Please make sure that the outfit adheres to our dress code.

Session 1: June 1st – 6th | Dance Theme: 70's Disco

Session 2: June 8th – 13th | Dance Theme: Disney

Session 3: June 15th – 20th | Dance Theme: Intergalactic

Session 4: June 22nd – 27th | Dance Theme: Marine Life

Session 5: June 29th – July 4th | Dance Theme: Fourth of July

Session 6: July 6th – 11th | Dance Theme: Pirate

Session 7: July 13th – 18th | Dance Theme: Wildlife

Session 8: July 20th – 25th | Dance Theme: Country Western

Check in and Check Out

Check in is on Sunday from 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm. Campers are required to check in during their scheduled program time.

Check out is on Friday from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm.

Find more information on check in and check out in the Summer Camp Preparation section.

Daily Camp Schedule

Program activities are those specific to a campers program, i.e., camping skills taught in the Explorers program. Recreation refers to the activities that most programs rotate through daily including paddle sports, swimming, archery, and fishing.

7:30 am Breakfast

8:30 am Activities | Program | Recreation

12:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Rest Hour

2:30 pm Activities | Program | Recreation

6:30 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Activities | Campfire | Game Night | Water Balloon Toss

9:00 pm Showers | 5-minute limit per camper

9:30 pm – 11:00 pm Lights out based on program grade level

Facility Features

Cabins

Campers sleep in air conditioned bunk house style cabins. Our cabins can sleep up to 20 people. Staff to camper ratio in the cabins is 1:8.

Food Service

- Meals are served in EYCC's Dining Hall.
- The camp menu is written with the assistance of a certified professional food manager.
- Three meals are served per day. Snacks are available throughout the day.
- We can accommodate most dietary restrictions. If your child is on a strict diet, please contact the Administrative Assistant, Dawn Herron, prior to arrival.
- If your child has dietary restrictions you will be sent to meet with the kitchen staff during check in.

Health Center

- EYCC has a registered nurse onsite daily to oversee medication administration and healthcare for the camp community.
- The Health Center is stocked with first aid supplies and the most common over the counter medications.
- There are rest areas available in the health center for staff and campers to recuperate from minor injuries and short-term illnesses, i.e., headache, nausea, or stomach aches.

Classroom Areas

EYCC utilizes several indoor and outdoor shaded areas for lessons and program activities. This includes but is not limited to the Dining Hall, Main Pavillion, Dick and Cornelia Corbett Classroom, and Hunter Safety Classroom

Recreational Areas

EYCC has several areas designed for outdoor recreation this includes: fishing, paddle sports, swimming, archery, shotgun and rifle ranges, and campgrounds.

Check out our website for pictures of the facility!

Program Design

The Florida Youth Conservation Center's Network (FYCCN) promotes educational programming for youth in four areas: paddle sports, shooting sports, fishing, and wildlife viewing. Each program group follows a schedule that includes program-specific and recreational activities. Most program groups spend one hour at each recreational activity daily.



Our rotational activities feature paddle sports like kayaking and canoeing. The Marine Masters program offers an exciting kayaking experience to Munion Island, starting from John D. Macarthur Beach State Park.



Archery is a popular rotational activity that involves all campers. Our archery program utilizes universal compound bows specially designed for beginners. For those passionate about archery, we offer the Outdoor Archers program, providing more time on the range and access to advanced equipment and topics. One of our highly sought-after programs is the Pathfinders program, where campers receive comprehensive instruction in FWC's hunter safety curriculum.



Fishing is a key rotational activity at our camp, ensuring that no matter the program your child is enrolled in, they will dedicate at least one hour daily to mastering fundamental fishing skills. The Anglers program is a freshwater fishing program that is great for both beginner and experienced anglers. With the primary focus being on wetlands, the Marsh Seeker program does incorporate introductory fishing skills for younger campers. Saltwater fishing is offered as a component of the Marine Masters program.



There are many ways to get out and explore Florida's wildlife and natural areas. Our Wildlife Adventurers and Wetland Wanderers programs provides hands on education through activities like dip netting, hikes, and interactive games. The Marine Masters program explores marine ecology through snorkeling, kayaking, and coastal assessments. Finally, there's no better way to immerse yourself in nature than camping. Our Explorers program teaches camping skills such as fire building and knot tying culminating in a one-night camping trip in EYCC's hardwood hammock.

Program Descriptions and Costs

Program eligibility is according to grade level completed in the current Fall - Spring academic year ranging from 3rd - 11th grade. The baseline camp fee is \$395. Some programs have higher costs to cover travel or services from outside vendors.

The symbols below will help you identify what program is the best fit for your child.



The program includes a prominent paddle sports component.



The program includes a prominent wildlife viewing component.



The program includes a prominent shooting sports component.



The program includes a prominent fishing component.



Campers participating in this program must have the ability to swim and pass a swim test administered by EYCC's lifeguard.



This program includes offsite trips.



Campers will need to supply some of their own equipment for this program.



Campers are required to submit an application in order to be considered for this program.

Program Descriptions and Costs

Marsh Seekers | \$395 | 3rd – 5th Grade



Campers will learn about the conservation and ecology of Florida's wetland ecosystems. With activities like marsh hikes, dip netting, and fishing, this program is great for campers who love exploring aquatic habitats.

Wildlife Adventurers | \$395 | 3rd – 5th Grade



This program is jam packed with hands on activities and field experiences for campers who enjoy learning about Florida's animals.

Anglers | \$400 | 5th – 6th Grade



The Anglers program is a freshwater fishing program designed for anglers of all experience levels. This program includes offsite fishing experiences, boating activities, and an introduction to bowfishing.

Explorers | \$395 | 5th – 6th Grade



Campers will learn basic camping skills and sustainable practices culminating in a one-night camping trip on EYCC's Explorers Island.

Outdoor Archers | \$395 | 6th – 8th Grade



Archers of all experience levels are welcome to participate in this program, although, campers must have the ability to draw a 35lb compound bow. This program includes 3D archery and more to kindle an interest in recreational pursuits, i.e., bowhunting or bowfishing.

Pathfinders | \$395 | 6th – 8th Grade



This is a Hunter's Safety program for campers looking to obtain their Hunter's Safety certification. The course includes the classroom content and firearm experience needed to successfully pass the FWC's hunter's safety test. This is a great program to teach any child about the importance of firearm safety.

Marine Masters | \$530 | 7th – 8th Grade



Campers learn about the conservation and ecology of marine ecosystem. With offsite activities including snorkeling, kayaking, and fishing, this program is great for campers who love exploring marine habitats.

Program Descriptions and Costs

Leadership Camp | \$395 | 9th – 11th Grade



The Leadership camp program has been revitalized into a Counselor in Training program. CIT's will receive hands on experience and mentorship designed to prepare them for future employment. Participants will be awarded 40 service-learning credits upon successful completion of the program. Participants of the Leadership Camp program may only attend one week of camp.

Candidates are required to fill out an online application after their parents complete their summer camp registration. Campers must register and apply for the LC program by the end of March.

[Link to Application](#)

Registration

Things To Consider Before You Register

- **How Long It Takes:** It can take up to 3 weeks after you register for EYCC to update your status from Pending to Approved, Denied, or Waitlisted.
- **Planning Around Events:** We recommend against choosing weeks immediately following family vacations, other camps, or strenuous sports tournaments.
- **The Number of Weeks:** For first-time campers or for campers with a history of homesickness, we recommend registering for one week initially.
- **Planning to Register With Friends?:** Campers typically thrive when attending camp independently, as bringing a friend can sometimes lead to unexpected challenges.
- **Friends and Program Placement:** While EYCC cannot guarantee that friends or friend groups will be placed in the same week, program, or cabin prompt registration and selecting programs in the same cabin may help. Programs assigned to the same cabin are below.



Marsh Seekers
Wildlife Adventurers



Anglers
Explorers



Pathfinders
Outdoor Archers



Marine Masters

How To Register

- **Before Registration Opens:** Create your account on our online registration portal. Once logged in to your account, select “Add New Camper” and input your camper information for each child attending camp.
- **Once Registration Opens:** Log on to your account and select “New Registration” and register your child for camp. Follow the prompts until registration is submitted. Submission does not imply approval.
- **Check Your Status:** After submitting your registration, your status will be “Pending,” not “Approved.” All registrations must undergo a review by EYCC before they can be either approved or denied.
- **Payment:** You will be emailed payment instructions once your registration is approved.

Registration Policies

- Parents may register their child for up to 2 non-consecutive weeks of camp.
- Registrations are processed in the order they are received.
- EYCC does not accept placement requests for campers looking to be placed in the same week, cabin, or program as a friend or large group such as a sports team.
- Campers are assigned to cabins based on biological sex. Females and males are housed separately.

Registration

Registration Status Guide

Pending: Your registration has been successfully submitted and we are currently reviewing your requested week and program.

Approved: We're pleased to inform you that your requested program and week have been approved and your invoice is available through the camp portal.

Waitlisted: You were waitlisted due to limited space in your requested program. EYCC administration will contact you to discuss alternative options.

Denied or Canceled: In cases where you do not respond to our attempts to contact you, EYCC will Deny or Cancel your registration.

Help Us Make Registration Efficient

Your cooperation plays a vital role in ensuring a smoother experience for all!

- Check your email including your spam and junk mail for status updates daily.
- Respond promptly to direct emails from EYCC administration.
- Register for the precise number of weeks your child will genuinely attend camp. (Don't select multiple weeks to "increase" your chances of approval). EYCC will work with you directly if your registration is waitlisted or denied.

Camp Health and Wellness

General Information

- EYCC has an onsite registered nurse who oversees the health and wellness of the camp community.
- EYCC's health center is stocked with most over the counter medications.
- Staff who supervise campers are First Aid, CPR, and AED certified.
- The camp provides secondary, minor health, and accident insurance during summer camp. The parent or guardian's policy is considered primary.

Policy for Medications, Ointments, and Supplements

- We require all medications, ointments, and supplements be turned in to the camp nurse during check in.
- All medications, ointments, and supplements are stored in the health center. Emergency medications are secured by staff assigned to the camper.
- All medications must be checked in with their original prescription bottle.

Emergency Information

- Campers with life threatening injuries or conditions will be taken to the ER of Westlake or Palms West Hospital.
- In the event of a mental health emergency in which a child expresses the intent to harm themselves or others, local law enforcement will be contacted to assess the child.
- In the event of an emergency evacuation, campers will be transported to:

FWC South Regional Office
8535 North Lake Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 3341

- Please save the following information:

EYCC Main Office: (561) 624 – 6929
FWC South Regional Office: (561) 625 – 5122
Email: EYCC@MyFWC.com

Camp Health and Wellness

Health and Wellness Policies and Procedures

Pre-Camp Health Guidelines:

- We encourage parents to prioritize their child's wellbeing by ensuring they arrive at camp well-rested, nourished, and properly hydrated.
- Activities to avoid the week before arriving at camp include; sports tournaments, travel, attending other sleep-away camps, and any strenuous activities.

Procedures to Prevent Transmission:

- EYCC teaches frequent hand washing, especially before and after meals.
- Campers and Staff are advised to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Campers and Staff are reminded to cover their coughs and sneezes.
- EYCC implements daily sanitization of high contact surfaces.

Policies and Procedures for Common Illnesses:

- **Respiratory Illness:** Campers with mild cold symptoms like a runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, or occasional coughing can typically continue their camp activities. Campers showing signs and symptoms of Strep Throat, Flue, or Covid-19 will be sent home for appropriate medical care.
- **Fever:** Campers with a fever will be sent home for further evaluation and rest.
- **Gastrointestinal Symptoms:** Campers showing signs and symptoms of Rotavirus or Norovirus (persistent vomiting and diarrhea) will be sent home for appropriate medical care.

Parent Notification Procedures:

- Parents will be notified by phone by the Camp Director or designee if their child is seriously injured, showing signs and symptoms of a life-threatening illness, or showing signs and symptoms of a communicable disease.
- Parents will be notified by email if their child is in a group where at least 2 or more campers are showing signs and symptoms of Common Cold, Covid-19, Flue, Strep Throat, Norovirus, Rotavirus, or any other communicable disease. Parents will also be notified by email if their child is being provided regular treatment for a non – pathologic illness or a minor injury.
- **Homesickness:** Our policy is to contact parents if their child is suffering from homesickness, but we strongly discourage allowing parents to talk to their child on the phone. This frequently leads to the child going home.
- **Parent Engagement in Identity Matters:** EYCC's policy is to notify parents and obtain consent regarding names and pronoun usage of campers. We strongly recommend parents share this policy with their child. Contact EYCC with any questions or concerns.

EYCC Recommendations:

- Parents should check their phones and emails daily for updates on their child's health.
- We recommend parents consult their pediatrician about the communicable disease risks associated with the residential summer camp setting.

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Keys To Camp Success Checklist

EYCC is committed to providing the best possible summer camp experience for all our campers. Here are some things you can do to help make sure your child has a stress-free camp experience!

- Review EYCC's website and program information packet annually.
- Most campers who get sick during camp traveled or attended another sleep away camp immediately before their week at EYCC. Schedule a "low key" week before your child's arrival to ensure they are well rested, nourished, and hydrated.
- One week before your arrival, update your camper's profile if there were any changes in medication or medical conditions.
- Notify EYCC administration if your child has experienced any significant life changes that may impact their behavior while at camp.
- Prevent homesickness by implementing strategies we have outlined in the Mental Health Considerations section.
- Gradually reduce your child's screentime. Cutting use of electronic devices "cold turkey" can be difficult for some children.
- The week before camp, double check your email and send over any paperwork you might have missed.
- Going out of town while your child attends camp? Make sure you have someone who can pick them up if they need to go home early.
- Attending multiple weeks? Double check which weeks AND program your child is signed up for.
- Create an account on Waldo Photo's to see summer camp photos posted at the end of each week.
- Review our refund policy which is conveniently outlined for your below!

Refund Policy

Payment is due 14 days after approval by the camp director. Each camp registration will include a non-refundable \$25 deposit. Parents are eligible for a 50% refund for cancellations more than 2 weeks before their camper's week of camp. Refund requests will be denied for cancellations less than 2 weeks before the start of that camper's week of camp. Refund requests will not be considered in cases where the child is sent home due to disciplinary problems or homesickness.

EYCC Refund Policy for Campers Sent Home Early Due to Illness:

Please note that the common causes of campers falling ill during camp are activities leading up to camp such as travel, sports tournaments, or attending another sleepaway camp. We recommend a week of relaxation and recuperation before your child's arrival to minimize this risk. Parents may request a 50% refund if their child leaves camp due to illness between Sunday and before 12:30 pm on Wednesday. The refund will exclude the \$25 deposit and any activity fees.

Camp Packing List

Prohibited Items

- × Electronic Devices. An electronic device is anything that uses electricity and technology to do things like talk to people, read, show videos, or search the internet. This includes but is not limited to: smartphones, tablets, laptops, e-readers, gaming consoles, digital cameras, and smart watches.
- × Weapons/Flammables/Explosives.
- × Tobacco/Alcohol/Drugs/Vaping devices.
- × Items that can be used for practical jokes , i.e., shaving cream, stink bombs, or extra toothpaste.
- × Makeup/Hair Dryers.
- × Food or drinks. The camp will provide water and food including snacks.
- × Personal sports or recreational equipment, i.e., soccer ball, fishing pole, or tackle.
- × Suitcases higher than 12 inches. Please do not send your camper with a trunk or bin.

Clothing

- 8 - 10 pairs of shorts
- 8 - 10 pairs of t-Shirts
- 1 - 2 pairs of long pants
- 1 - 2 long sleeve shirts
- 6-8 pairs of underclothing
- 6 - 8 pairs of socks
- 2 pairs of dry shoes
- 1 pair of shoes for wet hikes
- 1 pair of shower shoes
- Raincoat or Poncho
- Hat and Sunglasses (polarized)
- 2 bathing suits
- 2 dry wick swim shirts
- Swim shorts

Toiletries

- Twin bed sheets and blanket or sleeping bag
- Pillow with pillowcase
- Hand towel and washcloth
- 2-3 bath towels
- Toiletry bag
- Deodorant
- Soap, shampoo, & conditioner
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Shaving equipment (No electric razors)
- Sunscreen
- Laundry Bag

FWC will not be liable for the loss, theft, or damage of camper items. Please respect the property of others.

Equipment

- All campers are required to pack a water bottle. We recommend at least 32 oz.
- Flashlight.
- Backpack.
- Campers in the Explorers program are required to bring: a Sleeping bag, a camping pillow, a mess kit and eating utensils, and a dry bag (≥ 40L).
- Campers in the Marine Masters program are required to bring: A mask, snorkel, and fins, dive booties, and durable water shoes.
- EYCC supplies all equipment for Outdoor Archers. Program participants can bring their own bow and arrows (field tips only) but must inform camp administration in advance. Securely bring the equipment in a case during check-in; our RSO will store it securely for camp use.

Camp Dress Code

Clothing Requirements

- **Appropriate Tops:** Campers are required to wear tops that cover their shoulders and torso adequately. This means no halters, tanks, sleeveless shirts, or crop tops.
- **Respectful Attire:** Please avoid clothing with inappropriate statements, symbols, or images that are profane, obscene, political, controversial, or make references to drugs or alcohol.
- **Bottoms:** Shorts must be of an appropriate length, covering private areas completely. Additionally, shorts must be loose-fitted to ensure comfort and proper coverage. Leggings are not permitted.
- **Swimwear:** Swimwear is essential for water-based activities. Please ensure that swimwear includes a swimsuit, swim shorts, and a swim shirt. This combination offers protection from the sun and environmental elements.
- **Footwear:** All campers must wear closed-toe and closed-heel shoes to ensure foot safety during various activities. Campers are required to have wet shoes, dry shoes, and an extra pair of shoes for changing conditions. Boots and crocs are not permitted.
- **Sun Protection:** All campers are required to have polarized sunglasses and a hat (wide brim hats are recommended)

Clothing Recommendations

- **Extra Underwear and Socks:** We recommend packing extra pairs of underwear and socks. Camp days are full of excitement and exploration, and it's always handy to have fresh essentials.
- **Durable Attire:** Please avoid sending expensive or delicate clothing to camp. Our activities involve outdoor adventures, and clothes might get dirty or wet. Sturdy, easily washable attire is the way to go. We do not recommend "slip on" water shoes.
- **Quick-Dry Clothing:** Given the active nature of our camp, quick-drying clothing is a great choice. These materials wick moisture away from the body, keeping campers comfortable throughout the day.
- **Loose-Fitted Shorts:** Loose-fitted shorts are ideal for providing comfort and flexibility during various activities. They allow for easy movement and help prevent chafing that can occur with skin-tight shorts.
- **Labeling Clothes:** We encourage you to label your child's clothes with their name. This helps us ensure that any unclaimed items find their way back to the right camper.
- **Multiple Changes of Clothes:** Pack at least three changes of clothes for each camp day. Campers will be active and engaged in a variety of activities, and having extra outfits ensures they stay fresh and comfortable.
- **Long Sleeve Shirt and Pants:** For campfire nights, please include one long-sleeve shirt and a pair of pants. These items will shield campers from mosquitos during evening activities.

Check In & Out Policies | Procedures

Check In

- Check in is on Sundays.
- Check in starts inside the dining hall. Please plan to arrive at your child's scheduled program time. Campers may be accompanied by two adults maximum.
- If you are dropping off campers enrolled in two different programs, you can complete the check-in process during the check-in time of the program that occurs first.
- All campers are required to arrive by 4:30 pm. We cannot accommodate requests for early or late drop off.
- Be sure to bring late forms, medications, and luggage. Note: please bring medications in the original prescription bottle. EYCC's health center is stocked with most over the counter medications.

Schedule:

2:30 p.m. Leadership Campers

3:00 p.m. Marine Masters

3:30 p.m. Pathfinders and Outdoor Archers

4:00 p.m. Explorers and Anglers

4:30 p.m. Wildlife Adventurers and Marsh Seekers

Check Out

- Check out is on Fridays from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm.
- Current photo identification is required.
- Please remain in your car for your safety.
- Please do not arrive earlier than 2:30 pm.
- Remain behind the designated boundary until check out begins. Entering early and parking causes traffic congestion.
- No late check out. Please plan accordingly.
- Only individuals who are authorized by the parents in writing will be allowed to pick up campers.

Plan Ahead!

- You may be waiting in line for 20 to 30 minutes, be sure to use a rest stop before arriving at EYCC.
- Inclement weather can cause delays to the check in and check out process. Plan accordingly.
- Know the full name and program for each camper you are picking up. Writing a list with this information can be helpful to EYCC staff during the check out process.
- For the safety of staff and campers please leave pets at home.
- Requests to swap programs during check in will not be accepted. Please contact EYCC administration at least one week in advance to inquire about availability in other programs.

Mental Health Considerations

General Mental Health Considerations

- **Starting New Psychiatric Medications Before Camp:** Consult your child's doctor on whether it is safe for your child to go to summer camp if they are starting a new psychiatric medication within one week of attending camp. Let us know if your child is at risk for suicide or other harmful behaviors
- **Recent Major Life Changes:** Please let camp administration know if your household has experienced any major changes that may affect your child's mental health while at camp.
- **Parent Engagement in Identity Matters:** EYCC's policy is to obtain parental consent regarding names and pronoun usage in campers. We strongly recommend parents share this policy with their child. Contact EYCC with any questions or concerns.

Homesickness Prevention Checklist

- Prepare your child for what to expect at camp, i.e., sleeping arrangements, rules, and schedules.
- Avoid associating camp with negative feelings, for example, pointing out your child will have to "survive" without their usual comforts, i.e., cellphones, makeup, or sleeping in. While the intention behind these statements is often lighthearted the discomfort the child feels is not.
- Pre-write letters for your child and hand them in at check in so that your child can get mail from you every day.
- Slowly reduce your child's time on their phones, tablets, and video games at least two weeks prior to camp.

Access Summer Camp Photos

Access Our Free Online Gallery

EYCC uploads camp pictures to waldophotos.com where parents can view all the photos taken throughout the summer for free. Our gallery is available here: www.waldophotos.com/galleries . Access the gallery with our join code: eycc25. Photos from each session are posted on Fridays.

Waldo's Auto-Tagging Option

Waldo provides a convenient AI facial recognition service through a paid subscription, enabling parents to easily identify and access photos of their child. This innovative technology recognizes your child's face and directly delivers corresponding photos to your account. 50% of every subscription goes to camper scholarships. To enroll, you have two options:

1. Text "eycc25" to 735-343.
2. Visit <https://waldophotos.com>, select "Find Event," and enter "eycc25 for quick access.

Waldo Photos Ownership and Support

We want to emphasize that Waldo Photos is a privately owned company, separate from EYCC. The website gallery and subscription service are not owned by EYCC, and therefore, we are unable to address parent complaints or process refund requests related to Waldo subscriptions. For any issues or inquiries concerning technical matters or subscription options, please refer to Waldo's official support at: <https://waldophotos.com/contact/>



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