

# SUMMER ESSENTIALS



## YMCA Camp Ernst

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## PACKING LIST

We recommend that you pack your camper's belongings in a large Rubbermaid-type tote box. This makes it easy for campers to keep their things together and easy for parents to clean out when they come home!

Clearly mark items with camper's name; this will help in finding lost items. Lost items are kept for two weeks and then are donated to charity.

- **Shorts** - Nylon shorts are not suitable for ropes course
- **T-shirts**
- **Sleepwear**
- **Underwear and socks**
- **Raincoat**
- **Sweatshirt/jacket**
- **Long pants** - for cooler times of day and any horseback riding
- **Laundry bag**
- **Bedding**-Sleeping bag, sheet(s) and pillow
- **Water bottle**
- **Shower articles** - Bath towel, wash cloth or sponge, soap in a container, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush & toothpaste, and shower shoes

- **Shoes** - two pairs of gym shoes, one pair old enough to wade in creek. Ropes course and Ranch require closed-toe shoes
- **Bathing suits**- one-piece ONLY. One or two suits and two beach towels
- **Sunscreen** - taking care of campers' skin/protecting it from sunburn is a top priority for us, but we need everyone's help. When you send sunscreen with your campers please encourage them to be responsible about reapplying throughout their week at camp.
- **Medication** - In the original labeled container, medications are to be given to the nurse on Sunday during Check-In. Special blister packs will be provided at check-in. Epi-pens and Inhalers can be carried by campers or staff but must be logged with the nurse. The nurse recommends you send an extra inhaler/epi-pen as backup to be kept in the health center.
- **Commonly-brought items** - Stationery, pre-stamped and addressed envelopes, flashlight, small battery-operated fan, backpack, disposable camera and snacks to share.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ⊗ CELL PHONE(S)
- ⊗ HAND-HELD VIDEO GAMES
- ⊗ DIGITAL OR VIDEO CAMERA
- ⊗ IPODS/SMART WATCHES
- ⊗ EREADERS
- ⊗ FITNESS TRACKERS
- ⊗ EXTENSION CORDS (prohibited by the Fire Department unless equipped with a surge protector)
- ⊗ CASH
- ⊗ POCKET KNIVES
- ⊗ MATCHES/LIGHTERS/FIREWORKS
- ⊗ EXPENSIVE ITEMS (clothes, shoes, jewelry, smart watches, etc)

Labeling your campers belongings is the easiest way to be reunited with any lost items during the week. Buy premade labels and support Camp Ernst scholarships at the same time by going to [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and selecting YMCA Camp Ernst.

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## Before Arriving at Camp Ernst

- Camp Balance** - pay at least 2 weeks before camper arrives
- Health Form** - complete online at least 2 weeks before camper arrives
- Cabin Assignments** - review and call office with any questions or concerns (Cabin Assignments are emailed approximately 1 week before your camp week)

## Drop Off & Pick Up Days

### Sunday Afternoon :

Arrive in the order of the first letter of your last name:

A-L 3:00pm

M-Z 3:30pm

Check-in at Cabin

Pick-up pre-purchased items at the merchandise table (or purchase at table)

Go to Nurse Table (only if you have any medication such as prescription/over-the counter/vitamins)

### Saturday Morning:

Pick-up in the order of the first letter of your last name:

M-Z 9:00am

A-L 9:15am

Receive Check-Out Newsletter during drive in

Pick-up at Cabin

Sign-up for next summer!

**Note:** We don't recommend it, but if it is necessary to pick-up or drop-off your camper(s) during the week, please make arrangements with your child, their counselor, AND the office. Special pick-up or drop-off must occur at the office. Please call ahead as times are limited.