



### **Dear Parents and Guardians:**

Thank you for participating in the Outdoor Education program at YMCA Storer Camps. Our talented and caring staff strives to provide an exceptional experience for all. Outdoor Education is an extension of your school program, and we feel privileged to serve many quality school districts like yours. As a parent/guardian, you need to be familiar with the following information as your child embarks on their camp experience.

### **Camp is an extension of your child's school program.**

While your student is staying here at YMCA Storer Camps, they are attending as part of their school's group. Think of their visit to camp as an extended field trip. Their teacher is your main point of contact while at camp as well as prep before camp. Please be sure to notify your child's teacher of any dietary, medical or any other needs that will be passed along to camp staff.

### **What to pack**

Please review our Student Packing List. Since this is an outdoor education program, your child will be spending much of their time outside. Please pack items that can get wet or dirty. **Please label all items with your child's name** so misplaced items can be returned. Make sure your child is prepared for the season. All students should bring rain gear. If your child is coming in the winter remember to pack several layers of clothing, a warm winter coat, snow pants, hat, gloves, waterproof boots and lots of socks. If you are a cabin leader/chaperone, please utilize this packing list.

### **Mail to Campers**

You are welcome to send letters to your child while they are at camp. Please send them the week prior to your child's arrival at camp to assure they receive it during their stay. Remember to write upbeat, encouraging words. Letters that focus on missing your children lend to homesickness. To avoid letters arriving after your student leaves camp you may want to give letters to their teachers to hand out while they are at camp. Noting on the outside "Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday", etc. Please send letters with return addresses. Address letters as follows:

Name of Student  
Name of School  
YMCA Storer Camps  
6941 Stony Lake Road  
Jackson, Michigan 49201

Sincerely,

The YMCA Storer Camps Team



## What to Bring" CHECKLIST

### BEDDING

- Sleeping bag or sheets & blanket (Twin size)
- Pillow & pillowcase

### CLOTHING (Spring/Fall)

- Pajamas
- Underclothing (2 per day)
- Socks (2 pairs per day)
- Shirts (long and short sleeved)
- Pants/jeans (3 pairs; dresses not recommended)
- Bathing suit for showering
- Sweatshirt/jacket
- Raincoat **\*Needed for every season!**  
**Please note: Do not bring umbrellas. If horse riding, no ponchos.**
- Comfortable tennis shoes (2 pairs)
- Waterproof shoes/boots (1 pair)
- Shower shoes (1 pair)
- Plastic bag for dirty clothes

### CLOTHING (Winter)

**Please Note: We are an Outdoor Environmental Education Center. Your child will be outside for extended periods of time except in cases of extreme/sub-zero weather. Please prepare your child with proper clothing for outdoor winter activities.**

- Pajamas (1 pair)
- Underclothing (2 per day)
- Socks (3 pairs per day)
- Shirts (long and short sleeved)
- Pants/jeans (3 pairs; dresses not recommended)
- Bathing suit for showering
- Raincoat **\*Needed for every season!**  
**Please note: Do not bring umbrellas. If horse riding, no ponchos.**
- Winter/Insulated Coat with a hood
- Snow pants (1 pair)
- Gloves/Mittens (2 pair: WATERPROOF recommended)

- Winter hat/Scarf
- Waterproof Insulated Boots (1 pair)
- Comfortable tennis shoes (1 pair)
- Shower shoes (1 pair)
- Plastic bag for dirty clothes

### TOILETRIES

- Bath towel & washcloth
- Comb and/or brush
- Deodorant (no aerosol spray cans)
- Lip Balm
- Soap/Shampoo
- Toothbrush & toothpaste

### OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Day backpack
- Reusable water bottle
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen lotion
- Insect repellent (no aerosol spray cans)
- Sunglasses or Hat
- Camera (disposable recommended)
- Reading book
- Stationary/writing paper, pen & stamps
- Stuffed animal

### MEDICATIONS

**Medications MUST be turned in to school before departure to camp. Only emergency medications such as rescue inhalers, epinephrine injectors and diabetic supplies can be carried by students.**

### SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR CABIN LEADERS ONLY

- Alarm Clock (or cell phone)
- Watch (or cell phone)
- Extension Cord
- Travel Mug
- Book to read to children
- Board Games/ Cards

### **PLEASE DO NOT SEND THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

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|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| • Video Games or Electronic Devices              | • iPads/iPods                 | • Cell Phones       |
| • Hairspray, mousse, gels, etc.                  | • Blow dryers & curling irons | • Chewing gum       |
| • Food (including pop & candy)                   | • Matches or lighters         | • Fishing equipment |
| • Firearms, knives, archery equipment or weapons |                               | • Money             |



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