

York Parks & Recreation
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP 2017 WELCOME!
Come Join us for a fun-filled summer!

Welcome to the York Parks & Recreation Outdoor Adventure Day Camp (OAC)!

We are so excited for camp this year! We have a fun-filled summer planned with great field trips, games, events, and activities. We have a great staff working at OAC this summer; we have a few returning counselors as well as some fantastic new additions. OAC would like to welcome back returning directors, Izzy and Nick. We would like to give a big welcome back to Adam, Parker, Siobhan, Erin, and Marquis who are returning for another summer at Outdoor Adventure Camp as well as Madigan, Kelly, Kendall, and Reid and Parker who are also moving from JAC. We are very excited to have a new counselor Alanna joining the team! Throughout the summer, we as a staff hope to encourage each child's talents to grow, provide a safe environment, and celebrate their unique qualities. We are thrilled to welcome back returning campers and look forward to meeting our newest OAC members!

Camp opens its doors each day at **7:30am**. Please bring your child to the York Middle School (YMS) gym no later than **9:00am** as we frequently begin our day and may leave for a field trip early in the morning. You may begin to pick up your child at **4:30pm**. Pick up ends at **5:30pm**. Many times we can't ensure we will be back earlier than 4:30pm so please help us by dropping off and picking up your camper during the designated hours. Thank you!

A normal day at camp begins with check-in and a camp-wide game for everyone. Throughout the day we will play games, spend time outside, take field trips around town, go to the beach, make arts and crafts, and have lots of fun. We hope that your child goes home with a big smile each day, excitedly ready to share with you all about what we did at OAC!

Please send your child with sunscreen **every day**. If it is nice outside, OAC will be outside playing games, setting up the slip-n-slide, or having free time. Each day at camp, campers will reapply sunscreen multiple times. Please make sure your child always has plenty of sunscreen in their backpack. OAC counselors are not allowed to put sunscreen on your children. We will ask that they partner up with a friend and make sure the sunscreen is being applied adequately. OAC counselors will oversee the process to make sure each child has sunscreen on before heading outside.

The following guidelines should help make the summer a safe and enjoyable one for everyone.

Activities

All campers are required to be at group activities and stay with camp staff. Children may choose not to participate in planned group activities, but no additional activities will be available for children who choose not to participate. Please encourage your camper to try something new—they may end up loving the game or activity!

Arriving and Departing Camp: YORK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Regular OAC Hours: 7:30am-5:30pm, Monday-Friday

*You must sign in your child when you drop him or her off. This is important to us as we want to be aware of who is at camp. Please come into the lobby, sign your child in or out, and make direct contact with a staff member. We may have information and schedules to share with parents so please make sure that you come in with your child each day.



Check in: 7:30am-9:00am

Please take notice that after 9:00am we may have left the school for a field trip. It is very important to have your camper at YMS no later than **9:00am** as that is when our day begins! As you make your child's summer plans (sports camps, art camps, etc.) please keep in mind that it is very difficult for us to accommodate individual schedules. Although YMS is our home base, during the day we may be elsewhere. We will always leave a sign on the doors of the gym telling where we are.

Check out: 4:30pm-5:30pm

*Please be aware that a late fee of \$1 per minute will be assessed if pickup occurs later than **5:30pm**. If you have special circumstances and need alternate arrangements to pick up your child, please notify a camp Director. Only authorized persons listed on the consent form (signed by parent/guardian) and with picture ID will be allowed to pick up your child.

Snacks & Lunch

We will have **2** snack times and a lunch each day. Please send your child with healthy snacks, lunch, and plenty to drink. It's important to include extra water (refillable bottle is best) and snacks on field trip days.



Rex's Reading Club

This summer at OAC we will be incorporating reading into our everyday schedule. We will set aside about 15 minutes of our day for all campers to sit down and enjoy their favorite book or magazine. We ask that your camper bring something to read everyday they attend camp.

Illness/Sick Policy

If your child has a fever, is vomiting, has diarrhea, or any other contagious illnesses, please do not send them to camp. Parents/caregivers or emergency contacts will be notified if a child develops symptoms while at camp and will be expected to make arrangements for pick up.

Camper's Code of Conduct

On the first day of camp, we will talk to campers about our code of conduct. We will also ask for their help in establishing camp rules for the summer. We will ask them to sign a copy of the agreed upon rules to reinforce the code that we will use to maintain consistency and fairness. Another copy will be posted visibly in the lobby of York Middle School. We will not tolerate any form of bullying and/or physical and verbal intimidation. We have developed a positive reinforcement conduct code. Please review the following founding principles with your child to ensure a fun and safe summer for all.

- *Respect other campers, counselors, and the environment
- *Always use proper language and behavior
- *Keep hands, feet, and objects to self
- *Remain with your assigned group at all times
- *Follow directions at all times
- *Maintain a positive attitude—HAVE FUN!



Discipline Policy

To assist counselors with the improvement of inappropriate behavior, progressive discipline guidelines have been established. These procedures may be skipped if the severity of the offense warrants.

- *First Offense- Verbal correction or warning
- *Second Offense- Ten-minute “breather” and conference with parent
- *Third Offense- Parents contacted and asked to pick up camper immediately. Child will be suspended from camp for an amount of anywhere from one day up to the remainder of the summer, at OAC Director's discretion.

Clothing/Attire

Please have your camper wear comfortable clothing, suitable for active fun and games. **CAMPERS MUST BRING SNEAKERS EVERY DAY!** If your child doesn't have sneakers, they may not be able to participate in some camp activities. We recommend athletic shoes with socks, long pants or shorts, and t-shirts/tank tops. It is also a great idea to send an extra set of clothes, including a sweatshirt. Flip flops and crocs are acceptable on beach/water days. On days during which we will be walking and at the school, please send your camper with sneakers! **On Field Trip days, it is VERY important, for safety, that your camper wear his/her camp shirt. A**

bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen are important to bring each day. It is a good idea to keep these staple items in your camper's backpack. If it's a really hot day we may get the hose or slip and slide going! OAC cannot be expected to provide sunscreen so please plan accordingly.

We recommend that you do NOT send personal toys, pets, or electronic items (video games, cell phones, etc.) with your child to camp. These items become a distractions and can easily be lost or damaged.

*Video games, iPods, etc. are allowed for bus travel during our Field Trip days. However, OAC Staff are not responsible for missing items.

Use of Phone

Campers will NOT be allowed to use the phone during the course of the day. Parents will be contacted in case of emergency or illness. Cell phones are discouraged and, if brought to camp, must be left in backpacks all day. Parents may contact York Parks and Rec at (207)-363-1040 with any questions, and they will get in touch with the OAC Directors.



Email

Email will be checked once a day and usually at 8:00am. If you need to get in touch with Izzy or Nick immediately, please call the Parks & Rec department at (207)-363-1040 and they will get in touch with them. If you need to talk to one of them individually they ask that you speak to them during pick up or drop off or email them at oac@yorkmaine.org. Please be mindful that they are providing care for many children during camp hours. Consequently, they may not be able to be in touch instantaneously. They will try to be as prompt as possible, but may not be responding to email after 5:30pm.

Field Trips

We have planned a variety of exciting field trips in the area. Typically, once a week, and usually on **THURSDAY**, we will take a big field trip. Field trips involve bus travel and are an **EXTRA COST** to regular camp day tuition. They are available on a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE** basis and tend to fill up quickly. Shorter trips to local spots such as Harbor Beach and Mt. A may occur more frequently.

Field trip sign ups begin at 7:30am the Friday before the planned week. Please keep in mind that field trips require sign up **SEPARATE** from that of a regular camp day. You must pay for the field trip cost **before** your camper's name will be placed on the list. This is to prevent unnecessary sign-ups and to ensure as many campers make the field trip list as possible. Payment can be made at camp.

On a field trip day, your camper must go on the bus with us. No OAC Staff will be left behind to accommodate for camper's that don't want to participate. All field trips require our staff and campers to wear their complementary York Parks and Recreation field trip shirt provided on the first day of camp.

Field trips are tentative schedules, since we must be flexible due to weather and unforeseen circumstances. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation!

Beach Day

Beach days are a camper and counselor favorite. To ensure the safety of all we have strict protocols in place. OAC and JAC use the far right section of York Harbor Beach (in front of Stageneck Inn). Campers are not allowed to leave this designated area unless accompanied by a counselor or a buddy for bathroom trips. Campers are allowed to go chest-deep in the water, but no further. There will always be a minimum of two counselors at the allowed maximum depth (depending on tide, surf, etc.) and two knee deep in the water. All other counselors will be overseeing the remainder of campers. There is always be a town lifeguard on duty and this year we are fortunate enough to have a certified lifeguard on staff for all water activities! Climbing on rocks is only prohibited when a counselor is present and the extent of climbing is at counselor's discretion. If there are any concerns, we welcome you to come see us in action!

We value open lines of communication. Our relationships with parents and campers are very important to us, and we work hard to make sure that your OAC experience is a great one! If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with an OAC Director at the York Middle School or contact Robin Cogger at the Parks and Recreation Office.

A great resource for information, scheduled events, and cancellations is the Parks and Recreation website: www.yorkparksandrec.org

Thank you to both parents and campers for choosing Outdoor Adventure Camp. We are all looking forward to a fun summer and can't wait to share it with you! 😊

Izzy Goodwin, Co-Director
Nick Darby, Co-Director
Adam Bailey, Counselor
Parker Gauthier, Counselor
Marquis MacGlashing, Counselor
Siobhan Langaas, Counselor
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Madigan Cogger, Counselor
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