

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What to expect on the first day of camp?

Campers may arrive between 1:30pm and 3:00pm on the Sunday of each session. You will receive detailed information via email prior to Opening Day. You will be greeted at the front gate where you will receive your camper's cabin number. Once you drop off your camper at their cabin and meet the counselors, please feel free to explore camp and visit the camp store in the Dining Hall. If your camper has any medications with them, please stop by the clinic at the Dining Hall to talk with the nurses. We invite you to join us at the opening ceremony down at The Waterfront at 3:30pm where you will meet the staff and sing a crazy camp song!

What to expect on the last day of camp?

Pick-up is at 2:00pm on the closing day of each session (Wednesdays for 4-Day and Fridays for 6-Day, CIT/AC, Trips). We will check your ID at the front gate, parking is along the street near the dining hall, luggage will be by the dining hall, pick up any medications from the nurses, sort through the Lost & Found in the Dining Hall, visit the camp store in the Dining Hall, and the closing ceremony will take place in The Pit at 2:15pm (ish).

How does my camper get home?

If you have a 4 Day camper, you will pick them up from camp on Wednesday afternoon. If you have a 6 Day camper, CIT/AC, or a Trip camper, you will pick them up from camp or from the bus at West Side YMCA on Friday afternoon.

What do we need to pack for a trip?

See the Packing List - Canoeing or Packing List - Backpacking for specifics for each type of trip.

How do I get my camper to a trip?

All campers arrive at Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya on Sunday afternoon to meet their counselors and move into their cabins. All trips leave from camp on Monday morning after getting packed and ready in camp vehicles.

Can my camper request a cabin mate?

Please submit cabin mate requests on the Camper Information section in CampBrain. Should you want to make a camper request to be in the same cabin as a friend:

1. The request must come from BOTH families.
2. Both campers must be the same age and/or grade.
3. Both campers must be attending the same session.
4. Both requests need to be completed in the camper's CampBrain profile.
5. We cannot guarantee all requests (though we do try our best!)

What is the camp's cell phone / technology policy?

At YMCA Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya, we believe in the power of connection, community, and time spent unplugged in nature. To support a safe, inclusive, and distraction-free camp experience, campers (including CITs and ACs) may not use personal cell phones or electronic devices during camp programs. Staying unplugged helps campers build friendships, try new activities, and fully immerse themselves in the magic of camp—no screens required. To maintain privacy and ensure proper supervision, any personal devices brought to camp will be collected by staff, stored securely, and returned to campers at the end of their session. Campers will always have access to communication through YMCA staff if a need arises.

What do we need to pack for overnight camp?

See the Packing List - Overnight Camp for specifics for camp.

What happens during severe weather?

Your camper's safety is our top priority. Our staff are trained in emergency procedures and participate in practice drills on Sunday so campers know what to do in a calm, supportive way. Each building is equipped with a clear flip chart outlining specific emergency steps, and staff review these procedures regularly. In the event of lightning or severe weather, activities will be paused and campers will be moved to designated storm shelters as needed. These proactive measures help ensure a safe, prepared, and well-cared-for camp environment.

How are medications handled?

All medications (including over-the-counter medications and supplements) **MUST** be in the original packaging and turned into the camp nurses during check-in. Medications will be distributed from the clinic during meal times and before bedtime.

- Keep all medication in the original container with the prescription label.
- All medications need to be listed on the camper's Health Form
- Medication cannot be expired.
- We cannot accept medication or supplements in baggies or all jumbled together.
- Emergency inhalers or EpiPens can be kept with the camper or counselor, a discussion will take place with the Camp Nurse to determine.
- ****We cannot distribute medication that is not in the original container with the dosage listed on the label per the prescribing physician.****

How can I stay in touch with my camper?

We believe that a sense of independence for both family and camper while away at camp is an important tool for growth. We also believe in the value of verbally relaying stories from campers to parents as a part of sharing in their camp experience. We encourage you to send letters or email notes (Bunk Notes) for your camper. Be ready on closing day to hear all about the camp magic!

What is the Wednesday Overnight Campout?

Our Wednesday night overnight campout is a highlight of the week and a true camp adventure! 6 Day Campers will hike out to our campsites, set up tents, and spend the night under the stars. Together, we'll cook hobo stew over a crackling campfire, share stories and laughter, and enjoy the simple joy of

being outdoors. It's a night filled with teamwork, fun, and unforgettable memories that make camp extra special.

What will my camper eat at camp?

Campers enjoy three balanced meals each day, served in a warm, family-style setting. Breakfast includes fresh fruit and yogurt to start the day strong, while lunch and dinner feature fresh vegetables and a salad bar to support healthy choices. Water and milk are available at every meal, and hot meals are shared together at each table—encouraging conversation, community, and connection around the table.

What activities are offered at camp?

All campers have free time in our Downtown Unie area where there are hammocks, fishing, swimming, nine square, gaga ball, and socializing at the snack shack. Evenings are spent with camp games, campfires, and cabin activities such as paddleboarding, tie dye, nature hikes, canoeing, and so much more.

- Adventure Sports - Campers will feast on adrenaline as they spend the week ascending the climbing wall, riding fat tire bikes, and kayaking. Campers will identify their personal limits and learn to conquer challenges in order to grow.
- Arts & Crafts - Campers express their creativity through a variety of artistic media. Painting, sculpting, and tie dye are just some of the disciplines explored. At the end of the week, they will have a great understanding of how time and effort can produce works of art they can display with pride.
- Fishing - This is the perfect specialty area for those kids who love the thrill and challenge of hooking Wisconsin's freshwater sport fish. From shore and watercraft, campers in the Fishing specialty area will learn in-depth tactics for catching pan fish, bass and northern pike. This specialty area gives each camper extended opportunities to fish and ends with a fish fry on Friday.
- Marksmanship - This area includes archery, riflery, slingshots and atlatls. Everything begins with a firm foundation of safety practices and then grows to advanced techniques and competitive marksmanship. Hit a bullseye, knock over the can, and score points while learning self-discipline and self-control.
- Survival Skills - This area focuses on living with the forces of nature to survive and thrive in the great outdoors. Campers learn skills in fire building, shelter making, fishing, and other bush craft skills. Muddy shoes, dirty hands, and big smiles are to be expected.
- Watercraft - In watercraft, campers will learn advanced skills in canoeing, kayaking, and stand-up paddleboards. They will practice proper techniques such as wet exits from kayaks and T-rescues in canoes. As boating experts, they will be able to help their fellow campers take to the water with ease and prepare for a future Unie canoe trip.

Who are the counselors with my camper?

Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya believes that a secure and positive environment provides the best experience for growth for all our campers. This begins with selection and training of staff. Each staff member is carefully selected after a rigorous interview process based on their proven abilities working with children and their desire to support our mission. All staff members must demonstrate exceptional

character and undergo extensive screening including professional references, national sex offender database check, and criminal background checks. Staff are certified in CPR, First Aid, and Lifeguarding by the Red Cross. Training includes youth protection, child abuse prevention, emergency procedures, outdoor skills, activity facilitation, managing group dynamics, safety and health training, child development, and more. Our staff is made up of veteran campers who have progressed through the entire Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya program, certified international staff from all over the world, and university students aspiring to work with youth as a career. We believe in building a diverse, skilled, ethical, and passionate staff to provide the best experience for our campers. We expect staff to model the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. We expect them to abide by Camp policies, which includes no use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs, and committed to providing a safe, fun and enriching experience. Every staff member is aware of these expectations upon hire.

How do I view pictures?

Create an account in Bunk1 and then click the “Photo Gallery” button. Photos are kept in folders named for each week of camp and each trip. Photos are posted each night for overnight campers and after the trip for any trips.

What do I do if I lost my Bunk1 username and password?

Your username will be your email address. Go online to www.bunk1rollcall.com and click the “Sign In” tab. A screen will appear where you can select “Forgot Password” to be able to reset your password.

How do I get started with my Bunk1 account?

1. Go to www.campunahliya.org
2. Click “Summer Camp”
3. In the Parent Portal, click on the “Bunk1” button
4. Click “Register Here”
5. Enter your invitation code: CAMPUNIE2026
6. Fill in all required information
7. View photos and send Bunk Notes

I have issues with Bunk1, what do I do?

Bunk1 is a separate service provider, and camp staff are unable to troubleshoot their website. If you need help, Bunk1 encourages you to call them at 800.216.9472 or email them at support@bunk1.com.

I applied for Financial Assistance, what happens now?

Camp will review your application and contact you within 3-5 business days with next steps.

My camper is going to be funded through a third party (ex. Brown County). How do I register?

Work directly with your case worker; they will go through an authorization process with camp and get registration started for your camper.

Do teens select a specialty area like campers do?

Not at the time of registration, like campers do. Teen leaders are dispersed into specialty areas upon arrival to ensure there are enough "helpers" in each activity. Teens will work with our Teen Leadership counselors to voice their preferences.

Is there a separate packing list for teens?

No, the packing list is the same as it would be for our campers. They will stay at camp over the weekend of their 2-week session and will have the opportunity to do laundry as needed (camp provides laundry soap). Meals and programmed activities will also be provided over the weekend by our counselors.

Do teens receive service hours for their participation in the program?

Yes, we authorize 50 hours of volunteer hours for each 2-week session they participate in. Simply send the form or portal information from their school to camp.office@greenbayymca.org.

Teens Driving to Camp

If your teen plans to drive themselves to camp, please let us know ahead of time so we can update our records. After arriving and settling into their cabin, they will park their vehicle in the designated staff parking area. For safety, car keys will be collected by the Camp Director and securely stored in the office for the duration of the week. Campers who drive are not permitted to leave camp at any time unless they have received prior approval from the Camp Director.

