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**BECKET-CHIMNEY CORNERS YMCA
SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS - 2019**

2019 CAMP DATES AND RATES

2019 Registration opens July 21, 2018 at 8:00 AM

PROGRAMS AND FEES

Program	Finishing Grades	Program Dates	Tuition
Traditional Camp	2nd – 9th	6/23 – 7/20 7/21 – 8/17	\$5,495
Starter Cabin	2nd – 3rd		\$2,860
1-A (Chimney Corners Only)		6/23 – 7/6	
1-B (Chimney Corners Only)		7/7 – 7/20	
2-A		7/21 – 8/3	
2-B		8/4 – 8/17	
Construction Cabin	8th – 9th	6/23 – 7/20 7/21 – 8/17	\$6,040
Adventure Odyssey Cabin	8th – 9th	6/23 – 7/20 7/21 – 8/17	\$6,040
Riding Cabin (Chimney Corners Only)	5th – 8th	6/23 – 7/20 7/21 – 8/17	\$6,040
Travel and Service Programs (TSP)			
International Camper Exchange Program (ICEP)	9th – 10th	Varied	\$9,630
Yellowstone Adventure & Service (YAS)	9th – 10th	6/23 – 7/20 7/21 – 8/17	\$6,250
Teen Leadership & Service (TLS)	9th – 10th	6/23 – 7/20 7/21 – 8/17	\$6,040
BCCYMCA-NOLS Alaska Leadership Expedition	10th	6/23 – 7/20 7/21 – 8/17	\$6,520
Leader-In-Training Programs (LIT)			
Aides Program	10th	6/20 – 8/17	\$6,520
Reach Program	10th	6/20 – 8/3	\$6,520

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WELCOME CAMP FAMILIES

Since the first boys arrived at Camp Becket in 1903 and the first girls attended a summer at Chimney Corners Camp in 1931, our camps have been a place where boys and girls spend some of the best days of their lives. These brother-sister camps, approximately one mile apart, provide a single gender experience with shared character-building goals. Camp offers a unique childhood experience. It is a place where a child makes lifelong friends and develops skills and values that change their lives for good.

Situated in the Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts, Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is nestled on 1400 acres in the town of Becket. We are centrally located approximately 3 hours from New York City and 2.5 hours from Boston.

It is our goal that your child have the best summer ever and this guide is designed to make that possible. Included is a lot of useful information about our programs and preparing for camp so you can know what to expect from your child's experience.

By putting in a little effort preparing for camp, you will help us be better prepared to provide an extraordinary experience for your child this summer. Please stay vigilant of important deadlines for forms, arrival and departure times, what to pack and how to best prepare your child for their adventure ahead.

Remember that the camp staff is only an email or call away for any questions you might have as you prepare. The earlier you communicate your needs to us, the better prepared we will be to support you and your child. All staff can be reached by phone at 413.623.8991.

Camp Contacts

Any member of the camping services team listed below is happy to answer questions you have about camp, but here is a quick guide to who it may be best to speak to about a particular topic.

Directors – The Directors can help you with questions regarding cabin mate requests, behavioral/health/social issues, and adjustment to camp.

Shannon Donovan-Monti	Chris Burke
Chimney Corners Camp	Camp Becket

Assistant Directors – The Assistant Directors are the best people to contact with questions about activities, the activity sign-up process, skill assessments for activities, special events and the overall program.

Berta Sinclair	Dan Berg
Chimney Corners Camp	Camp Becket

Registrars – Our camp registrars can help with questions regarding all forms and paperwork, the enrollment process, tuition payments, financial assistance and health forms.

Yana DeLuca	Aline Ferris
Chimney Corners Camp	Camp Becket

Food Service Directors – The Food Service Directors can answer questions regarding meals, food allergies, and special dietary needs.

Mik Monti	Shaz Atwell
Chimney Corners Camp	Camp Becket

Travel and Service Program (TSP) Directors – The TSP Directors can help you with questions regarding the TSP Application Process, pre-trip paperwork, and general support while your child is on trip.

Alysa Austin	Becky McCluskey
TSP Director	TSP Assistant Director

Our Mission

To put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Tradition And Values

At the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA we change lives for good, through a focus on the powerful lessons learned by living in a small group setting. Both campers and staff are key to learning these values and life-long skills. Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA gives boys and girls a foundation for life. Our campers and staff are all part of a caring community that reinforces the values taught at home.

Inclusion Statement

We are committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment where campers, participants, families and staff can discover and be their authentic selves. Through leadership, strategic planning, recruitment, training and program development, we strive to be inclusive in our practices and to promote equity and opportunity for all individuals. We respect, affirm and protect the dignity and worth of every member of our community.

Becket & Chimney Corners Staff

Our greatest investment is in our leadership. It is our conviction that the finest experiences emerge from a staff that has a fundamental interest and concern for campers. There is one cabin counselor and one assistant counselor for each cabin group. The cabin leaders have been selected on the basis of maturity, skill, and experience working with children. Program specialists with documented skills, experience and, in many cases, certification in their area of expertise, provide leadership in the different program activities. A pre-camp training period is mandatory for all staff members. All staff members are subject to background checks prior to their employment.

The majority of our staff have experienced our programs first hand, benefiting from participation in our camps and leadership development programs. New staff members join our programs bringing fresh ideas and diverse backgrounds to our camp community. They are identified through trusted sources such as alumni, staff, parents and international staffing agencies. The two camps share a pediatrician-in-residence. Each camp employs additional medical staff and has its own infirmary. The medical staff handles most illnesses and injuries at the infirmary. Our camps comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and are licensed by the local board of health. We are also accredited by the American Camp Association.



Annual Giving

Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization that relies on philanthropic support from participants and alumni. Financial contributions support camperships and enhanced programs. Every year camperships will be made available to deserving families thanks to the Annual Fund and all who support it. Campership dollars within the Annual Fund allow the camps to continue our long held tradition of providing scholarships to help children experience our camps. Annual Fund dollars also help support programs, equipment, or staff to further enhance activities. Every member of the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is invited to give to the best of their ability to support our efforts to provide life-enriching programs for children, adults and families.

WHAT SETS US APART...

Life Skills And Values

At the core of our program is the cabin group and the lessons that come from living together with seven or eight other people, with the care and guidance of excellent role models. Through this experience, campers learn life skills and values that will serve them throughout their life. The camps reinforce values that help the members of our community live together successfully for their time at camp but also gives them tools to be respected members of the greater community.

Connection To Others

Our entire camp program is geared toward helping campers build relationships with one another. Our campers make lasting friendships while at camp thanks to thoughtful activities focused on building cooperation and communication skills. We maintain an environment free of the distraction of technology, camp helps children master the skills of face-to-face communication, negotiation, compromise and honest dialogue.

A Month To Grow

How often do any of us stay in one place for a month? The pace of life for most children has reached a staggering speed. Much of their time is consumed with moving from one thing to another and from one screen to another screen with little time to connect with people or places. Even at home, we are all bombarded with a multitude of distractions.

Our camps give children the time and space to slow down and become connected to the natural world, away from technology and the frantic pace of life. By spending a month at camp, they fully connect and gain mastery of a new place and important skills such as building strong relationships with others that often don't "take" in a shorter program. Campers thrive in a month-long experience and the great success of our campers in college and beyond gives us confidence that the one-month experience engenders a connection and sense of belonging that can make a profound difference in a child's life.

Single Gender

There are many great things that boys and girls can learn from each other and most kids get ample opportunity to navigate these relationships in school. We believe that boys and girls thrive when given the opportunity to spend some time in a place that supports and celebrates their unique qualities and interests. By preserving Chimney Corners Camp as a girls' world and Camp Becket as a boys' world, each child has an opportunity to explore a full range of interests in a supportive environment free of many of the social pressures they experience in school.

Unplugged

Campers, parents, and staff all see the benefits of an unplugged summer experience. Many children feel an incredible amount of pressure from their digital life and a chance to reset is welcomed. The skills gained through face-to-face teamwork, conflict resolution, friendship building, and acceptance of differences are developed in our environment in a way that they are not in many other areas of children's lives. The confidence and life-skills learned through this experience often help our campers in academic, social, leadership, sports, and community roles.

Values Driven Program

Each camp is guided by a unique set of goals and values that are expressed throughout the program. Activities, group discussions and debriefs all focus back on the core values. The following are the values and goals as expressed by each camp.

CAMP BECKET MOTTOS

Do Your Best

I Can And I Will

Help The Other Fellow

Play The Game

Each For All ~ All For Each

Manners Maketh The Man

Peace Through Understanding

Better Faithful Than Famous

CHIMNEY CORNERS GOALS AND VALUES

Values

PACE - Positive Attitude Changes Everything

Open Circle - Everyone Welcome

Agape - Living a life of unconditional love for all humanity

Goals

Healthy Living

Empowering Ourselves and Others

Leading and Learning

Positive Relationships

Social Responsibility

CAMP PROGRAMS

Traditional Program

Traditional Camp - Finishing 2nd - 9th Grade

The heart of our camp program is the traditional four-week session. Campers live together with 7 or 8 other campers and two staff members in a rustic cabin. The campers spend each morning together as a group and do a different morning activity each day. Every camper participates in planning activities, keeping the cabin clean, and ensuring that the camp experience is positive for the entire group. By spending the full four-weeks at camp, campers gain mastery of the camp program, make strong connections with others and build confidence in their independence. We believe that campers that start with the four-week program have the best chance for long-term success at camp and encourage families to consider the full experience for first-time campers.

Specialty Programs

Please note these programs fill quickly. The camps may have a lottery to determine who is admitted to these programs. Application for programs with lotteries will be due by September 15th. Applicants will be notified in October.

Starter Cabin - Finishing 2nd - 3rd Grade

In this program, families who do not feel ready to make the commitment to four-weeks can try a two-week camp experience to help prepare for longer camp stays in subsequent summers. Cabins in our youngest camper unit/village are designated for the Starter program. These campers are integrated into our traditional camp program.



Adventure Odyssey Cabin - Finishing 8th - 9th Grade

This specialty cabin allows campers to experience the best adventures in New England. Campers will participate in the traditional camp programs but also go on day and multi-day excursions, which may include backpacking trips, whitewater rafting, sea kayaking and climbing on natural rock faces. This program teaches wilderness ethics while building group dynamics and leadership skills. Since this cabin is challenging, participants must be in good physical shape.

Construction Cabin - Finishing 8th - 9th Grade

Participants work towards building a new facility or renovating existing facilities throughout the camps. The program encompasses instruction in hand and power tool use, construction mathematics and basic carpentry skills. Construction campers spend a portion of most days on the construction project and the remainder of the day involved in the traditional camp program. Construction is a physically challenging program, please take this into consideration.

Riding Cabin - Chimney Corners Finishing 5th - 8th Grade

Campers in this program spend each morning at our Apple Blossom Ranch participating in a variety of activities. This includes riding lessons, horsemanship, grooming, feeding, turn-out, first-aid and helping with other stable work. Some activities and duties take place during free time periods. The rest of the camp day is spent participating in traditional camp activities. Unit assignment is determined by grade completed and number of campers enrolled. Campers enrolled in riding cabin do not need to sign-up for riding lessons as they are included in the program.

Travel and Service Programs

Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA offers offsite, co-ed programs for campers finishing the 9th and 10th grade who want to develop their leadership skills, explore new places, and connect with other cultures. With an emphasis on the small group experience, Travel and Service Programs (TSP) offers a supportive environment for participants to explore the world and develop themselves as young adults.

International Camper Exchange Program (ICEP) - Finishing 9th - 10th Grade

These 5 week exchange programs offer participants the opportunity to connect with youth from another country through homestays, service work, and cultural activities. Groups will travel to one of 9 international locations. 36 days including orientation and debrief at camp.



Yellowstone Adventure & Service

(YAS) - Finishing 9th - 10th Grade

YAS Participants will spend four weeks exploring Yellowstone National Park, Gallatin National Forest, and Grand Teton National Park. Groups will work on environmental service projects, camp out each night, and have plenty of opportunity to explore the parks including hiking, rock climbing, and wild life tours. 28 days including orientation and debrief at camp.

Teen Leadership & Service (TLS) - Finishing 9th - 10th Grade

TLS Participants will spend 4 weeks bicycle touring through beautiful Lake Champlain Valley in Vermont and the Adirondack Mountains in New York. Groups will camp out each night, complete service projects along their route, and explore their surroundings through hikes and a day of white water rafting. 28 days including orientation and debrief at camp.

Travel and Service Programs require an online application. Each September, age-eligible teens are mailed an informational packet with instructions on how to apply. Participants are selected based on maturity, leadership potential, and past camp experience. For more information, please contact Alysia Austin, Director of TSP at 413.623.8991 ext.178 or email at aaustin@bccymca.org



BCCY-NOLS Alaska Leadership Expedition

Finishing 10th Grade

BCCYMCA partners with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) to offer campers a true wilderness experience in Alaska.

With guidance from experienced NOLS instructors and a BCCYMCA leader, participants learn foundational mountain travel skills such as navigation, backcountry cooking, leadership, and decision-making. They will hike across varied terrain including tundra and glacier-fed rivers, experience near 24-hour daylight, encounter wildlife such as caribou, bears and moose, and learn to live simply and care for one another. This program is designed for participants who wish to develop technical outdoor leadership skills, learn how to work together under challenging circumstances, and see part of the country few people will ever experience. 28 days including orientation and debrief at camp.

Leader-In-Training (LIT) Programs

The Leader-in-Training Program consists of two programs, Aides and Reach. These are highly selective programs that require a separate application process. These programs are for current Becket and Chimney Corners campers only and are designed to prepare participants for leadership in the camp program. All participants will receive training on how to work with children and will participate in a Red Cross lifeguard certification course. LITs all have the opportunity to observe and learn about different aspects of camp operations. A valuable part of the program is learning to live and work together as a group, gaining insight into group dynamics as they are guided by their respective Directors. In addition all LITs will participate in seminars and discussions with their directors and other camp staff leaders throughout the program. Applications and questionnaires must be completed by September 30th to be considered for the program.



Aides - Finishing 10th Grade

The entirety of this program is based at camp. Aides gain extensive hands on experience in all areas of resident camp operations. They work with cabin groups and lead cabin activities, assist in program areas as instructors, plan unit/village and all camp events and work in support roles such as the camp store and food service. The Aides Program is an eight and a half week commitment. Only those applicants who can complete the entire program should apply.

Reach - Finishing 10th Grade

Participants in this program spend approximately half of their time at camp and half of their time in South Dakota. Time in camp allows them to experience working with cabin groups and in program areas while also assisting in support roles. Time in South Dakota is spent working with the Sioux YMCA day and resident camp programs serving Lakota Sioux children on the Cheyenne River Reservation. Reach heightens participants awareness of Native American culture while allowing them to learn to work and lead children in two unique camp settings. The Reach Program is a six and a half week commitment. Only those applicants who can complete the entire program should apply.



CAMP LIFE

Facilities

The camp facilities are attractive and well-maintained to provide for safe, enjoyable living in a rustic outdoor setting. Each cabin is equipped with storage space for each camper. In order to preserve the traditional feel of the camp, cabins have no electricity or running water. Modern bathroom facilities are available in each unit or village and have hot and cold running water, electricity, and private shower and bathroom stalls.

The camps feature extensive program facilities including performing arts centers, woodshops, tennis courts, swimming and boating areas, athletic fields, basketball and volleyball courts, ropes courses, and miles of hiking trails. Each camp has a private lake ensuring the camps' exclusive use of the waterfront.

Daily Schedule

7:30 am	RISE AND SHINE
8:15 am	BREAKFAST - Followed by cabin clean-up
9:15 am	MORNING ACTIVITIES - Cabin groups participate together in an activity with their counselors. These activities will vary throughout the session.
11:00 am	OPEN ACTIVITIES/FREE CHOICE TIME - Waterfront, camp store and program areas open
12:00 pm	LUNCH AND REST PERIOD
	Afternoon Activity Period 1
	Afternoon Activity Period 2
	Afternoon Activity Period 3
	(50-minute activity periods with 10-minute transition time)
5:00 pm	OPEN ACTIVITIES/FREE CHOICE TIME
6:00 pm	DINNER
7:30 pm	EVENING ACTIVITIES - Unit/Village activity, cabin activity, or special program
9:00 pm	LIGHTS OUT - Cabin Chats

Activities

Many activities are staples to the summer camp experience and are offered each year while others are dependent upon the talents and creativity of particular staff members in any given summer. Some activities are contingent upon a camper's age, swim ability and/or village/unit placement. The campers will select their six afternoon activities for the session, during the first few days of camp. They will attend the same three afternoon activities on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and three other activities on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Sunday afternoon activities are usually all-camp or Unit/Village events.

Camp Becket Activities

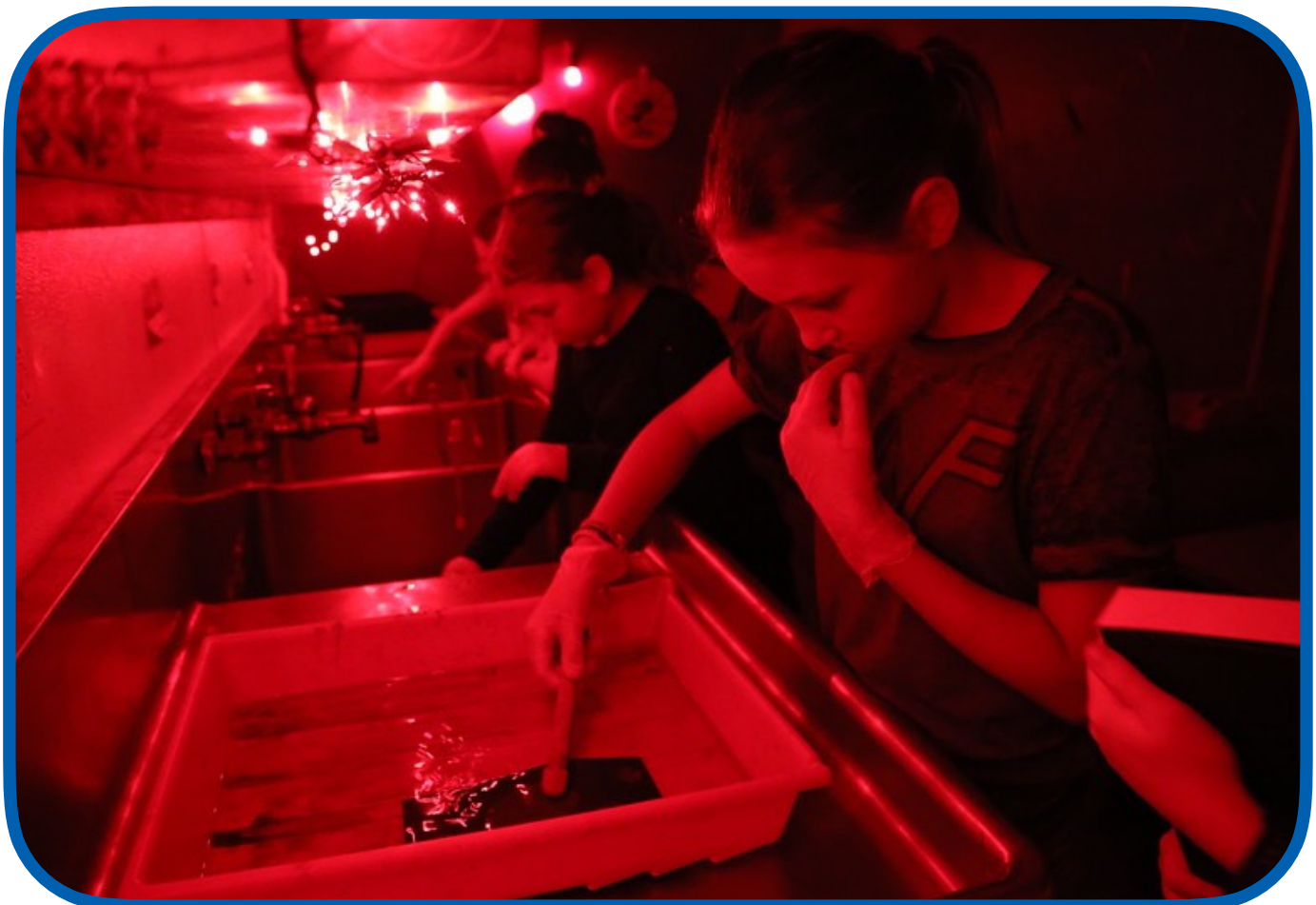
Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Training, Disc Golf, Flag Football, Lacrosse, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Floor Hockey, Archery (all ages), BB's (Pioneer Village), Riflery (Frontier & Ranger Village), Swimming (lessons & advanced classes), Canoeing, Kayaking, Sailing, Windsurfing, Snorkeling, Cooking, Creative Arts, Ceramics, Graphic Arts, Photography, Claymation, Camp Newspaper, Woodshop, Music, Drama (improvisation, skits), Big Show (musical), Climbing/Bouldering, High/Low Ropes Course, Nature, Outdoor Living Skills

Chimney Corners Activities

Basketball, Field Hockey, Fitness, Lacrosse, Rugby, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball, Yoga, Ultimate Frisbee, Archery, Canoeing, Kayaking, Sailing, Swimming (lessons & advanced classes), Synchronized Swimming, Arts & Crafts, Ceramics, Sewing, Jewelry Making, Photography, Woodshop, Dance, Drama, A Capella, Musical, Chapel Choir, Guitar, High/Low Ropes Course, Cooking, Outdoor Living Skills, Outdoor Cooking, Nature, Camp Newspaper & News Show, Horseback Riding*, Farm & Garden (*Campers must sign up in advance for riding lessons.)

Horseback Riding Lessons (Chimney Corners Camp Only)

In addition to the Riding Cabin (see description) any four-week session Chimney Corners camper may sign-up for riding lessons for an additional fee. Families must sign-up in advance. Space is limited so early enrollment is best and space will be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis. Campers who sign-up for riding will get approximately ten, 50-minute group riding lessons per session. Not all lessons will involve riding but the majority will. Horseback riding requires additional equipment including a riding helmet approved for horseback riding activities and riding boots (see details on the equipment lists.)





Off-Camp Trips And Overnights

A trip is a great way to grow as a group and accomplish cabin goals. There are opportunities for cabin groups to participate in both on-camp and off-camp trips during their stay.

Overnights are the first step in our tripping program. Cabin groups will participate in an overnight camping experience during their stay. Around our property there are Adirondack style lean-to shelters. Cabins will hike out and cook dinner, have s'mores, and enjoy a cabin chat around a campfire.

The goals of our off-site trips are the same as those for our on-site trips. By increasing the challenge and by visiting different environments, we renew the chances for campers who have become familiar with our facilities to grow and mature. Campers participate in hiking and tent camping.

Vehicles and Transporting Campers

At times it may be necessary for the camp to transport campers off the camp property for off-camp field trips, tripping programs and/or dental or medical needs that cannot be addressed at camp. Trained staff drive all camp vehicles. Campers may not have any type of vehicle at camp nor are campers ever to drive any vehicle.

Chapel And Grace

Each Sunday a Chapel service is held at both camps. Chapel is a time to come together as a camp community for reflection and a chance to further share and learn from each other around our camp goals, mottos and values. Each week there is a different Chapel theme such as "being kind to one another," or "service to others." Readings, poems, stories, skits and music are shared that reflect the weekly theme. All campers and staff are expected to attend Chapel and campers take part in the planning and performance of the Chapel service. As a part of the service, campers also have the opportunity to make a donation to YMCA World Service, which aids our partner YMCA's around the world and the Sioux YMCA in South Dakota. Campers can choose to donate \$1, \$2 or \$3 at each service, which is then deducted from their store account.

A grace or reflection is offered at the start of each meal. These are chosen by campers and staff. Some traditional grace offerings that are available to choose from are religious and reflect our history of being founded as a Judeo-Christian organization. Readings, songs and other grace offerings that represent different faiths are encouraged and welcomed to be shared.

Cabin And Unit/Village Placement

We view the cabin group, and the activities this group pursues together, as the most important and most growth-producing part of our camping program. Counselors help each camper set goals and do his/her best to relate well to others.

Each camper is assigned to a unit or village suited to her or his grade, age, and maturity. The grade/age distribution of campers varies yearly and consequently affects unit or village groupings. The assignment of campers to cabins creates a blend of new and returning campers with varied interests and backgrounds. We strive to initiate new friendships by putting no more than one requested friend with another. You may make your cabin mate request in your online account by completing the Camper Information Record form. This must be completed by the deadline in order for us to honor a cabin mate request. Please note that the Camper Information Record is the only information used for cabin placement (other than grade and age) so anything you want considered in making the cabin assignments must be reflected when filling out this form. You may also request to not have your child placed with another child.

Cabin assignments cannot be changed on opening day. We can work hard to honor one mutual request and only if the campers are within a year/grade of each other.



CAMPER ADJUSTMENT

There is a wide range of feelings that both parents and first-time campers experience as opening day approaches. While we are all excited, there is sometimes anxiety about facing a new experience. Here are some suggestions for first-time campers to help parent and child make the most of the transition.

A Few Things You Can Do To Help Your Camper

- Come visit us at our Open House Events in September and June! We open the camps to families with new campers so they can see the facility, meet staff members, and prepare for the summer. Tours will be led at both camps and you will be able to tour each camp. You are welcome to bring a friend. No need to RSVP.
- Pack for camp together. This allows your camper to know where everything is and begin to get a sense of being responsible and capable. Your camper may want to try living out of her or his trunk for a couple of days to practice organizing her or his own stuff in a new way. Resist packing for your child. A list of packed items taped to the inside of the trunk also can be used to remind campers of what has been packed.
- Use positive messages about camp such as, “You are going to have such a great time!” or “What a great opportunity to meet new friends!” Separation can (sometimes) be hard on the family, too. Be aware that children read your feelings and may misinterpret what you need from them. Be honest with them and stay positive. Ask questions of the staff prior to or on opening day about things that you are concerned with. Be careful not to undermine their attempts at independence with your own concerns about separation. Seek reassurance, support and counsel from other adults. We can connect you with veteran camp parents who can answer your questions and share their own experiences.
- Avoid promises to come pick them up if it doesn’t go well. Instead, reaffirm your faith that they will enjoy themselves and make the most of the experience. A pick up promise is the hardest thing for the staff to overcome in making your child’s stay successful. Often this one statement will block all other strategies that facilitate a positive outcome. Remember homesickness is a natural feeling experienced by many campers (and counselors, parents, etc.). For most, it passes after a day or so. Occasionally, a camper will send a “distress letter” before they are really into the full swing of the program. These letters are common and are usually followed with a brief “Camp’s-great-gotta-go-bye” letter or no letter at all because they are busy having a great time. If a camper is struggling with homesickness we may contact you to discuss how to improve the situation. Counselors are trained to keep campers busy and engaged with activities as a strategy to keep homesickness under control. If you are worried, you may call camp to request a call back with the status of your camper. Please allow 24 hours to have the appropriate person respond to you.
- Contact camp if you are unsure your camper is ready for camp. If your child is demonstrating a high degree of anxiety about the camp experience, contact the camp to discuss the situation. In some cases, it may not be right for a camper to attend.
- Send pre-addressed and stamped envelopes for letters home especially for younger campers who might get confused about their address. Discuss possible topics and encourage them to write to you. Make a realistic commitment to them to write, as well. Send messages with positive news from home assuring all is well with you and the rest of the family. Avoid subjects that may make a camper feel anxious or unsure about things at home or that make them feel like they are missing out on fun events.
- Phone calls from camper to parent are not allowed in most cases and camp strongly discourages parents from speaking to their children on the phone especially in cases of homesickness.

However, camp staff members are happy to talk to parents anytime during the camp experience to update parents and answer any questions. Please do not send cell phones to camp with campers, they can disrupt the cabin dynamics and will be confiscated.

- Help your child understand what to expect by reviewing the “Camper Code of Conduct”, “Opening Day”, “Daily Schedule”, “Activities”, and “Health and Safety” sections of this guide with your child. This is a great chance to explore any possible anxiety your child is having and create strategies for camp success.
- Avoid basing success at camp on the presence of one other person. Often in an effort to encourage campers to go to camp, parents assure a child that a particular friend will make the experience successful. This can become a problem if plans change and the friend is not at camp. This can also make a child feel overly dependent on a friend, which can put strain on the relationship. Focus on the entire experience and opportunity to meet others.

Pre-Camp Checklist

Please log into your online account and complete the following:

- Click on Incomplete Tasks to view and fill out the camper forms listed. You will need to upload or send in the doctor’s report and the copy of the back and front of the health insurance card. All other forms need to be opened and filled out online.
 - BCCYMCA Health Form
 - Doctor’s Report with physical date, doctor’s signature and immunizations (emailed, faxed, or mailed)
 - Copy of the back and front of your camper’s health insurance card (emailed, faxed, or mailed)
 - Camper Information Record
 - Letter to my Counselor (to be completed by camper)
 - Permission Form
 - Resident Camp Custom Questions (this will only show if you have not already completed these)
 - Store Account Closing Option
 - Raptor for Visiting Day
 - Food Allergy form
- Make a Reservation for Gibson Weekend (not available for some Starter sessions, check with your Registrar)
 - Just like you registered your camper, “Make a Reservation” for the adult attending the weekend. Once the reservation is complete you will receive an email confirmation. If the person attending the weekend is not a parent you must add that person to your account first and then proceed to “Make a Reservation” for them.
- Add-On Options
 - Click the reservation you wish to add to.
 - Click the Edit link next to Options and make your selections.
 - Bus or Airport Transportation
 - Linen Rental – For those traveling internationally or outside of New England, quantities are limited.
 - Horseback Riding for CCC only
- Update Bio Information
 - Click on each Account Member
 - Choose Edit my bio information to view and update. This will be the information used to reach you during the summer when necessary.
 - Parent Home Address and Phone Numbers
 - Parent DOB – this is needed to perform Raptor check
 - Parent Email Address
 - 2nd Parent/Contact Home Address and Phone Numbers (if different)
 - 2nd Parent/Contact Email Address
 - If you would like the 2nd Contact person to receive emails from camp, please update their email address and check the box that you would like this person cc’d on all emails from camp.
 - Camper Email Address if one
 - Camper Birthdate (very important)
 - Upload camper photo

Packing List

Clothing*

- Plan on at least a 12-14-day supply of clothes
- Jeans/pants/sweatpants (a mix is good)
- Shorts
- Shirts (a mix of short and long sleeves good)
- Sweatshirts/Sweaters
- Underwear
- Socks* (required so send plenty)
- Pajamas
- Bathing Suits – Girls must bring one-piece or athletic cut two-piece suits that will stay in place for strenuous activity. Boys must bring trunk-style suits.
- Sneakers (2 pairs suggested)
- Rain coat or poncho
- Jackets – 1 light and 1 warmer
- Hat with brim
- Girls for Chapel: Dress, skirt, or nicer pant/shorts
- Boys for Chapel: 2 light khaki pants/shorts and 2 white shirts (polos or tees, Becket tees)

Miscellaneous

- Trunk or Footlocker* (no taller than 16 inches so it can fit under any bunk bed)
- Pen/Stationery/Stamps (Pre-addressed envelopes are great)
- Photos/posters/stuffed animals/books*
- Battery Powered Lantern
- Flashlight(s) with extra batteries
- Day Pack or Back Pack
- Water Bottles* (2 required)

Toiletries & Self Care Items

- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss
- Shampoo (conditioner optional)
- Soap or body wash
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Deodorant (if they use it)
- Bug Repellent
- Sunscreen (should know how to apply to self)
- Eyeglasses case and/or extra glasses if worn
- Medications (must be dropped off with the nurses on opening day)
- Extra medication bottle (see Medications section)
- Pail or container to carry toiletries
- Feminine hygiene products (if necessary)

Bedding/Linens*

- Sheets – 2 sets of twin-size sheets
- Blankets
- Pillow and 2 pillow cases
- Sleeping Bag with stuff sack
- Towels – a mix of bath and beach
- Face Cloth or loofa
- Laundry Bag

Optional but useful items at either camp:

- Water Shoes
- Rain Boots
- Swim Goggles
- Sunglasses
- Clothes pins/Clothes hangers
- Camping-type chair or Crazy Creek
- Hiking Boots
- Bathrobe
- Rain pants
- Costumes/dress-up clothes*
- Journal
- Bins for storage*
- Camera & Film/Memory Card
- Sports Equipment*
- Musical Instrument*
- Protective/safety equipment for sports
- Bed foam pad or mattress cover
- Fishing Tackle (Becket only – Chimney's lake only has little fish)
- Wrist Watch

Specialty Cabins should add these items:

- Adventure Odyssey Cabin at either camp - List will be provided separately
- Construction Cabin at either camp
 - Hammer: 16-18 oz. steel shank straight claw
 - Measuring Tape: 25 foot, retractable
 - Tool Belt with hammer holster, nail pouch, and measuring tape holder
 - Work Boots or hard toe shoes (steel toe not necessary)
 - Jeans or work pants – 2-3 pairs
- Riding Cabin at CCC
 - Riding Boots*
 - Riding Helmet*

* Indicates more information on other pages in the guide.

Please DO NOT bring the following to camp:

Cash, pets, food/gum, glass containers, weapons/knives of any kind, cell phone, squirt guns, duct tape, drugs/alcohol/cigarettes, inappropriate / pornographic materials, any electronic devices (i.e. video games, iPod, DVD player, computer, e-readers).

Helpful Hints For Packing

- **Clothing:** We do not give specific numbers on many items to pack for camp. This is because you know your child best. If your child is often cold, pack heavier clothing and extra blankets. If your child hates having wet socks, send extra. Send older clothes to camp that are appropriate for the outdoors. Camp life involves a great deal of outdoor activity and clothes will get wet and dirty. Please mark everything coming to camp with the child's first and last name. Iron on name tapes or permanent markers work well on clothing items. Lost items can often be returned if they are labeled.
- **Packing:** There's a lot of equipment to bring! Here's how people generally pack for camp. The camper's trunk holds the majority of the clothing items and slides under the bunk bed. Sheets, blankets and towels can go in a duffle or extra laundry bag. Often families bring plastic stackable bins or buckets with lids to hold the camper's miscellaneous supplies/equipment. Each camper will have a "cubby" (sizes vary depending on the cabin). Make sure everything is labeled and remind your child to write his/her name on anything he/she purchases in the camp store. Use first and last names since children often have the same first name and similar looking things. It may be helpful to tape a list of what your camper has packed to the inside of her/his trunk to help keep track of items. Storage space is limited so pack accordingly but be assured that the counselors will help to find space for all that the campers need to bring. No nails or other forms of alteration to the cabins will be allowed so please leave your tools at home!
- **Trunk/Footlocker:** We highly suggest a trunk/footlocker as it is the best way to stay organized over a four-week experience. A trunk that is 16" or lower will fit under any bunk at either camp. The length and width do not matter. Trunks can be found at many large department stores, Army-Navy surplus stores, or you can follow the link from our website to Everything Summer Camp and receive a discount.
- **Baggage and Shipping:** Families who live outside our area may choose to ship the camper's trunk or other equipment ahead. Shipping can take a week or more so send trunks well ahead of arrival date. Camp will store anything delivered and it will be in the camper's cabin on opening day. UPS is reliable but it is best to make a list of all contents before shipping. UPS insures the contents of any package but not the shipping container. It is best to ship a trunk in a cardboard box, that way, if the trunk is damaged, it comes under the insurance.
- **Water Bottles:** Campers are required to bring two water bottles to camp so that they can drink water throughout the day in order to stay hydrated. Water bottles are also needed to carry water on hikes and overnights. Campers may also purchase water bottles from the camp store. All water bottles should be clearly marked with the camper's name.
- **Socks & Shoes:** Our health service requires that campers wear socks at all times to avoid blisters and other foot injuries that can disrupt a happy and healthy camp experience. Campers are asked to wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes to most activities. Campers may bring athletic sandals with straps on both the toes and heels but they must be worn with socks and only where appropriate to the activity. The use of shoes that do not offer proper support, do not cover the foot or that are inappropriate for the terrain will be limited or restricted at camp.
- **Linens/sleeping bag:** It is important for campers to bring both sheets and blankets and a sleeping bag. A sleeping bag is for overnight campouts while regular bedding (blankets, sheets, pillows, and pillowcases) is needed for day-





to-day living in the cabin. Some campers bring foam pads, egg crate pads, or other insulated mats for either their bed or for under a sleeping bag on overnights. While campers will be encouraged to change their sheets regularly you will want to reinforce this concept with your child before camp. If your child may wet the bed, include a rubber sheet plus 2 extra sheets. You may also want to consider sending Goodnites or other specialized underwear that saves your child from the anxiety around potential bed wetting incidents.

- **Personal Items:** Pictures, special toys, posters and/or a favorite book or two from home can make camp feel a bit more comfortable. Tack n' stick reusable adhesive or any non-toxic adhesive that will not damage the walls is useful for hanging pictures and posters. Tacks and duct tape are discouraged since they damage the wall.
- **Sports Equipment:** Camp provides most sports equipment but your camper may prefer to bring their own equipment such as tennis racquets, or lacrosse equipment. If your child has protective gear such as helmets, pads, or protective cups that they use for sports, they should bring them to use at camp. Campers should label personal equipment.
- **Musical Instruments:** Campers are allowed to bring their musical instruments to camp, however, we cannot be responsible for loss or damage. Campers may keep them in the camp music room or in the cabin.
- **Costumes & Dress up:** There are many activities that encourage "dressing up" in costumes and wild outfits. Many campers bring costumes, funny hats or clothes for props and skits.
- **Horseback Riding Equipment (Chimney Corners Campers Only):** Campers must sign-up in advance and pay the fee in order to participate in riding lessons. If you are interested in riding lessons but have not yet signed up, call camp to sign up. In addition, heeled riding boots, long pants and an ASTM approved riding helmet are mandatory to be eligible for the riding program. Boots should have a smooth bottom (no ridges like hiking boots), a defined heel, and come up over the ankle. Many campers come with "rubber riding boots" or "mucking boots" which can also double as rain boots. A local tack shop can be helpful in choosing appropriate footwear and helmets. The riding helmet must be ASTM approved specifically for horseback riding. Helmets must have a harness that secures the helmet to the rider's head. ASTM approved helmets have been proven to be safer and more effective in reducing head injuries than other helmets. Helmets approved for other sports or motorcycles cannot be used. Please bring your daughter with you when purchasing her helmet, as it is essential that the helmet fit correctly. Camp cannot lend helmets for riding lessons, so everyone must bring their own. A helmet will be provided for a one-time horse ride if a parent/guardian has given permission on the CCC permission form.

Linen Rental

For those campers coming from other countries or from across the country, we can provide linens. This would include sheets, blankets, pillow, towels, washcloths, and pillowcases. The cost of renting linens is online. Please select the Linen Rental Add-On option on your online account.

Season Campers

Campers staying for both sessions may either stay in-camp or go with their parents or friends for the day between the two sessions. Please let us know your plans by May 1 by adding the "Season Camper (inter-session)" sign-up option to your camp account. In almost all cases, season campers will change cabins between sessions. The camp staff will assist in the move.

There is a cost associated with your camper staying on-camp between sessions for any period from 11AM on Saturday to 1PM Sunday. The fee covers meals, laundry service, supervision overnight, special activities and possibly an off-camp trip.



OPENING DAY

All opening days are on Sunday and begin at 1 PM (Including All Starter Cabins).

You will receive more specific information in an email prior to opening day as well as when you arrive to camp, but here are some suggestions for making check-in as smooth as possible:

- Check your online account a few weeks prior to arrival and make sure all of your paperwork is complete. Your camper must have all forms completed and be paid in full in order to stay at camp.
- Please respect our arrival time on opening day. The camp staff needs the time to prepare for your arrival. Families arriving early will need to wait for check-in to start at 1 PM. However, we do suggest arriving as close to 1 PM as possible. Camper orientations begin promptly at 3 PM so families will want to allow time for good-byes well before 3 PM.
- Staff members at the entrances of the camps have important information for you, don't pass by them! Also make sure to use the main entrance of camp by taking Rt. 8 North to YMCA Rd by the white church and camp sign (not Rt. 8 South/20 North to Hamilton Road) or you will miss key arrival information. Please note your GPS will do everything in its power to make you go the wrong way, follow camp instructions as you approach camp.
- It is best to have your child eat lunch before arriving at camp. The first meal is not until dinner.
- Cabin and Unit/Village assignments cannot be changed on opening day.
- All medications must be checked in with the camp nurse. Medications must be in their original containers with legible instructions. No medication can be kept in cabins; this includes non-prescription medication. See more in the medication section of this guide.
- The Camp Store will be open.
- The Camp Director will be available to meet you and to answer any questions. The office staff can help you locate the directors if you cannot find them. If you require an in-depth conversation with the camp director or other administrative staff, consider contacting them ahead of opening day or make an appointment during our Open House.
- Swim checks and health checks will happen after parents depart. All campers must participate in a swim check and every camper will receive a medical check upon arrival.
- Parent Departure: We suggest keeping good-byes short. The sooner a camper can jump into camp life the easier the transition will be. It is fine to stay and get more information or speak to a staff person.
- If your child is arriving to camp by plane, bus, or with someone other than a parent or legal guardian please make sure the following details have been addressed:
 - Call or email ahead to make sure everything is set for your camper's arrival.
 - Your child cannot stay at camp without all tuition and fees paid and all forms completed.

Transportation

Most camp families bring their campers to camp for opening day and pick up their campers for closing day. Camp does provide optional transportation to and from camp for a fee as follows:

Camp Bus: We provide bus service from New York City on opening day. We provide bus service to Brookline, MA and New York City on closing day. Camp staff members will accompany the campers. Please add the Transportation Reservation option to your camp account to guarantee a place on the bus.

Airports: Campers arriving and/or departing by air should use Bradley International Airport (BDL) or Boston Logan Airport (BOS). Add the Transportation Reservation option to your camp account to arrange for transportation for a fee. Please contact the airline for details for what the driver will need to pick-up/drop-off your child. Notify the camp in writing as soon as arrangements have been made. We will be able to provide the name of the driver approximately one week prior to the trip.

Public Bus: We can pick-up/drop-off campers at the Lee, MA bus stop for a fee. Please add the Transportation Reservation option to your camp account to arrange for transportation. Notify the camp in writing as soon as arrangements have been made.

No Pets

Leave all pets at home for all visits to camp. Families bringing pets to camp will be asked to take their pets off the camp property immediately. While we recognize that often times pets are considered part of the family, we simply cannot have them on our property during these busy days.

CLOSING DAY

All closing days are on Saturdays.

Pick-up for four-week programs and Starter B are between 9 AM and 11 AM. Starter A pick-up is at 10 AM.

You will receive more specific information in an email prior to closing day as well as when you arrive to camp, but here are some suggestions for making check-in as smooth as possible:

- Campers will be picked up in the Unit/Village where you will also check-out with camp staff, pick-up medications and register for next summer.
- Staff will be available to help load your vehicle.
- The Camp Store will be open for cash and credit card sales. Camper accounts have been closed by this time.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Good health and safety are top priorities at camp. Our camps are licensed by Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Becket Health Department and ACA Accredited. While the staff will make every reasonable effort to minimize exposure to the known risks associated with activities, all hazards cannot be foreseen. By participating in our programs, campers and their parents willingly and knowingly assume all risks/hazards associated with participation in a summer camp program. Campers and their parents should understand that occasional accidents do happen even after reasonable precautions have been taken.

There are several keys to good health and safety while at camp. You can assist the efforts of the camp by talking to your camper about the following key issues and helping your camper prepare adequately. Sharing your own ideas and beliefs can help your son or daughter make the best possible decisions while at camp:

- **Hand washing:** Before camp, talk to your child about the importance of washing hands regularly and the risks of sharing personal items such as combs and especially water bottles. The camps will reinforce these practices while at camp but depend on the cooperation of the campers. Be sure to send adequate personal care equipment or explain to children that they can purchase items in the camp store.
- **Menstruation:** If you have a daughter nearing puberty, discuss the possibility of menstruation starting during the camp session. Feminine hygiene products are available at the camp store but a girl may be too shy to purchase these items so you may want to send supplies in the event menstruation begins. Let your daughter know that the camp staff can help her if she has questions or needs assistance. If your child has already begun her menstrual cycle, ensure that she is adequately prepared. Let the counselors know if there is any concern or anything special of which to be aware. Campers may go to the Infirmary for Tylenol or other pain medication, if necessary, or to seek counsel from the medical staff.
- **Bedwetting:** If your child wets the bed, help them develop a plan for camp. Enlist the assistance of the camp staff so they can support your child in their efforts. Consider sending Goodnites or Depends or other specialized underwear that a child can use rather than dealing with wet bedding that can cause embarrassment. Encourage your child to talk to their counselor if they do wet the bed so that the counselor can help them launder their bedding if necessary. Staff members are trained to deal with bedwetting as discreetly as possible but they need to be informed of the issue ahead of time. Please call camp prior to opening day if you would like to discuss this issue with the camp director.
- **Good Eating Habits:** Discuss good eating habits while at camp. Campers will be encouraged to eat well-balanced meals but encouragement from parents is always helpful. Explain to campers that a salad bar is available at lunch and dinner and can offer a wide variety of vegetables and alternatives to the main meal. Peanut butter and jelly is available at lunch and dinner as an alternative to meals a camper may not enjoy.
- **Drinking Water:** Explain to campers how important it is to drink plenty of water while at camp. The camp staff encourages campers to bring water to activities. You can help by sending your camper with 2 water bottles.
- **Sunscreen/Bug Repellent:** Encourage your child to use sunscreen and bug repellent regularly and make sure they either bring an adequate supply or are prepared to purchase it through the Camp Store. It is also important to have a conversation with your child about applying their own sunscreen and self-checks for ticks.

Even when following the best rules of good health, minor illness and the occasional scraped knee do occur. The Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is fortunate to have a contractual arrangement with Quincy Pediatrics for the delivery of on-site primary health care. Their practice is located in Quincy, Massachusetts, just south of Boston. The camp physicians are all board-certified in pediatrics and one is in-residence at the camps 24 hours a day. Quincy Pediatrics maintains working relationships with Children's Hospital, Mass General

Hospital for Children, and Boston Floating Hospital. In addition, each camp employs nurses, EMT's and/or infirmiry assistants.

Our health care professionals are available to discuss medical concerns prior to and during the camping season. Families who wish to have more information about the Health Services Program may contact Dr. David Irons at Quincy Pediatrics, 191 Independence Ave., Quincy, Massachusetts 02169, (617) 773-5070

The medical staff at the camps handles most illnesses and injuries. When necessary, referral to Berkshire Health Systems or Baystate Medical Center for x-rays, further laboratory evaluation, sub-specialty referral, or hospitalization will be available. The medical staff will contact you if your child needs emergency care, new or additional medication, or in cases of extreme illness. In some cases, campers may receive medical treatment before a parent is contacted. Every effort will be made to give your child the best possible care as well as keep you informed. The medical staff will not contact you for routine visits to sick call, bumps and bruises, or mild illnesses.

Every camper will receive a cursory medical check on arrival to camp and just prior to departure from camp. This medical check includes measuring and recording a camper's weight, checking ears and throat, and a general evaluation of a camper's health. All campers must have this medical check in order to participate in our camp program.

Coverage of any medical, dental, prescription services or eyeglasses repair not provided by Quincy Pediatrics is NOT included and will be the responsibility of the parents or their insurance providers through direct billing.

Personal Safety

Campers, staff, volunteers and LIT's are trained that they are not to be alone with anyone in camp out of sight of others. Coach campers that this is the policy and remind them that if anyone, including another camper or staff member, ever asks them to do anything that they are not comfortable with they may refuse and should tell a staff member who they trust. Campers may always feel that they can go to a unit/village director or the Camp Director with any concern they have. Campers may also leave an anonymous note for the Camp Director if they prefer. Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is required to report any allegation of abuse to the state authorities, including incidents that occur between campers. We take every allegation of abuse seriously and will cooperate fully with the authorities and community members to ensure the safest possible environment for all.

Medications

In order to provide our health staff with clear moral and legal authority in administering medications, and after review of applicable ACA standards and Massachusetts state law, the following policy was established:

Our camp infirmiry will administer only those medicines prescribed by the camp physician or by the examining physician in writing on the examination form. Non-prescription medication must come in the original package with written permission from the parents to administer. All prescribed medications sent to the camp must be in the original container bearing the pharmacy label which shows the prescription number, date filled, physician's name, name of medication, directions for use and the camper's name. Requests for dosage differing from the label or from the recommended dosage for a child's age/weight will only be accommodated with written instruction from a physician. Medication must be given to the health care staff at check-in. ANY medications (with the exception of inhalers and Epipens but including non-prescription medication) brought from home must be kept in the camp infirmaries by state law, and will be given as prescribed, at our physician's discretion.

An authorization to administer medication form must be filled out and signed by parents for any medication (including vitamins) to be given to a camper. This form needs to be filled out when the medication is dropped off with the camp staff at camp or at the bus pick-up. There is no need to send common non-prescription medications such as Tylenol or Motrin to camp. The Infirmary stocks these medications and they can be

given to campers as needed. Please send only essential medications for your child. Sending unnecessary medication overtaxes the medical service and makes medication storage and management difficult for the medical staff. Parents will be charged for allergy or similar inoculations provided by the health service which are required by campers.

We cannot dispense any expired medications. Please make sure all prescriptions or other medications you bring are valid through the end of your child's stay at camp. Also, please only bring essential medications for your camper since non-essential medication distribution (like vitamins or supplements) takes up the time of not only our medical staff but also of your camper.

Families who choose to have their child keep an inhaler or Epipen in their possession while at camp must do the following:

- Bring an extra inhaler/Epipen to be kept in the Infirmary in the event that a camper loses their medication. If a camper loses their inhaler or Epipen, parents will be asked to send a back-up inhaler or Epipen. This is to ensure that, in the event of an emergency, the medication would be readily available to the medical staff.
- Ensure that their child be responsible for keeping track of the inhaler/Epipen. A family assumes all liability for misuse of medication by their child or another child at camp when the medication is in possession of their child. Parents will be asked to sign a separate authorization for inhalers and Epipens kept with a camper.
- Make sure their child understands both the appropriate use of the medication and that they must report immediately to the Infirmary if they have used an Epipen or inhaler for an allergic reaction and/or asthma attack in order to receive follow-up treatment.
- Camp is unable to mail medicine that is left behind after closing day.

Please note that inhalers and Epipens can also be kept in the infirmary to be available as needed. This would be preferred by our infirmary staff, as they can better monitor the use of the medication and any symptoms the camper may be having at camp.

Health Records

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health requires that all campers be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), hepatitis B, and varicella (chickenpox, unless they have had the disease). These are all part of your child's routine immunizations.

In addition, current recommendations include a booster dose of the varicella vaccine for all children over the age of 4-6 years. Immunization with both Tdap (tetanus and whooping cough) and meningococcal vaccine (often referred to as "the meningitis vaccine") is also recommended for all children over the age of 11 years. Hepatitis A vaccine is also recommended for all children. Though none of these are requirements, we strongly recommend that you discuss these with your child's pediatrician if they have not been given.

The Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA requires a complete physical examination within one year of the camper's arrival at camp. Health forms must be complete, signed, and in the camp's possession by opening day in order for us to accept a child. Our camp physicians cannot perform these physicals, and immunization records are required. Children without health forms cannot be allowed to stay at camp under any circumstances. The health form must be accompanied by a copy of both sides of the child's health insurance card. Health Insurance is a requirement to attend camp.

Required Immunizations

Massachusetts State Law requires campers to have the following immunizations to attend camp. Written documentation of immunization shall be required for all campers and staff as follows:

Required Vaccines

Campers and staff younger than 18 years of age are required to have written documentation of:

- At least one MMR. A second dose administered at least one month after the first dose, is required for all campers and staff entering K - 12 or college in the school year immediately following the camp session or, in the case of ungraded classrooms, or not attending school, the requirement for 2 doses applies to everyone 5 years of age and older.
- At least 3 doses polio vaccine
- At least 4 doses of DTaP
- One dose of Td (Tdap preferred) for campers and staff entering grades 7 through college. Everyone else is required to have a dose of Td (Tdap preferred) if it has been more than 10 years since the previous dose of Td.
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine, or laboratory evidence of immunity.

Recommended Vaccines:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Immunization Program recommends the following vaccines in addition to the required list to better prevent an outbreak of vaccine preventable diseases at camp:

Campers younger than 12 years of age:

- At least 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or healthcare provider certified history of chickenpox disease.

Campers and staff 12 through 17 years of age:

- 1 booster dose of Tdap*
- At least 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or healthcare provider certified history of chickenpox disease.

Exceptions

- Religious Exceptions: If a camper or staff member has religious objections to physical examinations or immunizations, the camper or staff member shall submit a written statement, signed by a parent or legal guardian of the camper, to the effect that the individual is in good health and stating the reason for such objections.
- Immunization Contraindicated: Any immunization specified in 105 CMR 430.152 shall not be required if the health history required by 105 CMR 430.151 includes a certification by a physician that he or she has examined the individual and that in the physician's opinion the physical condition of the individual is such that his or her health would be endangered by such immunization.

Meningococcal Disease and Camp Attendees: Commonly Asked Questions

What is meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal disease is caused by infection with bacteria called *Neisseria meningitidis*. These bacteria can infect the tissue (the “meninges”) that surrounds the brain and spinal cord and cause meningitis, or they may infect the blood or other organs of the body. In the US, about 1,000-1,200 people get meningococcal disease each year and 10-15% die despite receiving antibiotic treatment. Of those who survive, about 11-19% may lose limbs, become hard of hearing or deaf, have problems with their nervous system, including long term neurologic problems, or have seizures or strokes.

How is meningococcal disease spread?

These bacteria are passed from person-to-person through saliva (spit). You must be in close contact with an infected person’s saliva in order for the bacteria to spread. Close contact includes activities such as kissing, sharing water bottles, sharing eating/drinking utensils or sharing cigarettes with someone who is infected; or being within 3-6 feet of someone who is infected and is coughing and sneezing.

Who is most at risk for getting meningococcal disease?

People who travel to certain parts of the world where the disease is very common, microbiologists, people with HIV infection and those exposed to meningococcal disease during an outbreak are at risk for meningococcal disease. Children and adults with damaged or removed spleens or persistent complement component deficiency (an inherited immune disorder) are at risk. Adolescents, and people who live in certain settings such as college freshmen living in dormitories and military recruits are at greater risk of disease from some of the serotypes.

Are camp attendees at increased risk for meningococcal disease?

Children attending day or residential camps are **not** considered to be at an increased risk for meningococcal disease because of their participation.

Is there a vaccine against meningococcal disease?

Yes, there are 3 different meningococcal vaccines. Quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (Menactra and Menveo) protects against 4 serotypes (A, C, W and Y) of meningococcal disease. Meningococcal serogroup B vaccine (Bexsero and Trumenba) protects against serogroup B meningococcal disease, for age 10 and older. Quadrivalent meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (Menomune) is recommended for people age 56 and older with certain high-risk conditions.

Should my child or adolescent receive meningococcal vaccine?

Meningococcal vaccine is **not** recommended for attendance at camps. However, these vaccines may be recommended for children with certain high-risk health conditions, such as those described above. **MDPH strongly recommends two doses of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine: a first dose at age 11 through 12 years, with a second dose at 16 years.**

Meningococcal serogroup B vaccine (Bexsero and Trumenba) is recommended for people with certain relatively rare high-risk health conditions age 10 or older (examples: persons with a damaged spleen or whose spleen has been removed, those with persistent complement component deficiency, and people who may have been exposed during an outbreak). Adolescents and young adults (16 through 23 years of age) **may** be vaccinated with a serogroup B meningococcal vaccine, preferably at 16 through 18 years of age, to provide short term protection for most strains of serogroup B meningococcal disease. Parents of adolescents and children who are at higher risk of infection, because of certain medical conditions or other circumstances, should discuss vaccination with their child’s healthcare provider.

How can I protect my child or adolescent from getting meningococcal disease?

The best protection against meningococcal disease and many other infectious diseases is thorough and frequent handwashing, respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette. Individuals should:

1. wash their hands often, especially after using the toilet and before eating or preparing food (hands should be washed with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand gel or rub may be used if hands are not visibly dirty);
2. cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and discard the tissue in a trash can; or if they don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into their upper sleeve.
3. not share food, drinks or eating utensils with other people, especially if they are ill.

If your child is exposed to someone with meningococcal disease, antibiotics may be recommended to keep your child from getting sick.

You can obtain more information about meningococcal disease or vaccination from your healthcare provider, your local Board of Health (listed in the phone book under government), or the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Division of Epidemiology and Immunization at (617) 983-6800 or on the MDPH website at www.mass.gov/dph.

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COMMUNICATION WITH CAMP AND YOUR CAMPER

Camp is not only an opportunity for campers to unplug from technology, it is also the chance for parents and children to “unplug” from each other. While this can be difficult for most of us, this is a great opportunity for kids to make their own decisions and navigate in an environment that supports them. Parents, it is a chance to practice letting go and giving children the space they need to develop. Here are a few things to know about communication with camp and your camper:

- Parents who have concerns or questions about their camper may call the Camp Director or the unit/village director. If they are not available, a message may be left and every effort will be made to return the calls within 24 hours. Since staff are out on the property working with campers, there is almost always a delay in receiving phone messages and returning calls. If you need to speak to someone immediately, contact the camp office.
- Campers are not permitted to make or receive telephone calls or to send emails. Letter writing is strongly encouraged but not mandated. Parents should discuss expectations about writing home with their campers.
- Parents of first-time campers will receive a call from their child’s counselor within the first two weeks of camp. This call is to answer any questions and to update parents on the progress of their first-time camper.
- Counselors do not routinely call returning camper parents, however camp may call you with routine questions or additional information, so don’t be alarmed if you get an unexpected call from camp.
- The medical staff do not call for routine visits to the Infirmary, minor injuries, illnesses and/or treatments. You will be contacted if your child requires treatment outside of camp.
- The camps post a very limited number of pictures through the photo accounts each week. Most pictures are general or of large group activities. Do not expect to see your camper in camp photos other than in the cabin group photo. We feel that excessive posting of pictures encourages parents to try to manage their camper’s experience remotely which often negatively impacts both the camper’s and the parent’s experience.
- Parents will have an opportunity to schedule time to discuss their camper’s progress during Gibson Weekend. Counselors will let parents know good times for meetings.
- A final letter from the counselor will be sent home following camp.



Telephone

Main Phone line: 413.623.8991

When you hear a recording you may enter an extension at any time to reach either of the camp offices directly. The camp offices are staffed 7 days a week from 9 AM – 6 PM and some evenings until 8 PM. During meals the camp offices are closed but messages are checked following each meal. After hours, follow the instructions in the event of an emergency to reach the camp.

Fax

The fax number is 413.623.5890. Please be sure to include a coversheet and a follow up phone call to ensure receipt.

Mail

Please include the camper name and the cabin name as well as the unit or village above the camp name.

Address mail for boys to: Address mail for girls to:

Camper's Name	Camper's Name
Village/Cabin	Unit/Cabin
Camp Becket	Chimney Corners Camp
748 Hamilton Road	748 Hamilton Road
Becket, MA 01223	Becket, MA 01223

Mail And Package Policy

Parents/Guardians often ask us for guidance around the sending of care packages and other gifts for their camper. First, remember you have already given your camper a wonderful gift by providing them with a camp experience! Too many packages can contribute to mess in the cabin, wastefulness and may highlight sensitive differences between campers. Therefore, we encourage families to send no more than 1 package per week. Parents should also not feel bad if they choose not to send packages during camp. Discuss your plans with your camper in advance so they know what to expect.

For time-sensitive and/or critical items, such as a pair of glasses, it is a good idea to email the camp office to alert us. There are several steps in the delivery, sorting and distribution of mail/packages given the number of participants and volume received. Note that the camps cannot guarantee any package will reach a camper nor are we able to track individual packages for you. Please share this policy with extended family and friends who may not understand the rules.

Finally, please refrain from sending food, high-value items, money, gum, or any other restricted item to camp. Food sent to camp, although sent for the best of intentions, can pose a safety risk to other campers due to food allergies and dietary restrictions and cause difficulty to a cabin by attracting mice and other pests. Other restricted items (as noted in this guide) can put campers in a difficult position of violating rules unintentionally. The camps inspect packages and dispose of food and other restricted items if found. There is a common myth that food sent will be saved for a final event or cabin party but this is not true per the reasons stated above.

Emailing The Camp Office

To contact the camp administration, please use the emails listed below for the two camp offices. Please do not send emails to your campers through these email addresses, they will not be delivered. Only camp business matters should be communicated through these email addresses. Your message must clearly state in the message line to whom the email is directed and what it is regarding. Emails that do not have a clear intent will be deleted without being opened.

Camp Becket Office: cboffice@bccymca.org

Chimney Corners Camp Office: cccoffice@bccymca.org

Emailing Your Camper

Due to the high volume of emails we receive and in order to increase security both for our campers and our computer system, the camps use an one-way email service. Families may only send email to campers through this system.

To email your camper:

- Log into your online account.
- Click on "Additional Options" from the grey bar at the top.
- Select email a camper. This system will only allow you to send emails while the camp is in session.
- You can invite other family members and friends to email your camper by sending them a friend code on the e-mail a camper page. This will allow them to create an account and email your camper without having access to your online account.

Other Important Notes About Email:

- Please limit email messages to only a couple per week. A mix of email and "snail mail" works best.
- Critical, confidential, or time-sensitive information should be communicated to the camp staff by telephone to ensure the message is delivered.
- Be conscious of what is communicated via email. If there's something to relay to the camper that may be upsetting, please contact the camp staff by phone rather than emailing directly to the camper.

Scheduled Visiting Events

As a long standing tradition, our camps hold visiting weekends called Gibson Weekend on the third weekend of each session. A same gender parent/guardian may attend the weekend themselves or choose an adult friend or other family member (of the same gender as the camper and age 18+) to join the camper for the weekend. If a family member or friend is unable to attend, the camps can assign a mentor for the weekend. Mentors are alumni, staff, or LITs of the camps who volunteer their time.

Visitors for the weekend are encouraged to bring their own tent. Meal and lodging reservations must be made in advance. Please complete the weekend reservation form in your online account. Camp accommodations are not available other than on this scheduled weekend.

If you have more than one child in the program or if you have physical limitations that prevents your full participation, you are welcome to bring a friend or family member (again, same gender as the camper) to help with the weekend. Discuss compromises between the campers ahead of time to avoid conflict during the weekend. In some cases, camp can provide a staff member or volunteers to help families with more than one camper; however, the priority goes to those campers who do not have a guest attending.

Visitors are asked not to take campers off the camp property, even for a short trip to the store. The camp staff expects campers to be present at all times, even during this visiting weekend, and removing campers disrupts the camp program. Parent cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

There is no Gibson Weekend for Starter Cabin A but there is for Starter Cabin B.

Sunday afternoon of Gibson Weekend we open both camps to other family members and friends. Camp opens to additional visitors at noon. The weekend ends at 4 PM. While at camp, children not enrolled in camp must be accompanied by their parents. As at all other times, pets are not allowed at camp.

It is the policy of Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA that all adult visitors must be sent through the RAPTOR background check system. RAPTOR is a visitor registration system that takes visitors' information and compares it to a national sex offender database. This is not a criminal history check. It is a requirement of being on our campus for all adult staff, visitors, volunteers and guest aged 18 and over who will be on the camp property with the exception of drop-off and pick-up days. Please register additional guests in your online camp account.

Other Visits To Camp

If you or other family members want to visit outside of designated visiting days, please contact camp to make arrangements. It is very important that family and friends do not just “drop-in” to camp for a visit. We strongly urge family members not to visit until the end of the second week of each session and to make only a single, if any, visit to camp. Although we allow visitors within these guidelines, it does upset the normal routines for campers and can lead to homesickness. Since campers may not leave camp during the camp session, visitors are asked to remain in camp with their campers during their visit. Clear permission from the parent/guardian of a child must be made for visits from anyone other than the designated guardians of the child. Anyone arriving at camp to visit a camper without prior arrangement and/or permission from the child’s parent/guardian will not be allowed to see that child until their identity and parent/guardian permission has been confirmed.



MORE ABOUT CAMP LIFE

Food Service

Camp Food Service Mission Statement

To ensure that every camper and guest at Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA enjoys wholesome, appetizing, nutritionally sound meals, prepared with care in a clean and healthy environment, where all staff are knowledgeable, helpful, courteous and friendly.

Philosophy

Our campers and guests are a diverse clientele who span the entire social and economic spectra, and range in age from young elementary students to senior citizens. We are dedicated to ensuring that all meals served to our campers, guests and staff are appreciated and enjoyed.

We strive to prepare fresh meals daily, using healthy natural ingredients. Our goal is to partner with local farmers and growers who are committed to sustainable practices and maintaining humane standards.

Our Food Service departments provide healthy food choices for campers and guests to appreciate and enjoy.

Cuisine Core Values

At Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA the Food Service Department holds 6 Core Values in designing and preparing delicious menus for our guests. We focus on creating meals that are:

- Enjoyable
- Wholesome
- Recognizable
- Plentiful enough so all will be satisfied but little goes to waste.
- Prepared with care
- Provide Individual Choice

Specific Dietary Need Parameters

The following are specific dietary needs that are accommodated in all camp meals. Campers wanting to adhere to these particular dietary styles will always find a full meal awaiting them:

- Vegetarian
- Avoidance of the Big 8 Food Allergies: Gluten, Eggs, Nuts, Peanuts, Shellfish, Fish, Soy and Dairy
- Low Carbohydrate - This is accomplished by providing a Protein and Vegetable as main choices each meal, or Salad Bar alternative.

In addition, the following dietary styles are held in awareness as noted:

- Reduced Sugar and Processed Carbohydrate Quantities - An awareness is given to the amount of sugar and processed carbohydrates that are offered in a day.
- Vegan - Menu design will ensure that a vegan protein, carbohydrate and vegetable is available. However, this may dictate that a vegan camper must utilize the salad bar or breakfast bar to supplement or exclusively fulfill a vegan meal preference.

Meals will be nutritious and well balanced. We ask your cooperation in not bringing candy or other food items to camp unless it is for medical reasons. Food in cabins creates sanitation and storage problems; therefore, we must prohibit campers from keeping food items in the cabins. Campers will have the opportunity to siesta snacks at scheduled times. In addition, other healthy snacks are available in the dining hall or can be purchased whenever the camp stores are open. Alternate food to address allergies and other food sensitivities will be kept in either the kitchen or camp infirmary.

Camp Store

A camp store charge is billed to each camper's account. We recommend a \$100 camp store deposit per four-week session. You can contact the camp registrar if you would like to select a different amount. Additional money can be deposited into a camper's account during the session. Parents should log into their campers account to add money: choose Additional Options > Camp Store > Add money to the camp store.

Campers can charge all purchases to their store account. Money in the store account can be used for the purchase of clothing, snacks, toiletries, batteries and other souvenirs and for donations to YMCA World Service at chapels. Please remind your child to write his/her name on anything he/she purchases in the camp store.

Laundry

Laundry service is provided for all campers. Coach your child about managing/sorting clean and dirty clothes. For example, if they wore a pair of jeans for an hour and they are still clean, they shouldn't go in the dirty laundry bag. Please clearly label your child's clothing (as well as all of their other belongings too) with both first and last name. Starter Program laundry will be done once during their two-week session.

Personal Property

The camps assume no responsibility for loss or damage by any cause to personal property of campers. Campers must be responsible for their belongings. Everything should be marked with the camper's full name. We strongly discourage money or valuable items being brought or sent to camp. All money should be deposited at the camp office into a camper's store account.

Camper Code Of Conduct

The staff of Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp is dedicated to helping each camper develop to their full potential in spirit, mind and body. We believe that personal respect, honor and integrity are vital to the success of the camp community. For such ideals to thrive in our community it is essential that each member believe in and support the mission and principles upon which the system is based and that each accepts that one's own behavior must reflect these values. We encourage all campers and staff to value honesty, caring, integrity, fair play, service to others, and respect for all.

Please review the following code of conduct with your child to ensure he/she understands what is expected of them while at camp.

Each member of the camp community must strive to do all one can to create a respectful and safe environment for all. Campers are responsible for their behavior at camp and will be held accountable for the code of conduct.

Campers will:

- Speak and act in a respectful, responsible manner that considers the feelings of others. This includes avoiding the use of profanity or language that is hurtful, prejudiced or demeaning to others.

- Be actively involved in a community that does not tolerate harassment or bullying of others. This includes any behavior that is intended to make another camper feel uncomfortable or threatened.
- Listen to others and respect other opinions even when they are different from one's own.
- Work out differences in a direct and positive manner. Campers should seek the guidance of staff when conflicts cannot be resolved in a positive and peaceful way.
- Dress appropriately for camp activities and with respect for all members of the community. Campers and staff may not wear clothing with inappropriate/offensive language, symbols, or that advocates the use of drugs, tobacco and/or alcohol.
- Care for themselves by regular bathing, eating properly, safety-conscious behavior, good dental hygiene, and communicating illness or injury to the camp medical staff.
- Participate in the shared responsibilities of camp life such as waiter/waitress duties, cabin cleaning, and litter patrol for the shared good of the camp community.
- Understand that some actions cannot be tolerated at camp and will result in immediate dismissal from camp. These actions include, but are not limited to, smoking or use of tobacco products, consumption or possession of alcohol and/or illegal drugs, pornography / sexually explicit material or harmful actions toward others or self.
- Follow all safety rules and take responsibility for the safety of one's self and others.
- Respect the camp property. Campers and staff will ensure that the camps are clean and that all equipment is used properly and returned to the appropriate place. No graffiti / defacing of property.
- Do their best to follow the camp schedule. Tardiness to activities is disruptive to the camp program and every effort must be made to be on time.

Behavior Management

All camp staff members participate in a staff-training program in which they learn about camp life and caring for campers. During training, we teach positive discipline techniques that staff members use to guide and encourage children. Staff members use techniques based on the child's level of development to create clear guidelines for behavior. Severe or cruel forms of punishment such as corporal punishment, humiliation, shaming, or the withholding of food or any other basic necessity as a form of punishment are strictly prohibited.

At all times, staff members are guided by the principle that all children and adults deserve to be treated in a respectful and caring manner. Campers are expected to treat fellow campers and staff with respect and to abide by all camp rules as well. All camp rules are discussed the first day of camp and campers are given an opportunity to ask questions and to learn the consequences of not following rules. Individuals are accountable for their actions.

Staff members support campers by enforcing expectations and responsibilities. Campers are expected to participate in daily duties such as setting their table, cleaning the cabin and washhouses, picking up litter on the camp grounds, and keeping their personal space tidy.

When behavior problems do arise, the camp staff may consult with parents and together they will develop a plan for behavior management. In the event the camper's behavior does not improve after staff members have exhausted all reasonable avenues of intervention or when one camper's actions are detracting from the experience of others, the camper will be sent home. Dismissal From Camp

Dismissal From Camp

There are some actions that require immediate dismissal from camp. Campers sent home for any reason will not be entitled to any refund of fees and parents will be responsible for all transportation.

Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp are not equipped to deal with (nor is the staff trained to handle) campers with severe emotional and behavioral issues, chemical dependency, severe eating disorders, violent behavior or campers who routinely violate rules and policies. We can refer you to programs designed to accommodate these special needs. If your child has severe behavior problems or is unable to live a chemical-free life while at camp, we ask that you choose another program appropriate to your child's needs. We urge parents to discuss their child's needs and any issues before sending their child to camp to determine if the program is suited to their needs. Deliberately withholding information related to a child's ability to function in a camp setting puts both the child and the camp at significant risk and may result in dismissal from the program and loss of eligibility for all future programs.

Campers who require a disproportionate amount of leaders' attention (or need consistent one-on-one support) which takes attention away from the other campers in their cabin group or who purposefully and routinely harm or threaten to harm themselves or others may be asked to leave camp.

Parents removing a camper from camp during the session, even for a short time, without permission from the camp administration will result in a camper's immediate dismissal from the camp program and forfeiture of all camp tuition. If you have a conflict, please contact the camp director immediately.

Alumni And Family Events

The Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA offers programs to our current camp families and alumni throughout the year. Call the main line for more information on any of these events. Registration forms and other important camp dates and events can be found on our website.

Berkshire Outdoor Center

Our Berkshire Outdoor Center operates year-round programs for schools, colleges, youth groups, adult groups, families and individuals from all over New England and New York. Groups can participate in our unique adventure leadership programs, environmental education retreats and other recreational activities. More than 18,000 participants experience Berkshire Outdoor Center each year. Please contact our office if you know of a group who may wish to book an event or program at our facility.



ENROLLING FOR CAMP

Payment Of Tuition And Fees

Campers must have half tuition paid by February 1st and the balance paid no later than April 1st including a camper store account deposit. You may sign in to your camp account to confirm your balance and make payments.

As a non-profit, we want to ensure that our resources are directed towards the camp programs. Payments by check support this effort by lowering our processing fees. Thank you for considering paying your balance by check.

Financial Aid (Campership)

Financial aid is available to qualified families to assist with the payment of camp tuition. Grants are awarded on the basis of financial need. A new campership application with the most current supporting financial documentation is required each year. Go to bccymca.org and click on the financial aid link. Please be prepared to pay a modest, non-refundable application fee to begin the process. All application materials are due by September 15th, and grants will be awarded in early November. Incoming applications after September 15th will be awarded on a rolling basis if funds are still available. Upon acceptance of an award, a registration fee equal to ten percent of the tuition remaining will be due and a payment plan will be required to confirm enrollment.

Applicants for TSP programs have a deadline of October 15th for financial aid submittals.

Refund Policy

The registration fee is non-refundable no matter when or why you cancel. It may not be transferred to another camper, year or program. If your child cancels prior to April 1, any tuition paid above the registration fee will be refunded. After April 1st there is no tuition refund. If your child leaves the program early for any reason (voluntary or not) there will be no refund of tuition. Families enrolling for two sessions that cancel one session will lose the registration fee for the cancelled session. Refund of unused store accounts, visiting weekend reservations, etc. will take place at the end of the summer.

Considerations Prior To Enrollment

All of us at Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA view our relationship with camp families as a partnership. We expect that you support our policies whole-heartedly to ensure a positive experience for all. Any serious objections or concerns should be communicated prior to applying to determine if we are the best match for your family. A few key elements of our program to consider before applying:

- Early departure from camp and absences from the camp program are not allowed.
- To preserve the traditional nature of the camp experience we require that campers leave all electronics, including cell phones, at home.
- A Health Form, including proof of health insurance, current immunizations and a physical exam conducted within one year of the camper's arrival at camp is required.
- If you wish to request copies of background check, health care, and discipline policies as well as procedures for filing grievances please contact the office.
- Each camp employs a full-time Food Service Director who can answer questions about allergies and other food restrictions. Our staff works with families to provide alternative meals for campers with food allergies and we can help campers to avoid restricted foods. The camps can also accommodate a

vegetarian diet. The camps cannot provide an allergen-free environment nor can we provide for extremely restrictive diet options. Families are encouraged to contact camp about specific food issues in advance of applying to ensure they are comfortable with the food options.

- Campers are expected to participate fully in our camp program. This includes the activities of service, play, chapel, and living together. The Becket-Chimney YMCA reserves the right to decline acceptance to applicants who we feel will not be successful in our programs.
- Once a camper has been accepted, the registration fee becomes non-refundable and non-transferable. The registration fee will be deducted from the total tuition due. A payment plan for the balance may be set up at the time of enrollment or any time before the tuition is due. 50% of the camp tuition is due by February 1 and payment in full is due by April 1. This is also applicable for all Travel and Service Programs and LIT Programs.
- Fees are established by the Board of Trustees. Philanthropic gifts from parents and friends help to keep the tuition reasonable, while maintaining high-quality programs and staff. The camp tuition is inclusive, covering room and board, program materials, yearbook, hiking trips, laundry service, and basic in-camp health services. Specialty programs have a higher tuition to cover the extra costs associated with the program. Our fees do not include insurance on campers' personal property, health & accident insurance, or store account deposit. Other elective services, such as transportation or linen rental, are also provided for an extra fee.

Steps To Apply To Camp

Our camps fill very quickly and it is important to understand the enrollment process. Applications go live on the last day of First Session. To apply to one of our programs, visit our website at bccymca.org and click on the "Enroll Now" panel. You will be directed to our online registration system where you will be asked to create a family account or log in to your existing account. Once your account is set up then choose the camper's name for which you would like to make a reservation and complete all the necessary steps. A confirmation of your application acceptance will be emailed. This is not an admission into the program, but rather a confirmation that you have completed the application process. Notification of acceptances or wait list status will begin in October.

- Starting on the last day of First Session, eligible returning campers and their siblings will be admitted as space allows in their same session traditional four-week program. Eligible returning campers and their siblings will have priority admission through September 15th. A returning camper who is looking to change sessions may have to wait until after September 15th for confirmation. The only exception to priority admission for returning families will be for Specialty Programs decided by lottery, including Starter Cabins (See descriptions below). Even as a returner with priority registration we can not guarantee a space, so please be timely because we will use date-order-received as a deciding factor.
- Starter Cabin admissions process is based on a lottery system and gives equal priority to new and returning families. All applications received by September 15th will be eligible for the Starter Cabin lottery. Notification of admission will be sent in October. In the event that a returning family does not get a Starter Cabin spot, we will put the camper into their second or third choice program automatically if space allows. New families will be put in their second or third choice program automatically if space allows in a date-order-received.
- Adventure Odyssey, Construction, or Riding Cabins are based on a lottery system and are originally limited to our returning families. Many specialty programs will fill quickly, so please submit your registration by September 15th if you are interested in these programs. If a lottery is held, because of the number of applicants, we will notify returning families in October of their status. In the event that a returning family does not get a specialty spot they will be placed into their second or third choice program automatically if space allows.

- Admissions to the camp programs will follow this sequence
 - Same session returning camper or sibling in traditional 4-week program (no specialty or starter)
 - Same session returning camper with specialty lottery pick or lottery wait list spot
 - New session returning camper or sibling (no starter)
 - Starter cabin lottery picks
 - Prior summer wait list campers and their siblings based on original date-order-received. Must apply for current year by September 15th to hold this order.
 - New campers in date-order-received
- We strongly encourage our returning campers to apply for the following summer on closing day. As a convenience, a quick application will be available at check-out locations.
- Throughout the month of October families will be notified of their acceptance or wait list status for the programs to which they have applied. If you end up on a wait list please recognize that every year we have many campers end up in camp who originally started on our wait list. We thank you in advance for your patience.
- Travel and Service Programs and Leader-in-Training Programs will contact all eligible campers with application and notification procedure and timeline. Any age-eligible camper who has not heard from the camp by September 1st should contact camp.



BECKET-CHIMNEY CORNERS YMCA STAFF

We are happy to answer any questions you may have. Our regular business hours are, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at 413.623.8991. You can also fax us at 413.623.5890. You can email any staff member by emailing them at their first initial and last name @bccymca.org. For example, Phil Connor's email is pconnor@bccymca.org.

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IMPORTANT CAMP DATES

2018

Sept 15 **Open House**

Tours at 2 PM

2019

June 9 **Open House**

Tours at 2 PM

June 23 **First Session Begins**

Starter 1 - A Begins (CCC Only)

Campers arrive between 1-3 PM

July 6 **Starter 1 - A Ends**

Campers depart at 10 AM

July 7 **Starter 1 - B Begins (CCC Only)**

Campers arrive at 1 PM

July 12-14 **Gibson Weekend**

Visiting Day Sunday 12-4 PM

July 20 **First Session Ends**

Campers depart between 9-11 AM

July 21 **Second Session Begins**

Starter 2 - A Begins

Campers arrive between 1-3 PM

Aug 3 **Starter 2 - A Ends**

Campers depart at 10 AM

Aug 4 **Starter 2 - B Begins**

Campers arrive at 1 PM

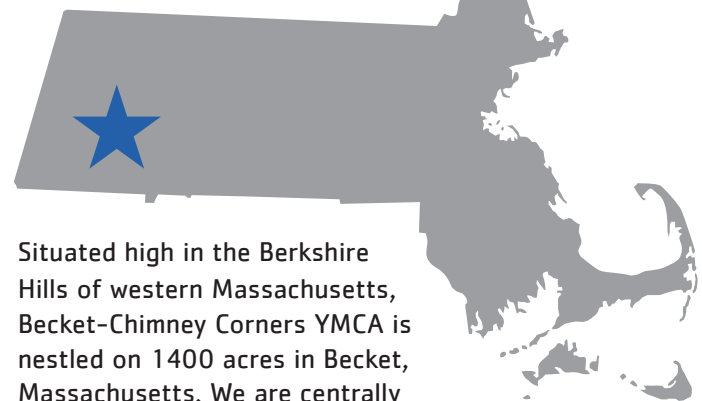
Aug 9-11 **Gibson Weekend**

Visiting Day Sunday 12-4 PM

Aug 17 **Second Session Ends**

Starter 2 - B Ends

Campers depart between 9-11 AM



Situated high in the Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts, Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is nestled on 1400 acres in Becket, Massachusetts. We are centrally located approximately 3 hours from New York City and 2.5 hours from Boston.