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## Contact Information

### YMCA Customer Service Center.

612-822-2267. Call about registration, payments, financial assistance, cancellations, etc.

### Camp Warren Office.

218-744-4222. Summer only. Call for general info about programs, logistics, transportation, etc.

### Jeanna Nesbitt, Executive Director (she/her)

763-230-6574. Call if you have specific questions about programs, concerns about a camper, etc.

### Louis McGraw, Program Director (he/him)

651-793-7286. Call if you have specific questions about programs, concerns about a camper, etc.

## Y of the North Mission

The Y's mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

## Camp Warren Mission

Camp Warren's mission is to provide transformational experiences through gendered sessions, emphasizing character development, self-reliance and leadership skills.

## This Document

This document undergoes occasional changes. You can always find the most up to date version at [campwarren.org](http://campwarren.org).

## Virtual Open House

Join us for a virtual open house in April or May! We'll meet to learn more about the Warren experience, what to expect during a one or two week session, meet the Warren directors, and have your questions about camp answered. It is free and there is no need to register.

2024 Open Houses are scheduled for:

- April 30, 2024: 5:30-7:00 pm
- May 16, 2024: 5:30-7:00 pm

We'll also record a version if you'd like to view it at a later date.



## Registration and Forms

### Registration

Registration can be completed online at [campwarren.org](http://campwarren.org), by calling the YMCA Customer Service Center at 612-822-2267, or by downloading a registration form from [campwarren.org](http://campwarren.org).

Camp will send you a confirmation within three weeks of receiving your registration and deposit.

The balance for your session is due one month prior to the start of the session. This can be done in one lump sum or using our default pricing plan - 1/3 in March, April, May. If you need further assistance, the Customer Service Center can setup a longer term pricing plan. If the balance is not paid or plan established by one month prior, you may forfeit your place at camp along with the deposit.

### Changes and Cancellations

Call the Customer Service Center if you must change or cancel your registration to camp and they can walk you through the process.

We charge \$25 for any change of session.

**No refunds are available for cancellations after the payment-in-full date.**

Campers who do not show up to a session will not receive a refund. No tuition adjustment will be made for late arrival or early departure. If a camper has a significant discipline problem during a session we reserve the right to dismiss them mid-session, without refund.

If a camper is ill or injured prior to the session, a medical provider will need to provide a letter to consider a partial refund. If you pay in full, refunds will only be eligible until May 15.

*Y Adventure Programs cannot refund payments when sessions are cut short or canceled due to circumstances beyond our control. These may include, but are not limited to, wilderness area closures, forest fires, flooding, or other climate and environmental hazards that would prevent us from providing a safe and meaningful experience for all participants.*

### Forms

**HEALTH EXAM FORM:** A completed *Health Exam Form* is required each year to attend camp. Forms are available at [campwarren.org](http://campwarren.org) or in your CampDoc account. A new physical exam is required each year before attending camp.

Please upload completed *Health Exam Form* to your CampDoc account.

**NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST:** In years prior, we have required a negative COVID-19 test before campers arrive. For summer 2024, we do not anticipate requiring this measure. Any changes to this policy will be communicated by email.

**CAMP STORE:** If you would like your camper to shop in the camp store, please purchase a Gift Certificate prior to their arrival. These are purchased in your online Y account.

Gift Certificates can be used toward any YMCA program, membership, or camp experience. Certificates can be redeemed at any YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities location, are transferrable, and never expire.

Gift Certificates can be used toward camp store merchandise during your child's stay at Overnight Camp. Any remaining balance at the end of the session can be used toward future YMCA camps or programs.

*All other paperwork is due on June 1st for Girls sessions and July 1st for Boys sessions. Please make sure all of the required forms are in by this date to ensure your camper is able to attend camp.*



## First and Last Day

### Bus Transportation

Taking the bus to Camp Warren is a fun and exciting way to begin the summer camp experience. All buses depart from and return to the Shoreview YMCA located at 3760 Lexington Ave North, Shoreview, MN 55126.

There are bathrooms on Minnesota Coaches buses, but make sure to use the bathroom before boarding. Once loaded, campers are asked not to get off the bus. The bus ride is approximately 3 hours. Make sure the camper and camp know who is authorized to pick up the camper at the end of their session.

Transportation changes made less than one month prior are subject to a change fee and can be made up to one week before.

#### Departure

Please have medications ready to turn in at check-in. Check in with bus stop staff between 8:00-8:30am. The bus will depart from the Shoreview YMCA at 8:45am.

#### Return

Guardians must be on-time to pick up their campers. A valid picture ID must be presented to pick up your camper. Return time is approximate due to varied traffic patterns, road closures, or weather.

ETA changes under 30 minutes will be communicated by Facebook. If the delay is more significant, we will send you an email.

#### Bus Rules

- Campers must sit facing forward while the bus is moving.
- No screaming or yelling.
- Inappropriate touching, pushing or poking is not allowed.

### Summer 2024 Bus Schedule

<b>1G</b>	Sunday, June 16	Depart at 8:45am
	Friday, June 21	Return at 4:30pm
<b>2G</b>	Sunday, June 23	Depart at 8:45am
	Friday, July 5	Return at 4:30pm
<b>3G</b>	Sunday, July 7	Depart at 8:45am
	Friday, July 19	Return at 4:30pm
<b>1B</b>	Sunday, July 21	Depart at 8:45am
	Friday, August 2	Return at 4:30pm
<b>2B</b>	Sunday, August 4	Depart at 8:45am
	Friday, August 16	Return at 4:30pm
<b>3B</b>	Sunday, August 18	Depart at 8:45am
	Friday, August 23	Return at 4:30pm

### Driving Your Child to Camp

We welcome campers and their families to drive directly to camp for drop-off or pick-up at the beginning and end of sessions. If you are dropping your child off at camp, plan to arrive at camp between 10:00 and 11:00am.

If you are picking your child up from camp, plan to arrive at camp between 11:00am and 12:00pm. Guardians are welcome to explore camp on first and last days. We do ask that you keep your visit short, as parking is limited on site.



## First and Last Day

### Pick-up and Drop-off Safety

Because the safety of your camper has been and will continue to be the number one priority for the YMCA, we have drop-off and pick-up procedures. When you arrive at a bus stop, please follow the signs, and remain in your vehicle until a Warren staff member or volunteer greets you and checks you in. If you choose to drive to camp, you will be greeted in the parking lot by camp staff. When you pick up your child from camp or from a bus stop, campers will be asked to remain on the bus or at a designated place at camp. A lead staff person will connect parents and campers. **If a friend or relative is picking up your child, please call our office to let us know. All are asked to show their ID and sign next to your child's name.** If an adult does not come to pick up a camper, a staff member will try to locate the identified emergency contact. If no one is available after one half hour, the Camp Director will call the police. YMCA staff members are not allowed to transport campers at the end of a session.

#### Pro Parent Tip

*Please have medications ready to turn in when you arrive at the bus stop or at Camp Warren upon drop-off.*

*Definitely don't forget your ID on pick-up day.*

### Driving Directions to Camp

(Note: please use these directions; sometimes sites like Google Maps, Yahoo and Mapquest do not provide accurate directions.)

Camp Warren is located about three hours north of Minneapolis/St. Paul, just south of Eveleth, Minnesota.

From Minneapolis/St. Paul travel north on I-35 until you reach Highway 33. Take the Cloquet/Range Cities exit and travel north on Highway 33 through Cloquet. Highway 33 ends and becomes Highway 53. Continue north on Highway 53. About 1 mile past the St. Louis River near mile marker 55 is County Road 690 (also Miller Trunk Road). Turn right on County Road 690. The Camp Warren entrance is just ahead on the right.

#### Pro Parent Tip

*The Three-Five Rule. Getting to Camp Warren is easy if you remember the Three-Five Rule! All of the major roads include a three and/or a five from the Twin Cities all the way to Half Moon Lake!*

*I-35W to Hwy 33 to Hwy 53 to mile marker 55!*



## Life at Camp

**Cabins.** Campers spend their session with two counselors and a group of other campers in a cabin group. Our counselors are well-trained and love their jobs (they're not in it for the money, we assure you).

Campers are organized into cabin groups by age. We will do our best to honor up to two friend requests, provided that the requests are made in advance and the campers are within two years in age. Many of our campers come alone and make friends quickly.

**Activities.** Camp Warren offers several activities designed for all skill levels and abilities, including:

- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Athletics (sports)
- Basketball
- Black & White Photography (2-week sessions, ages 12+ for dark room)
- Canoeing
- Disc Golf
- Drama/Theater
- Fishing
- Gardening
- High & Low Ropes Course (ages 12+ for high ropes)
- Kayaking
- Music
- Newspaper
- Polar Bear Swim (BORP!)
- Pottery (2-week sessions)
- Sailing
- Stand Up Paddleboarding
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Wilderness Exploration

**Traditional or Emphasis Programming.** Most campers are Traditional Campers, but some sign up as Emphasis Campers to spend two of their four activities focusing on one skill or program.

Traditional and Emphasis Campers are placed in cabins together. Traditional Campers can sign up for any of the activities listed above on the first day of camp; Emphasis Campers will sign up for their other two activity slots on that day too.

**Devotions and Reflection.** YMCA Camp Warren welcomes campers and staff members of all faiths. In addition to daily reflection time, we bring all of camp together on the second Sunday of a two-week session for a larger non-denominational reflection consisting of inspirational readings, stories and songs. In holding with YMCA Camp Warren tradition, campers typically wear nice, clean clothes (often white or light-colored) to this reflection.

**Waterfront Activities.** Each camper's swimming ability will be evaluated upon arrival. Swimming is a camp activity but swim lessons are not. If you are interested in swim lessons, please contact your local YMCA for their swim lesson information. For their safety, any camper who is a non-swimmer will be asked to wear a lifejacket during all waterfront activities.

**Overnights.** We see great value in the overnight camping experience. During two-week sessions, every camper will have the opportunity to go on a one-night overnight trip to a campsite that is across the lake from the main site (a 15 minute paddle). Campers will learn basic camping skills including outdoor cooking, setting up tents, and practicing leave no trace camping. Campers will be provided with all group equipment necessary to make their overnight experience a success, but they will need a personal sleeping bag.



## Life at Camp

### Daily Schedule

7:15 AM	BORP! (optional polar bear swim)
7:45 AM	Section Morning Reflection/Waiter Bell
8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:45 AM	All-Camp Musical Movement
9:00 AM	Cabin Cleanup
9:30 AM	Cabin Service Project or Activity (alternates)
10:30 AM	First Activity Period
11:45 AM	Waiter Bell
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:45 PM	Rest Hour
1:45 PM	Second Activity Period
2:55 PM	Snack
3:00 PM	Third Activity Period
4:15 PM	Fourth Activity Period
5:30 PM	Waiter Bell
5:45 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Community Time (free-choice options)
7:30 PM	Evening Activity (field games, campfires, etc.)
8:30 PM	Return To Cabin/Night Meds
9:30 PM	Cub, Intermediate Lights Out
10:00 PM	Senior Lights Out

**First Day of Camp:** Campers get settled in, connect with their cabin groups, and are shown around camp. A lot of new things are explained, but we try to make it fun! This is also when campers get to sign up for activities.

**Last 24 Hours:** At the end of a session, campers are celebrated for their accomplishments and time at camp! The last night includes time for deep reflection, and parents are invited to the short award ceremony on the last day before lunch.

**Mid-Session Sundays:** For two-week campers, Sundays include extra time to sleep in and shower before an all-camp reflection gathering (non-denominational). The usual activities are replaced with more free-choice time, and it ends with a skit night!

**Personalized Schedules:** Each camper gets to participate in the creation of their own schedule, and they will attend the same four activity periods every day. This helps campers connect with those outside their cabins with shared interests, grow in skill and confidence, and work towards bigger goals!



## Life at Camp

**Camp Store.** The Warren store offers t-shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, hats, postcards, stickers, stamps, pins and more. Clothing items typically range in price from \$15-\$45.

If you would like your camper to shop in the camp store, please purchase a Gift Certificate prior to their arrival. These are purchased in your online Y account.

Gift Certificates can be used toward any YMCA program, membership, or camp experience. Certificates can be redeemed at any YMCA of the North location, are transferrable, and never expire.

Gift Certificates can be used toward camp store merchandise during your child's stay at Overnight Camp. Any remaining balance at the end of the session can be used toward future YMCA camps or programs.

**Food.** Camp menus are carefully selected to provide a balanced diet. Meals are hearty and campers are given "seconds" on most items. Meal times are 8am, noon and 5:45pm. Alternative options such as salad or cereal are available for each meal. There is snack between lunch and dinner.

### Pro Parent Tip

*If your child has any food allergies or dietary needs, please note them on their medical forms and we will do our best to accommodate. A phone call to the Camp Director well in advance of the camper's session is also appreciated. In some cases we will ask families to supplement food in order to best meet the camper's needs.*

**Camp Warren Staff.** Camp Warren staff members are carefully selected based on leadership skills, prior experience working with children, decision making capabilities, respect for the environment and safety awareness. All are currently certified in CPR and First Aid. Based on job responsibility, waterfront staff are certified lifeguards and others are certified as an EMT, Wilderness First Responder, or Wilderness First Aid.

YMCA Camp Warren staff members come from various parts of the country and the world. Over the last few summers, staff have joined us from: the Twin Cities area, Duluth, Eveleth, California, Iowa, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Missouri, Columbia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Germany, and Canada. We welcome counselors of diverse cultures, ages, genders, languages, experiences, and all walks of life.

Most staff members are past Camp Warren campers that have come up through Warren programs. In addition to required training and certifications listed above, all staff participate in an 8-day in-camp training prior to summer. Camp Warren staff members are committed to providing your child with an adventure filled with friendships, new experiences, traditions and outdoor fun!

**Homesickness.** For many campers, a week or two away at Warren will be the longest time they've ever been away from home. The challenge can be significant for both kids and their parents. Warren counselors and staff are very experienced in coaching campers through their experience and we believe that overcoming the challenge of homesickness can be a hugely positive experience.



## Communication

**Snail Mail.** If you would like to be in contact with your camper you may send mail directly to Camp Warren in Eveleth. It often takes **4-5 days** for mail to arrive at camp. If you have a one-week camper, consider sending mail to camp ahead of time. **Please do not fax or email letters to the Camp.** We simply don't have the infrastructure to support this.

**Packages.** Over the last few summers we have experienced an excessively high volume of packages at Camp. While these packages can be fun for campers, they can also detract from the camper experience. If you choose to send a package, please take into consideration the other 9 campers in the cabin. **We ask that you do not send packages of food to camp.** These policies exist as a way of discouraging rodents from moving into the cabins, in consideration of food allergies, and to create an equitable camp experience for all campers. Any packages containing food will be held in the main office. **Please waive the signature for express packages.**

Your Camper's Name  
 YMCA Camp Warren  
 3726 Miller Trunk Road  
 Eveleth, MN 55734

**Phoning Home.** Campers may not have cell phones at camp. We ask families to refrain from communicating with their camper via phone, fax or email. Except for emergency situations, phone and e-mail by campers are off limits. Likewise, we are not equipped to handle fax communications from parent to child. If you have questions, a Camp Warren staff member will be available to speak with you over the phone.

We understand that you miss your camper! However, our experience has shown that homesick campers feel even more homesick after a call home. In cases of severe homesickness, we'll work with you to develop a plan.

**When to Expect to Hear from Camp.** All campers are asked to write home within 24 hours of arrival. We supply each camper with a pre-stamped postcard. Campers are encouraged to write home part way through each session. Following the conclusion of the session, your child's counselors will send a letter home, summarizing the experience.

This is a great time to teach your camper their address! We also suggest that you send pre-addressed, stamped envelopes with your child.

**Visiting Camp.** Unless your camper is on the Long Border trip, there are no available visitor times in the middle of camp sessions.

**Stay in the Loop!** View photos of your camper while they're at camp! We post photos on our SmugMug site often. Unfortunately, we aren't able to upload a large quantities of photos every day, but we try our best!

**Photo Gallery:** [campwarren.smugmug.com](http://campwarren.smugmug.com)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/ymcacampwarren](https://facebook.com/ymcacampwarren)

**Instagram:** [@ymcacampwarren](https://instagram.com/ymcacampwarren)

### Pro Parent Tip

*Don't send your camper with a cell phone or other electronics, especially as they can get lost or damaged.*

*Much of camp's value is that it encourages young people to enjoy the natural world and to make new face-to-face friends. These are impeded by cell phones and other electronics. Many of our campers find that a reprieve from social pressures and the 24-hour news cycle is refreshing!*





## Health and Safety

**Health Information.** In order to give your camper the best care, it is important that we know their health history and information. Please update this information in your CampDoc account, including a new **Health Exam** form each year. The camp physical needs to be current within the last 90 days.

**Administering Medication.** If your child requires insulin shots, Diastat or other medications requiring similar procedures, please contact us. Our staff will work with parents/guardians, the child and the child's medical providers to explore reasonable accommodations to permit the child to enjoy our programs to the fullest extent possible.

**Allergy Injections.** If a camper is to be given allergy injections, please send one disposable tuberculin syringe and needle for each injection needed while at camp. Please clearly label all medication. These must be checked in with the Camp Health Care Provider and can be checked in at the bus stop. A Health Care Provider lives on camp 24 hours a day and a Physician is available by phone 24 hours a day.

**Medications.** Medication will be turned in to the Camp Health Provider upon arrival at camp. Medication should be in the **original container** and **labeled** clearly with dosage, frequency and camper's name. This includes both prescription and over the counter medication.

**Insurance and Illness.** Health insurance information is requested during registration. This information will only be used to facilitate outside medical treatment if required. In the event of serious illness or injury, parents will be notified immediately.

**Safety Considerations.** The safety of each child is our primary concern. Campers and parents need to be aware that camping at YMCA Camp Warren requires effort and the ability to communicate. To insure that your child has a safe summer camp experience, your child should:

- be able to understand, remember and follow instructions;
- be able to respect and relate responsibly to others in a group;
- be able to participate in primarily outdoor activities in large and small groups for the duration of their stay at camp;
- be able to enter and exit a canoe independently or with moderate assistance from a companion;
- be able to right themselves and remain face up in the water with the aid of a Personal Flotation Device (lifejacket);
- PFDs (Personal Flotation Devices) are provided by camp and must be worn and zipped in all boating activities;



## Health and Safety

**Bullying Policy.** Bullying is when one or more people exclude, tease, taunt, gossip, hit, kick, or put down another person with the intent to hurt another. Bullying happens when a person or group of people want to have power over another and use their power to get their way, at the expense of someone else. Bullying can also happen through cyberspace: through the use of e-mails, text messaging, social media, personal web pages and other less direct methods. This type of bullying can lead to persons being hurt during or between the camp seasons and be especially hurtful when persons are targeted with meanness and exclusion.

At YMCA Camp Warren, bullying is inexcusable, and we have a firm policy against all types of bullying. Each camper is expected to treat all other campers with respect, and to help each other achieve the best possible experience. If a camper has difficulty meeting this expectation, **parents may be called upon to assist.** We work together as a team to ensure that campers gain self-confidence, make new friends, and go home with a positive camp experience.

Our leadership addresses all incidents of bullying seriously and trains staff to promote communication with other staff and their campers. Both staff and campers will be comfortable alerting us to any problems during their camp experience and between camp seasons. Every person has the right to expect to have the best possible experience at camp. By working together as a team to identify and manage bullying, we can help ensure that all campers and staff have a great summer at YMCA Camp Warren.

**Illness/Injury.** In the event of non-emergency medical treatment, campers are taken to the Camp Health Care Provider on-site, who administers minor first aid. In the event of a more serious injury or illness, the camper will be taken to a local clinic or hospital and a parent will be contacted. In the event of an illness or injury where the camper will not be able to stay in camp, a parent or emergency contact will be called to make arrangements for pick up.

**Lice.** Please carefully check your camper for nits and/or lice before driving them to camp or the bus stop. Should we discover that your camper has nits or lice during our first day health inspections, you will be given three options:

- 1) We may be able to provide treatment on site while taking precautions to prevent spread to other campers. There may be some cost associated with this option.
- 2) You may come pick up your camper, treat them and return them to camp when they are free of nits/lice.
- 3) You can remove your child from camp (but we hope you don't choose this option!)

**Bugs/Ticks.** Campers spend the majority of the day/evening outside. There are mosquitoes and flies in the area and many campers choose to bring bug repellent. Occasionally campers may find a tick. They are encouraged to check themselves for ticks daily. The healthcare staff will provide appropriate assistance, as needed, for tick removal.

**Severe Weather.** Camp Warren has weather reports and access to weather radar to be aware of pending weather conditions. If severe storms are approaching, campers and staff will be moved to the lodge, dining hall, or Homaji basement.



## Notices, Gender, and Diversity

### Diversity and Inclusion

It is the YMCA of the North's vision to serve relentlessly with our community until all can thrive in each stage of life. At Camp Warren, we make sure that all really does mean all; we gladly welcome campers and counselors of diverse cultures, ages, genders, languages, experiences, and all walks of life. We cherish diversity and want to make sure all feel enthusiastically at home at Camp Warren.

While our summer sessions are gendered, we welcome people with nonbinary, intersex, and transgender identities, and invite all to participate wherever they feel most comfortable. Often, campers during our two-week sessions host an optional Pride event to celebrate themselves or their LGBTQ+ family members. This is a camper-led and staff-supervised gathering, and other fun options are available for campers who choose not to participate.

On Sundays during two-week sessions, we host an all-camp Sunday Reflection. This is a longstanding tradition that has been adapted to welcome campers and staff of all faiths, spiritualities, and secular backgrounds. Traditionally, campers have worn white to this gathering, but all are welcome to wear clothes that are meaningful to them. This, and graces before meals, are times for campers to express gratitude, their hopes for personal growth, and their appreciation for nature.

Please contact us if you have perspective on your camper that may help us support your camper better while they are at camp.

### Camper Behavior

Caring, equity, honesty, respect, and responsibility are the YMCA's core values and foundations.

- We expect campers to take responsibility for their actions.
- We expect campers to respect themselves, one another, the environment, and camp equipment.
- We expect campers to be honest with one another and their counselors.
- We expect campers to understand that others' backgrounds and needs may differ from their own.
- We expect campers to care for themselves and one another.

Camp Warren staff do a great job at coaching campers who behave inappropriately. If we find that we are unable to redirect your camper's behavior we may be in contact with you.

**We reserve the right to send a camper home, without refund, if consistent misbehavior affects the experience of other campers.**

### Risks at Camp

Camp Warren is a member of the American Camp Association, meaning we are rigorously held to account on over 300 pages of standards regarding health and wellness, transportation safety, aquatic safety, and more. These standards guide us to use the best practices regarding ticks and other insects, sun exposure, hygiene, bullying prevention, staff medical training, and many more.

Nonetheless, like all other experiences in life, camp is not risk-free. We simply cannot guarantee that no harm will befall a camper. Please refer to our waiver if you would like to review our indemnification policies.



## Packing for Camp

The following is a suggested packing list. Many items are not required. Please do not send your child's best clothing, as camp activities are outside and rugged. Pack items and clothing that can get muddy, dirty, wet, sandy, torn, grass stained, etc.

### Bring

- 1 fitted twin sheet and 1 sleeping bag or blankets (sleeping bag needed for two-week session overnight)
- 1 pillow and pillow case
- 1 set of rain gear (jacket and pants are recommended, ponchos are discouraged)
- 1 bath towel, 1 beach towel and 1 wash cloth
- 2 swimming suits
- 1-2 pairs of pajamas
- 2 pairs of sneakers or boots
- 1 pair of "shower shoes" or sandals
- 1 nice outfit for Sunday reflection (2-week only)
- 1 pair of underwear for each day of camp
- 1 hat or cap for sun protection
- 1 knit hat/beanie for warmth
- 1 fleece-type jacket
- 1 bar of soap and soap box
- 1 toothbrush, case and toothpaste
- 1 flashlight/headlamp with batteries
- Personal grooming items
- 2 heavy sweatshirts or sweaters
- 2-3 pairs of pants
- 3-4 pairs of shorts
- 1 shirt for each day of camp (including long-sleeves)
- 1 pair of socks for each day of camp
- Bug repellent, sun block, chapstick
- Water bottle

Camp Warren has some bedding available if your camper does not have it. Please contact us ahead of time so we can be ready!

### Pro Parent Tip

*Make sure all items are clearly labeled with your camper's full name. This will assist us in claiming lost and found items throughout the summer and make sure your camper returns home with all of their belongings. Valuables and meaningful items should be left at home. **YMCA Camp Warren is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.***

### Desirable Additions to Camper Equipment

- Rain boots
- Camera (not a cell phone)
- Musical instruments
- Journal and pen
- Paper, envelopes and stamps for letters (pre-addressed post cards work well)
- Books
- Tennis racket
- Baseball glove
- Fishing pole and tackle
- Extra batteries for flashlight/camera
- Watch (no internet access)
- Playing cards



## Packing for Camp

### Long Border, Short Border, Fifty-Fifty and CIT Participants

In addition to regular camp clothing, the following items will make your out-of-camp trip successful. They are readily available at REI, Target, Dick's Sporting Goods, and other similar stores. If you're struggling to find items, please reach out, as we may have some supplies available.

- 1 fleece jacket
- 1 pair of warm pants (fleece or wool)
- 3 pair of wool socks
- 1 pair of sturdy hiking boots that are broken in well in advance of camp session (Short Border, Long Border and CIT campers)
- 1 pair of synthetic long underwear (top and bottom)
- 1 set of rain gear (jacket and pants, no ponchos)
- 1 32 oz. water bottle—Nalgene brand or similar
- 1 synthetic or down sleeping bag with compression stuff sack (please do not send bulky or cotton sleeping bags)
- 1 wool/synthetic winter hat
- 1 pair of sunglasses
- 1 pair of strapped sandals—Teva or Chaco brand recommended (Fifty-Fifty campers) (canoe campers can bring slide sandals for campsites)
- 1 headlamp (versus a flashlight)
- Chapstick with SPF

### Other Optional Items

- 1 dry bag
- 1 waterproof camera case—Pelican brand recommended
- 1 sleeping pad or Thermarest (Long and Short Border campers)
- 1 pair of sailing gloves (Fifty-Fifty campers)

### What not to bring to Camp

The following items should not be brought to camp. If they are found they will be confiscated and returned at the end up the session:

- Electronics (including smart watches)
- Cell phones
- Tablets, Computers
- Vaporizers, tobacco, drugs (not returned)
- Bluetooth capable devices, Headphones, and AirPods
- Food (this includes gum)
- Pocket knives (unless camper has permission to bring it on Short or Long Border)

### Lost and Found

As part of the daily routine, staff members will encourage campers to take responsibility for their belongings and will display lost and found. Any items left at camp after the session are kept onsite for a few weeks (socks, underwear and heavily soiled clothes are disposed). Please call the Camp office at 218-744-4222 after your camper's session to check on lost & found. Please have a description of the item including camper's full name and phone number, camp name, and camp session.

Unfortunately, not all lost items are found, and YMCA Camp Warren is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items. When we are able to locate lost items, we will work with you to return them. Claimed items returned via camp bus will only be held for two weeks upon arrival, and must be retrieved from the YMCA bus stop. We will not mail items, unless payment for postage is provided prior to sending. Anything that is not retrieved after two weeks will be donated to a local charity.

