Welcome Camp Bucks families!
Every summer has a story and we can’t wait to help your child write theirs! Our staff will help your child foster personal growth and lifelong friendships.

Next week we will celebrate our Welcome to the West theme; read more on page 3!

We appreciate your patience during drop off and pick up. Please allow at least 20 minutes for this time. Please remain in your car to help speed up the process and ensure the safety of all.

Here for you,
Karen Kleger
Director of Youth Development

Jule McDonald
Camp Site Director

Questions, comments, concerns?
Contact us at nhscamp@ymcabhc.org
Parent reminders

- Please label all belongings clearly with camper’s name.
- Camper’s backpack should include:
  - Lunch (for full day campers only)
    - Lunches requiring a cooler setting may be placed in a hard, washable cooler with an ice pack to keep cool.
  - Lunches should not require reheating at camp.
  - Two snacks (for all campers)
  - Sunscreen
  - Reusable water bottle
  - Adventure campers must also pack a swimsuit and towel on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- Wear closed toe shoes and comfortable clothing to camp.
- No toys, stuffed animals, or electronics permitted at camp.
- All medication must be signed in at drop-off with camp leadership.
- At pick up, for the safety of your child, a photo I.D. is required everyday to sign out your camper.

Swimming

- Campers will swim at the Doylestown branch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Campers will leave the Clubhouse at 10:30 AM to venture to the Doylestown branch for swimming and fun. Campers will return to the Clubhouse at 2:30 PM. Please pack a swimsuit and towel for your camper.
- Wednesdays are water days! Please send your camper in a swimsuit along with a change of clothes, water shoes, and a towel.

Welcome to the West events

- **Tuesday and Thursday**
  - Swimming at the Doylestown branch.
- **Wednesday**
  - Water day
- **Friday, Special event**
  - Crazy sock day.

Text message alerts

Please complete this form to sign up to receive text messages from your Camp Bucks team including weekly hotsheets, weather-related updates, and camp reminders. By completing this form, you are providing consent for YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties to send text messages to your phone.

Financial assistance

If you have been granted financial assistance, please be sure to bring your financial assistance contract in to have the assistance applied to your camp registrations. If you registered for camp before applying for financial assistance, please make sure that you have brought in your contract to our Welcome Center to have your assistance applied. Please contact Catherine at crefice@ymcabhc.org with any questions.
Adventure Camp
Welcome to the West
July 24-28

Our theme this week is Welcome to the West. Each day, campers will celebrate this theme through games, activities, sports, and crafts. On Tuesday and Thursday, we will travel to the Doylestown branch to swim. On Wednesday, we will have fun in the sun for Water Wednesday. We will end the week with crazy sock day!

Conversation starters
Hear in your child’s words how their week at camp is going with these fun conversation starters!

Tell me about your friends in your group.
Talk to me about your favorite part of the camp day.
How did you celebrate Welcome to the West week today?

It's not too early to start thinking about back to school!
On behalf of our partner Bucks County Government we're sharing their flyers in English and Spanish with information about no-cost vaccinations for eligible students. Details can be found here.
Curbside drop off locations

Drop off and pick up procedures

- Drop off and pickup of campers will take place curbside.
- Follow cones/arrows to drop off and pickup location and remain in vehicle.
- If a parent/guardian will be arriving outside of the designated hours, they will need to contact the site via phone and wait at curbside for a staff member to complete the required health assessment.
- Parents, please remain in your car for camper curbside drop off and pick up as this best increases effectiveness and flow.
- Drop off for campers begins **no sooner than 8:50 AM** and pickup is **no later than 4:15 PM**. Your child may only arrive early or stay late if they are registered for before and/or after care. Unfortunately we do not have the staff to accommodate early and late arrivals. If you need help registering for these programs, please let us know.
Meet Riley
Riley Ferrara is enjoying her 5th summer as a camp staff member at the Y’s Deer Path branch in Hunterdon County. This summer, Riley has taken on a new role as Administrative Intern and Health Coordinator. Riley received her “Professional Rescue Certification” through the Y and administers first aid for minor injuries like bee stings, bug bites and scraped knees.

Riley is a part of a set of quadruplets and, prior to this year, she and her 3 siblings all worked at the Y’s Deer Path camp (3 of 4 are pictured, Riley is on the left). Riley will be finishing her final semester at Delaware Valley University this fall, where she will earn a degree in business administration with a focus on sports management.

Kristin Heimall, VP of Operations for the Y’s Hunterdon region speaks highly of Riley, stating that “Riley embodies kindness and joy. She brings energy and excitement to any circle she is engaged with. Riley is always willing to step in and lend a hand wherever needed. I am very grateful for all the pre-camp help she did to ensure we were organized for a great summer!”

How to thank our camp staff
Parents, is there a camp staff member who has gone above and beyond to give your child an extraordinary camp experience? Please click here to learn how you can recognize a camp staff member while also supporting a child in your community.