



## Resident Camp Parent Handbook

**CAMP SLOANE**  
**YMCA**  
***"Others"***



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# 2014 Camp Schedule

## Sleep away camp

(Regular resident program where campers get to choose from our wide range of activities)

**Session 1 (One Week)**—Sunday, June 22 - Saturday, June 28

**Session 2 (Two Weeks)** -Sunday, June 29- Saturday, July 12

**Session 3 (Two Weeks)**—Sunday, July 13- Saturday, July 26

**Session 4 (Two Weeks)** - Sunday, July 27- Saturday, August 9

**Session 5 (One Week)** Sunday, August 10 - Saturday, August 16

## Specialty Camp Programs

Campers still get to choose from our wide range of activities but spend an extended amount of time focusing on a particular area. Extra trips and activities are included in specialty camp programs.

**Adventure Camp (Two Weeks)** Sunday, June 29- Saturday, July 12

**Performing Arts Camp (Two Weeks)** Sunday July 13-Saturday July 26

**Riding Camp (Two Weeks)** Sunday, July 27- Saturday, August 9

**Waterski Camp A (Two Weeks)** Sunday, June 29- Saturday, July 12

**Waterski Camp B (Two Weeks)** Sunday, July 13- Saturday, July 26

**Waterski Camp C (Two Weeks)** Sunday, July 27- Saturday, August 9

**Waterski Camp D (One week)** Sunday, August 10 - Saturday, August 16

## Teen Leadership Program

**LEAD 1 Session 2 (Two Weeks)** Sunday, June 29- Saturday, July 12

**LEAD 1 Session 4 (Two Weeks)** Sunday, July 27—Saturday, August 9

**LEAD 2 - Sessions 3 & 4 (Four Weeks)** Sunday July 13- Saturday August 9

## Family Camp

### **Labor Day Weekend**

Friday, August 29 - Monday, September 1





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**The Camp Sloane YMCA Mission:**

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

**The Camp Sloane YMCA Motto:**

Others

**The Camp Sloane YMCA Core Character Values:**

Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility

# WELCOME TO CAMP!



Dear Parents and Campers,

Welcome to Camp Sloane! Thank you for registering your camper for our summer season. We look forward to working with you and your family to ensure the best possible summer experience. Each year our program continues to grow and improve and this year is no exception! We hope you will be able to visit with us during our Open House days this spring as this is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of our staff and see for yourself all that Camp Sloane has to offer. We look forward to meeting new campers and welcoming back returning friends. For a more in depth look at Camp Sloane, please visit our website: [www.campsloane.org](http://www.campsloane.org).

If you are a first time camper you will discover the great atmosphere and friendly staff at camp. You will find a wide variety of programs to choose from and will be able to make friends that last a lifetime. If you are one of the returning campers, you may be coming back to see old friends, last year's staff or just experience a new camp season. We are offering many of the same programs as last year with a few twists added in to keep camp exciting. We are very excited to open our Teen Leadership Program as an opportunity for teens. We also have a selection of specialty camps for those campers who love to participate and focus on certain program areas. Whatever session or program you choose, you will be sure to find a high level of energy and enthusiasm from our staff.

Our staff is dedicated to providing a safe, fun environment where children can learn and grow. We are happy that you and your camper will be joining the Camp Sloane family this summer. Please review this information carefully as it will help you prepare for camp. We're glad you have completed your registration as some programs can, and will, fill up this summer. We look forward to seeing you at Camp Sloane on opening day!

Sincerely,



*Bear*

Paul "Bear" Bryant  
Executive Director

## The Camp Sloane YMCA Experience

### REAL TENT CAMPING!

Tents are the trademark of Camp Sloane YMCA. We have camped here in the Berkshires for over 80 years in our 14' x 14' raised platform canvas-wall tents. This is a true outdoor experience, and so the tents do not have electricity. Each camper has a small personal "cubby" in their tent with shared hanger space. Each canvas bunk is equipped with a mattress pad and mosquito net. The net is pinned above the bunk and is the best defense against mosquito bites.

Campers keep most of their clothing and possessions in footlocker-style trunks that are about 36"x14"x14". Campers may also pack in a Rubbermaid-style storage bin or luggage of similar size.

Each group of 6 or 7 tents, called a "Section", has its own modern bathroom near the tents. Our bathrooms have lights inside and out, flush toilets, stalled showers and sinks. Each camper is provided a cubby in the bathroom for toiletries.

One or two adult counselors live in every camper tent. Additionally, each living section is supervised by a "Section Head" who lives in a "Head Tent" with another, older adult supervisor.

The Sections are divided up into distinct living areas by gender, called Boy's and Girl's Camp respectively. These living areas are on either side of "Center Camp". Center Camp is the area where most of the major activity areas are located, including the pool, performing arts building, dining hall, office and health lodge.

**The entire camp is used to deliver our program of a broad range of age-appropriate, skill-progressive activities.. There are 20+ different activity choices each week at camp. Campers are able to choose activities with both their peers from their living section, and will also be in activities with the wider camp population.**



# Before Camp Begins...

## TALKING WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR FIRST TIME AT CAMP

For most of our new campers this summer will be the longest they have ever spent away from home. It is an important and memorable first step towards independence. We believe that helping children feel self-confident and happy while away from home is one of the very best things we do! **One of the most important things you can do to prepare for a successful summer at camp is to talk with your child before they go.** Starting about a month prior to camp, we recommend chatting several times and at a time when conversation would already be happening, such as at dinner or in the car doing errands.

*The following are some sample topics for discussion that we believe will help prepare your child for the big adventure at camp:*

**Friends:** “Camp is about making new friends. Get to know kids by asking questions. Share what you have. Join in. Remember that not everyone in your tent has to be your best friend. If you treat everyone with respect and others do the same with you, you will have a few good friends at camp and that is fine. Of course, if you have more that’s great!”

**Activities:** “There are many exciting things to do at camp many of which are new to you. You may not like all of the activities or you may be better at some than others. That’s normal. I do, however, expect you to try. The more you put into camp, the more you will get out of it.”

**Respect:** “No matter how you feel about anyone else, I expect you to treat people with respect. It is OK to sometimes have angry feelings-it is not OK to do angry things. If you are having trouble with another camper there are many people you can talk to. These include your counselor, your Section Head, the Camp Director Andrew, or even Bear, the Executive Director.”

**Getting Help:** “Everyone has good days and bad days. If you are having a problem, your counselor is there to help you. Counselors will not know you as well as we do and may not automatically figure out if you are having a problem. If your counselor doesn’t know what may be troubling you, they can’t help you. It’s OK to ask for help! If a counselor asks “How are you doing?”, be honest and ask for what you need. If a counselor doesn’t seem to be concerned or doesn’t help you, then you can go to your Section Head, Andrew, Bear, or any other staff member.”

**Self-Image:** A great thing is to remind your first-time camper about his or her strong points. Focus not only on what they do well, but also on their positive qualities, such as what makes them a good friend or the type of person other kids would want to know. Helping children to identify their strengths can help them when they are having a setback or those inevitable growing pains all children have from time to time.

*Talking with your child about these kinds of issues is a great way to support them as they get ready to take this important step on the road to being more resilient and self-reliant. As a parent, talking with you child can give you more peace of mind as you allow your child to participate safely in a broader world– a world introduced in part to them by camp!*

Information from Robert Ditter, M.Ed., LCSW

## LIVING ASSIGNMENTS

Each tent sleeps 8 people, and tent groups are typically 6 to 7 campers with 1 or 2 counselors. The tents are arranged in group of 6 or 8, called “Sections”. Bunk, tent and section assignment is done primarily by chronological age and the upcoming grade in school.

The age and grades of campers in a given section varies, depending on the ages and grades of that session’s campers. It is not uncommon for a camper to be in the same section for more than one year. There are many factors that go into bunk, tent and section assignment. Please trust that we make every effort to create a successful atmosphere for both the individual campers and the larger group of peers. Please discuss this procedure with your child, and help us not to foster preconceived notions of section assignments.

## BUNKMATE REQUESTS

We make every effort to honor one “bunkmate” request per camper. Campers must request each other, either on the registration form or in writing to the office prior to the start of camp. **Please do not request more than one bunkmate.** When there is a difference in age between the two campers, the campers will generally be placed in a section that is age-appropriate for the younger camper. In some cases, the difference in age may make it unreasonable to place two campers together.



# While Your Child Is At Camp...

## LETTERS FROM HOME

We believe that the written letter is one of the very best ways to tell anyone you love them, and crucial to the camp experience! You don't have to be Shakespeare either! A simple note twice a week asking lots of questions about activities and friends can have a huge impact on the camper's life away from home. We find this especially true in the first week of camp. For younger campers, we recommend that you mail your first letter by the Friday prior to arrival so that it will get to camp in time for the first mail call on Monday.

Mail should be addressed as follows:

(camper's name)  
Section assignment- (i.e. Boy's Jr.) if you know it.  
Camp Sloane YMCA  
124 Indian Mountain Road  
Lakeville, CT 06039

**Note:** If you do not know your child's living section be assured that the mail will still reach them!

## PACKAGES

Packages mailed to camp are received at the office and delivered individually to campers. All packages to campers are opened at the office in the presence of a staff member. **Please do not send any candy, gum, food, or soda to your camper.** Any of these things found in a package *will be discarded.*

We recommend *Sealed With A Kiss* for pre-made care packages. Through this company, your camper will receive a package that will be fun and appropriate. [www.eswak.com](http://www.eswak.com).

## LETTERS FROM YOU CAMPER

On that first Monday, all of our campers are strongly encouraged to write home to talk about their first day at camp. We suggest sending a stationary kit with each camper— it's on our packing list! Make sure to send a few pens and pencils, and some fun things like stickers or markers to make letter writing creative. For younger campers the kit should include pre-addressed, stamped envelopes ready to go home.

### BUNK 1 EMAIL:

In addition to sending your campers letters, we suggest emailing your camper as well. BUNK 1 is an online company, independent of Camp Sloane, that facilitates email to campers. You simply open an account and send an email to your camper. This email is printed and given to your camper each day with the regular mail. You can sign up for this service by clicking on the button in the bottom of the front page at [www.campsloane.org](http://www.campsloane.org). The pre-approval code will be provided by Camp Sloane.

Help us spend as much time delivering a great camp program possible, and only use this service when emailing. **Please do not email or fax letters to the camp directly.** Direct email or faxes will generally be returned to the parent.

## Baggage and Trunks

Baggage and trunks sent ahead of campers can be sent by UPS or FedEx. Please notify camp in advance if you plan to do so. Please address baggage and trunks as you would regular mail (see above).



# Our Packing List...All On One Page!

We strongly suggest that you **pack with your camper**, regardless of their age. **Make sure your camper's name is on everything, absolutely everything they bring to camp!** This list is based on a two week session. Laundry service is provided ONLY for campers staying longer than two weeks.

## CLOTHING and EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

14 shirts  
8 pair shorts  
4 pair pants or jeans or sweats  
14 pair underpants  
14 pair socks  
2 pair pajamas/sleepwear  
2 swimsuits  
1 light Jacket/raincoat  
2 sweatshirts/long sleeved shirts  
1 casual outfit (For square dances etc.)  
2 pair athletic shoes-one pair might be light hiking boots  
1 pair sandals...with a heel strap  
**flip flops are only allowed in camp for use in the shower.**  
Boots or tie shoes appropriate for riding...  
... -1/2-1" heel (if signed up for lessons)  
4 towels  
2 washcloths

### BEDDING/LINEN

"Summer" weight sleeping bag  
2 sheets  
Pillow(s)  
Pillow case(s)

### TOILETRY

Toothbrush, toothpaste  
Shower soap (we recommend gel rather than bar soap)  
Shampoo  
A plastic caddy to hold it all.

### STATIONARY

Folder or binder for stationary  
Paper/tablet  
Envelopes and stamps  
Stamps  
Addresses of people to write notes to.  
Pens/pencils  
Stickers/colored markers/crayons (for the artist within)  
**2 books or 3 magazines for reading**

### ETC. & SUGGESTIONS

**A very, very important water bottle!**  
**A flashlight...**  
...we recommend a **headlamp** - found at most department stores.  
Extra **batteries** for your flashlight  
**Insect repellent**  
**Sunscreen**  
**Hats**, hats of all kinds!  
A few hangers to hang things on in the tent  
A camera...  
...we recommend disposables.

*Camp Sloane is not responsible for lost or stolen items*

**Print this page and  
put it right inside  
your camper's trunk!**

## DO NOT BRING LIST

Medications of any kind in your camper's luggage  
Ipods/music players  
cd players  
hand held video games  
Cell Phones  
Bicycles  
Knives  
Firearms  
fireworks  
drugs  
tobacco  
alcohol  
Cash  
Computers  
Pets- even for check-in!

## A NOTE ON LUGGAGE

**We recommend a camp-style trunk, or footlocker, as the primary luggage container for your camper.** Although any luggage you have is acceptable, we find that the camp trunk is a worthy first year investment as it will serve for many, many years in camp and beyond.  
**We recommend [C&N Footlockers](#)**

## PLEASE—NO DOGS AT CAMP!!!

We recognize that your dog is a member of your family. Please understand that not all Camp Sloane Campers like dogs, and not all dogs like each other.

We expect that you will leave your dog at home or in the care of a trusted friend or kennel when you are at Camp Sloane with your camper!

# Being at Camp Sloane YMCA..

## A NOTE ON MISSING HOME

**Missing home is a natural feeling.** We have compiled these suggestions here in hopes that you will find some strategies which you can use to help insure that your child has the very best camp experience possible.

First, **be excited and positive about camp!** The more you look forward to your child's time at camp, the more they will too. If possible, bring your camper for a tour on one of our open house days, or on any day that is convenient for you. This gives them a much clearer picture of what camp will be like.

Secondly, **write letters!** Make sure your letters are upbeat and contain lots of interesting news from home.

Most parents receive at least one letter from their camper filled with thoughts of missing home. This is usually one of the first letters home and is, in many cases, cathartic for the child in that the letter itself provides an outlet for the feeling of missing home. If you receive a string of letters detailing continued homesickness, or something else troubling in the text of the letter, do not hesitate to call camp— we will follow up immediately.

Finally, **avoid the common pitfalls.** You will find most of these in any camp manual, and for good reason— they don't work!

- Do not tell your child that you will rush back to camp to pick them up if they are missing home.
- Do not tell your child that they may call home if they are homesick. The reason we do not allow phone calls is because they generally have the reverse effect on both parent and child.
- Avoid long, tearful goodbyes on check-in days. Be happy your child gets to stay and have two weeks of fun!
- In writing your letters try not to discuss family troubles. Avoid long tales of how much you miss them and how quiet the house is without them around.

## ACTIVITIES AT CAMP!

At the beginning of each week of camp, your child will have the opportunity to choose from more than 20 different, instructional daytime activities. Based on their choices, campers are placed into daytime activities for the week. One period each day is a free choice period, and campers can sign up for something different each weekday during this hour. Swim lessons are a big part of the Camp Sloane program. Campers have instructional swim with their living section for one hour each week-day.

Evening programs deliver an enormous variety to the Camp Sloane experience. Activities include an opening campfire on the first night of camp, a tent group overnight in the Camp Sloane backcountry, and our Camp Sloane Square Dance. There are several other activities that revolve around becoming close and having fun as a living section, as well as with their peers in boys and girls camp.

Weekend programs are one of the most special times at camp. The middle weekend of a session is a theme weekend, with themes ranging from Olympics and Pirates, to Carnival and Disney.

Two of our most exciting programs at Camp Sloane YMCA are Water ski/wakeboard/wake surfing, and Horseback Riding. Because of the exceptional cost of running these programs, pre-registration and an additional fee is required. The lessons in either area are scheduled by the week, and each fee includes one hour of group instruction for 5 days. Both programs have limited enrollment, and typically fill long before the start of the summer. The lessons are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis ONLY upon receipt of payment.

We make every effort to accommodate all campers in "Ski and Ride". However, children will not be allowed to ride without long pants and appropriate foot gear (see packing list). Camp provides helmets. The Ski staff and the Aquatics Director will work together to establish the swimming competence of every camper in waterski lessons, and we reserve the right to refund lesson fees for any camper who may be a safety risk to themselves or others in the water. If you have further questions, please contact the office.





# Being at Camp Sloane YMCA..

## TEEN LEADERSHIP AND JUNIOR COUNSELOR PROGRAM

Our Teen Leadership Program, called LEAD, for Learn, Experience, Act and Develop, is an integral part of transitioning campers to staff members at Camp Sloane YMCA. The first of the three components, LEAD 1, is a two-week summer program prior to a camper's sophomore year in high school. The second part, LEAD 2, is a four-week program prior to a camper's junior year in high school. These programs culminate in the opportunity to participate in our Junior Counselor program as an employee, prior to the senior year of high school.

All three programs share three common elements: leadership development, program participation and service. The leadership development component includes training in all three programs that is designed to give campers skills to solve problems in group situations. Campers participate in programs as well, including participation in leading activities alongside their counselors. Junior Counselors participate as employees in both camp program areas and support areas like kitchen, maintenance and the camp office. All three groups take on a service project to camp that creates a measurable impact on our camp facility and program, as well as verifiable volunteer hours.

Our Teen Leadership and Junior Counselor Programs are rigorous, and require a strong desire to grow as a person and develop from camper to leader. All three programs require an application that is available at [www.campsloane.org](http://www.campsloane.org), or by calling the office. Any questions can be directed to the Camp Director.

## TELEPHONE USE BY CAMPERS

Campers are not allowed incoming or outgoing calls except in the case of an emergency. **They are not allowed to have cell phones.** *Often a call to a camper may result in homesickness or a desire to leave earlier than scheduled.* Camp is a great place for a camper to grow as an individual! Exceptions, although rare, must be approved by the Camp Director.

If you call with concerns about your camper, please ask to speak with the Camp Director. A message will be given at the next meal, and your call will be returned at our earliest availability.

A senior member of the staff will be available after hours to handle any emergencies that cannot wait until the following day, and can be reached at 860/435-2557.

## MEALS

Camp Sloane Campers eat meals at tables with their tentmates and counselor. Our meals are served family-style, and seconds are always available. We can accommodate most food allergies, and encourage parents to contact camp if their camper has special dietary needs. We serve three hot meals every day, with a cereal and fruit bar at breakfast and full salad bar at lunch and dinner.

## THE CAMP STORE AND CAMPER BANK ACCOUNT

The camp Store sells clothing, T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants and other clothing, water bottles, playing cards and a variety of other needful things. A camper's store account is pre-paid (a debit account) either with registration or on opening day. Please advise the office in writing if you do not want your child to have access to the Store.

## LAUNDRY

Laundry is a service offered for campers staying three, four, five, six, seven and eight week campers. No laundry is done for one or two week campers. It is particularly important that clothing be marked with the camper's name. **All campers need to pack enough clothing for one or two weeks depending upon registration.**

# Health Lodge and Nurses



The Health Lodge at Camp Sloane YMCA is focused on the “whole child” and is committed to keeping your camper well during their time at camp. The Health Lodge is overseen by Dr. Richard Ochrym, our Camp Physician, and by a Health Lodge Supervisor, who is a Registered Nurse. Camp Sloane YMCA is staffed with Registered Nurses 24-hours a day.

Keeping our campers well includes distribution of any medication your child requires, prescription and otherwise, by Health Lodge Staff. Health Lodge staff attend to any injuries at the time they occur. Campers with any medical concerns are generally seen by Health Lodge staff during “Open Hours” after each meal.

Campers who become ill at camp stay in dormitory-style rooms overnight if need be. Sharon Hospital is five miles from camp in the event that emergency care is required.

## Please keep the following Health Policies in mind:

- The Medical History is **REQUIRED FOR EACH CAMPER**. The American Camping Association and Connecticut law state that incomplete and/or unsigned forms are unacceptable and will prevent your child from staying at camp.
- **PLEASE DO NOT MAIL, FAX, OR EMAIL HEALTH FORMS TO CAMP.** Completed forms are your “ticket” to camp and must be brought with you to registration on your opening day. All campers, including those coming to camp on the train, bus, or by air, must have this form completed and ready to hand in upon arrival. We will return any forms to you that are sent ahead of time. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.
- All **prescription medications** must be authorized by a physician and be noted on the health form.
- For your child to receive **non-prescription medications** such as Tylenol or Benadryl, you must complete the last page of the health form, authorizing the nursing staff to do so.
- All medications, with the exception of an inhaler or epi-pen as prescribed, will be kept in the health lodge. All medications must be in the **original prescription container**. Any medication not in the original container will not be administered.
- Included in the health form is an **vaccination history**, space to document medications, and a parental signature requirement. It is acceptable to complete the applicable sections and attach a report of physical findings and immunization schedule from your child’s physician, providing it is signed by the physician and dated within two years of the last day of the camper’s session.
- Attach a copy of your **insurance card** to the Health History. Your personal health insurance is in effect while your child is at camp.
- Please remember to **pick up medications on closing day**. By law, medications cannot be sent home via the mail.
- All **dental problems**, including orthodontic appliances, are the parent’s responsibility. In the event of a dental emergency, we will make arrangements with a local dentist or orthodontist.
- The **parent/guardian is responsible for all payment of doctor’s charges**, medication charges and hospital fees incurred while their child is at camp.
- In the **event that your camper is seen at Sharon Hospital**, your insurance information will be submitted by Camp Sloane YMCA. Any up front cost, such as a co-pay, insurance which is not accepted by the hospital, or medicines will be paid initially by Camp Sloane YMCA and added to the final invoice for your camper.
- **In the event that your camper cannot participate in camp activities for longer than 24 hours**, you will be contacted by the Camp Director or Health Lodge Supervisor. Camp will work together with you to make an informed decision about whether or not your camper is fit to remain at camp. In all cases, the camp physician shall have the ultimate judgment in this matter.
- All campers are checked for **head lice** on session opening days. If a child is found to have head lice, **treatment is necessary prior to admission to camp**. Please check your child 2-3 weeks before camp to help avoid this problem. Your pediatrician’s office or your child’s school nurse should be able to help if you require assistance.
- The **Health Lodge staff will contact the parent** in the event of an emergency situation. They will also call the parent if the camper goes to the hospital, sees the pediatrician or dentist, or spends the night in the Health Lodge. Parents will not be called for routine visits to the health lodge.



# Camp Sloane YMCA Code of Conduct



## PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD BEFORE CAMP BEGINS.

Camp Sloane YMCA is a great experience for all our campers and their families because of the close bonds formed as part of our camp family. There is also a great responsibility associated with participating in such a close-knit community.

The simple rule we follow for camp living is that having fun at someone else's expense is inappropriate. "OTHERS" is our motto, and disrespectful or inappropriate behavior towards peers or staff is unacceptable. All reasonable efforts will be made to modify inappropriate behavior. In the case that a camper chooses not to adhere to the expectations of conduct at camp, the parents/guardians will be contacted by the Camp Director and may be removed from camp.

Harm to any individual, physical or verbal fighting or abuse of any kind toward other campers or staff is not tolerated and is grounds for immediate dismissal from Camp Sloane YMCA. For the safety of our camp community, the possession or use of cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana or other drugs is strictly prohibited. **Campers found in possession of such items will leave camp without a refund of fees.**

We also prohibit the following items: guns (dart, water and toy), scissors and knives (including Swiss Army and Boy Scout), electronic devices (radios, walkmans, MP3 players, Ipods), skateboards, roller skates, bikes, aerosol cans, all cell phones and pagers and expensive personal items (cameras, watches, jewelry). The camp does not assume responsibility for the damage or loss to any camper's personal property.

We expect that campers will respect Camp Sloane property. Any behavior of any kind or scale that the camp director qualifies as a prank or vandalism will be grounds for immediate dismissal from Camp Sloane YMCA. These actions include any behavior that involves changing, deforming, damaging, moving or removing property belonging to Camp Sloane YMCA or any individual. Any camper defacing (i.e. graffiti) camp property will be billed for damages or repairs and may be asked to leave camp.

## A FEW WORDS REGARDING THE INTERNET

Camp Sloane YMCA discourages staff contact with campers outside of camp via social networking medium such as Facebook and Myspace. It is important to explain to your child that our staff have lives of their own outside of camp, and that contacting them isn't the "right thing to do". We also encourage parents to be aware of their child's online behavior, and monitor contact they have with fellow campers and staff via the internet.

Camp Sloane YMCA assumes no responsibility for any content your camper may post on the internet, including the content of emails, instant messages, text messages, photographs, personal websites, social networking websites, web logs, or any other electronic medium. In addition, Camp Sloane reserves the right to remove or deny admittance to any camper found to be responsible for obscene, vulgar, derogatory, threatening, or inappropriate content in any of the above listed mediums. The Camp Sloane YMCA name and logos are the sole property of Camp Sloane YMCA, Inc., and may not be used without express written permission. This policy has been applied equally to the staff at Camp Sloane YMCA.

## OUR COUNSELORS AND STAFF

All Camp Sloane YMCA counselors and staff are thoroughly interviewed and we perform a complete background check every year on every employee. Many of our counselors are themselves camper alumni, and many return year after year. All our staff have received a minimum of 7 days of on-camp training prior to the arrival of our campers. We seek out the most qualified young adults from colleges and universities around the world. Each year, we have a number of international staff that can be as much as half our staff population. The professional staff of Camp Sloane YMCA believes deeply that summer camp is a growth experience for both campers and staff members. To that end, we work diligently throughout the summer to continue training and raise the overall performance of every staff member, while making them feel welcome as members of our camp family.



# Check-In and Check-Out

## FORMS YOU WILL NEED

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THESE FORMS  
COMPLETED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL:

- ⇒ Registration Form—sent in before arrival
- ⇒ Camper Information Form—sent in before arrival
- ⇒ Health History, physical and immunization record—DUE ON ARRIVAL

ALL FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM  
[WWW.CAMPSLOANE.ORG](http://WWW.CAMPSLOANE.ORG)

## CHECK-IN

**CHECK IN IS ALWAYS BETWEEN 1:00PM and 3:00PM FOR ALL SESSIONS.**

**DO NOT GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR CAMPER'S SECTION WHEN YOU ARRIVE.**

You may arrive to camp anytime between 1:00PM and 3:00PM. **Please call camp at 800/545-9367 if you are delayed** in any way. Please be mindful that the first day is VERY important—make every effort to arrive at the scheduled time.

**Remember—your ticket to camp is your child's health form! Have it in hand when you arrive to check in!**

Our check in process is like being on a ride! You will be greeted first at the gate and will receive a ticket. This ticket will become a ticket into your child's living section. You will be taken in hand every step of the way. You will meet with the camp Registrar, Health Lodge staff, program staff and ultimately your child's counselor.

*Occasionally, the lines and waiting period may be time consuming. We ask for your patience and understanding during this process as we wish to provide each camper with individualized attention for the safety and well-being of all. We will endeavor to make your wait as short as possible.*

## CHECK-OUT

**CHECK OUT IS ALWAYS BETWEEN 9:00AM & NOON FOR ALL SESSIONS.**

**DO NOT GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR CAMPER'S SECTION WHEN YOU ARRIVE.**

**Please call camp at 800/545-9367 if you are delayed.**

**For the safety of all our campers, you are required to present a photo ID in order to sign your child out of camp.**

Bear in mind that we serve breakfast for all our campers, as well as allow time for campers to say a proper goodbye to each other. For this reason, please do not arrive early. ***You must inform the office in writing if anyone other than the parent/guardian will check the camper out of camp!***

You will be directed to the camp office when you arrive. There, you will present your photo ID and sign your camper out and receive a check-out pass. Any balance on your child's account must be paid on check-out. If you have a credit balance on this statement you are welcome to shop at the camp store or donate the funds to our Annual Strong Kids Campaign.

## Surveys...

At the end of each session, you will receive a survey via email. Your feedback is an incredibly important part of making Camp Sloane YMCA great! We implore you to take a few moments and complete the survey to help us improve camp each year.

# The Camp Sloane Schedule



## **An outline of the Camp Sloane one-week session schedule:**

- Sunday Afternoon Camper arrival, opening campfire
- Monday Funday! Tent and section activities and activity sign-ups
- Tuesday-Friday First week of regular activities
- Thursday Evening All-camp theme program
- Friday Evening Closing campfire and ceremony
- Saturday Morning Camper departure

## **An outline of the Camp Sloane two-week session schedule:**

- Sunday Afternoon Camper arrival, opening campfire
- Monday Funday! Tent and section activities and weekly activity sign-ups
- Tuesday-Saturday First week of regular activities
- Sunday Chapel and theme day activities
- Monday-Friday Second week of regular activities
- Friday Evening Closing campfire and ceremony
- Saturday Morning Camper departure

## **An outline of a normal activity day at camp.**

- 7:15 Good morning! Campers wake up
- 7:55 Morning assembly, “Flag” at center camp, including lots of cheering!
- 8:00 A hearty breakfast
- 8:45 HGTC—Honestly Good Tent Cleanup!
- 9:00 First activity period
- 10:00 Second activity period
- 11:00 Third activity period
- 12:30 Tasty lunch
- 1:00 “Oval!” All-camp together for music, socializing and games after lunch, Camp Sloane Outfitters is open
- 1:30 Rest hour—mail, letters, chatting, resting and general relaxation in section
- 2:30 Fourth period
- 3:30 Free period! Something different to choose from each day
- 4:30 Supervised free time in section—get ready for a fun evening
- 5:45 “Eventide” Afternoon, boys-only and girls-only reflection and fellowship
- 5:55 Evening assembly, “Flag” at center camp, with daily kudos and more cheering!
- 6:00 Dinner with your friends
- 7:00 Evening programs—something different with your section each day
- 9:00 “Vespers”- time in section for tent chats with individual tent groups, lights out to follow





## The Referral Rebate Program

At Sloane, we don't waste your money with frivolous advertisement that does not work! Surveys tell us again and again that most people choose a summer camp because they already know someone who is going there or has attended in the past. To that end, we put our marketing dollars to work with our returning families who bring their friends and children's classmates into our camp family.

To receive a referral rebate, you **must** complete a referral rebate form to confirm that you have referred families to camp. This form is available by request by calling camp at 860.435.2557 or emailing to [info@campsloane.org](mailto:info@campsloane.org)

**Forms MUST be completed and returned to Camp Sloane by August 31, 2014.**

**No rebates will be issued without a form or after the above date.**

### Terms & Conditions

Referral Rebates are awarded according to the price tier you pay.

**Tier 1 = \$400 per camper**

**Tier 2 = \$275 per camper**

**Tier 3 = \$150 per camper**

- To be eligible for the rebate program the camp balance must be paid in full on time
- Only returning camp families are eligible for a referral rebate.
- The referral rebate can be applied to ONLY ONE, two-week registration per family.
- The referral rebate applies to the registration fee ONLY. It may not be used as payment for waterski or horseback riding lessons.
- The new camper being referred must be registered for AT LEAST two consecutive weeks of resident camp.
- A single family may claim a referral for up to three new campers in a single camp season.
- Referrals will be void if the returning camper or the camper whom has been referred departs camp early for any reason.
- Referral rebates may not be claimed when referring a family member of any degree.
- Referral rebates may not be claimed by a camp family who receives Tier 4 financial aid.
- Rebates are awarded after the conclusion of the camp season.



## DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

Detailed directions can be found at [www.campsloane.org](http://www.campsloane.org). Please also call if you need help finding us!

**FROM ALL AREAS SOUTH , LONG ISLAND, WESTCHESTER, & NEW YORK CITY:** 684N to end at 22N. 22N until light in Millerton, NY. Right onto 44E to CT state line. Right onto 112. At 4-way stop right onto Indian Mountain Rd.  
**FROM Fairfield/ Greenwich County:** 7N to Falls Village, CT then left onto 112 to Limerock. Straight through intersection of 112 & 41. At next intersection take left onto Indian Mountain Rd.

**NEW HAVEN AREA:** Rt 8N to Rt44W to Lakeville. 1.2 miles past post office take left onto Indian Mountain Rd

**FROM MASS:** RT 90W to Exit 2 at Lee. Follow 102 to Stockbridge, left onto RT 7S to Canaan, CT, right onto RT 44 W to Lakeville. 1.2 miles past post office take left onto Indian Mountain Rd.

**ALBANY/CAPITAL REGION:** Mass Pike Extension to RT 22S. 22S to Millerton NY, left onto 44E to CT state line. Right onto 112, right onto Indian Mountain Rd at 4-way stop.

**From HARTFORD:** 44W to Lakeville. 1.2 miles past post office take left onto Indian Mountain Rd.

# Cancellations, Refunds and Registration Policies



- **All accounts must be paid in full before the start of the camp session.** This includes all campers who use the camp transportation program. For your convenience we accept all of the major credit cards, cash, and checks. If you are unable to pay on this schedule, please call the camp office to discuss arrangements.
- Camp Sloane YMCA, Inc. reserves the right to refuse or dismiss a camper at any time for just and reasonable cause. No refund will be given for withdrawal or dismissal from camp, after the registered session has begun, for reasons other than physician's documented medical.
- Deposits are non-refundable after May 1st. All **cancellations need to be made in writing** and confirmed by the camp administration. Cancellations may be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to the camp office.
- Refunds on the balance of session, horseback lessons and waterski lessons will not be granted after June 1.
- Refunds for cancelled or partially used horseback riding or water skiing lessons will not be refunded due to the camper's failure to attend or lack of interest, but will be refunded for physician documented medical reasons.
- Refunds for money held in the camper's canteen account will be made by the last day of September. After October 1, any remaining credit will be applied to our campership fund. Credit cannot be applied toward the following year in any manner. Refunds of any kind are not available after December 31.
- The Camp Director or designate will act on the parent's behalf according to their best judgment in an emergency.
- The parent acknowledges that, even after every reasonable precaution is taken, some activities such as but not limited to swimming, hiking, horse riding and boating may involve inherent risks for which Camp Sloane YMCA cannot be held responsible.
- Campers participate in camp activities including out of camp trips under camp auspices. Campers travel in camp designated vehicles for off-site trips and for emergency medical care.
- Camp fees do not include health and accident insurance, and the parent is responsible for all charges incurred for my child's medical attention.
- As stated elsewhere in this handbook, campers are expected to be amenable to discipline and free from habits and attitudes that would make him/her an unsuitable camper.
- **Camper canteen account remainders can be used to do something great.** You can choose to donate the remainder of your child's canteen account to our Strong Kids Campaign. When you **donate to the Strong Kids Campaign** your investment does two important things. First, it enables us to change people's lives by providing a great camping experience to kids that can not afford it. Secondly, your donation allows us to make camp great for all of our campers by providing us with the funds to purchase much needed program equipment and facility improvements. Please consider donating your remaining canteen monies to this key component of our camp program.

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 860.435.2557 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.  
WE WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU!**

## LOST AND FOUND

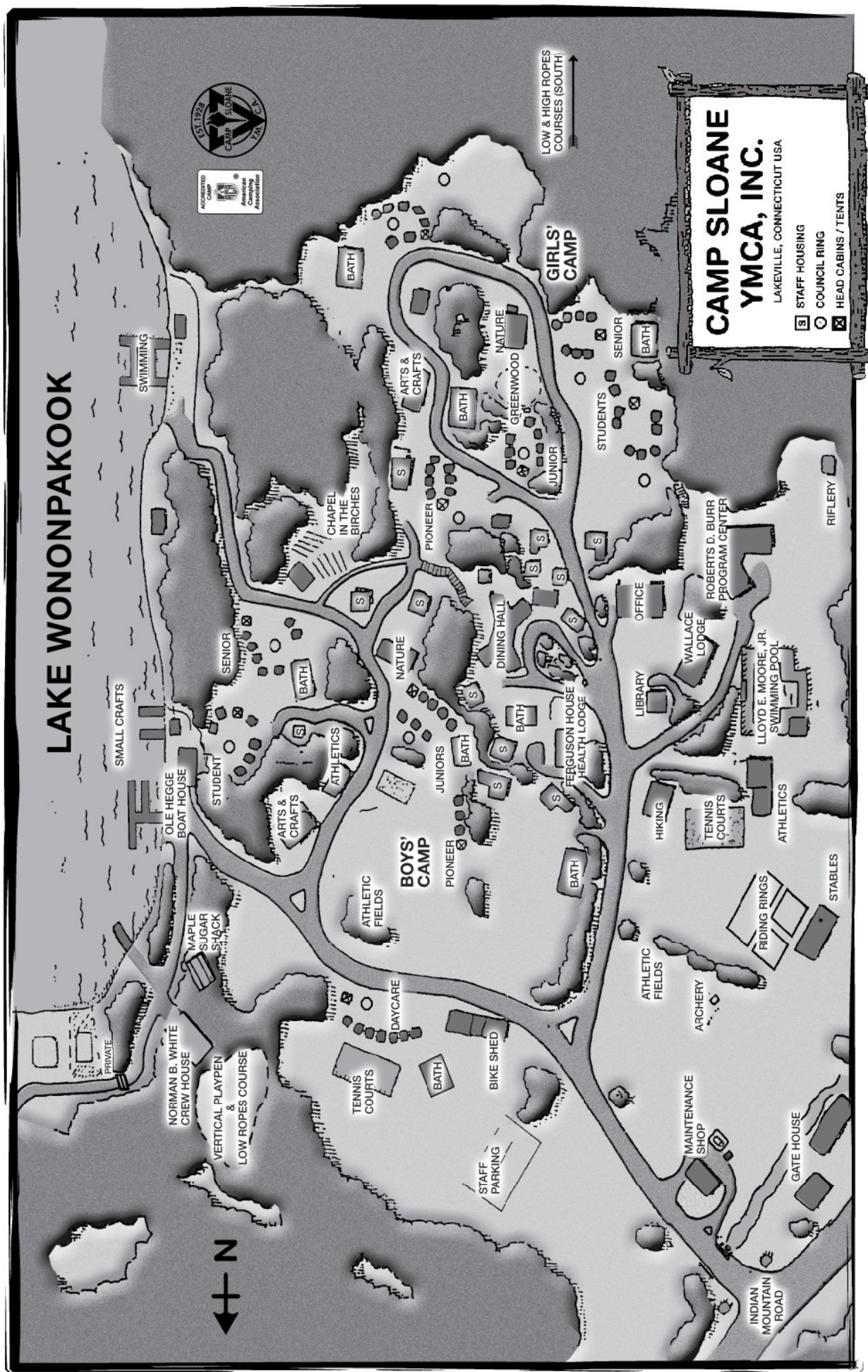
Items found out of place are regularly displayed in the dining halls, the flagpole area, and in the oval on the lost and found line. We attempt to return all lost items. Properly labeled clothes and other items will be mailed if possible at the camper's expense after the end of the summer season. Please check your camper's trunk, as well as the lost and found areas when you pick up or visit your camper. Unclaimed, unmarked clothing or equipment will be donated to charity.



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☐ COUNCIL RING  
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