



# Camp Sloane YMCA

"A Place to Grow"

## DAY CAMP

# PARENT HANDBOOK

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# 2014 Day Camp Sessions

Monday thru Friday  
8:45am- 4:45pm

- Session 1.....June 23 - June 27
- Session 2.....June 30 - July 4
- Session 3.....July 7 - July 11
- Session 4.....July 14 - July 18
- Session 5.....July 21 - July 25
- Session 6.....July 28 - August 1
- Session 7.....August 4 - August 8
- Session 8.....August 11 - August 15

**This booklet contains new and revised information; please read it carefully.** The information in the pages that follow will assist you in preparing for your child's time at camp. It serves also to inform you of Camp Sloane's procedures and practices and to answer many of your questions. Please call or write with specific questions or to discuss unique situations.

## Fun at Camp Sloane YMCA

These are some of the typical day camp activities:

|            |                 |             |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Kayaking   | Soccer          | Acting      |
| Tie-Dye    | Mountain Biking | Fishing     |
| Free Swim  | Flag Football   | Hiking      |
| Camp Songs | Arts & Crafts   | Animal Care |
| Tennis     | Group Games     | Dancing     |



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Dear Parents,

The Day Camp at Camp Sloane YMCA provides structured group experience with an emphasis on the individual camper. Our 270-acre site is and varied program offers many opportunities for special experiences, discovery, new skills and new friends. Camper groups are coed, according to grade and age, and each group has a Counselor. There are five activity periods each day, the schedule allows for variety, and each day will be a new adventure! Day camp activities are conducted rain or shine as camp has many enclosed facilities for alternative programming due to inclement weather. Please be sure your child dresses appropriately for the weather.

Camp Sloane is ***A Place to Grow*** because the experience has a profoundly positive effect socially and emotionally as a result of the new friends and relationships formed, the enhanced sense of independence and accomplishment, and the resulting increased self-esteem. Children have also learned new skills, participated in a wide range of activities, and had fun in the process. Whether this is your camper's first year or if he or she is a veteran Sloane camper, we hope this summer's experience will confirm for you that Camp Sloane is a special place.

The greatest accomplishment received by Camp Sloane is the referral of new campers by members of the "camp family" who have positive and meaningful experiences with us. This group represents the overwhelming majority of each summer's new campers. Thank you for your trust. We look forward to greeting each of you this summer and having your family be a part of our family!

Sincerely,

"Bear"

Paul "Bear" Bryant

Executive Director

# Registration, Payment and Forms

## Registration

- ◆ You can register online at [www.campsloane.org](http://www.campsloane.org) by clicking on "New Camper Registration". You can also register by faxing your completed registration form to (860)-435-2599 or mailing to Camp Sloane YMCA 124 Indian Mountain Road, Lakeville, CT 06039. Upon receiving the registration we will send a confirmation email to you. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact the Business Manager at [registrar@campsloane.org](mailto:registrar@campsloane.org).

## Payment

- ◆ Please note that camp fees are to be paid in full by May 1. For your convenience we accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. Payments can be made online by logging into your account.

## Forms

- ◆ The Camp Sloane Health History Form **MUST** be completed and brought to check in on the first day of camp. **We cannot admit your child unless this form is in our hands, completed and signed by you and your child's physician upon arrival.** ACA (American Camp Association) standards require an new record of physical examination every 2 years. You may also attach any other form used to show immunization history and/or physical exam results to the form provided by Camp Sloane YMCA.

***\*Without your signature on the Camp Sloane Health Form, we cannot treat your child in the case of injury or illness.***

***\*Your Camper will not be admitted to Camp Sloane unless payment is received in full and a COMPLETE Health History Form has been submitted.***

- ◆ Every Effort will be made to accommodate campers signing up for additional session. However this **MUST** be done at the Main Office.
- ◆ Camp Sloane YMCA reserves the right to dismiss any camper for disciplinary reasons when behavior negatively impacts the experience of others. The Camp Sloane leadership will be fair in evaluating the behavior, how it impacts our camp community, and the accountability. If asked to pick up your child, please do so as soon as possible.

# **Drop-Off 8:45am**

**9:15a-10:05a**

**1st Activity Period**

**10:15a- 11:05a**

**2nd Activity Period**

**11:15a-12:05p**

**Lunch, Oval, and Short Rest**

**12:10p-2:30p**

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**2:40p-3:30p**

**4th Activity Period**

**3:40p-4:30p**

**5th Activity Period-Instructional Swim**

# **Pick-Up 4:45pm**



# Policies and Procedures

◆ Please sign in at drop-off and out at pick-up.

You must inform the Day Camp Director in writing if anyone other than a parent/guardian will be picking up your camper.

Photo ID is required when picking up campers.

◆ Please drop-off your child promptly so the staff can adhere to the daily schedule.

◆ Camp Sloane is a Nut Free Camp

◆ If you find that you are early for drop-off please wait with your child until our staff are in place.

◆ Please do not be late for pick-up as our staff have other duties and responsibilities in camp.

◆ **Safety Note:** Please adhere to the Camp's **15 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT.**

◆ **NO Dogs** are allowed at camp at any time including pick up and drop off and Family BBQ nights.



# What you need to know

## ***Day Campers should bring the following items to camp:***

*\*Water Bottle \* 2 Bathing Suits \* Towel*

*\* Sunscreen \* Bug Spray*

- If the weather is cooler a sweatshirt or light jacket is suggested.
- If your camper is taking riding lessons, please send long pants and hard soled shoes with 1/2" heel.
- Flip flops are **NOT** allowed at Camp Sloane. Please send your camper with closed-toe footwear and footwear with a back as most activities require sneakers or hiking boots. Crocs are not considered appropriate footwear for most activities.
- All articles of clothing worn or brought to camp should be clearly marked with the camper's name.
- Unmarked and unclaimed lost and found will be held until the end of the season, at which time it will be donated to charity.

**Do not bring valuables to camp. Cell phones, iPods, video games, and trading cards are prohibited. Camp Sloane is not responsible for any of these items that are brought to camp.**

# Special Events & Activities

## **Special Events:**

Day Camp sessions will offer special activities of a Family Cookout, Camper Showcase & Overnight or participation in the Camp Sloane BBQ & Square Dance! Campers must be 8 years old to participate in the overnight.

## **Horseback Riding Lessons:**

English riding lessons are available to campers age 7 and older. Riding lessons are scheduled during a regular activity period, Monday through Friday. Please note that riding is not attended by the whole day camp, so riding lessons will replace other daily scheduled activities. Riding must be pre-registered for each session as spaces are limited. Parents are not permitted to attend the riding lesson as it can be a distraction for both the instructor and rider. Riding helmets are **required** and provided for all riders. All campers participating in the riding program must wear long pants and shoes or boots with a 1/2" -1" heel. Campers arriving for their lesson without proper attire will not be permitted to participate and a make-up lesson will not be scheduled. There will be no exceptions. Missed lessons due to inclement weather will be rescheduled when possible.

## Canteen Spending Money & Refunds

- We suggest that you open a "canteen" or store account for your child prior to the camping session. Camp Sloane Outfitters sells t-shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles and memorabilia.
- Day Campers may visit Camp Sloane Outfitters following lunch. Purchases will be supervised, however you should contact the Day Camp Director with any spending or food concerns.
- Canteen statements will be emailed to you at the conclusion of each day camp session. An immediate refund of credit is not available. Please notify Camp Sloane via email or by returning your statement as to your choice of refund or donation. Any credit not claimed in writing by October 1st will be applied to the Camp Sloane Strong Kids Fund.

# Camp Sloane YMCA Staff

Paul "Bear" Bryant

*Executive Director*

Adam Janaway

*Camp Director*

Kim Clark

*Business Manager*

Chris Wadsworth

*Facilities Director*

Dave Wright

*Caretaker*

Ramon Wiersema

*Program Director*

Teresa Simaitis

*Health Lodge Supervisor*

## **Camp Sloane Day Camp Staff**

Our staff is the key ingredient that makes Camp Sloane YMCA such a special place. They are caring, dedicated, mature and enthusiastic men and women selected from colleges and universities nationwide and worldwide. All staff participate in at least one week of intensive training involving safety, counseling, teaching and camp procedures prior to the start of camp.

## **Waterfront Safety**

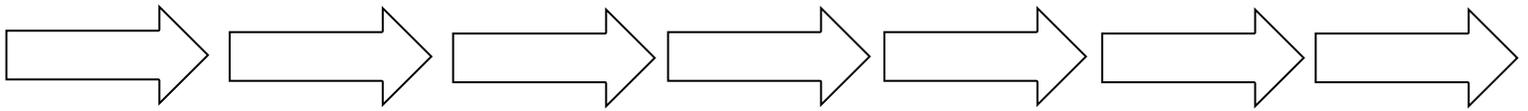
All waterfront staff are CPR-certified. A trained Lifeguard is always on duty during swimming times. In addition to that, Camp Sloane has installed a water safety system called **Wahoo** in our lake. This requires all swimmers to wear a small headband with a swimmer locator. In the event of a water emergency this will allow the lifeguards to locate a troubled swimmer within seconds. Camp Sloane is proud to be one of the **FIRST** camps in the country to install such a water safety device.

## **Nursing Staff & Medical Services**

Camp Sloane YMCA maintains a Health Lodge staffed by Nurses. Special instructions and concerns should be communicated to the Nurses in the Health Lodge after drop-off.

All medications, including prescriptions, over the counter medications and vitamins must be left with the nurse to dispense, with the exception of inhalers and in some cases an Epi-Pen. All prescriptions must be in the original container, be clearly labeled and be accompanied by written instructions by the prescribing physician. Please be sure to pick up your camper's medication on the last day of camp as we are not permitted to mail them.

In cases of illness or injury, the parent will receive a call from camp. If a parent cannot be reached the emergency designee will be contacted. Please be sure that you have noted an alternate emergency contact on your camper registration. Please notify the Business Manager of any contact information changes. Parents are asked to pick up their campers right away if asked by the nursing staff. In the case of an emergency situation requiring an ambulance the camper will be transported to Sharon Hospital at 50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, CT 06069, unless otherwise decided by the attending ambulance staff.



# Driving to Camp Sloane

## FROM ROUTE 44 TRAVELING WEST:

Drive through Lakeville Center and continue on Route 44 under blinking light. Drive miles and turn left onto Indian Mountain Road. At intersection go Indian Mountain Road and Route 112, go straight, continuing on Indian Mountain Road. Camp entrance is 1/4 mile on the left.

## FROM ROUTE 44 TRAVELING EAST:

Drive through Millerton Center, NY. Cross state line into Connecticut. Turn right onto Route 112. At the intersection of Indian Mountain Road & Route 112, turn right onto Indian Mountain Road. Camp entrance is 1/4 mile on the left.

## FROM ROUTE 7 TRAVELING NORTH:

Turn left onto Route 112 at Falls Village, CT. Straight through intersection of Routes 112 & 41. At intersection of Route 112 & Indian Mountain Road, turn left onto Indian Mountain Road. Camp entrance is 1/4 mile on the left.

## FROM ROUTE 41 TRAVELLING NORTH:

At intersection of Routes 41 & 112 (Hotchkiss School) , turn left onto Route 112. At the next intersection of Route 112 & Indian Mountain Road, turn left onto Indian Mountain Road. Camp entrance is 1/4 mile on the left.

### **Refund & Cancellation Policy**

- ⇒ All cancellations must be in writing and sent to the main office at  
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  - ⇒ **Deposits are non-refundable after May 1st**
- ⇒ Refund of payment, **LESS the deposit** will be given until June 1st
  - ⇒ No refund will be given for removal or dismissal from camp
- ⇒ Refunds for cancelled or partially used riding lessons will not be given unless for documented medical reason. No refunds will be given for lack of interest or failure to have proper attire.
- ⇒ Credit of any kind **WILL NOT** be applied to future camping sessions after the end of the current camping season
- ⇒ Referral Rebate Forms **MUST** be completed and turned into the main office to be processed. Referral rebates will not be processed after October 1, 2014.