

**YMCA of McHenry County – Camping Services**  
**Additional Signatures and Releases**  
(Please complete both sides)

Please check which camp you will be attending  YMCA – Crystal Lake  Triple R Day Camp  Both

**What is PLAY FAIR?**

- PLAY FAIR is a positive approach to ensuring everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience while at camp.

**Participate to the best of your ability**

**Leave your hands to yourself**

**Accept other's differences**

**You are responsible for your own actions**

**Follow all the rules**

**Ask for help if you need it**

**Insist on being treated equally**

**Respect yourself, others, staff, property, and the environment**

**Participate to the best of your ability**

- Staff spend many hours preparing activities that are enjoyable for all campers, please try every activity you encounter. Day camp is designed to be an active experience, not a time to sit around.

**Leave your hands to yourself**

- Physical aggression is not tolerated at YMCA Day Camps. Do not poke, tickle, squeeze, push, punch, slap, or grab ANY camper or staff member.
- Fighting, even play-fighting, will not be tolerated. All parties involved will be disciplined.

**Accept other's differences**

- Everyone at day camp is unique, that is what makes it such a great place.
- Do not put others down because of the way they look, talk, or act.

**You are responsible for your own actions**

- You have ultimate control over whether or not you decide to participate in something that will later involve you being disciplined.
- Think before you succumb to peer pressure
- If someone is forcing you to participate in an activity that will result in you being disciplined you have a responsibility to approach a counselor and ask for help.

**Follow all the rules**

- Rules at camp are in place to keep everyone safe and to ensure camps is enjoyed by all.
- There will be consequences for not following the rules, they include:
  - Time-out/ Loss of privilege
  - Behavioral note sent home
  - Meeting with parent(s)
  - Suspension
  - Dismissal

**Ask for help if you need it**

- It is acceptable to ask for assistance if you are having difficulty with an activity at camp
- If another camper is calling you names, threatening to harm you, physically harming you, stealing from you, or forcing you into a situation you are uncomfortable with you must tell a staff member so they can get you the help you need. If you don't bring a problem to the attention of camp staff it is more difficult to solve the problem.
- If you feel your friend is being bullied you have a responsibility to tell the camp staff

**Insist on being treated equally**

- All campers deserve respect from camp staff.
- You have the right to be praised and disciplined in the same manner as everyone else
- You deserve to be listened to when you have questions and concerns

**Respect yourself, others, staff, property, and the environment**

- Don't put yourself down, it just makes others think it's okay to do the same
- Don't put others down, we are all unique and we all deserve to be treated fairly and with respect.
- Camp staff are here to help you be safe and have an enjoyable summer. They are giving their time to you, treat them with the same respect you would a teacher, principal, or parent.
- The natural environment, as well as camp equipment, supplies, and buildings, are here for everyone's enjoyment, when you intentionally misuse, abuse, or deface them everyone suffers.

**Serious infractions or infractions involving physical aggression will require immediate parental involvement.**

**Refunds are not given for campers who are sent home for disciplinary reasons.**

By signing below, I am stating that I have read, and agree to abide by, all policies contained within the PLAY FAIR philosophy and the parent/camper handbook. Furthermore, I certify that I have discussed all the policies, and their meanings, with my child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Camper Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Camper Signature

**Photo Release**

I hereby grant my permission for the YMCA of McHenry County to photograph my child during the camp day. I understand that any pictures taken by the YMCA of McHenry County may be used for promotional purposes and are the property of the YMCA of McHenry County.

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This release is required for all Triple R Campers who will be utilizing our transportation program at any point during the summer.**

I hereby grant permission for my child to utilize transportation provided by the YMCA of McHenry County. I understand that campers will be transported via bus or van, from the designated location to YMCA Triple R Day Camp. My child has my permission to be transported by the YMCA of McHenry County via van or bus.

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**These releases are only required for campers who will be attending Day Camp/Discovery Day Camp at the YMCA of McHenry County in Crystal Lake.**  
**Field Trip Release**

I hereby grant permission for my child to attend all field trips provided by the YMCA of McHenry County. I understand that campers will be transported via bus, van, or on foot to the designated location. My child has my permission to be transported by YMCA of McHenry County via van or bus or on foot.

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This release is only required for campers who will be attending Discovery Day Camp at the YMCA of McHenry County in Crystal Lake.**

**Transportation Release**

I understand that Discovery Campers may be transported via YMCA Camp Vans, driven by camp staff, on field trip days. I understand that I am responsible for bringing a DOT approved car seat into the YMCA on these field trips days. The vans will be driven by camp staff. In addition, I understand that my child will not be able to attend the field trip unless they have an approved car seat by departure time. On certain occasions Discovery Campers will be transported via bus, in which case, you will be notified that a car seat is not needed.

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_