



Welcome to Union Vale Day Camps

# CAMP 101

## Contacts:

<b>Camp Phone</b> BEST CONTACT FOR ALL CAMPS & PRE/POST CARE	<b>845-489-8769 (7am-6pm)</b>	Traditional Camp, AGES 4-13 Specialty Camp, AGES 8-13 Survival Camp, AGES 10-14
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## What to Bring to Camp:

- Mark all personal belongings with name.
- Bathing suit, sneakers (mandatory), sandals (optional).
- Towel, sunscreen & water (bottles that can be re-filled).
- Lunch (from home or money for concession stand - see enclosed menu).
- Lunches cannot be refrigerated or heated at camp.
- **Fun Fact:** Pizza Day is the first Thursday of every session (more info will be sent home with campers on Day 1).

## What NOT to Bring to Camp:

- We adhere to a strict policy of no electronics or use of personal cell phones while at camp (only exception may be if your child's group is doing a special activity with advance notification)...**LEAVE ALL ELECTRONICS AT HOME**
- Your child **MUST** communicate with parents through the proper channel at camp (a camp director or counselor), not through a personal device. Please call the camp phone to communicate messages to or about your child.
- Toys or personal belongings from home (unless otherwise directed from camp for a specific activity).
- Camp is not responsible for the loss of any personal or valuable belongings.

## Medical Form REMINDER:

- If we do not have ALL paperwork on file your child will NOT be permitted to attend camp and no refunds will be given. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **ALL THREE** of these documents are required to be on file and must be current (within the last year):  
1) Physical Form, 2) Immunization Record & 3) Mandatory Physician's Orders.

### Medication & Illness:

- Any medication that is kept in the camp infirmary or carried in your child's possession **MUST** be accompanied by a doctor's note before arriving to camp.
- All children must be able to self-administer any medication that is stored at camp or that they self-carry (inhalers, epi-pens).
- Without proper doctor documentation on file, medications cannot be allowed on site.
- Should your child be ill with a **fever or vomiting**, it is recommended by the Department of Health that they do not return to camp for 72 hours after being symptom-free.
- Please notify the camp office if your child was absent due to a health-related issue so that we can properly document any cases of illness and recognize patterns to keep everyone healthy by being aware of symptoms.

### Trip Schedule & Policies:

- **Fun Fact:** Trip Days are the second Thursday of every session (more detailed info about each trip will be sent home with campers on Day 1).
- **SESSION 1: July 5, 2018** - Lake Compounce, CT
- **SESSION 2: July 19, 2018** - Howe Caverns, NY
- **SESSION 3: August 2, 2018** - Zoom Flume, NY
- **SESSION 4: August 16, 2018** - Brownstone Exploration Park, CT
- **NEW** The cost of trip (admission and bus) is an additional charge for each camper. Fees TBD.
- **NEW** There **will be camp** on-site at Tymor Park if your child does not attend the field trip.
- We do not allow parent chaperones (this includes following the bus and/or meeting us at the trip destination).
- Trips can change or be cancelled at any time and no refunds will be made (we do not anticipate this happening, but weather or other circumstances can play a factor into decisions).
- Depending on where the trip is, it may be a longer day than a regular camp day.
- Depending on trip specifics, lunch may need to be packed or purchased on site.
- Children are responsible for any extra spending money and belongings brought on trips with them.

### Arrival/Departure Procedure:

- There is ONE spot for drop-off and pick-up this year for ALL camps, located by the playground sidewalk. There will be clear signage and a large Sign-In/Out Tent on the sidewalk, marking this location.
- **ARRIVAL** (7am-8:45am):
  - All parents will be directed to drive ONE WAY onto Tymor Park Rd. and exit onto Bruzugul Rd.

- Cars will be stopped so that children can safely exit vehicles. If children need help, a counselor will assist them.
- **Parents must stay inside their vehicle during arrival time.**
- Children will walk to their sign-in location (on the walkway towards Specialty Camp or the Sign-In/Out Tent for all other camps).
- If arriving before 8:45am (“pre-care” time), every camper will walk to the main Sign-In/Out Tent on the playground sidewalk.
- Once checked in, children will walk to meet their counselor for the day.
- If you need to speak to a camp director, please ask permission to be parked. For the safety of our campers, never park in the lot during arrival time without letting a staff member know.
- **DISMISSAL (3:45pm-6pm)**
  - Parents must park their car in the large gravel parking lot and walk to the Sign-In/Out Tent.
  - Always have a photo I.D. in your possession.
  - Your child will be called via radio to meet you at the tent when you arrive to pick them up.
  - Campers from ALL camps will be signed out in this one dedicated location until 6pm.
  - **Always use the crosswalk** when walking back to your car.
  - If raining, dismissal will take place from the Large Hall and all children will be indoors.

#### **Late Drop Off/Early Pick Up**

- If **arriving late** (after 9:05am) OR **arriving early** (before 3:45pm) to pick up your child, you must park and enter with your child to the **main park office**.
- Your child will then be escorted to their group’s location at that time.
- It is important to have your child to camp on time in order to ensure they have the best camp experience!

#### **Photo Identification & Alternate Pick-Up:**

- Please come every day prepared with photo identification to pick up your child. This is for your protection and until we get to know all of our parents.
- Children will **never** be released to someone that is not on their pick up list. Please make sure this question has been properly answered on your online registration form.
- If there are any changes or updates of who can pick up your child, always send a **written note** in with your child. We will have a pick-up list with a staff member at dismissal so you can modify this information in person if circumstances change.
- We try to stay consistent; however, there may be different staff members helping with dismissal. In this case, a familiar parent may be asked to show their ID before releasing your child.

### **Pre/Post Care & Camp Times:**

- Pre-care and Post-care are included in everyone's camp fees.
- 7am is the earliest arrival time and begins "pre-care" time.
- 8:45am begins regular camp programming.
- 3:45pm begins regular camp dismissal.
- 4pm is when "post-care" time begins.
- 6pm is the latest available dismissal time.
- **There is ONE Sign-In/Out Tent for ALL campers.**

### **Late-Pick Up Policy:**

- **Anytime after 6:00pm, there is a late fee of \$1.00 per minute.**
- This fee **MUST** be paid upon returning to camp the next morning.
- If this is a pattern, we may have to ask that your child not return to camp for the duration of the session without a refund.
- Late pick-up patterns may result in your camper's ability to attend other camp sessions.

### **Parent Expectations:**

- Communicate Behavior Expectations with child.
- Follow Arrival/Dismissal Procedures to ensure everyone's safety.
- It is important to have your child to camp on time in order to ensure they have the best camp experience!
- To specifically discuss your child, camp directors can be reached on the camp phone, via email, or by appointment (See Camp Contact Information on Page 1).
- **Communication** should always be done through a staff member, never to your child's personal device during camp hours. **Electronics should be kept at home** (unless needed for a specific and pre-arranged camp activity) to make the most out of the camp day.
- If you would like to personally speak with a director, please arrange an appointment in advance so we can make sure to set aside the time for you. Our camp day can get busy and we value setting aside the time for you as parents to communicate about your child's camp experience with no distractions.

### **Daily Duties:**

- Always speak with your child about their day at camp!
- Check your child each night for ticks.
- Check your child's backpack daily for any notes or camp/group reminders.
- Make sure your child comes to camp prepared with all belongings each day.
- Check the "lost & found" table. Many valuable & necessary items need to find their home! Towels, goggles, water bottles, clothes, sunscreen, bathing suits, shoes, and more go unclaimed all summer long.

# CAMP BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

We strive to be a safe, caring community where individual differences are valued, where people are supported in reaching their goals and accomplishing challenges, and where everyone can have FUN.

Because creating such a community requires the commitment of all participants, we ask everyone to agree to the behavior expectations listed below. Campers and parents/guardians should review and discuss these guidelines together.

## I Will Show Respect For OTHERS

- I will respect other people's ideas and values, even if they are different from my own.
- All of my actions and language will have a positive impact on others in the Union Vale community. **My behavior at camp will never include violence, bullying, or harsh words.**
- I understand that any behavior that could harm (physically or emotionally) a camper or staff member, or which is disrespectful, is unacceptable in the Union Vale community.

## I Will Show Respect For MYSELF

- I will take care of myself by eating well, using sunscreen & insect repellent when needed, checking myself for ticks, and telling an adult if I am hurt or unwell, etc.
- I will make the most of learning opportunities in Union Vale by participating fully in camp activities, and I will try new things and have a positive attitude.
- I will not allow exclusive relationships (like those with friends from home or school) to prevent me from getting to know other people at camp, or from including others in activities.
- I will stay with a buddy when moving around camp and always ask a counselor before leaving the group.

## I Will Show Respect For THE PARK

- I understand that all community members are expected to share responsibility for keeping personal and community areas neat and clean, and I will help with these tasks.
- I will not bring my cellular phone, music player, video games, radio, or other electronics to camp, because they detract from enjoyment of and interaction with others and with the natural world.
- I will pick up litter, stay on trails, and not damage or remove anything from the environment.

- I will take care of all facilities, program supplies, and equipment. I will put equipment away when I finish using it and will leave an area I use better than I found it.

#### **I Will Show Respect For OUR SAFETY**

- I understand that the possession and use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs is prohibited. I will not have/use these at camp.
- I understand that fireworks, firearms, pocket knives, and other weapons are not allowed. I will not bring these to camp.
- I will abide by all other safety standards explained by the staff.
- I understand that ANY physical and emotional bullying or violence will result in my immediate dismissal from camp. If I am dismissed from camp, my tuition is forfeited, and my parent/guardian is responsible for picking me up immediately.

#### **If a camper has difficulty following these behavior expectations, staff will:**

- remind the camper of expected behavior.
- review the Behavior Agreement above.
- discuss ways staff members can support the camper in making necessary behavior improvements.

If a pattern of inappropriate behavior continues, Union Vale staff will work with the camper to set specific, appropriate behavior goals and outline consequences for continued inappropriate behavior. Union Vale staff may ask parents/guardians for suggestions to help improve behavior or create a written behavior contract.

Continued inappropriate behavior or severely inappropriate behavior (such as physical or emotional violence, bullying, or possession of prohibited items) will result in immediate dismissal from camp and forfeiture of camp fees. The parent/guardian is responsible for picking up a dismissed camper immediately.

**Upon registration, you will sign the above behavior contract, showing that you have read the guidelines with your child and accept the shared responsibility to meet these expectations in order to have the best experience possible.**

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CAMP IS OVER  
AND SCHOOL HAS NOT STARTED YET?!**

# **TGTT Days!**

***Thank Goodness There's Tymor  
Extra camp days are here when school is out!  
Will you join us? Register online and pick  
your days to fit YOUR schedule.***

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