



# Camp Pikati FAQs

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## What is Camp Pikati?

At Camp Pikati campers have the opportunity to explore a multitude of programs. Much like in a traditional camp setting, campers engage in activities such as teambuilding, arts and crafts, swimming, active games, music, and nature.

Whether your camper is brand new to camp or a seasoned vet, our counselors ensure that your camper gets the most out of each day at Camp Pikati in a fun, safe and supportive environment. Each day offers swim, group organized games, arts & crafts, team building activities, and more!

## How do I register for camp?



## Do I need to do anything after I register?

- After you register, you will receive an invitation to CampSite, our camp web app. There, you will need to complete all the required forms PRIOR to the

## What should my camper expect on their first day at Camp Pikati?

On Monday of each session, you check in with our camp staff. Your camper is directed to their assigned group and introduced to the group's counselors. Once all campers are checked in, we have morning assembly, a spirited meeting with morning announcements, a song or skit, and events of the day ahead. Then you head out with your group to your scheduled periods. As we go through the day, we discuss more specific rules about food at snack time and swimming before we go to the pool. We meet again in the afternoon for an assembly and announce the afternoon options – every day is different!

## Where do I drop off and pick up my camper?

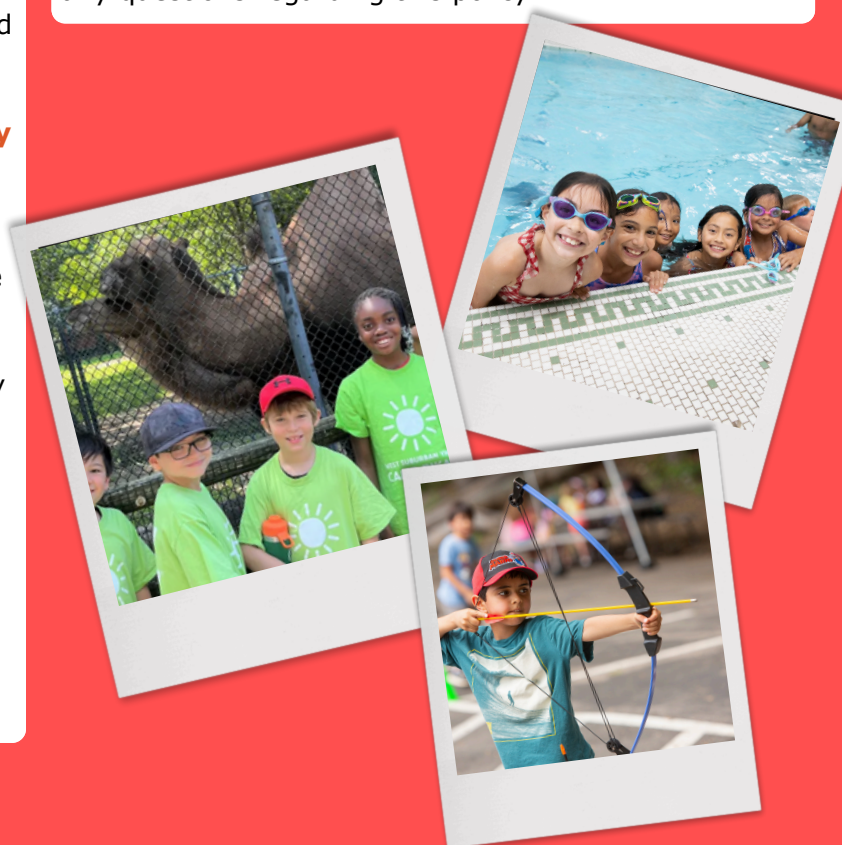
Drop off and Pick up will occur by the field. Pull into the West suburban YMCA parking lot. Signs will be posted and staff will be positioned to direct you.

## What are the hours?

Camp Wells is for youth entering grades K-6. Camp sessions are one weeklong and camp hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Extended care is available from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., and after camp from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for an additional cost per session.

## Are cell phones allowed at camp?

Camp is a time to unplug and enjoy being outside. Cell phone use and other electronic use, including calls, texting and internet, is not permitted at camp. The Camp Office has a phone which campers will be able to use in case of emergency. This number is also available to parents if they need to contact their camper. If it is brought to our attention that a camper is in possession of a cell phone, we will hold onto it until pick-up. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this policy.



### What happens when it rains?

We monitor the weather very closely while campers are in our care. We will move indoors during moderate to heavy rain. In cases of thunder and lightning or other severe weather predictions, we will follow our Emergency Action Procedures, remain indoors, and stay out of the pool until the threat has passed. In the event of light rain, we generally stick to our planned schedule which includes indoor and outdoor activities. Playing in a sun shower is all part of the fun.

### Can my camper request a friend in their group?

Yes! We do our best to accommodate one friend request for each camper. When completing the health paperwork there is a space to request a buddy.

### Does my child need to know how to swim?

No, but we will help them learn! We swim evaluate new campers every Monday before they are allowed into the water and place them in the appropriate swim group.

Campers will receive a combination of swim lessons and free swim during their camp session. We will provide a personal floatation device (life jacket) to all campers who require them.

### Is food provided at Camp Pikati?

No, all campers must bring their own lunch.



### Are there field trips?

Campers 7 years and older are eligible to attend weekly field trips with Camp Pikati!

Field trip itinerary and information will be sent out prior to the camp session and is subject to change. The information will include a description of the field trip and a link for you to register your child for the field trip.

### What is your staff like?

We seek to hire caring, responsible, and positive servant-leaders. We set the highest expectations for our staff to be the best role-models and nurture a culture of inclusion and youth development at camp. Most of our staff members were campers and L.I.T.s (Leaders-in-Training) at Camp Pikati themselves, and all our staff and undergo a thorough screening and interview process