

# CAMP YORKTOWN BAY SUMMER CAMP

## PARENT HANDBOOK

(PLEASE READ BEFORE BRINGING YOUR CAMPER TO CAMP)



# CAMP CONTACT INFO

**LOCATION:** 361 Camp Yorktown Ln, Mountain Pine, AR 71956

**PHONE:** (501) 767-2333

**CYB DIRECTOR:** David Craig— [dcraig@arklac.org](mailto:dcraig@arklac.org)

**CAMP OFFICE EMAIL:** [campyorktownbay@gmail.com](mailto:campyorktownbay@gmail.com)

# CAMP DATES

**STAFF WEEK:** May 31-June 6, 2026

**CUB CAMP (Ages 7-9):** June 7-14, 2026

**JUNIOR CAMP (Ages 10-12):** June 14-20, 2026

**TWEEN CAMP (Ages 12-14):** June 21-28, 2026

**TEEN CAMP: (Ages 14-17):** June 28-July 5, 2026

# CAMP GOALS

*Please be assured that the following reflect Camp Yorktown Bay's core goals and priorities.*

**SAFETY:** *Camp Yorktown Bay is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), affirming our commitment to the highest standards of safety, health, and program quality. We adhere to best practices for emergency preparedness, facility cleanliness, staff training, and food service. All team members undergo thorough background screening and meet or exceed the ACA's minimum age and experience requirements.*

**SPIRITUALITY:** *At Camp Yorktown Bay, we embrace our identity as a Christian camp by sharing the love of Jesus with every camper. Our mission is to nurture spiritual growth, deepen community bonds, and cultivate strong character. We foster an environment of mutual encouragement and compassion, where staff and campers alike uplift one another. Our daily worship programs—including morning camp council and evening campfire programs—provide meaningful opportunities for reflection, praise, and fellowship.*

**FUN:** *Our foremost goal is for every camper to experience unparalleled enjoyment at Camp Yorktown Bay. We curate a diverse lineup of engaging activities tailored to a wide range of interests and abilities. To bring this vision to life, we recruit creative, enthusiastic staff who contribute positively to the camp atmosphere. While we hope campers arrive with friends, we also encourage them to forge new friendships and memories throughout their stay.*

# BEFORE ARRIVAL

**REFUND POLICY:** *A non-refundable cancellation fee of \$25 per camper applies to cancellations made more than seven days before the start of camp. Cancellations within seven days of the registered camp start date are eligible for a 50% refund of registration fees. No refunds will be issued for “no-shows” or for campers who depart early due to illness, homesickness, or behavioral concerns once camp has commenced.*

**HEALTHY CAMPER:** *To protect the well-being of all campers and staff, please ensure your camper arrives healthy and free of illness. Because campers spend their days in close proximity, this precaution helps prevent the spread of contagious symptoms and keeps our community safe.*

**LEAVE ITEMS AT HOME:** *Please assist your camper with packing and encourage them to leave all valuable items at home, including cell phones (service is unavailable at camp), headphones, tablets, and other electronic devices. We promote an “unplugged” environment so campers can fully engage in activities and community life.*

**SNACKS:** *If you choose to send snacks with your camper, please package them in a single one-gallon, resealable bag.*

**OFF-SITE HOTELS:** *While we do not rent out our camp motel during summer camp season, we can recommend a few nearby lodging options if you are arriving to the area early.*

*\*Los Lagos At Hot Springs Village*

*1 Los Lagos Blvd, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909*

*(501) 915-9062*

*\*Comfort Suites —Hot Springs*

*320 Nash St, Hot Springs, AR 71913*

*(501) 600-6170*

**CAMPER PACKING LIST:** *You can find a camper recommended packing list here:*

*[https://www.arklayouth.com/\\_files/ugd/](https://www.arklayouth.com/_files/ugd/3db3bc_7f6b968820734f0dbe967355281c7544.pdf)*

*[3db3bc\\_7f6b968820734f0dbe967355281c7544.pdf](https://www.arklayouth.com/_files/ugd/3db3bc_7f6b968820734f0dbe967355281c7544.pdf)*

**DRESS CODE:** *At Camp Yorktown Bay, our aim is for all campers to dress modestly and appropriately for the camp environment and scheduled activities.*

*Any camper whose attire does not meet these standards will be asked to change. To prevent this, please review and approve your camper's clothing before packing. Below is the dress code to guide you:*

**Shirts/Tops:** *Must fully cover the torso when arms are raised; the abdomen and midriff should remain concealed at all times. Sheer fabrics and cut-away sides are not permitted. Straps must be a minimum of two inches wide—no spaghetti straps—and shoulder coverage must be modest. Necklines must provide full coverage of the chest. Any tops featuring obscene or inappropriate language or imagery are strictly prohibited.*

**Short/Skirts:** *Shorts and skirt length must be mid-thigh but preferably just above your knee. Spandex shorts may not be worn under the*

shorts to meet the length criteria. No spandex or booty shorts. Shorts with inappropriate or obscene wording/imagery are not allowed.

**Pants/Leggings:** Campers must wear long pants in good condition (no fraying or holes) whenever participating in horseback riding. Tights or leggings are acceptable at camp only if paired with a top that fully covers the backside. Pajama pants are reserved for cabin wear only.

**Swimwear:** For female campers, only modest one-piece swimsuits are permitted; two-piece swimsuits are prohibited. Please emphasize this requirement as we do not want your camper to miss out on any water activities. For male campers, swim trunks must provide adequate coverage—neither excessively short nor overly tight.

**Dresses/Church Attire:** Camp Yorktown Bay offers two special “dress-up” occasions: our Friday evening Agape Feast and the Saturday afternoon church service at the town hall.

*\*For girls:* Dresses and skirts should be at least mid-thigh in length, though just above the knee is preferred. Shoulder straps must be a minimum of two inches wide.

*\*For boys:* Recommended attire includes khaki pants or nice jeans paired with a nicer t-shirt, polo shirt, or button-down shirt.

**Jewelry:** To ensure the safety and comfort of all participants, Camp Yorktown Bay enforces a strict no-jewelry policy. If your camper has pierced ears and you’re concerned about the holes closing, please provide non-metal spacers for them to wear during their stay.

# CAMPER CHECK-IN & ARRIVAL

**CAMPER CHECK-IN TIME:** We begin our on site check-in on Sunday's at 2:00pm. Do not expect to begin check-in before that time. We finish on site check-in at 4:30pm. Most parents arrive between 2:00-3:00pm time frame. Historically, the shortest wait time has been during the second half of the timeframe (After 3pm).

**ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS:** As you arrive at the camp entrance, our friendly staff will be there to welcome you. They will provide guidance on the next steps, including driving down the hill to assist your camper with getting settled. At that time, you will receive your cabin assignment. In addition, for Junior, Tween, and Teen Camps, your camper's activity card will also be provided.

**PICKING UP & DROPPING OFF SAME DAY:** If you need to pick up a camper on the same day that you also have to drop off a camper, you will be able to do both at the same time during the 9:00a-10:30a timeframe. We ask that you come near the end of this timeframe window. If this will be your situation, please send our camp director a reminder that this is your plan so that we can accomodate you properly: [dcraig@arklac.org](mailto:dcraig@arklac.org)

**STAYING 2 WEEKS :** If your camper will be staying with us for 2 consecutive weeks, you will NOT need to come on site to check them in that second week. our office team will have the camper registered and ready to go for that second week. Our staff will make sure your camper gets his/her belongings transferred to the next cabin (we do not allow campers to remain in the same cabin back

to back weeks). Their counselors will make sure that your camper has clean laundry for the next week.

**PARENTS IN CABIN:** Parents are welcome to accompany their camper to the cabin; however, only parents may enter. To respect camper privacy and allow our counselors to remain focused on all duties, we ask that you keep your visit brief. Counselors are happy to greet you but will need to return promptly to caring for the group.

**CAMP NURSE:** CYB has a nurse practitioner on site at all times. All medications including prescription medications, over the counter medications, and any vitamins or other supplements must be turned over to the Camp Nurse during on site check-in. Inhalers and EPI-pens must be turned in as well.

**MEDICATIONS:** All medications must be in *original* medication container. When turning in medications, please place all containers in a “Zip-lock” bag with the camper’s first and last name clearly written on it. If there are special instructions, please include that in your camper’s account in the medications portion of the Health Form and the Medications section.

# DURING THE WEEK OF CAMP



**PARENT/CAMPER COMMUNICATION:** Thank you for entrusting Camp Yorktown Bay with your camper's summer experience. Our aim is to honor that trust by providing a safe, engaging, and memorable stay. To support camper independence, foster resilience, and minimize homesickness, please review the following communication guidelines:

**PHONE CALLS:** Campers are generally not permitted to make or receive phone calls during camp, except in cases of emergency. Parents may contact the camp office if there is an urgent need to speak with their child. If you find yourself needing to call the camp office, the number is: (501) 767-2333

**LETTERS & EMAILS:** We want to encourage parents to communicate with their child via writing letters or sending emails. Emails are typically printed and delivered daily. Feel free to send your camper care packages as well.

Emails can be sent to: [campyorktownbay@gmail.com](mailto:campyorktownbay@gmail.com)

Care Packages can be mailed to: 361 Camp Yorktown Ln. Mountain Pine, AR 71956

**\*\*To ensure timely delivery, please send all physical mail at least one week before your desired delivery date. Due to our remote location, mail service can be slow, and Camp Yorktown Bay cannot be held responsible for lost or late-arriving correspondence.**

**VISITORS:** To ensure the safety, security, and overall well-being of all campers, visitors are not permitted on campus during the camp season. Every member of the CYB staff undergoes comprehensive background checks and screening procedures; however, we are unable to extend this same level of vetting to outside guests. Maintaining a closed and secure environment allows our team to remain fully focused on providing your camper with a fun, meaningful, and

*enriching experience. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation.*

# TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

*7:00am: Campers Rise and Shine!*

*7:45am: Flag Raising & Line Call*

*8:00am: Breakfast*

*8:45am: Camp Chores & Cabin Devotional*

*9:20am: Camp Council Program*

*10:00am: Activity Period #1*

*11:15am: Activity Period #2*

*12:30pm: Lunch*

*1:30pm: Rest Period/Camp Store Time*

*3:00pm: Activity Period #3*

*4:15pm: Activity Period #4*

*5:30pm: Supper Time*

*6:45pm: Flag Lowering*

*7:00pm: Rec Activity*

*8:00pm: Campfire Program*

*9:15pm: Cabin Reflections*

*10:00-10:30pm: All Quiet/Lights Out*

# END OF CAMP

**CAMPER PICK-UP:** Please plan to pick up your camper between **9:00 AM and 10:30 AM**. This window allows our team to prepare the facility for the next session. While we understand that delays may occur, any pick-up after **11:00 AM** will incur a \$25 after-care fee, as we will need to dedicate staff members exclusively to watch your child. If you anticipate extenuating circumstances, kindly contact the Camp Director in advance so we can accommodate your needs.

**LOST & FOUND:** To minimize misplaced items, please ensure all belongings are clearly labeled with your camper's name or initials. If an item goes missing during their stay, parents are welcome to inspect our Lost & Found at the Camp Office before departure. Camp Yorktown Bay is not responsible for shipping items left behind once campers have departed. We strongly encourage campers to verify they have all personal belongings at check-out.