



**SUMMER
ENRICHMENT CAMPS
OAKBORO & NORWOOD
LOCATONS
2024**

STANLY COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

427 N. 1st Street Albemarle, NC

704.982.1916



Dear Camp Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the Stanly County Family YMCA Summer Enrichment Programs where we focus on the well-being and growth of campers. We believe in celebrating each child's individuality as we intentionally focus on three areas of development: friendships, accomplishment and belonging. We work hard to create a safe and vibrant camp culture that allows children to:

- Learn and master skills that nurture their passions, talents and potential.
- Bond with new friends and positive staff role models to create lasting memories.
- Know that they belong so they feel welcome and free to express who they are.

This summer, we will explore our community and learn the value of our community and how to be good citizens. We look forward to spending the summer with you.

Ronda Bunn, Afterschool/Camp Director

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IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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NORWOOD SITE CELL # TBA
OAKBORO SITE CELL# TBA
YMCA PAVILION 704.550.9080



QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMP, BILLING, or SCHOLARSHIPS? Ronda Bunn, Afterschool/Camp Director 704.982.1916 rbunn@stanlyymca.org

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Welcome to Stanly County Family YMCA Summer Camps! There are many opportunities for children and youth to enjoy the Y this summer. Every child deserves a wonderful summer they will never forget. At the SCFY we think summer fun, new friends, positive role models and great times should be available to every child. We are a Christian-based organization that strives to fulfill our mission in all programs.

Why do parents choose YMCA Day Camp?

Well-Trained and Energetic Staff: We take your child's safety seriously. Our camp staff are required to complete 30 hours of pre-camp training including CPR, First Aid, AED, child abuse prevention and social/emotional learning. We conduct background checks, reference checks, and drug screenings on all camp staff. Our counselors also learn about child development and best practices for YMCA Day Camp, as well as techniques to encourage all campers to be inclusive while celebrating our differences.

Variety of Activities and Experiences: We focus on age-appropriate activities, including games, arts and crafts and more. In order to meet the growing diversity of our camper base, we offer a broad variety of experiences to meet all campers' interests. From traditional camp activities, sports, gardening, themed activities, and crafts to service, guest speakers and STEAM, there is something sure to spark your child's excitement and interest this summer.

Reputation in Community: At the Y, you're not just a member of a facility; you're a part of a cause, with a shared commitment to nurture the potential of youth,

WHO WILL BE WITH MY CAMPER?

The foundation of any camp experience is strong, positive relationships between camp staff, campers and parents. We are proud of our exceptional staff who provide leadership and serve as role models to our campers. Each year, we select young men and women who have displayed a sincere interest and concern for the well-being of children. Many of our staff have been Y campers who want to come back and make summer memories for others! Numerous counselors love their job so much, they return again and again.

All camp staff have a background check and drug test before they are hired. Intense training provides staff with the necessary skills to lead, counsel, plan and grow. Ronda Bunn, Afterschool & Camp Coordinator, oversees all camps. Each camp location is led by a Site Director who is at least 19 years old, has leadership experience and a love of kids. Senior Counselors are college students or graduates, all over the age of 18 years. Junior counselors, 16 & 17 years old, serve as assistants to adult, seasoned staff.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

NORWOOD FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is home base for the Norwood site. It is located at 207 S. Main St., Norwood, NC 28128 **Y cell: TBA**

FIRST BAPTIST OAKBORO is home base for the Oakboro site. It is located at 322 N. Main St. Oakboro, NC 28129 **Y cell: TBA**

STANLY COUNTY FAMILY YMCA is located at 427 North First St. Albemarle NC 28001. Campers will have access to gym, two pools, wally ball court, conference rooms, chapel, and Game Room. **YMCA: 704.982.1916**

THE PAVILION SITE is located at 115 C B Crook Dr. Albemarle NC 28001 across the street from the YMCA. Facilities include the Pavilion, All Children's Playground and field area. **Pavilion: 704.550.9080**

SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMP WEEKLY THEMES

June 3-7: All About Me

June 10-14: Music Makers

June 17-21: Mystery Week

June 24-28: Full STEAM Ahead

July 8-12: Wide World of Colors

July 15-19: Animal Planet

July 22-26: Summer Rewind

DISCIPLINE

The YMCA wants every child to enjoy the activities planned and benefit from their experience at camp. Your child's participation in YMCA Summer Enrichment depends upon his/her behavior. Staff often goes over rules and expectations to be sure campers understand what is needed from everyone to make camp

RULES

1. Be RESPECTFUL of others and their belongings.
2. Be RESPONSIBLE for yourself, your belongings, and your community.
3. Be HONEST with yourself and others at all times.
4. Be CARING of others.
5. Be FAITHFUL in your actions.



CONSEQUENCES

- Remind child of rules and receive a warning
- Restrict activity
- Document behavior in child's file
- Talk with parents upon pick-up
- Take away privileges/In-Camp Suspension
- Call parents immediately/Suspension without refund given
- Dismissal from camp, without refund given

Positive Reinforcements

- Receive praise
- Positive notes
- Special privileges
- Hugs, High 5s, Pats on the back
- Participate in group rewards

In order to secure your child's place at camp, you must pay a **NON-REFUNDABLE PROCESSING FEE** of \$25/child at registration.

Beginning May 24th, there is an additional **NON-REFUNDABLE LATE PROCESSING FEE** of \$25/child.



***In severe incidences, the site director will determine appropriate consequences, which may include loss of swim time or field trip.

The site director also has the right to by-pass consequences 1-5 if deemed necessary. No refunds will be given.

Fighting, hazing, bullying of other children, stealing, refusal to cooperate at other's expense, and disrespect toward staff will not be tolerated.

Norwood/Oakboro Summer Enrichment Attendance Options

We know summer can be busy, so we are flexible. You may register your child/children for any number of weeks during the summer.

Thanks to support from Town of Norwood, Town of Oakboro, and United Way of Stanly County, the **weekly fee is only \$45.**



DISMISSAL

Dismissal from Summer Camp and other YMCA programs may occur as a result of:

- Excessive tardiness in fee payments or failure to pay fees
- Severe or repeated discipline problems
- Disrespect, discourtesy or other inappropriate behavior by parent toward a YMCA staff or a participant
- Excessive or repeated late pick up

AT A GLANCE

- YMCA Summer Enrichment is for children entering kindergarten through eighth grade in the fall of 2024.
- Summer Enrichment is offered at **Norwood First Presbyterian Church and First Baptist Oakboro.**
- Summer Enrichment runs in 7 weekly sessions.
- Register for one week or all.
- Camp is Mon-Fri from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Open House

Come out and meet staff!

*Norwood First Presbyterian Church : Tuesday, 5/ 6:30-7:30 pm

*First Baptist Oakboro: Wednesday, 5/31 6:30-7:30 pm



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@3ah9cgb

SNACKS AND LUNCHES

The YMCA will be partnering with Stanly County Schools Child Nutrition Services to provide snacks and a free, healthy lunch **for a portion** of camp. Days to be announced. Menus and schedules should be available at Open House.

SWIMMING INFO

Campers should bring their bathing suit and towel weekly. All campers will take a swim test to determine their ability before swimming.

Campers with open sores and rashes will not be allowed to swim. This determination will be made by our Aquatics Director.

FIELD TRIPS

Campers will take trips throughout the summer. **Children must be at camp by 9 am with camp t-shirt on field trip days!**

Trip information will be available at Open House.

Transportation will be provided by YMCA staff (over 21 years of age) driving YMCA vehicles.

WHO IS TRANSPORTING MY CHILD?

Your child's safety is our main concern. Y staff will be transporting campers on all field trips. All drivers are at least 21 years old, have a clean driving record and have a current CDL license. We will do daily inspections and safety checks.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Every Friday will be "Bring a Friend To Camp Day"! For only \$10, your camper can bring a friend to camp. Register the day before so we can make sure they have a lunch and supplies.

Come eat with your camper every Friday and see what they have done that week!

SUMMER ENRICHMENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Registration is open February 15. Upon registration, a **NON-REFUNDABLE** processing fee of \$25 for each child must be paid in order to reserve your child's place for the summer. Late registration will be accepted May 24-August 2, where space is available. An additional late fee of \$25 per child will be applied. Register early to secure your child's place.

There will then be, two options to pay the balance of camp:

- Pay in full no later than Wednesday, May 26th.
- Draft your bank account, charge card or debit card weekly on Tuesdays two weeks before each week of attendance.

****To make any changes to your Summer Day Camp registration, you must complete & return a "Request for Schedule Change" form at least five days before the appropriate charge/draft.



Parents are responsible for weekly payments for each session registered unless the Family Services Director receives a "Schedule Change Notice" at least five days before the scheduled charge/draft. You may also email the completed form to Ronda Bunn, at rbunn@stanlyymca.org. When turning in the notice on time, you will then only be responsible for 50% of the weekly balance, instead of the full amount. If the form is turned in less than five days ahead of time, you will be responsible for 100% of the weekly balance. A "Request for Schedule Change" form is included in this packet on page 11. Additional forms are available from your Site Director, Y Membership Desk or our website, stanlyymca.org. Changes will NOT be accepted over the phone or through email without the proper form.

Credits for absences will not be given. Please understand that your fees pay for direct operating costs; therefore, when you register for a session, you are reserving the provisions, time, space, and staff for your child whether or not he/she attends.

OPEN DOORS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The YMCA's Open Doors Scholarship Program was implemented in 1990. Through this plan, a sliding fee scale is used to determine membership & program assistance available based on need. Proof of gross family income is required.

Assistance may be obtained by completing an application, which is available at the YMCA Membership Desk and gathering necessary documentation. Please leave this information with Ronda Bunn, Afterschool/Camp Coordinator.



Money to help fund summer day camp assistance is provided by the United Way of Stanly County and various grants.

RETURNED PAYMENTS

By chance, if the draft is declined, The Y has the right to redraft your account at any time. If payment is not made on time, there will be a \$10 late fee added if the balance is not taken care of by that Friday. If the weekly payment is not made by the next Monday, care will be suspended until the balance is paid.

Should you at any time have a financial problem, immediately contact Ronda Bunn, Afterschool/Camp Director at 704.982.1916 or rbunn@stanlyymca.org



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Please send your child to camp each day healthy and properly dressed. Tennis shoes and play clothes are required.
- Discuss any questions, comments or concerns with your site director/camp leader.
- It is essential that you keep your registration information, phone numbers, and emergency contacts current. Notify Ronda Bunn, Afterschool/Camp Director, with any changes at rbunn@stanlyymca.org or 704.982.1916.
- Account balances must be kept current. If you should experience a difficult time meeting your obligations, contact Ronda Bunn, Afterschool/Camp Director.

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE EXPERTS, OTHER PARENTS:

- Dress for the weather. It is hot outside.
- Campers need to wear tennis shoes. Playing outside and in the gym is much easier with closed-toe shoes. If campers arrive in sandals or flip flops, you will be asked to bring tennis shoes.
- Campers get dirty at camp. Don't send them in nice, new clothes. Send them in old play clothes. You will not be sorry!
- Send a bathing suit and towel everyday. Even if your child's group isn't scheduled to swim, they may play some outside water games.
- LABEL EVERYTHING!!!
- Don't send money, or any items of value. They should be left at home where they are safe. The kids are kept so busy at camp that they don't need these things.
- Meet the staff. They will be spending lots of time with your child. You can work as a team to provide a great summer for your camper if you know the counselors.

CUSTODY & VISITATION

In cases of separated or divorced parents where visitation rights are denied to one parent, we cannot deny releasing the child to that parent unless a court decree or separation document is on file forbidding that parent from picking up the child from our program or from picking up at times not allowed by the court decree.

STAFF BOUNDARIES

1. Y staff and volunteers are not allowed to transport children at any time in their personal vehicles.
2. Y staff cannot babysit campers.
3. State law mandates the Y to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities for investigation.
4. Y staff cannot communicate with campers through text, Facebook, Twitter, or other means of social media.

WHAT IF I AM LATE PICKING UP MY CHILD?

We ask that participants be picked up promptly by the end of the camp day. We understand that unavoidable situations may sometimes arise. If you find that you are going to be late, please call immediately to let us know so that neither staff nor your child will worry. You will be required to pay an additional fee of \$10.00 for each 10 minute increment past closing time that staff must wait with your child. You will be drafted this amount the next day.

After waiting with your child for 20 minutes, camp staff will begin

PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME

Certain items are best left at home, to maximize your child's camp experience. Campers may not wear sandals, flip flops or open-toed shoes. **Too many times, children have been injured at camp when not wearing tennis shoes.** Campers may not bring toys, trading cards, computer devices or games, cell phones, guns, knives, matches, tobacco, or drugs. Any camper who brings a weapon or drugs will be suspended immediately. We also try to keep a clean, healthy image at camp. Clothing with messages referring to tobacco, drugs, alcohol or sex is prohibited.

THE YMCA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST, STOLEN, OR BROKEN ITEMS. LABEL EVERYTHING!!! Lost articles will be placed in our lost and found area. Parents may check at any time for lost items. All articles not claimed will be taken to the Stanly Community Clothing Closet at the end of each month.

SAFE & HEALTHY

Summer is a time for fun, but also a time for heat, sun, bugs and ticks. Campers will be outside most of the day, but we monitor the heat index and air quality. We adjust our day to avoid overexposure. Campers always have access to water and will take breaks often in shaded places.

We encourage you to pack a few things to help avoid these health issues. Our staff will constantly be reminding campers to drink plenty of liquids and protect themselves from bugs, ticks and the sun. Packing the following items will help your child to have a great week:

Bug repellent (non-aerosol)-This can make life at camp much more comfortable! (This will be left at front desk for child to use when necessary. Please label clearly.)

Sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher)-We will be spending a great deal of time outdoors. Please pack sunscreen, clearly labeled, to keep your camper from getting sunburned. (This will be left at front desk for child to use when necessary.) **Please apply before coming to camp**, in order to comply with our child abuse prevention guidelines, the application of topical products will take place in an open setting and an medical form is required. Staff will help if absolutely necessary for Kindergarten and 1st grade campers and will supervise the application of the products for our older campers. Please label clearly.

Water bottle, hat and sunglasses-All are helpful items for beating the heat and protecting campers.

FOOD ALLERGIES/RESTRICTIONS

On the Camper Registration Form, please include any dietary restrictions or food allergies your camper may have. It is important for us to have this information so that we may notify SCS Child Nutrition Services of any special menus that need to be prepared for the campers receiving lunch. It is also helpful to remind opening staff on the first day of camp.



SICK CAMPERS

When children come to camp, they must be healthy, injury-free and well enough to fully participate. Please **do not send your child to camp** if he/she has had one or more of the following in the last 24 hours:

- A temperature of 100° (or higher)
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Head Lice, including visible nits
- Anything contagious: i.e., Chicken Pox, Hand Foot & Mouth Disease, rashes of unknown origin, Pink Eye

A staff member will call you immediately to pick up your child if he/she becomes ill while at camp.

In the event of a medical emergency, we will take the necessary actions for the health of your child and make every effort to contact you.

Parents are responsible for their child's primary accident insurance when using the YMCA and when participating in YMCA programs off-site.

The Aquatic Director will determine whether or not a child with a rash or open sores may swim.

MEDICATIONS

If possible, medications should be administered at home. If it is required during camp, it will be administered under the following conditions:

Only Site Directors can **administer medication** to campers, when the proper form has been completed and signed by parents. One of the "Permission to Administer Medication" forms is included in this packet. If needed, they are also available from the Site Director.

All medications must be sent in the **original container**. Physician's directions must be clearly written on prescription medications. At no time is a child to possess any medications (including over the counter) in his/her personal belongings.

*****All **inhalers and epi-pens** must be kept in a medication box which is easily accessible and can be obtained in a moment's notice. If a parent requests, in writing, that the inhaler and epi-pen be kept with the child, we will honor the request, provided the child can demonstrate responsibility for the use and possession of items. Any misuse or misplacement of these items during camp will be cause for the inhaler to be kept in the medication box.

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CHILD'S NAME _____

Camp Location (circle one): Norwood Oakboro Pavilion

Please check:

_____ I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THE FOLLOWING WEEK _____ FT or PT.
(I understand that this is only possible if space is available. The Site Director must approve this addition. I also understand that if this request is after May 10th, there will also be a late fee of \$25 per child.)

_____ MY CHILD WAS ORIGINALLY SIGNED UP FOR CAMP ON THE WEEK OF _____, BUT DUE TO A CHANGE IN PLANS, HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ATTENDING. (I understand that the deposit I paid at the time of registration for this week is non-refundable. If this form is turned in at least ten days before the scheduled week I will only be responsible for 50% of the weekly balance. I will be responsible for 100% of the weekly balance if this form is turned in less than ten days before the specified week.)

_____ MY CHILD WAS ORIGINALLY SIGNED UP FOR CAMP ON THE WEEK OF _____, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A CHANGE FROM THAT WEEK TO THE WEEK OF _____. (I understand that this is only possible if space is available. The Site Director must approve this addition.)

_____ MY CHILD WAS ORIGINALLY SIGNED UP TO BE A FULL TIME CAMPER (4-5 DAYS), BUT NEEDS TO CHANGE THE ATTENDANCE TO PART TIME (1-3 DAYS) FOR THE WEEK OF _____. —Summer Day Camp Only

_____ MY CHILD WAS ORIGINALLY SIGNED UP TO BE A PART TIME CAMPER (1-3 DAYS), BUT NEEDS TO CHANGE HIS/HER ATTENDANCE TO FULL TIME (4-5 DAYS) THE WEEK OF _____. (I understand that this is only possible if space is available. The Site Director must approve this addition.)—Summer Day Camp Only

SIGNED _____ **DATE** _____

Summer Camp 2024 Fee Schedule Oakboro/Norwood

<u>For week of</u>	<u>Due Date of Payment</u>
6/3-6/7	Tuesday, May 21 ,2024
6/10-6/14	Tuesday, May 28,2024
6/17-6/21	Tuesday, June 4, 2024
6/24-6/28	Tuesday, June 11, 2024
7/1-7/5	Tuesday, June 18, 2024
7/8-7/12	Tuesday, June 25, 2024
7/15-7/19	Tuesday, July 2, 2024