



PARENT HANDBOOK

TO SUMMER CAMP

What is the Oakland Yard Parent Handbook?

We understand that sending your child anywhere to be cared for by someone other than you is a big deal. For over 20 years, parents have entrusted us to take care of their kids and foster their growth in a fun environment. This handbook is intended to help parents learn about and become comfortable with Oakland Yard Athletics. We've compiled tons of camp procedure information into one convenient booklet. We've included stuff that many of you have asked for specifically, and info that maybe you've never even thought to ask for. It's all about you, your kids, and your comfort. Our goal is to make sure you are confident in Oakland Yard's ability to care for and nurture your child.

If you'd like more information after reading this booklet, or you'd just like to talk to a real person at Oakland Yard, feel free to give us a call:

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Camp Philosophy

Oakland Yard Summer Camps give kids an alternative from the routine of daily life and puts them in an environment with totally unique experiences, tailored to their age and development that offer growth and independence. We focus on building relationships between our counselors and kids that lead to encouraging campers to explore a variety of activities that they might not normally get to partake in. We truly believe that it's through these encouraging and motivating relationships that we're able to meet our mission.

History

Oakland Yard Athletics was founded in 1995. That first summer we had started with only about 6 camp offerings over 4 weeks of the summer. Great staffing, and varied, customized programming was the perfect combination for a successful program.

Since that first year, there has been much development and growth. We now offer about 60 different camp programs each summer and we run camp for the entire summer break! Some years this means 10 weeks of camp, and some years it works out to 11 weeks. You can find out more about what we do at our website, www.oaklandyard.com.

Mission

Oakland Yard Summer Camp strives to create an environment where all children not only thrive and grow as part of a fun, safe, and caring community, but also develop new friendships and memories to last a lifetime.

Vision

We work to maintain a culture where everything we do is **For The Kids**. Children are encouraged to explore and pursue their unique interests through our wide variety of customized programs guided by our dedicated and nurturing staff.

Accreditation

We engage multiple licensing and accreditation agencies, consultants, partners, and vendors in areas ranging from medical and emergency procedures to food service and staff training.

Beginning with the 2017 camp season, Oakland Yard Summer Adventure Camps are accredited with the American Camp Association. This is a 2-year minimum process which evaluates programs, facilities, staffing and more against nearly 290 different standards. Visit the American Camp Association website at acacamps.org.

Investment in Kids

Everything we do is for the kids. And everything we do is intentional. Our full day experience is really like three camps in one. If your child attends Breakfast Club, Morning Camp and Camp FreeStyle, they will get to benefit from all three of them. We've purposefully designed every aspect of camp – our camp activities, our staff training, our curriculum, etc. – to accommodate the varying needs of different aged kids. All of these considerations create a customized experience for each OYA camper.

Staff

We hire counselors to work with particular groups of children, which means they have specific training to meet the behavioral, developmental, and activity needs of each age group. Our counselors' sole purpose is to build relationships with kids, encourage them, and provide support. Counselors emphasize the importance of teamwork, safety, and respect, and build a strong culture of inclusion throughout the week. To accomplish these goals effectively, they are on duty and with their camp groups the entire time they are on camp.

Our counselor to camper ratios:

- One counselor for every six campers aged 5 or less
- One counselor for every eight campers aged 6-8.
- One counselor for every ten campers ages 9 and up.

Including all other activity, support, and full-time staff, our overall staff to camper ratio is at least one staff member for every seven kids. We schedule to keep these ratios constant throughout the day, and they are aligned with the American Camp Association recommendation. In part because of our program design and our low ratios, our counselors get to know each child individually. You'll see these strong relationships in action when you pick up your child from camp and drop them back off in the morning.

Structure

The keys to our programs are small groups and relationships. Each of our programs has a set maximum to allow for the counselors to give each camper the attention they need. In addition, we utilize our Counselors-In-Training (CITs) to help provide additional support in our camp groups. Many of our camps are repeated for different age levels in order to design each week appropriately for the campers. We know that what works with 9-10 year old campers doesn't always work with 5-6 year old campers, so we set them up accordingly.

Inclusion

Oakland Yard Summer Camps are an inclusive experience. While your child is at camp, we make sure they are given individual attention and included in as many activities as they want. Our intention is to meet the needs and challenges of every camper that comes to camp, whether it's physical, behavioral, dietary, allergies, or medical. If your child has special needs, please detail them when prompted during registration.

Please note that we are not a “special needs” facility, however, we will be happy to work with you and do our best to accommodate each camper's needs to the best of our ability. Please call our office for more information. 248-673-0100

Safety

Equipment and Activity Safety

Each activity area during the summer has a trained leadership staff member (or two) who is responsible for a specific activity area. This is almost always an experienced staff member has the responsibility to oversee the staff and equipment in their area. They are directly observing staff in their interaction with campers, their proficiency in running their activities and conducting debriefs, keeping track of equipment use and pulling any worn equipment from service, and conducting in-services with their staff in all areas where they see more education would benefit. The leadership staff, along with the camp director and assistant director, works together as a team for support and problem solving. (Read more on page 15.)

In addition to our leadership staff, safety checks on camp include:

- Trained staff inspect all elements and equipment, including ropes, slip-n-slide, skate ramps, boards, etc., each time prior to use.
- All buildings are swept frequently for potential safety and security issues.

Personal Safety

In order to protect children, our policy prohibits any staff person to be alone in a private location with a camper. If a camper needs to use the bathroom, for example, a staff will never do this alone with one camper — they will use the buddy system or get another staff person to go along with them. If a one-on-one conversation is necessary between a staff member and a camper, it will always be in view of other people.

We come alongside parents and help educate them on how to keep their children safe when they're away from their care. The American Camp Association (ACA) created the “No Touch Zone” Policy and it has become part of our staff safety and training manuals. We believe that parents who introduce their children to the “No Touch Zone” are teaching a substantial, new system of self-protection. We hope

you find it as vital as we do. Read more about this policy and other information from the ACA at <http://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/articles/child-sexual-abuse-prevention-critical-role-parents>.

Behavior Management

We enforce a no tolerance policy at camp. All counselors are trained in our behavior management and anti-bullying policy. If a behavior does arise that causes a disturbance: the child is removed from the situation, there is a very caring conversation about a change in behavior. We partner with the camper to come up with a solution that works for everyone, grace is given, and consequences are enforced, if necessary. At no point will corporal punishment be allowed. If there is no change in the camper's behavior, the Camp Director will call the child's parent/guardian and discuss the options.

Passports

Camper Passports are designed as a security measure for checking campers in and out daily; it will also serve as a fun way for your children to keep track of all of the camps they attend at Oakland Yard each summer. Your campers will need to bring their passport everyday. If you have only received the stickers and have no book to put them in please contact us. Your child's counselor will collect the passport as a quick way to take attendance each day. Our counselors will hold onto the passport until day's end, when you will need to check out with the counselor to retrieve your child and their passport. Please note: this requires you to park your car and come in to our facility to drop your child off with their counselor and pick them up. We understand people are in a hurry but this is for the safety of your child! Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this matter.

If you registered at least 1 week prior to camp, your camper's welcome packet will arrive in the mail. In it, please find the passport. Please make sure all the information is correct; attach a current photo of your child in the space provided. Let us know of any corrections to be made.

You or your authorized drivers will be asked to provide photo identification every day in order to take any campers off the premises. We also will not release any campers to any individuals NOT listed in the passport as a parent or authorized driver.

Hang onto the passport; they can be used year after year! Replacement of a lost passport is \$10. Handmade passports will not be accepted. Passports are required for each individual camper.

RETURNING CAMPERS - If you have your passport from last year, enclosed in your welcome packet will be a "sticker"; again please check the information and let us know if it is incorrect. If correct, simply remove the adhesive backing and insert the tip-in onto the matching page already inside the passport.

Grounds Security

At Oakland Yard, during our summer camp programs, we employ a personnel name badge requirement to protect the campers, staff, and property. The entryways are gated and kept closed during the camp day. Any adults who are not staff members will be required to identify themselves and wear a visitor badge while on site.

Camper Health

Counselors are trained to make sure your child is eating enough, staying hydrated, and applying sunscreen. We maintain a large stock of sunscreen for all campers, with a minimum SPF of 30. If your child requires a specific sunscreen, we ask that you send it with your child, ensuring that they have enough to apply every morning and again after lunch. Monday morning, all campers will be provided with an OYA camp water bottle to keep! We provide water coolers at the outdoor activities so they can refill them as needed.

Dietary Needs

Our kitchen is familiar with special diets and food allergies. If your child has specific food needs for any reason, please let us know and we will make proper arrangements for your child.

PEANUT-FREE ZONE

We are a nut and peanut free zone. Camp lunches, ice cream, all candies and snacks are peanut free. Please do not send any kind of nut butters (this includes peanut, almond, cashew, etc.) with your camper to camp.

Bathroom Accidents

We want you to be aware that your camper will be expected to be fully potty trained when they arrive at camp. It is our policy that the campers will not be wearing pull-ups or diapers at camp. We understand that occasionally accidents do happen, and we will deal with that as it arises. However, if a child does have an accident we will call you to let you know. If it happens a second time during the week, we will speak to you about options for how to proceed. If it is determined that your child is not yet ready for camp, we will refund the rest of the registered days. We hope you understand our procedure and we're happy to answer any questions you might have!

Medical Care

We employ a Health Officer and require all of our camp counselors to be certified in First Aid & CPR and be trained to use an AED (Automatic Emergency Defibrillator). Our staff responds to emergencies, distribute medications, and provide basic first aid care for our campers. In situations that require additional medical care, we rely on our local EMTs.

If your child requires medications, they need to be turned in to the main office **in the original container** during check in. Counselors will be given a list of campers' medications and the time they need to take it. During the camp week, campers will go with their counselor to the office to get their medication at the designated time. Counselors will carry epi-pens and inhalers that are required to be with campers at all times. Be sure all medications are labeled with the camper's name: "Last, First."

We contact Parents with infirmity issues when:

- Any illness or injury requires an emergency 911 call
- Any illness or injury requires a physician's attention
- A camper is in the infirmary more than 1 hour
- A camper is in the infirmary for same complaint more than twice
- Camper gets a major scrape, bruise, or other injury requiring additional attention
- Fever is suspected
- Camper has had an exposure to a contagious disease, bug, or parasite
- Camper has had any sort of head collision or bump

For things such as minor scrapes and bumps, parents will be notified at pick-up.

Rain Day Policy

In the event of rain, Oakland Yard campers will participate in an indoor field day with all of the campers from all camps inside the dome. Although campers will be welcome to stay for the day when it rains, they may be asked to participate in activities other than the camp for which they have registered. There will be a variety of activities offered throughout the morning such as capture the flag, kick ball, soccer, and Arts & Crafts to name a few.

Please be assured that we will never turn your child away on a rain day. We just ask that you are aware that your child's day may not revolve around the activities for which they have been enrolled. That is, if they have been enrolled for golf for the week, they will not be golfing on the rain day. Camps that generally do go about their business on rain days are Sports & Games, Art, Soccer, Hip Hop, Lego, Magic, Cheerleading and some others.

There will be no makeup days offered if a rain day should occur, except where noted.

In Case of Emergency

A manual siren system on camp allows instant communication to all campers and staff in the event of an emergency. Staff monitor weather radar when conditions might be threatening and we move staff and campers to severe weather shelters when there is an immediate threat of severe weather.

All staff is trained in our Emergency Action Plan, which covers scenarios like severe weather, fire, medical emergency, intruder on camp, and missing camper. The focus is on accounting for and protecting campers in these situations.

We have a health officer and all counselors are trained to respond to emergencies on camp. For emergencies that require additional assistance, local EMS respond when needed, arriving in an average time of under 5 minutes.

Emergency phone calls will be received at the camp office.
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Staff Hiring and Screening

We are always on the lookout for the best staff we can get! We strive to find staff members that are intelligent, enthusiastic and caring so that you always can be confident that your children are in great hands. Each staff member has been personally interviewed, reference checked and background checked before they ever set foot on camp. Before camp kickoff, they receive 3 – 4 sessions of job specific training.

Staff Search

We recognize that our staff is the most important part of the equation when it comes to a safe, successful camp. The hiring of our summer staff is not left to part-time employees or volunteers – we have our best people, the summer camp directors, personally building their teams. They are seasoned, having done hundreds of full interviews with applicants; they know what to look for, the right questions to ask, and how to select top performers.

Our directors never stop staffing summer camp. It is always at the forefront of their mind, and staffing the next summer begins before summer is finished. They network with schools and colleges, community organizations, ministries, and churches to find the highest quality young adults to work in the summer.

In addition to searching for the best new staff, we identify and invite back our top performers every summer. We choose those who align with the mission and core values of Oakland Yard, who effectively engage children and teens, and who did an outstanding job providing safe and fun summer camp experiences. After they have experienced a summer on staff, they share stories with friends and family about their experience. We use these word of mouth referrals to also help us find new staff.

Staff Compensation

While many camps and organizations use volunteers to staff their events, we've found that paying our staff helps provide consistent, high quality experiences for campers regardless of which week they choose to come. The best staff is in high demand as competent workers, and the reality is they need to make money in the summer. We pay our staff to make sure we attract and retain the best young adults in the workforce for summer positions.

Hiring Procedures and Processes

We have more than 100 candidates begin our application process. About 50 go on to have an in-depth interview with our summer camp directors. These interviews cover how to build relationships with kids, experience working with kids, problem solving skills, and overall competencies for the job. Interviews also try to determine the best position for this person at camp.

Along with our returning staff, we hire enough new people each year to fill out our team with approximately 50 staff members.

Once hired, every staff will undergo background checks through the Michigan State Police. We also require a minimum of three, positive, non-family member references.

For the returning staff, we repeat background checks annually.

All staff are also required to pass a drug test in order to uphold our zero tolerance policy.

Staff Training

All Staff Training

All of our staff goes through the same base training, where they learn camper care, safety protocols, child protection, conflict management, customer service, and first aid awareness.

- **Camper Care** Focuses on camper behavior management: how to deal with bullying, how to help with homesickness, making sure that every camper gets individual attention. Staff is taught to recognize that every camper learns differently and has his or her own set of needs. Counselors are trained to identify where each child is and will meet them where they are at while challenging them to grow. To be successful, they are also trained in the developmental needs of specific age groups—how you interact with 1st–3rd graders versus 4th–6th graders.
- **Safety Protocols** Trains on our Emergency Action Plan, which covers scenarios like severe weather, fire, medical emergency, intruder on camp, and a lost camper.
- **Child Protections** Focuses on two aspects of child protection, prevention and how to report suspected abuse. Prevention of abuse on camp includes what is and is not appropriate: awareness of the No Touch Zone, must give privacy when campers are changing, can never withhold food, etc.
- **Conflict Management** Covers conflict management, both with fellow staff and to help campers work through.
- **Customer Service** Teaches staff how to address and greet kids and parents.
- **First Aid Awareness** Addresses typical camp ailments and how to deal with them, including things like bee stings, stomachaches, and how to respond to bathroom accidents in a discreet way. This also teaches how to work with the office/desk staff to get campers medications on time.

Additionally, all staff spend time getting to know the Oakland Yard culture: who we are, why we do what we do, what they're expected to do in their small groups, how to connect with their campers in an appropriate way, and how to remain sensitive to many different situations, without compromising our mission and beliefs.

Leadership Staff Training

Summer leadership staff members oversee specific areas, activities, or have specialized functions at camp. Their main job is to oversee counselors, support, and activity staff, ensuring that those staff members have all the resources they need to deliver an exceptional experience for all their campers. Their additional responsibilities require additional training, which we call leadership staff training.

During this time we cover topics like:

- Leadership practices
- How to Effectively Implement Curriculum and Program
- How to coach and provide feedback for counselors
- Training in their specific roles

Leadership Staff include Assistant Director, Breakfast Club Supervisor, FreeStyle Supervisor, Office Manager, Kitchen Supervisor, Camp Health Officer Activity Leads, and other support leads. They will be available when you drop your camper off and are great resources if you need to get additional information about your camper to someone in leadership.

Registration Info

Payment Options

Oakland Yard accepts cash, check, credit card, or trade exchange (TradeFirst and MetroTrade are the trade groups we work with). Please note that no registration is complete/confirmed until payment is submitted. Orders totaling \$1000 or more may opt into a 2-installment payment plan for a fee of \$10 with the first payment. Orders totaling \$1500 or more may opt into a 3-installment payment for a fee of \$15 with the first payment. Any orders not on a payment plan need to be paid in full prior to the first day of camp.

Canceled Check Policy: There will be a \$25 fee for all returned checks.

Cancellation Policy

Camps: Oakland Yard Athletics will refund 90% of the registration fee if requested 7 days prior to the start of the camp. If a refund is requested within 7 days of the start of the camp the refund will amount to 75% of the registration fee. Refunds will not be given once a camp has started. Prorated refunds will be granted upon receipt of a doctor's note only, once a camp has started. Oakland Yard offers 100% refunds for any programs we cancel. There are no deductions from the camp for missed camp days.

Breakfast Club and Camp FreeStyle: Breakfast Club and Camp FreeStyle are discounted for weeklong purchases. Discounts are adjusted prior to any refunds so canceling 1 day of Breakfast Club results in no refund. Canceling a 2nd day of Breakfast Club results in a \$10 refund. Likewise, canceling 1 day of Camp FreeStyle results in no refund. Canceling a 2nd day of Camp FreeStyle results in a \$20 refund.

Note that only office managers can process refunds. Front desk staff will accept requests only.

Please allow up to three weeks for a refund to be processed.

Changing Weeks or Camps

All order changes must go through the camp director. You may pick up a request form at the front desk or email campdirector@oaklandyard.com. Please include camper name, order number, new request of changes and how we may contact you. Changes will be made based on availability of camps. There is a \$10 administrative fee for each camp change request. All refund policies still apply. Please allow three weeks for any refund to be processed.

Waitlist Procedure

When any of the camps reach their capacity, we will create a waitlist. This list is ordered by the date that each child was registered. You will be contacted if a spot becomes available. If there are no remaining spots for that camp, we encourage you to look at the other camps that are offered.

Sibling Discount

In order to get a sibling discount, each camper must register for a campership. The campership program includes discounted camp rates, as well as a few cool extras.

Camp Membership

If you have registered for a Camp Membership, this will include an Oakland Yard Summer Camp bag, 4 free visits to our golf dome, snack credits for each day your child attends camp, and an additional 50 OYA Bucks. Don't forget that the other benefit of our Campership membership is a \$10 - \$45 discount on all of the camps your children attend.

A new, first time campership is \$65, and additional campers in the same household are discounted to \$45. Camperships being renewed the previous year cost \$55, and additional campers in the same household are \$35.

Scholarships

Oakland Yard grants over \$12,000 worth of summer camp scholarships each year. That's 90-100 kids per summer! These scholarships are distributed through elementary schools in Waterford, Huron Valley, and Clarkston districts, as well some additional community outreach organizations. For more information, or to bring these scholarship opportunities into an additional school or district, please contact us at campdirector@oaklandyard.com.

Preparing for Camp

Before the First Day

- Upload a photo to your camper profile online.
- Complete your camper's passport by adding a current photo, and making any additional notes that might be needed.
- We require that any camper balance be paid in full, unless you have elected the payment plan option.

What to Bring to Camp

- A complete change of clothes – in case we get wet!
- Your OYA Camp water bottle (or any other water bottle)
- Your OYA Bucks
- Sneakers
- Beach towel
- Swimsuit – this is best worn under the clothing and campers can change out of the wet suit after they are done on the slip-n-slide.
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen (if your child requires a specific type)
- A sweatshirt or hoodie (if temperatures could be low)
- Any required medications. Remember these must be in ORIGINAL packaging and must be checked in at the desk upon arrival.
- Program Specific Items – see the camp description on our website, www.oaklandyard.com for specific items. For example, if registered for skateboard camp, your child will need to bring his/her own skateboard, helmet, and any other protective gear needed.

What NOT to Bring to Camp

- Valuables
- Non-prescription or over the counter medications
- Spending money (we don't sell anything here!)
- Gaming devices, tablets, iPods, or other MP3 players, Radios, Cell phones or pagers.
- Pokemon Cards (or other collectible trading cards)

What to Wear to Camp

- Sunblock!
- Comfortable clothing that is weather appropriate for each day.
- Clothes that can get dirty! Especially if your child is involved in a creative camp.
- Sneakers (many activities at camp are difficult to do in sandals/flip-flops)
- A smile! ☺

Lost & Found

Please put your child's name/telephone number on anything your child brings to camp. That will allow us to call you if we find something. Lost & found is located inside. All unclaimed lost and found items will be donated to charity at the end of the summer.

Checking In and Out

Check-In

The daily check in is on our basketball courts. (If it's raining outside we will do this inside the dome.) There will be staff posted to help you find the counselor and camp group your child is registered for. You will need to give the passport to the counselor at the time. If your child requires any medication, it should be noted in the passport with instructions, and you will need to drop off the medication in the camp office. After you drop off your camper with their counselor, you are free to leave.

Check Out

You will need to bring a photo I.D. with you to check your camper out EVERY SINGLE DAY. Staff is REQUIRED to ask to see ID and compare it to the passport every day, even if they recognize you and know your name.

If you anticipate that anyone other than the parents listed on the passport will be picking up your child, they will need to be added to your child's camp profile online, and appear on the passport.

Please note that Oakland Yard staff will be strictly forbidden from releasing any child to anyone who is not registered as an authorized pick up person.

Life at Camp

Breakfast Club

Children can be dropped off at Oakland Yard for breakfast as early as 7:30am (Please no drop offs before 7:30). Breakfast is served at 8:00am and campers will have their choice of bagels, cereal, muffins, yogurt, hot breakfast, fresh fruit daily, juice, and milk.

In addition to having breakfast, campers can enjoy a game of kickball, relax, color or draw, play board games, or just talk with the staff.

Breakfast is served until 8:45am Monday through Friday.

Cost: \$39 per week, or \$10 daily. Sign-up the morning of or in advance.

Slip-N-Slide

From our youngest campers to oldest counselors, our slip-n-slide is always a favorite. Every child enrolled in a camp at Oakland Yard will get the chance to play on our gigantic slide.

Completely resurfaced in 2014 and measuring 200 feet long and 20 feet wide, our amazing slide is even a hit with our counselors! Everybody that wants to cool off will get plenty of opportunities at a run down the slide this summer.

Campers should bring a towel and bathing suit to camp each day if they would like to use the slip-n-slide. **To speed the transition, we recommend that campers wear a swimsuit underneath their clothes so they do not need to change before getting on the slide.**

Mail Call

Here is your chance to surprise your child with a letter from home while they are here at camp. Every Thursday, during Joke/Story/Game Time (JSGT), our camp counselors will have "mail call" for all those that have mail in our mailbag. You may either deliver a letter, postcard, pictures, or care package. Simply drop it in our green "Mail Call" mailbox located by our front door. Please address the envelope as follows:

Oakland Yard Summer Camps, C/O Camper Cutie Patootie, "MAIL CALL"

Friday Show

Each week on Friday at 11:00am, our different performance camps produce fun and entertaining shows for all to watch. Take a look at the camp descriptions to see if your child will be involved in the show. All campers attend the show each week and we welcome all families who would like to attend the show as well!

Electronics Policy

We do not allow campers to bring electronic games, iPods, cell phones or tablets to camp. These devices are disturbing to the camp counselors and other campers.

If your camper needs to bring a phone to keep in touch with you, please explain to him or her that we will keep it in the office, you'll need to let the Front Desk or the Camp Director know that your child will be calling you. We ask that all electronics be labeled and left at the front desk so they do not get damaged or lost and do not disrupt camp. Parents/Campers can retrieve them at the end of the day from the desk/office. Oakland Yard is not responsible for any lost or damaged electronics.

We believe that children come to OYA to experience camp without the electronic world to interrupt them. Even our staff is asked not to use their phones unless needed for an emergency.

Camp FreeStyle

Your camper will love this afternoon camp as much as our morning camps! We offer a range of activities for kids 3-12 years of age. Camp FreeStyle starts after our morning camp session concludes and runs from 12:30pm to 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

Most of the morning camp population stays each week to participate in afternoon camp activities. Directly after morning camp we serve a healthy unlimited lunch buffet on the patio for those kids enrolled in both a morning and afternoon camp program. Kids enjoy a well-rounded lunch with cold drinks; the morning camp staff members attend to their own group of kids during lunch. Our daily menu rotates.

After lunch is finished up and our afternoon-only campers arrive, Camp FreeStyle starts with our afternoon camp kick-off meeting at 12:30pm to go over the planned activities. We open up several activity stations each day, and rotate them throughout the week. Campers are encouraged to try all activities each afternoon. You can check the Activity Board each day to see a list of choices.

Our slip-n-slide will be open and attended by a staff member throughout the afternoon for cool-down rides anytime.

Snacks

There is an option to pre-purchase snack credits. This can be done when you register for camp, or through our front desk any day of the week. In the camper passport, we will activate one box for every credit you wish to pre-purchase. After morning camp concludes at 12:00, whether going home or staying for Camp FreeStyle in the afternoon, they can use these pre-paid credits to get a healthy snack, candy, or ice cream. This will ensure they have an opportunity to have these items and reassure you that they won't lose their money. Each credit costs \$1.50. Kids enrolled in Camp FreeStyle will be given 2 snack times as part of the afternoon plans, so no need to purchase credits for the afternoon. During FreeStyle,

campers will be limited to choosing candy or ice cream for a snack 2 times during the week. The remaining days, they must choose a healthy option.

Lunch

Not every morning camp includes lunch, so be sure to check your child's camp description to see whether lunch is included. If you register for a camp and want to add lunch without staying all afternoon, we can do that too. Lunch is from 12:00 to 12:30 and the cost is only \$5 per day. Add the whole week for \$20. Lunches always include a main entree, fruit, veggies, and a drink.

Typical Day at Camp

7:30 – 8:30am	Arrival and breakfast for those campers in Breakfast Club.
8:45 – 9:00am	Arrival & Welcome
9:00 – 9:20am	Morning Camp Kick-Off Meeting with daily information.
9:20 – 11:00am	Camp Activities - all campers will be with their small camp group
10:30am	JSGT - Tue Camp Shenanigans – Wed JSGT & Mail Call – Thurs
11:00 – 11:30am	Little Kid camps slip-n-slide, sand time, or ropes course
11:30 – 12:00pm	Little Kid camps – Lunch Big Kid camps - wrapping up activities and slip-n-slide, sand, or ropes course
12:00 pm	Camper pick up – on the basketball court, or if staying for FreeStyle, head to lunch.
12:30 – 12:45pm	FreeStyle Kick-Off Meeting with daily information.
12:45 – 5:00pm	Campers choose from a variety of activities, announced daily at the meeting.
2:00pm	Snack Time
2:30pm	Large Group game
3:00pm	Book Nook – kids can choose to sit and listen to a story being read aloud. We try to complete a book each week, and do our best to choose children's literary classics.
4:00pm	Snack Time
5:00pm	Camper pick up

Parent Testimonials

"Thank you for making it a great summer for Cameron! He loved it like he did last year and he is already telling me which camps next year will bring! Thanks again for keeping him safe!"

"I wanted to share how great your camp experience was for us. The organization of the many campers, security measures, great staff and overall quality was impressive. Thank you for all the hard work that I know goes into achieving this! We look forward to coming back!!"

"Thank you so much! My boys just love it at Oakland yard! You guys do such an amazing job! I always tell other parents how fantastic it is! Thanks again!"

"Thanks again for letting Charlee come to camps!! She truly enjoyed herself each day and never wanted to leave."

"My son has been coming to OYA every summer since he was 4! He is 12 now! And he still loves it!"

"If you are looking for an awesome place for the summertime, this is it!!! Tons of things to do, and they definitely have the market cornered on polite, pleasant, fun counselors & coaches!!!"

"I have been going with my boys for the past three years and I just love Oakland Yard Athletics the staff and activities there are the best. My kids love it there. They're so good to me I can't say enough good things about that place. Thank you for taking care of my boys."

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