What can you tell me about this program?

Summer Day Camps at the Y are all about discovery. Children have the opportunity to explore nature, find new talents, try new activities, gain independence, and make lasting friendships and memories. And, of course, it's fun too. We do more for our youth than just baby-sit. At our camps, children learn to develop a good relationship with their counselors, have fun, and make friends. In short, we create an enriching experience that a child will remember for a lifetime. We teach children to learn and to think, to develop and maintain physical fitness, to develop faith for daily living, and to interact with others in a healthy manner. In addition, everyone in our camp exemplifies good character. We define good character as showing caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility in everything that we say and do.

Where is the camp located?

Our camp is located at Amity Community Park on Weavertown Road in Douglassville. In the event of extreme heat, rain or other unfavorable weather, we will utilize the middle school.

What are the hours?

Day Camp is open Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm. We ask all parents to drop their child off at camp before 9:00am and pick up after 3:00pm, if possible. Our scheduled activities occur during these times and we would not want your child to miss out on the fun! We do not offer half-day programs.

What should my child bring to camp?

Every day your camper should bring a lunch, afternoon snack, water bottle (to refill), change of clothes, sunscreen, swimsuit and towel. We ask that no electronics or personal toys be brought to day camp.

What are the fees for day camp?

We have a three day and five day pricing structure. Three days per week is \$90 and five days per week is \$120. You do NOT have to commit to the entire summer, and may choose and change your schedule week to week. We do NOT charge you for vacation weeks or any other weeks unattended. Your weekly fees include transportation, swimming and field trips.

Who are the staff? What are their qualifications?

Our camp director, Miss Ashley, has been working with youth in both childcare and day camp settings at the YMCA for over 27 years! She has a Masters Degree in Education with a Specialization in Early Childhood Education and a PA childcare director's credential certificate. The other members of our staff team have years of experience with children or are pursuing degrees in education or the human services fields. All of our staff undergo multiple hours of training in CPR & first aid, mandated reporter training, supervision, playground safety, fire safety, food allergens, child development and incident and accident prevention and reporting. All of our staff have the following clearances: PA Criminal Background Check, PA Child Abuse Clearance, FBI Criminal Background Check, and National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR) Clearance.

How do I register?

Please download our day camp handbook and registration packet from our site, www.ymca-berkscounty.org/summer-camp. Complete all of the paperwork in this document and return it in person or by mail to the following address:

Reading YMCA, 631 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601

In order to process your registration, the registration fee must be returned with the registration paperwork.

Questions? Please call 610-378-4732. Thank you!