



# CAMP SLOANE YMCA

*“A Place To Grow”*

## DAY CAMP PARENTS’ HANDBOOK

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## 2010 DATES



### DAY CAMP: Monday-Friday

	DROP-OFF 8:45 AM	PICK-UP 4:45 PM
SESSION	START	END
1	MON JUNE 28	FRI JULY 9
2	MON JULY 12	FRI JULY 23
3	MON JULY 26	FRI AUG 6
4	MON AUG 11	FRI AUG 20

**This booklet contains new and revised information; please read it carefully.** The information in the pages that follow will assist you in preparing for your child's time at camp. It serves also to inform you of Camp Sloane's procedures and practices and to answer many of your questions. Please call or write with specific questions or to discuss unique situations.



#### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

PAUL "BEAR" BRYANT	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ANDREW KEENER	CAMP DIRECTOR
PAT BARTON	OFFICE MANAGER / REGISTRAR
CHRIS WADSWORTH	FACILITIES DIRECTOR
DAVID WRIGHT	CARETAKER

Dear Parents:

The Day Camp at Camp Sloane YMCA provides a structured group experience with an emphasis on the individual camper. Our 270-acre site and varied program offers many opportunities for special experiences, discovery, new skills and new friends. Camper groups are coed, according to age and grade, and each group has a Counselor. There are five activity periods each day, the schedule allows for variety, and each day will be a new adventure! Day camp activities are conducted rain or shine as camp has many enclosed facilities for alternative programming due to inclement weather. Please be sure your child dresses appropriately for the weather.

Camp Sloane is *A Place to Grow* because the experience has a profoundly positive effect socially and emotionally as a result of the new friends and relationships formed, the enhanced sense of independence and accomplishment, and the resulting increased self-esteem. Children have also learned new skills, participated in a wide range of activities, and had fun in the process. Whether this is your camper's first year or if he or she is a veteran Sloane camper, we hope this summer's experience will confirm for you that Camp Sloane is a special place.

The greatest compliment received by Camp Sloane is the referral of new campers by members of the "camp family" who have positive and meaningful experiences with us. This group represents the overwhelming majority of each summer's new campers. Thank you for your trust. We look forward to greeting each of you this summer and having your family be a part of our family!

Sincerely,

**"Bear"**

Paul "Bear" Bryant  
Camp Sloane YMCA

## REGISTRATION, PAYMENT, & FORMS

You should have received an email indicating that your child's place in our Day Camp is reserved. If you did not, please check with the camp office to verify receipt of registration and deposit. As well, please make sure that the email address "registrar@campsloane.org" is on your safe list!

Please note that **fees are to be paid in full by May 1**. For your convenience we accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, and Discover. If you have questions regarding your bill or the payment schedule, call the camp office. Your account may be charged a 1.5% per month interest for late payments.

**Your child will not be admitted on Check-In Day unless full payment has been made and the Health History form has been submitted.**

Every effort will be made to accommodate campers signing up for additional sessions. However, please be sure to check in at the office to confirm availability and to settle your account **prior** to the session. Simply advising the Day Camp Director of your intentions does not complete the registration.

**Please be sure to bring the Health History form with you to your opening day at Day Camp. We can not admit your child unless this form is in our hands, completed and signed, upon your arrival at camp.** ACA (American Camping Association) standards require a new record of physical examination every 2 years. You may also attach any other form used to show immunization history and/or physical exam results to the form provided by us. Please sign the appropriate lines on the form. **Without your signature, we can not treat your child in case of injury or sickness.**

Camp Sloane reserves the right to dismiss a camper for disciplinary reasons or when behaviors negatively impact the experience of others. The camp leadership will be fair in evaluating the behavior, how it impacts our camp community, and the accountability. If asked to pick up your child, please do so as soon as possible.

## **DROP-OFF & PICK-UP**

**DROP-OFF** is Monday through Friday at **8:45 AM**. **PICK-UP** is at **4:45 PM**. If your child is absent for a day please call 435-2557 to inform us of his/her absence. For late arrivals please check-in at the main office and we will take your child to his/her scheduled activity.

- ⇒ Please sign in at drop-off and pick-up time. You must inform the day camp director in writing if anyone other than the parent/guardian will be picking up your camper.
- ⇒ If you find that you are early for drop-off, please wait with your child until our staff are in place.
- ⇒ Please do not be late for pick-up as our staff have other duties and responsibilities in camp.
- ⇒ A safety note: During drop-off and pick-up, please adhere to the Camp's **15 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT**.
- ⇒ **For everyone's safety no dogs are allowed out of the vehicles during drop-off and pick-up!** Please be polite to others and observe this rule.

## **DAILY SCHEDULE DAY CAMP**

8:45 AM	DROP-OFF & FLAG RAISING
9:00-10:30	1ST ACTIVITY PERIOD
10:30-12:00	2ND ACTIVITY PERIOD
12:00-1:30	BREAK FOR LUNCH, OVAL AND SHORT REST
1:30 - 3:00	3RD ACTIVITY PERIOD
3:00-4:30	4TH ACTIVITY PERIOD— INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM
4:45 PM	PICK-UP

## WHAT TO BRING

Day campers should bring a water bottle, bathing suit, towel, and a smile each day to Day Camp! If the weather is cooler, a sweatshirt or light jacket is suggested. If your camper is taking riding lessons, please remember to bring long pants and hard soled shoes with a 1/2" heel. Once the schedule is established it may be more convenient to wear riding clothes to camp and bring shorts or other play clothes.

All articles of clothing worn or brought to Camp must be clearly marked with the camper's name. Every effort will be made to minimize lost & found items and the campers will be encouraged to look after their belongings with the help of our staff. Unclaimed, unmarked clothing is held until the end of the season. These will be given to charity if not claimed.

### VALUABLES

**Campers should not bring valuables to camp.** Radios, walkmans, videos games and trading cards etc. are not needed and are too difficult to keep track of! Camp Sloane is not responsible for any of these items if brought to camp.

### FOOTWEAR

Concern for camper safety, given the trails and terrain at camp, results in our policy that closed-toe footwear and footwear with a back must be the rule, except for times at the pool or lake. **Flip flops are not acceptable or allowed at any time.** In addition, most activity areas require sneakers or hiking boots.

### COOK-OUTS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Parents will receive information at the start of each session indicating the opportunity for campers to stay at camp following the end of a regular program day for a special event or evening program.

## **TYPICAL DAY CAMP ACTIVITIES**

Activities for day campers chosen and scheduled by our staff with the aim of providing a well-rounded camp experience. Campers are divided into groups and are assigned a counselor who accompanies them from activity area to activity area throughout the day. Activity selections change daily and weekly and can include the following:

### **ATHLETICS**

Archery  
Group Games  
Soccer  
Flag football  
Tennis  
Mountain Biking  
Golf

### **SWIMMING**

Lessons  
Waterfront Lake  
Outdoor Pool  
Recreational "Free" Swim

### **ARTS & CRAFTS**

Tie-Dye  
Jewelry Making  
Puppet/Doll Making

### **BOATING**

Kayaking  
Canoeing

### **HORSEBACK RIDING**

English Style lessons  
for Day Campers  
age 7 and older who have pre-  
registered and paid for them.

### **NATURE**

Fishing  
Animal Care  
Hiking

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Camp Songs  
Optional Overnight with Cook-Out and  
Camp Fire  
Camp Performances

### **PERFORMING ARTS**

Skits  
Dance  
Camp Songs

## **HORSEBACK RIDING**

English riding lessons are available to day campers **age 7 and older**. Riding lessons are scheduled during a regular activity period, Monday through Friday. Please note that as riding is not subscribed by the whole day camp, your camper will miss activities scheduled during their riding period for the rest of the group.

Riding must be pre-registered for each session either on the registration form or by a visit to the office. Spaces are limited. We will try to accommodate campers signing up for additional weeks of riding. However, this must be done at the office as spaces for day campers are limited.

We ask that parents not stay for the riding lessons as it can be a distraction for both the instructor and rider.

All campers participating in our riding program must wear long pants and shoes or boots with a 1/2"-1" heel. Riding helmets must be worn and will be provided for those who do not bring one. Campers arriving for their lesson without the proper attire will not be allowed to participate and a make-up ride will not be scheduled. There will be no exceptions. Missed lessons due to inclement weather will be re-scheduled when possible.

## **CANTEEN, SPENDING MONEY & REFUNDS**

We suggest that you open a "canteen," or store account for your child prior to the camping session. The camp store sells T-shirts and other clothing, sundries, snacks, beverages and Camp Sloane memorabilia.

Day campers may visit the store following lunch. Purchases will be supervised but you should contact the Day Camp supervisor with any spending or food concerns you may have.

The purchase of clothing and larger items is encouraged on the last day of the session when the parents are invited to camp.

Store statements will be mailed to you following the close of your session. **AN IMMEDIATE REFUND OF CREDIT IS NOT AVAILABLE.** Please return the statement indicating your choices or mail in a check to cover any overage.

## DAY CAMP STAFF

Our staff is the key ingredient that makes Camp Sloane such a special place. They are caring, dedicated, mature and enthusiastic men and women selected from colleges and universities nationwide and worldwide.

All waterfront staff are CPR-certified. A trained Lifeguard is always on duty during swimming times. All staff participate in at least one week of intensive training involving safety, counseling, teaching and camp procedures prior to the start of camp.

## NURSING STAFF & MEDICAL SERVICES

Camp Sloane maintains a Health Lodge staffed by Nurses. Please be sure that you have answered all of the questions on our Medical Form. Special instructions and concerns should be communicated to our Nurses in the Health Lodge after drop-off.

All medications, including prescriptions, over-the-counter medications and vitamins must be left with the nurses to dispense, with the exception if inhalers and, in some instances an epi-pen. All prescriptions left with the nurses must be in the original container, be clearly labeled and be accompanied by written instructions from your physician. Please be sure to pick up your meds from the nurse on check out day. ***We cannot send them in the mail.***

In cases of illness or injury, the camp will call the person indicated on the medical form as parent/guardian. Please be sure that there is an alternate contact person on your registration and medical forms. It is also important that you keep the camp informed of all changes in address or telephone numbers.

Parents are asked to pick up their children right away if asked by the nurse.

In an emergency situation requiring an ambulance the camper will be transported to Sharon Hospital. A copy of your insurance card will be kept on file for emergency situations.

## DRIVING TO CAMP SLOANE

### FROM ROUTE 44 TRAVELING WEST:

Drive through Lakeville Center and continue on Route 44 under blinking light. Drive 1.1 miles and turn left onto Indian Mountain Road. At intersection of Indian Mountain Road & Route 112, go straight, continuing on Indian Mountain. Camp entrance is 1/4 mile on left.

### FROM ROUTE 44 TRAVELING EAST:

Drive through Millerton Center, NY. Cross State line into Connecticut. Turn right onto Route 112. At intersection of Indian Mountain Road & Route 112, turn right onto Indian Mountain Road. Camp entrance 1/4 mile on left.

### FROM ROUTE 7 TRAVELING NORTH:

Turn left onto Route 112 at Falls Village, CT. Straight through intersection of Routes 112 & 41. At intersection of Route 112 & Indian Mountain Road, turn left onto Indian Mountain Road. Camp entrance 1/4 mile on left.

### FROM ROUTE 41 TRAVELING NORTH:

At intersection of Routes 41 & 112 (at Hotchkiss School), turn left onto Route 112. At next intersection of Route 112 & Indian Mountain Road, turn left onto Indian Mountain Road. Camp entrance 1/4 mile on left.

## REFUNDS & CANCELLATIONS

**Note that all cancellations need to be in writing and mailed to the camp office.** Please call the office if our refund policies are not clear.

### ▪ **DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER MAY 1ST.**

▪ REFUND OF PAYMENT, LESS THE DEPOSIT, WILL BE GIVEN UP TO JUNE 1. Refunds will only be given for cancellations made after June 1st for documented medical reasons.

● NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN FOR WITHDRAWAL OR DISMISSAL FROM CAMP AFTER THE START OF THE SESSION.

▪ REFUNDS FOR CANCELED OR PARTIALLY USED RIDING LESSONS WILL NOT BE MADE unless for documented medical reasons. No refund will be given for failure to come with proper attire, or lack of interest.

▪ CREDIT OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE APPLIED TOWARD FUTURE CAMPING SESSIONS AFTER THE END OF THE CURRENT CAMPING SEASON.

**Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions regarding these policies. We will be happy to assist you!**



**OUR MISSION:** *Camp Sloane YMCA puts Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that develop healthy spirit, mind and body for all.*

◆ **Family Camp**  
**Labor Day Weekend**

Inquire at the Camp Sloane office, by phone or by email.

