

SUMMER 2022



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YMCA CAMP PIOMINGO | Summer Overnight Camp **2022 PARENT INFORMATION PACKET**

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2022 OVERNIGHT DATES

1 WEEK PROGRAMS

Week 1: June 12 – 18

Week 2: June 19 – 25

Week 3: June 26 – July 2*

Week 4: July 3 – 9

Week 5: July 10 – 16

Week 6: July 17 – 23

Week 7: July 24 – 30

Week 8: July 31 – August 6

2 WEEK PROGRAMS

Session 1: June 12 – 25

Session 2: June 26 – July 9

Session 3: July 10 – 23

Session 4: July 24 – Aug. 6

2022 COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM

Session 1: June 12 – July 2

Session 2: July 3 – 23

*Trailblazer trip
offered week 3



Campers learn the YMCA's core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.

Here at camp, we add on a fifth core value of faith, referring to faith in yourself and others.



WELCOME TO YMCA CAMP PIOMINGO!

As always let me be the first to share how excited we are that your family has chosen to join us this summer for our 2022 camp season! Here at YMCA Camp Piomingo we are deeply rooted in traditions, our rustic-style cabin life, and creating a magical camp experience for all campers and families.

We certainly hope throughout your camper's stay with us they will learn to step outside of their comfort zones, tap into their creativity, seek independence, and, most importantly, model our core values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, and faith.

We understand the difficulties over the past two years the pandemic has had on our guests, campers, and staff and we are forever grateful that families feel they can safely return to camp to reconnect with friends, family, and nature.

Our amazing staff is here to make everyone feel right at home, which is exactly what Piomingo will become for so many, if it is not already. Summer overnight camp is something all children should experience and we thank you again for allowing us at YMCA Camp Piomingo to be the ones to provide this experience for your camper.

As you join us this summer and take the initial drive through the cedar trees in Otter Creek, we hope you feel the warmth and welcome from our home to yours! We look forward to meeting or reconnecting with so many of our families and campers – if you should ever need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Noonway,

Bridget Anderson
Executive Director





MORE THAN 80% OF OUR SUMMER STAFF WERE CAMPERS AT YMCA CAMP PIOMINGO.

Summer staff is recruited from past campers and staff, local and national colleges and universities and staff contacts. Our staff range in age from 17 to 24 years old and must complete an application and interview. All staff must pass a criminal record check and drug screening. YMCA Camp Piomingo staff receive First Aid/CPR, Child Protection, Lifeguard, and ropes certification during a mandatory week-long training. During this week, staff also learn and practice safety, risk-management, social and skill development, and community building. Staff to camper ratio is usually 1:4.



YEAR-ROUND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Bridget Anderson
Executive Director

Molly Staley – Senior
Program Director

Alex Carpenter
Program Director

Bethany Bault – Office
Manager/Registrar

Kenny Hildebrand
Facilities Director

SUMMER STAFF STRUCTURE

Executive Director

Senior Program Director

Unit Leaders

Support Staff

Cabin Counselors

ABOUT YMCA CAMP PIOMINGO



YMCA OF GREATER LOUISVILLE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the YMCA of Greater Louisville is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. The YMCA is about...

Youth Development – Children need caring adults to provide support, guidance, and encouragement as they grow. All children deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve.

Healthy Living – Wellness in spirit, mind, and body strengthens our very being and enhances our interactions with others.

Social Responsibility – We truly are in this together and together we can harness our individual strengths and bring about positive change around us. The Y is dedicated to building healthy, confident, secure, and connected children, families, and communities.

YMCA CAMP PIOMINGO PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Since 1938, YMCA Camp Piomingo has been providing inspiring, engaging and educational co-ed camp programs for children ages 6-16. Camp uses a variety of activities to instill core values and life lessons in our future leaders. Through these activities, campers learn the YMCA's core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. We added a fifth core value of faith—faith in yourself and others. Camp also enables growth in character, confidence, and courage. Leadership development is also a core component of camp, designed to prepare teens for future counselor positions. All planning and preparation for summer 2022 is focused on what we learned and how we were successful in maintaining health and safety during the summer of 2021.

AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION (ACA) ACCREDITED

ACA Accreditation means we follow the health, safety, and program standards put in place by the American Camp Association. ACA collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, The American Red Cross, and other youth service agencies to assure that camp practices reflect up-to-date research-based standards in camp operation.



PREPARING FOR CAMP

HOMESICKNESS

Homesickness at overnight camp is common and can be challenging for first-time and even experienced campers. Counselors will work individually with campers to work through their homesickness.

The most common time for homesickness is right before bed or during rest hour. Counselors will call home if the homesickness is at a point where staff need additional support. We rarely have campers call home or talk to their parents on the phone because it typically makes the homesickness worse. Each camper's homesickness is unique and the counselors are trained to help each camper make an independent plan for a successful and fun week. If it appears that the camper is not adjusting well to camp, the Program Director may determine to have the camper return home after discussions with the parents.

Please know if a camper is picked up due to homesickness a refund will be at the discretion of the camp administrative team. Often times camp and families will work together to send the camper to a week later in the camp season, or credit money to upcoming summer season.

CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS

A deposit is required with all registrations and is non-refundable. The final balance is due by June 1st. Cancellation for ANY session must be made at least two weeks before that session begins. All cancellations must be made in writing by calling the office at 502.942.2616 or emailing piomingo@ymcacamppiomingo.org.

CAMPER PAPERWORK

The following must be completed and submitted before your camper's arrival. Forms need to be completed online or over the phone with a Piomingo staff member.

Registration – All campers should be registered via Camp Brain, our online registration system, or by calling the camp office.

Camper Forms – Can be found by logging into your Camp Brain account and include: t-shirt size form, camper information form (where you can list a cabin mate request), policy & procedure form, and medical form.

Final Payments – All final camp fees are due by June 1. If a family registers for camp after June 1, payment in-full will be due at time of registration.



Camp staff will communicate via phone call or email about check-in times and other changes due to COVID prior to arrival date.



PREPARING FOR CAMP (continued)

CAMP RULES/EXPECTATIONS

On opening day of each session, these general camp rules will be discussed with the campers during orientation. It is expected that all campers follow the camp rules to make sure camp is a safe and successful place for all.

- The use of appropriate language is required.
- Fighting, bullying and physical threats will **NOT** be tolerated at any time and are grounds for immediate dismissal from Camp Piomingo.
- No graffiti!
- Keep rocks where Mother Nature has placed them.
- Keep bathrooms clean and toilets flushed.
- We want Piomingo to be a litter-free environment; so please throw away all trash (especially take care to do this during snack time).
- Cabins should be cleaned every morning and kept ready for cabin inspection. The “Cabin of the Day” award will be given daily and comes with a special treat!
- No cell phones or electronics of any kind.
- Walking is the best method of transportation from one place to another. Running is allowed for activities.
- We follow the Y’s five core values of **Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibly** and **Faith**.

Families will be notified if a camper is not following camp rules and expectations. Campers who refuse to act in a manner safe for themselves, others or camp will be dismissed from camp early and the family will be required to pick them up without refund. This is at the discretion of Camp Leadership.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS & CONCERNS

YMCA Camp Piomingo expects campers to abide by all camp rules and the Y’s five core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibly and Faith. In all areas requiring discipline (which literally means “to teach”), it is our goal to help campers educate themselves, so that they learn to make better choices in the future. Our trained staff try to help campers help themselves and make restitution for any harm that has been caused. Problems are an opportunity for campers to grow.

In the event of any serious problems, families will be promptly notified. If behavior problems continue or exceed our capacity, campers will be sent home. Please contact us before your camper’s arrival to camp to discuss known or significant issues. There are no refunds for campers sent home due to behavioral or psychological issues.



Please help us get back to the root of camping by respecting our no cell phone policy.



PREPARING FOR CAMP (continued)

ABSENCES

We are concerned when your camper is registered, but does not show up for check-in. If you are not able to inform us prior to Sunday check-in, please call the **Camp Office** at **502.942.2616** or call or text **Bridget Anderson**, the **Executive Director**, at **502.639.3522** on Sunday and leave a message if your camper will be late or not able to attend. Please be specific, stating your camper's full name and the reason they will not be attending. If necessary, our office staff will return your call to confirm the details.

TELEPHONE

Campers do not have phone access during their stay at camp. Campers may not bring cell phones or have phone access during camp. If a camper brings a cell phone and it is seen by camp staff, it will be removed from the cabin, stored in the office and returned to the parent at check-out. A YMCA Camp Pioningo staff member will contact you in the event of an emergency or other situation.

In the event of an emergency, parents can call the camp office to make arrangements to speak to their camper.

SPECIAL NEEDS/REQUESTS

Please let us know if you have any special needs or requests. The Senior Program Director is a great resource for any concerns that you may have. We will make every attempt to serve campers who have physical or emotional needs. Please be thorough and honest when filling out the Health Form so the nurses and counselors can be prepared for the arrival of your camper. We carefully consider each camper and their potential for success in the camp environment. We will not be able to serve campers beyond our training or capabilities.

BEDWETTING

Bedwetting happens from time to time. Some campers suffer from chronic bedwetting and some have the occasional accident. Our goal is that this should not prevent a camper from coming to camp. Our staff is trained to handle bedwetting discreetly and personally. If your camper wets the bed please be sure to note this on their Health Form. Providing this information in advance provides the staff with information so that they can check your camper's bed occasionally during their camp stay and manage accordingly. Encourage your camper to notify the counselor if they have an accident. Campers should be instructed to ask their counselors for help, and every effort will be made to prevent accidents. Any bedding, wet or soiled due to bedwetting, will be laundered and returned discreetly to the camper before Rest Hour.



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PREPARING FOR CAMP (continued)

CARE PACKAGES, LETTERS, AND EMAIL

Parents are advised to bring letters and packages to drop-off during check-in on Sundays. We ask that all packages are brought to camp while being mindful of cabin sizes. Some campers have food allergies, so please do not bring anything containing nuts or peanut butter. We ask that you bring all care packages during check-in. We are always trying to alleviate outside people and items being brought onto camp property throughout the week, unless completely necessary. Please limit all mailings to letters or postcards. All letters can be sent to:

YMCA Camp Piomingo
c/o (Camper Name / Cabin #)
1950 Otter Creek Park Road
Brandenburg, KY 40108

If you wish to email your camper, please complete the one-way email form on our website. Emails that arrive before 5:00 p.m. will be printed and handed to your camper. Campers will not, however, be able email you back. We will reach out to you if the camp office is having technical difficulties and we are unable to print your email.

We understand that communication with your camper is important and we appreciate your patience when it comes to organizing and delivering mail to all of our campers.

We will do our best to deliver letters and postcards the day it arrives, but depending on what time the mail is delivered, it may be given to your camper the next day.



Parents, friends and family are encouraged to write letters to their campers to help them feel more comfortable while at camp.

It is a good idea to send letters in advance to camp so they are here on the first day!





WHAT TO BRING

WHAT TO BRING (AND NOT BRING)

The following page contains a list of suggested and prohibited items to bring to a one-week camp session. Please use your own judgment regarding quantities and necessities for your camper. We suggest packing items in a Rubbermaid-type tote, to make it easier for campers to keep their items together. Please make sure to label your camper's luggage/tote/bin for easy identification. **We are asking that personal items NOT BE SHARED during their stay at YMCA Camp Piomingo.**

Clearly labeling all items with the camper's first initial and last name will help in finding lost items throughout the week. Since parents will not be allowed in the units or cabins, properly labeling items will allow staff to reunite the item with the camper.

YMCA Camp Piomingo is not responsible for lost or stolen items, however, we will work hard to connect all campers with their lost items.

LAUNDRY

Laundry service will be provided for an additional \$15.00 per camper, which can be paid for online through your Camp Brain account, or by calling the office. **We ask that this service, if necessary, is ONLY used for campers staying for two weeks or longer.**



WHAT TO BRING (continued)

ITEMS TO BRING

Please note that none of these items are essential for the camper experience.

- **Shoes** – must be closed toe (i.e. sneakers, boots, Keens, etc.) and at least one pair of sneakers for the ropes course
- **Shirts**
- **Long pants** – for cooler times of day and horseback riding
- **Sleepwear**
- **Underwear and socks**
- **Raincoat**
- **Sweatshirt / Jacket**
- **Laundry bag**
- **Bedding** – sleeping bag, sheet(s), blanket, pillow
- **Water bottle**
- **Shower items** – bath towel, wash cloth, soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush/toothpaste, and shower shoes
- **Swimsuit and beach towels**
- **Sunscreen and bug spray**
- **Medication** (see page 15)
- **Commonly brought items** – hand sanitizer, stationary, pre-stamped and addressed envelopes, flashlight, small battery-operated fan, backpack, disposable camera
- **Bins/Totes**

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Cell phones
- iPods/MP3 players
- iPads/Kindle/tablets
- Hand-held video games
- Video camera
- Digital camera
- Cash
- Pocket knives
- Matches/Lighter
- Fireworks
- Expensive items



CHECK-IN



Throughout the week, please visit our SmugMug website to see photos from the week, including your campers cabin photo! The address is:

ymcacamppiomingo.smugmug.com

NOTE!

If a camper has a fever over 100.4 and exhibits symptoms of illness/lice, **FAMILIES WILL BE EXPECTED TO TAKE THE CAMPER HOME!** Campers may return to camp with a doctor's note or without a fever for 24 hours. Campers with lice may return in 24 hours with a documented cleaning treatment.

CHECK-IN DAY

We will communicate with you one week before your camper's arrival.

Arrival – Enter the main gates of Otter Creek Recreational Park. A counselor will greet you and request that the hazard lights remain on while the car is on camp property. Follow the camp signs as you enter through the main gate. Families who arrive early **WILL NOT BE ADMITTED** until their assigned time. Families with multiple-age campers will be issued the latest check-in time.

Sign-In – Follow staff directions and signage to the screening area where campers will have a temperature and lice check. Give your camper's medications to the nurse. Wait until authorization is given to move on, then follow directions and signs to the camp gong.

Goodbye – Take a 'GONG PHOTO', return to your vehicle and follow signs to your camper's unit. Our staff will greet and direct you to your camper's cabin. You will be allowed to move your camper in, but must leave before the end of your assigned check-in time.

Exit – Follow signs and staff directions to leave the property. After getting to know their counselors and fellow cabin mates, units will come together for orientation, where we will introduce staff, define behavior expectations, and give a tour of camp.



CHECK-OUT DAY

We will communicate with you one week before your camper's arrival. **Any special arrangements for check-out should be made in advance by calling the camp office.**

Arrival – Enter the main gates of Otter Creek Recreational Park. A counselor will greet you and request that the hazard lights remain on while the car is on camp property. Follow camp signs as you enter through the main gate. Families who arrive early **WILL NOT BE ADMITTED** until their assigned time. Families with multiple-age campers will be issued the latest check-out time.

Sign-Out – Follow staff directions and signage to the sign-out area where parents/guardians or authorized person(s) (listed in the authorization section of your campers registration) will be eligible to check-out the camper. **All persons authorized to pick-up a camper must show a photo ID. Campers will not be released to anyone who is not on the authorization list or able to show a photo ID.** We will not be requiring a signature, just a photo ID to match names on the authorization list.



Goodbye – Follow signs to your camper's specific unit and **STAY IN YOUR CAR**. Our staff will greet you, load luggage and escort campers to your car.

Equestrians – All families of equestrian campers will check-out following the steps above, but instead of heading back to your camper's unit, you will be directed to the barn to park. Here, families will reconnect with their camper and their luggage prior to the horse skills show.



CAMPER HEALTH POLICIES

Pertinent information regarding any medical issues, special needs, and allergies must be clearly noted on your camper's health form. Please call our office prior to your camper's arrival if they have any special needs, which may include diabetes, sleep issues, recent trauma, or anything requiring extra staff attention.

CAMPER MEDICATION

Administration of medications (over-the-counter or prescription) will be performed by one of two on-site health care professionals. **You are required to note any medications on your camper's health form and bring all medications in their original bottles or packages.** At check-in you will hand over your medication in its original container.



MEDICINE STOCKED AT CAMP

The following medications will be stocked in our infirmary this summer. Any medication on this list that is taken as a PRN will not need to be brought to camp. Thanks in advance from our health care team!

PAIN MEDICATIONS:

Acetaminophen
(Tylenol)

Ibuprofen

Sudafed

GI MEDICATIONS:

Peppermints

Antacids
(Children's Pepto, Tums)

Dulcolax / Miralax

Heartburn / Gas Chews

ALLERGY MEDICATIONS:

Allergy Relief (Benadryl, Claritin, Loratadine, Zyrtec)

Afrin Nasal Spray

Visine eye drops

COUGH/COLD MEDICATIONS:

Cough drops (sugar free), **various flavors**

Liquid Cough

Dextromethorphan and Guaifenesin

Cold/Fever

Tylenol, Dextromethorphan, Guaifenesin and Phenylephrine

Mucinex

Guaifenesin and Dextromethorphan



HEALTH STAFF ARE ONSITE 24/7 DURING CAMP SESSIONS

- Medicine will be delivered by nurses at meal times and bedtime in their camper unit
- Staff will contact health center staff if a camper in their cabin needs to consult with them on any medical concerns that may arise
- If possible, nurses will conduct any necessary assessments outdoors
- If a camper or staff member is suspected to have COVID-19, their families will be contacted and they will be sent for testing immediately
- Health staff will wear a mask, a face shield, disposable gloves, and a disposable gown while working with individuals who have a suspected case of COVID-19



ACCIDENTS, ILLNESS OR INJURY

YMCA Camp Piomingo staff are trained in first aid and risk management, but the nurse or health care professional will handle all medications, minor illnesses, and injuries. In the event that a child may become ill or injured in a manner requiring a prolonged stay in the infirmary, or needs further attention by the health care provider, the camper's parents will be contacted by phone.

LICE (HEAD) CHECK

During check-in, camp staff will perform a lice check. It is our policy that if lice or nits/eggs are found, the camper will be sent home for treatment and cleared by their doctor. Campers will not be able to return to the cabin for at least 24 hours and after they have been checked and cleared by the camp nurse.



HEALTH INFORMATION (continued)

COVID-19 RESPONSE TO ILLNESS

- If fever is suspected or detected during daily health screening, temporal thermometers will be used to check at health center. If fever is present (100.4), we will notify parent/emergency contacts to pick up the child as soon as possible.
- In the event of fever or other symptoms of illness, the child will rest in isolation in the health center, away from other children, until parents/guardians arrive. Conversations will be had with parents/guardians determining if illness is deemed COVID-19 or something else entirely.

COVID-19 RESPONSE TO EXPOSURE

In the case of possible exposure, self-quarantine, medically ordered quarantine or other possible concerns of Coronavirus exposure risks to our YMCA facilities or programs, please notify the camp office immediately.

In the case of a known exposure (currently being defined as a possible case) at our YMCA facility/program, Executive Director Bridget Anderson will begin our Emergency Contact chain-of-contact and Communicable Disease Plan.

- Cabin Exposure: campers/staff within the same cabin will be asked to leave camp immediately and may return once approved by the Health Department. Campers/staff within the same unit of exposed cabin will be closely monitored for 48 hours.



CAMP LIFE – WHAT TO EXPECT

PIONEERS (AGES 6-12)

The one-week Pioneer program is divided into two separate camper units: Shawnee and Mingo. Campers live in traditional cabins and have meals served from the dining hall. They will have fun and build friendships while participating in all typical camp activities, such as the ropes course, swimming, and traditional activities like archery and bb guns. Campers have some input in their schedule with morning clinics, which develop skills such as climbing, arts and sports.

EXPLORERS (AGES 10-13)

The two-week Explorer program resides in the Cherokee unit, where campers live in traditional cabins and have meals served from the dining hall. Explorers have the opportunity to experience traditional camp activities during their first week and spend the weekend challenging themselves and growing as a group.

EQUESTRIANS (AGES 10-16)

The Equestrian program is offered in two week sessions for ages 10-16. Our Equestrian program is open to new and beginning riders who will learn the basics of horse care and stable management through daily ground lessons. Riders will be placed in group lessons with campers of similar abilities. Each rider is assigned his/her own horse and given daily mounted instruction on the basics of riding, including—but not limited to—basic control at the walk, trot and canter. The course also covers an introduction to jumping and trail riding. In addition to riding and lessons, Equestrian campers also participate in traditional camp activities with campers from the other programs.





CAMP LIFE – WHAT TO EXPECT (continued)

CAMP CRAFTERS (AGES 13-15)

The Camp Crafter program is designed for 13-15 year olds and is offered as one- and two-week sessions. Campers have the opportunity to take part in intermediate-level activities that emphasize group problem solving and teamwork, and will be encouraged and challenged to develop their leadership skills. Camp Crafters will spend their time living in Creek cabins with screen windows. Bathrooms and showers are located in a separate building.

TRAILBLAZERS (AGES 14-16)

The Trailblazer program is a one-week program that is available for campers ages 14-16. The Trailblazer trip has limited space and is for teens interested in adventures away from camp. This session begins on-site at YMCA Camp Piomingo with check-in on Sunday. Campers will depart from camp on Monday for Red River Gorge in Slade, KY and return to camp on Thursday. While at camp, campers will sleep in cabins and eat at the dining hall. On their trip, campers will sleep in tents and cook their own meals.



COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (AGE 16)

The Counselor-in-Training program (C.I.T.) is for 16 year old campers who wish to eventually become a camp counselor at YMCA Camp Piomingo. A C.I.T. spends three weeks at camp developing leadership skills and gaining experience as a camp leader. Through the C.I.T. program, your teen will identify and achieve goals, improve communication and decision-making skills, and contribute to the overall improvement of camp.



CAMP LIFE – WHAT TO EXPECT (continued)

DAILY SCHEDULE

Below is an example of the daily schedule for your camper. Times and activities will vary depending on the program. Summer 2022 camper schedules for certain activities will be set prior to their arrival while some program areas will be choice-periods based on availability.

7:50 a.m. Flag Raising

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Riding lessons/Cabin
activities

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Rest Hour

2:00 – 5:50 p.m. Cabin
activities/pool time

5:50 p.m. Flag Lowering

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Cabin Circle

7:30 p.m. Evening
Activity (Unit Specific)

9:00 – 11:00 p.m.
Bed Prep (showers,
brushing teeth, etc.)

11:00 p.m. Lights Out



CLINIC PERIODS

For our Pioneer and Explorer campers, clinics are progressive areas that, throughout the week (Monday through Thursday), will build on the previous day's skills to build skills in specialty areas. The clinic options for the week are presented on Sunday and campers will get the chance to rank the options. Friday's are reserved for "Fantastic Fridays", where counselors create fun clinics not offered the rest of the week. Please note that this is a general list of clinics and has potential to change based on the skills of staff. Often there are new clinics that may be added.

Some of these clinics are:

- Team Games
- Adventure Hikes
- Media
- Outdoor Living Skills
- Target Sports
- Ecology
- Mountain Biking
- Drama & Dance

EVENING ACTIVITIES

Each evening has a special time for campers to either come together as a unit or the whole camp and participate in different activities until the sun goes down. We have a rotating schedule so that each week the activities change. Please note that this is a general list of evening programs and has potential to change.

- Opening Fire*
- Lip Sync
- Clue
- Cook Out / Camp Out
- Gold Rush
- Closing Fire*
- Counselor Hunt
- Unit-Specific Activity

*Offered each week





CAMP LIFE – WHAT TO EXPECT (continued)

PATHFINDER PROGRAM

Our Pathfinder program is achievement-based and completely voluntary. Campers are encouraged to select an interesting program where they can expand their skills and accomplish all five levels each time they return to camp. The awards for this program are wooden nickels that are color coordinated with the level the camper has accomplished, and are handed out each week before final fire. Program areas in our Pathfinder Program include:

- Archery
- Marksmanship
- Canoe / Kayaking
- Arts and Crafts
- Camp Craft & Outdoor Cooking (CCOC)
- Horseback Riding
- Rock Climbing / Ropes
- Pottery
- Mountain Biking



SUMMER FUN SINCE 1938

YMCA Camp Piomingo is deeply rooted and we take pride in our traditions. We work to share and instill these traditions with our campers every summer. We also love sharing our traditions with parents in order to facilitate conversations after camp is over.

Wooden Nickel – Awarded in front of camp on Friday before final campfire. It represents the level achieved in the Pathfinder program.

Certificate – Included in your camper’s check-out packet and will list all of the activities they did during their stay at camp.

Patch of individual element – Member – attends camp for the entire session, participates in all activities and shows overall enthusiasm about camp and their unit.

Pin of individual element – Representative – leads cabin group, participates in all activities and demonstrates spirit within their unit.

Patch of all 4 elements – Delegate – be a leader amongst your program, participate in all activities and demonstrate spirit amongst camp as a whole.

Bracelet (CITs only) – Steward – be a leader amongst all of camp, participate in and lead activities and demonstrate spirit that reaches all the elements of the Piomingo Nation.

Ribbon – Number of years your camper has been at camp.

Spirit Spear – Awarded to the cabin/group that showed the most spirit.

Spirit Shield – Awarded to the unit that showed the most spirit.

Unit Cheers – Each unit is different so ask to hear some!

Thank you again for choosing YMCA Camp Piomingo. Please let us know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!