



Camp Finberg Newsletter

Week of June 27-July 1, 2022

We've had an amazing first week out here at camp - and now we're really excited to welcome even more of our campers to Camp Finberg next week!

Our theme for the week is Music Week. Campers can look forward to all sorts of activities centered around performing and learning about all things music, such as music-themed arts and crafts projects, and performing in their very own music videos, capping off with a screening of everyone's finished projects! And plenty of dancing, as always!

Please remember: **Camp is a CELL PHONE FREE ZONE.** Camp is wet, dirty and busy...not a great place for a phone. Help us give kids a chance to unplug and disconnect from social media and screens this summer. They need it! Lost or missing phones will not be the responsibility of the YMCA.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us. When camp is in session, you can call the camp at (508) 222-7292. I also encourage you to [follow Camp Finberg on Facebook](#), as we're able to quickly post camp updates (not to mention some fun camp photos!) throughout the summer.

We cannot wait to see everyone at camp!

~ The Camp Finberg Staff

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updates to Online Parent Handbook

Prior to your child's first week of Camp, we encourage your review of our on-line [Parent & Camper Handbook](#). Please note we have made some updates to our on-line version since our initial distribution of this important document, including a change in the cost of a Transfer Fee from \$10 to \$20.

New Camp Schedule This Year

Please note our camp schedule has changed slightly this year, including our before care times and camp drop-off times.

Before Care: 7:00-8:30 am
Camp Drop-Off: 8:30-9:00 am
Pick-Up: 4:00-4:30 pm
After Care: 4:30-6:00 pm

IMPORTANT CAMP POLICIES

COVID-19: Please send a mask with your child in their backpack for use in the event they are not feeling well during the camp day. Masks are not required for the start of camp; however, if we see a need as the summer continues, we may ask children to mask indoors. Children will have frequent breaks for handwashing.

Please keep your child home for 24 hours if they have a fever.

IF you have any questions, please reach out to our Camp Health Care Providers, Lindsay and Abby by emailing CampNurse@attleboroymca.org.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus service has begun at camp, and is included in your camp fee. A full list of the Norton and Attleboro schedules can be found [here](#). Contact campadmin@attleboroymca.org to register. If we have any delays, we will post that to our [camp Facebook page](#).

If your child is registered to take the bus, please be sure to take a moment to **review our routes and bus procedures, as we have made slight adjustments** to the transportation schedule. Campers must be registered in order to take the bus.

Please remember that anyone picking up your child at the bus is required to be on your child's authorized pick-up

Medical & Immunization Records:

Your child's current medical and immunization record must be on file with us before they can attend camp. If you haven't sent in your child's records yet, please submit that to our Camp Registrar, Ally Fontes, at afontes@attleboroymca.org before your child's first day.

Medication at Camp: If your child requires medication during the camp day, please fill out the [Medication Release Form](#) and bring it with your child's prescription on your child's first day at camp. Medications must be in their original containers.

SWIMMING AT CAMP

Our outdoor pool is now open! All campers will have an opportunity to enjoy swimming, including both swim lessons and recreational swimming, every day that they're on site.

On their first day of camp, campers will participate in a swim evaluation to assess their abilities. If the aquatics staff assess that your child is able to swim in the deep end, your child will receive a green wristband. Beginner swimmers will wear a bubble during swim lessons and a swim vest during recreational swim time.

Please note: Goggles that cover the nose are not permitted.

If your child is 4-6 years old, we encourage you to dress your child in their swimsuit in the morning, as they have swim time early in the day.

list and is required to show a photo I.D. to the bus monitor. If not, your child will remain on the bus and return to camp.

CAMPER DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

When driving in and out of camp, please drive slowly! The posted speed limit at camp is 10 MPH.

Morning Drop Off: Morning drop-off is from 8:30-9:00 am. Please drive straight up the camp road to and around the circle at the lower field/parking area. We will have camp staff on hand to direct you.

If you arrive after 9:00, please park in the parking area and call **Mission Control** [formerly our Administration Building] at (508)222-7292 and a camp staff member will come down and greet you. The staff will bring your child to their group.

Afternoon Pick Up: Pick-up is from 4:00-4:30 pm. When you arrive to pick up your camper, pull around the loop to the loading area where the checkout staff will verify your I.D. against your child's authorized pick-up list and have you sign out your child before directing you to your child's group.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Always remember to **bring your I.D.** when picking up your child. To pick up any child at Camp Finberg, you must be on the child's Authorized Pick-Up List and show proper I.D. to the staff.

DAILY PACKING LIST

What to bring to camp:

- Backpack
- Refillable water bottle
- Lunch bag/box (Kids get hungry at camp! Please be sure to pack a healthy lunch along with extra snacks to keep your camper fueled through the day.)
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- 2 Masks (To be worn when indoors.)
- Plastic bag for wet items
- Change of clothes
- Sunscreen and bug spray (Please apply in the morning before camp. The staff will help campers reapply during the day.)
- Sneakers on your feet! (Closed toe shoes are a must. Please no sandals. Some kids choose to bring flip flops for the pool area.)

What NOT to bring to camp: *Cell phones*, ipods, video games, electronic handheld devices/games, scooters, skateboards, roller blades, toy weapons, playing and trading cards are not permitted at camp. Valuables also should not be brought to camp as Camp Finberg is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

AUTHORIZED PICK-UPS

For your child's safety, we will not release your child to anyone who is not on their authorized pick-up list.

EXTENDED CARE

If you've registered your child for Extended Care, you may drop off as early as 7:00 am and pick up as late as 6:00 pm.

Morning drop-off for extended care will take place at the Camp Lodge. Please drive up the camp road to the Lodge to meet the camp staff. Pick-up is the same as for the typical camp day.

NEW & IMPROVED

Returning campers as well as those who are new to camp are sure to enjoy a few additions and enhancements to Camp Finberg this year, including:

- * Interactive Water Wall
- * Sandboxes
- * Refreshed Basketball/Pickleball Courts
- * Horticulture/Nature Garden, and
- * Fred M. Roddy Children's Pavilion (a 5,000 square foot indoor space - perfect for rainy day activities).

Littlehawks had a wonderful time using the interactive water wall last week.



If you need to add another adult to your camper's authorized pick-up list, please add them through [your online YMCA account](#).

Need some help? Check out [this video about how to use your online account](#).

REGISTRATION & BILLING INFORMATION

Camp Balance Reminder! Your camp balance will automatically draft from the account you provided 10 days prior to each week of camp.

Camp is full! If you have already put your child on a waitlist for another week of camp, we will contact you if a spot becomes available. If you find that you need to cancel a week of camp, please let us know as soon as possible, so we can let another child take your camper's spot.

If you have any questions about your child's camp registration or billing, please reach out to our Camp Registrar, Ally Fontes, by emailing afontes@attleboroyymca.org.