



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
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# 2023 PARENT HANDBOOK

Everything You Need to Know  
About Sending Your Child to Camp





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**One-week sessions for campers grades 2-9:**

Starter 1: July 23 – July 29

Starter 2: July 30 - August 5

**The CIT Program is for campers in 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade. There is an application and interview involved before program admittance:**

- CIT A: June 25 – July 22
- CIT B: July 23 – August 19

**Two-week sessions for campers grades 2-9:**

- Session 1: June 25 – July 8
- Session 2: July 9 – July 22
- Session 3: July 23 – August 5
- Session 4: August 6 – August 19

**NOTES:** • Final balance due May 1st or 2 weeks before the start of your chosen session if you registered after May 1. All paperwork (medical, etc...) is due, at minimum, 2 weeks in advance of your chosen session.

**ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL FEES:**

YMCA Membership: \$30 (required if not YMCA member)  
Trading Post (Camp Store): \$30 per week recommended  
Stayover Weekend: \$150 per weekend  
Horseback Trail Rides: \$40 per ride  
Welcome to Camp Bag: \$35 per welcome bag

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# Welcome to YMCA Camp Mason!

YMCA Camp Mason has welcomed youth and families of all nationalities, backgrounds, and faiths since 1900. We offer a variety of programs focused on building character and developing leadership skills through a shared community camping experience. The mission-based programs of YMCA Camp Mason afford personal growth opportunities to people of all ages.

Located on 460 acres adjoining the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, an extensive, well-maintained facility blends with more than 120 years of tradition to provide an exceptional camping experience. Generations of children and youth from all walks of life have spent their summers at Camp Mason.



## OUR MISSION

“Through the transforming experience of outdoor camping – rich in bonding friendships, physical activity, and fun – YMCA Camp Mason will lead youth, families, and community to an awareness of our core traditions: environmental stewardship, spirituality, and respect for our fellow man.”

## OUR HISTORY

Camp Mason’s story begins in 1900 when the Trenton/Mercer County YMCA organized its first season of residential summer camp at Camp Washington, near Washington’s Crossing, NJ. Several years later the camp moved to Marshall Island (also known as Eagle Island) in the Delaware River and changed its name to Camp James J. Wilson. A flood inundated the island in 1955 and the camp was moved to its current location in Hardwick, NJ. Another name change accompanied the move: Camp Wilson became Central New Jersey YMCA Camps. Today we are known as YMCA Camp Ralph S. Mason.



Each year Camp Mason hosts approximately 800 campers in its summer resident camping program, 100+ a day in our day camp, as well as over 10,000 at our Outdoor Center.

With 394 beds available in winterized cabins and lodges, the Mason Outdoor Center welcomes participants from over 120 different schools, groups and organizations that use our facility for environmental education, outdoor education, recreation, retreats, and group getaways throughout the year.

## OUR GOALS

- To provide a safe and healthy environment where children can learn and grow
- To make each child feel like a valued member of a community
- To foster an appreciation of the natural world
- To give every child a safe, fun and impactful summer experience

## STAFF

YMCA Camp Mason employs approximately 90 seasonal staff during the summer. Many of our staff are college students, former campers or have a background in child development. Camp Mason is proud to employ counselors from all over the globe. All staff participate in intensive training prior to working with children. Leadership staff participate in an additional week of training. In addition to counselors, the camp hires teaching specialists for activities such as swimming, sports, the arts, and our extensive adventure programs. Support staff work in the office, kitchen, and at maintenance. Camp Mason is committed to creating a safe environment for our campers. We adhere to the stringent hiring procedures and policies of the Y of the USA and the American Camp Association (ACA). All staff members are subject to state/federal criminal and sexual offender background checks, as well as personal and professional reference checks.

## FACILITIES

Camp Mason features extensive program facilities including two recreation lodges, an arts center, playing fields, boating and canoeing facilities, sports courts, a skateboard park, large swimming pool, high and low ropes courses, archery and riflery ranges, and miles of hiking trails. Cabins are simple and comfortable. Each duplex building is home to two cabin groups. Junior cabins hold 8 campers and two staff members. Senior cabins hold 10 campers and two staff members. Each cabin has electricity and full dormitory-style bathrooms. Campers and staff sleep in sturdy bunk beds in the main cabin area. Campers enjoy meals together in our dining hall. Food is served by our experienced food service staff. The kitchen is equipped to deliver healthy and balanced meals in sufficient quantity year round. Please inform the Camp Director if your camper has any dietary restrictions.



## DAILY SCHEDULE

Campers follow a daily schedule that is designed to provide both structure for skills-based learning and free-time activity choices that promote independence and self direction.

Campers begin their day at 7:30AM. Breakfast is served shortly thereafter. Cabin cleanup follows breakfast, after which is morning cabin activity, a time when each cabin group participates in an activity they've planned together. The first of 3 daily skill classes follows (see below for a description of these periods). Lunch is served at midday and is followed by siesta, a rest period. Campers often spend this time reading, playing cards, or writing home.

After siesta campers will have time either in the pool area with their village or participate in a larger, village-wide activity. The second and third activity periods take place in the afternoon. Campers select their activities during the session for a total of 6-10 activity options over the course of 2 weeks. Following the choice activity periods is free time, which provides a daily opportunity for campers to explore different areas of camp. These include basketball, soccer, volleyball, gaga, arts and crafts, the climbing wall, garden, trading post, and more. Dinner follows daily activities.

Evenings consist of an all-camp, village, or age-group activity, such as a campfire, talent show, or carnival. Evening activities are followed by cabin chat, an opportunity for individual cabin groups to reflect on the day's events and discuss a topic of interest. Cabin chats are directed by the counselors. Bedtime varies for age groups, but ranges from 9:00 – 10:00PM. Weekend schedules are slightly different. Each Saturday has a themed all-camp activity that consists of mixed cabin and group events. Past themes have included Wild West, Medieval, Olympics, and Outer Space. Sunday is 'Sunday Funday', an all-camp open activities day that includes special events, tournaments, and games. The entire camp also gathers for community time on Sunday. Community time often includes readings from inspirational sources, music or a skit, and a brief message based on one of the four core values.



## CAMP ACTIVITIES

Some of our common activity offerings are listed below. Others are added, depending on the talents and abilities of our staff.

- Land Sports:** Basketball, Disc Golf, Flag Football, Mountain Biking, Street Hockey, Rugby, Skateboarding, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball
- Target Sports:** Archery, Riflery
- Aquatics:** Swimming, Canoeing, Kayaking, Boating, Fishing
- Creative Arts:** Arts & Crafts, Painting, Drawing, Video, Jewelry Making, Music, Dance, Drama, Tie Dye
- Adventure:** Climbing Wall, High/Low Ropes, Rock Climbing

Because of the nature of camp there are always a wide variety of creative and unique activities that are created each summer.

\*\*Activities are available based on age and grade and all activities may not be available at all times.



## HORSEBACK TRAIL RIDES

Have your overnight camper join us for a Horseback Trail Riding adventure! With our partner, Fairview Lakes, your camper will have an experience that mingles the fun of horseback riding with learning about riding skills, horse behavior and general trail riding information.

Your camper will be transported to Fairview Lakes where they will saddle up and take a fun and relaxing horseback ride through scenic wooded trails. Each trail ride lasts approximately an hour, is led by skilled and trained equestrian staff and includes a brief training session to ensure the best trail ride. Your child will develop confidence and appreciate the wonder of nature during their trail ride! Choose from one or two days a week at only \$40 a ride.



## ARRIVAL AT CAMP

We cannot wait to welcome you to YMCA Camp Mason! There are two drop off times, and you will be notified of your time in advance of camp. When you arrive at camp, you will be checked in by a member of our leadership staff team. They will review that all your paperwork has been completed, payments are made in full and ask you whether you have any medications that need to be checked in. After checking in you will be directed either to our office, our medication check in area or our health check station. Then, you and your camper(s) will bring your luggage to our luggage drop area. Staff members will be on hand to assist you with luggage carrying as needed. Luggage will be checked in and hand delivered to the cabins by YMCA Camp Mason staff. Once luggage has been dropped off, you may escort your camper(s) to their cabin(s) for your farewells. Staff members will be at the cabin to welcome you and answer any last minute questions you may have.

Once you have checked your camper(s) into their cabin(s), we ask that you please head back to your vehicle and exit the camp so we may prepare for the next arrival times. Thank you! You will receive detailed directions for Camp arrival approximately two weeks prior to the start of your camper(s) session, but please do let us know if you have any questions in the meantime.

## DEPARTURE FROM CAMP

We will be sad to see your camper go! When you arrive for pick up at your designated time, please park as directed by Camp Mason staff members. From there, you will be directed to the camper pickup spot. Please bring your ID with you. After picking up your camper, their luggage and any medications they may have, you are welcome to visit our Camp Store to either spend or donate any leftover dollars in your child's account. Any unclaimed Camp Store funds after September 30 are added to our campership fund. After visiting the Camp Store, please head back to your vehicle and exit the camp so we may prepare for the next session.



## STAY-OVER WEEKENDS:

There is a stayover weekend between each 2-week session. Four-week or more campers may stayover for an additional fee which covers the weekend's associated costs. Parents may also choose to take their children away from camp over these weekends. The camper registration form contains a space to sign up for stayover weekend. The camp will assume your child is not staying-over if the stayover option is not chosen.

Parents may visit their stayover campers on the following Sundays:  
**July 9, July 23 and Aug. 6.**

Contact the office with the details if you plan to visit your child. Your child may be picked up between 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM and must be returned to camp by 3:00 PM.

Please be sure to check-in at the office before departing and upon arriving back at camp. Note that Sunday is opening day for many families and there may be lines and traffic starting around 1:00 PM and lasting until around 4:00 PM that day. Plan your return accordingly.



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The following documents must be completed in order for us to admit your child into camp. We unfortunately cannot make any exceptions to this policy. All forms are found in your online account and can be completed directly on our website.

- Camper Medical Form with Copy of Insurance Card: Making a copy of both sides of your insurance card before you get here will significantly shorten your wait on opening day.
- **Medications: If your child will be taking any medications while at camp, all medications MUST be packaged in blister packs and MUST contain the exact amount of doses your child will be administered at camp. This is necessary for all medications including over the counter drugs.**
- Camper Information Form: This confidential document will be shared with your child's counselor before they arrive at camp. Our staff members use this information to ensure that your child has a safe, meaningful, and enjoyable camping experience. It is our primary means of documenting and communicating your expectations regarding your child's experience at camp, so it is important that you complete and return this document before camp starts.
- Program Waiver & Payment Acknowledgement. This form enables your child to participate in camp activities and programs.

These forms must be filled out online prior to your arrival at camp. The medical form is required by law in the state of New Jersey.

The YMCA does not offer accident or insurance to individual campers.



## SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE & FINANCIAL AID

YMCA Camp Mason strives to provide the camp experience to all children, regardless of financial circumstances. Our scholarship fund is limited though and scholarship assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis until the fund is depleted. You can find an online scholarship assistance form on our website or you may contact the office to request an application. Please complete this form PRIOR to registering for camp.

## MEDICAL COSTS

The camp retains Premier Health Associates of Blairstown, NJ as a medical consultant and uses Newton Medical Center (in Newton, NJ) or Pocono Medical Center (in East Stroudsburg, PA) for emergency treatment. The camp will attempt to contact parents prior to making any necessary appointments for off-site treatment. Premier Health Associates will bill you directly for co-payments. The camp will bill you for any uncovered medical expenses. A detailed invoice will be provided for the purpose of claim processing. Emergency trips to a dentist, optician or orthodontist will be handled in the same manner as a visit to our doctor.

We recommend that you review your family's health insurance rules and activate any applicable vacation or travel stipulations prior to sending to sending your child to camp. Make sure you know who your primary physician is and how to reach them. If your HMO/insurance company insists that your child be seen by a specific doctor you will need to make the appointment and take them yourself.



## HEALTH SERVICES

Our Health Services staff is on-site at all times and we have a separate building for our Health Center. The camp doctor's office is ten minutes away. In case of emergency, we use Newton/Pocono Medical Centers, each which is twenty minutes from camp. We are required by law to screen all campers for contagious illnesses or conditions. The nurse will check your child's Health Form and ask you for any necessary clarification. This is a good opportunity for you to meet the health care staff and discuss special concerns or situations. Remember to bring your child's medication with you on opening day. Do not pack it in their bags. All medication must be turned in to the nurses upon arrival. This includes prescriptions, over the counter medications, and vitamins. **All prescription medication must be packaged in blister packs with the exact amount of doses to be administered for your child's time at camp with the child's name and the proper administration directions on the label.** Your child's health form must include instructions for administering the necessary medications. Our medical staff can administer over-the-counter products with a parent's permission and instructions. Medications for your child not following these requirements cannot be accepted or administered. It's appropriate to call the nurses there if you have any questions about your child's health care or medication. It is helpful for us to know about any mental health concerns your child may have and we ask you to include them on the health form. We do have a mental health support on site throughout the summer should a camper need someone to talk to although this is not a formal service.



## HOMESICKNESS

Homesickness is a normal and healthy response to being away from home; parents of younger children and first time campers may expect it. Our staff members are well-trained in techniques that help campers develop coping skills for overcoming the challenges of separation from home and family. These skills often lead to more confidence and independence, a key outcome of the camping experience. If the first letter from your child is a little down-hearted, don't be alarmed. Send a reassuring response encouraging them to stick with it. Resist the temptation to include phrases that would lead them to believe you or other family members (including pets) are missing them or that your child is missing out on important things at home. If the problem becomes serious we'll give you a call: we want to involve you in developing useful strategies for your child's success. Remember that what was a crisis on day one or two might be forgotten by day four. Keep your letters positive and supportive when you write letting your child know how proud you are that they are facing this challenge. Allow some time for the homesickness to subside. Feel free to call the director at any time if you still have concerns. Putting children on the phone with parents can seriously compound homesickness issues and can make the situation more difficult; however our staff can assist you with any questions regarding your child's experience.



## TELEPHONE POLICY

Here at Camp Mason we work to develop strong, independent young people who can function on their own as part of our community. Our staff members are ready to assist campers in dealing successfully with any challenges that arise during their stay with us. Cell phone usage by campers is counter-productive to this process. It bypasses the development of confidence in a community setting, removes the opportunity to resolve conflicts, and undermines our ability to provide guidance within a given situation. **Please - don't send your child to camp with a cell phone.** Give them the chance to succeed on their own. If you must get an important message to your camper, we will pass it along.

- **Official Cell Phone Policy**

Cell phone use by campers is prohibited. We will confiscate any cell phone in a camper's possession and return it at the end of the session. We cannot guarantee the security of ANY electronic device brought to camp. Thank you for helping us to provide your child with the opportunity to be a confident, independent member of our community.

- **Communicating with Camp**

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have via phone or email. The camp office is open during the summer from 9AM-5PM & we also have personnel in the office from 7pm-8:30pm Monday-Friday. If you reach our voice mail system at any time, it means we are out and about on camp caring for children, but please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. While you and your message is important to us, please know that any emails or voice mails, unless an emergency, may not be returned until the following day as camp gets quite busy. :-). If you have a true emergency, our voice mail system will prompt you with directions. Thank you.



## VISITING YOUR CAMPER

We do not have visitation time during any of our programs or sessions. Campers staying for a stayover weekend may have visitors only on the Sunday of the stayover weekend. You must contact the office in advance if you plan on visiting your child(ren) on a stayover weekend.

## COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR CAMPER

**Letters:** As a parent it's nice to get letters from your camper. You can help by encouraging your camper to write frequently. Your chances of receiving mail will be increased if you pack **pre-addressed, stamped envelopes or postcards**. Send mail to your camper at:

YMCA Camp Mason  
23 Birch Ridge Rd.  
Hardwick, NJ 07825  
ATTN: Your Camper, Village, Cabin

**NOTE:** Campers do not have access to email home.

**Packages:** Campers enjoy receiving packages from home! All packages are opened in the presence of a staff member to ensure that no food or prohibited items are mailed. Packages should be addressed in the same way as letters.



**Please Note: Please do not send food to your camper(s). There is no outside food permitted in cabins. Many campers have allergies to common ingredients in food. Any food in the cabins will be removed and returned at the end of the session.**

**Email:** One-way email communication is provided to parents. This service is available at no charge and all emails received prior to 12pm will be delivered to your camper within 24 hours. To send an email to your camper, please use the address [camperemail@campmason.org](mailto:camperemail@campmason.org) and put your camper's name, village and cabin in the subject line. Please send, at maximum, one email daily since we have potentially 200+ campers on site.

**Photos:** Camp Mason endeavors to provide parents with a good sense of what is happening at camp. To assist in this goal we will post photos to a secure website as often as possible (not necessarily daily). Please understand that we have potentially upwards of 300 people a day on camp so there is no way that every camper will be present in photos. We kindly ask that you be patient. Thank you.

## WHAT TO BRING

The following is a list of suggested items to pack for a two-week stay at camp. Your child may bring additional items such as a fishing pole, baseball glove, football, lacrosse stick, deck of cards, etc. **The camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items.**

### Packing List

14 Pair Underwear & Socks  
14 Shirts/T-Shirts  
3-6 Pair Jeans or Pants (5 if in Ranch)  
3-4 Sweatshirts  
1 Jacket (can substitute sweatshirt)  
6-8 Pair Shorts  
Pajamas (or preferred sleepwear)  
1 Raincoat or Poncho  
1 Pair Able-to-Get-Wet Shoes/Sandals  
2 Pair Sneakers/Athletic Shoes  
1 Pair Closed-Toe Comfortable Boots/Light Boots  
2 Bath Towels + Washcloth  
Laundry Bag (camper's name on outside)

Sleeping Bag (required)  
Sheets & Blankets (optional)  
Pillow & Pillow Case  
Letter Writing Supplies  
Toiletries  
Sunscreen  
Insect Repellent (no aerosols)  
Flip-flops (for the shower)  
Water Bottle (required)  
2 Swimsuits  
2 Beach Towels  
Flashlight (extra batteries)  
Cap/Hat  
A fun costume item to wear

**IMPORTANT:** Please label ALL of your child's belongings with their full name. The camp will not be responsible for lost, stolen or unlabeled items.

All UNLABELED and LABELED lost and found will be kept at camp for a period of 2 weeks after the conclusion of the session and then donated to a local charity. During that 2 week period, you are welcome to make arrangements to come to camp to search through and/or claim your child's belongings. To make an appointment, please call our Main Office at 908-362-8217.

### Do Not Bring

- Weapons of any kind inc. pocket knives
- Matches or lighters
- Alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, e-cigarettes, vape pens or paraphernalia
- Candy or gum
- Expensive items
- Any device that can record, store, or play video
- Cell phone
- Any food or drink

### A Note on Electronic Devices

We urge you to consider leaving all gadgets at home. Many campers recall being 'unplugged' as the best part of their camp experience, and it makes it easier to connect with friends, activities, and the outdoors. However, we recognize that a camper who's away from home might take comfort in being able to listen to music at bedtime, or read a favorite book. If you choose to send your child with any electronic device, it must simply be that: a music listening device. The device should not have photo or video capabilities. Additionally, if your child owns a Kindle or similar reading device, be sure that it's not Internet-enabled or that the function is turned off via parental controls. Finally, please note: The camp cannot guarantee the safety or security of ANY device that's brought to camp. They are solely the responsibility of the camper. A small lockable bag or box might be helpful in securing a gadget inside of a trunk or duffel, but as mentioned at the top of the paragraph – consider leaving everything at home. Your camper will thank you!

**YMCA Camp Mason is not responsible for any lost or stolen property.** Please leave the tech at home! The camp is not responsible for lost, stolen, or unlabeled items. The camp cannot provide secure storage for ANY expensive or irreplaceable personal items. Personal belongings are best packed in a sturdy suitcase, duffel bag or trunk.

## CABIN-MATE REQUESTS

The camp makes every attempt to honor cabin-mate requests, but cannot guarantee placement in every instance. Cabin-mate requests must be mutual so each camper **MUST** request the other camper. Cabin-mate requests are capped at a maximum of 3 requests. Make your requests early for the best consideration. The camp reserves the right to change village and cabin assignments at any time, up to and including opening day of any camp session.

## LAUNDRY

There are no provisions for doing laundry at camp, so please be sure to send a sufficient supply of clothing. Campers staying for stay-over weekend will have their laundry done over that weekend, so they will need a bit more than a two week supply of clothes (see packing list in this document). Please make sure that all clothes are well labeled, and that the camper has a sturdy, cloth laundry bag with their name written on the outside.



## LOST AND FOUND

We cannot urge you strongly enough to mark or tag all of your child's belongings. Lost and found is kept for 2 weeks after the end of camp and then donated to a local charity. Please be sure to check the lost and found area in the pavillion when you come to pick up your camper.

## TRADING POST

Items available in the Trading Post include snacks, clothing, stamps, postcards, small toys, batteries, stationary, minor necessities, toiletries and personal items. We suggest depositing \$60 in your child's account for each two weeks they're at camp. You may spend any remaining money in your camper's account on checkout day or you may choose to donate any remaining dollars to our camper scholarship fund which helps campers in need. Any unclaimed money will be allocated to the camper scholarship fund.

## REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS

Registration deposits are refundable by written request before May 1st. Registration deposits are not refundable after May 1st. Tuition fees are not refundable after May 1st except in the case of verified academic or medical restriction. Please notify the camp if you must cancel your registration. No refunds are available for children sent home from camp for behavioral reasons. **Campers leaving early due to parental/guardian decisions are not eligible for refund or prorated tuitions.**

## OTHER IMPORTANT POLICIES

Drugs, alcohol, e-cigarettes/vape pens and weapons are not permitted on camp premises at any time. Staff and campers found in possession of drugs, alcohol, e-cigarettes/vape pens or weapons are subject to disciplinary and legal action. Camp reserves the right to search individual property if the health and safety of its participants is in question.

Use of personal sports equipment by campers is prohibited unless asked in advance and cleared by the Directors. Camp Mason will not be responsible for the storage of personal equipment. Vehicle use in camp is kept to a minimum on camp property. Staff vehicles are restricted from the inner areas of camp. Only approved drivers will be permitted to transport campers. Should campers need to be transported for any reason use of a Camp Mason vehicle is required. Campers are not permitted to bring personal pets or animals of any kind to camp **without approval of the camp director prior to the start of camp.**





## DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO CAMP MASON

### From Interstate 80 West-Bound (NYC & New Jersey)

- Take Exit 12: Blairstown/Hope. Turn north off ramp on 521 towards Blairstown. Follow 521 to junction of Rt. 94. Turn left.
- Proceed ¼ mile to Sunoco and Valero gas stations on left. Bear right (opposite gas stations) and turn right onto Main Street
- Follow "From Blairstown" directions below.

### From Interstate 80 East-Bound (Pennsylvania and Delaware Water Gap)

- Take Exit 4C: Blairstown/Rte 94N, follow Rte. 94N to Blairstown (approx. 7 miles).
- Pass ACME grocery store and go through one traffic light. At Valero gas station (on right) turn left onto Main Street. - Follow "From Blairstown" directions below

### From Blairstown

- At the old mill with stone arches (waterfalls and park behind) bear left and go up short, steep hill.
- At top of hill, bear left at split, and proceed towards Millbrook, on Millbrook Rd. (multi-camp signs on corner)
- Stay on Millbrook Rd. for about 3 miles. Past Princeton Blairstown Center on left, watch for Birch Ridge Rd. as the next road on the right. Pass one house. Camp Mason sign and driveway are on the left. Proceed to the end of driveway to the office.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. What are the most important things I can do to ensure my child's success at camp?

#### a. Send your child to camp WITHOUT a cell phone.

Having a cell phone doesn't make camp easier - it makes it harder! Asking and searching for phones strains the relationship between staff and campers, and adds anxiety to the cabin experience during the crucial first week of camp. Give your child the gift of their own potential... make sure they leave their cell phone at home!

#### b. DON'T send food in care packages.

Due to the increasing frequency and severity of allergies as well as our inability to guarantee that incoming foods are 100% allergen free we prohibit food in the cabins. Any food will need to be taken and stored until it can be returned upon departure from camp.

### 2. What are the most important things I can do to make registering for camp an easy process?

#### a. Get your paperwork in early.

This is the simplest way to make opening day an enjoyable experience for the entire family. Getting your paperwork in early means check-in will be quick and you can spend more time making sure your child is settled in their cabin. Read this handbook, complete the paperwork, and send it in well ahead of time, and opening day will be a breeze!

### 3. How do I apply for financial aid?

- #### a. Applying for financial aid is easy!
- We have a simple online application on our website at [www.campmason.org](http://www.campmason.org). Click the Overnight tab, then click the Financial Assistance tab on the right. You may also contact our office for any help needed. Please don't be shy about asking for help if you need it. Making sure every kid gets to go to camp is at the very heart of our mission!



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