



## CHECK-IN

### Tips for a Positive Check-In Experience

Arrival at camp can be a time of wonder and also apprehension. Following these tips while being positive and encouraging can help reduce any overnight camp anxiety your camper may feel.

- Camp is a magical and beautiful place for your child to experience. Be honest about making new friends, being outdoors, and what they can expect.
- Arrive at your designated time. Families arriving early may have to wait for other camper groups to be signed in first.
- Multiple campers in different programs should arrive at the earlier check-in time.
- Have a brief goodbye and words of encouragement and then let our staff welcome your camper to their cabin mates.
- Making friends is a big part of camp. Talk to your camper about making at least one new friend.
- Registering for one of our Open House events prior to arrival will help familiarize both you and your camper with the surroundings and get them excited about their upcoming adventures.
- Rephrase conversations to say your camper is “going” to camp as opposed to saying that you are “sending them away to camp.”
- It is natural for your camper to feel anxious prior to camp. Talk openly with your camper about it. Our staff are here to introduce them to other campers and plenty of fun activities and opportunities.
- Talk with your camper positively, using phrases such as “I am super excited for you” or “I wish I could go to camp and have this much fun.” Please remember your campers excitement and enthusiasm starts with you!
- Writing letters to your camper, our one-way email and our photo gallery are great ways for you to stay connected with your camper during their stay!

### Arrival/Check-In

We strive to make the check-in process as efficient and welcoming as possible. Our expectation is that families will be caring, honest, respectful, and responsible during check-in. We ask you to please arrive on time and be patient with our staff while they handle questions and concerns for you and other families. Arrivals are on **Sunday**, following the timing below. Please arrive at the proper time to allow our staff to provide a quality experience. Please contact your camp if you will be arriving past 4:30 pm on check-in day to make arrangements.

1:45 pm LITs and CITs

2:30 pm Girls Cabins

3:30 pm Boys Cabins

Please be respectful of other cars in line. Do not go around others waiting in line.

### Check-In Procedures

**WELCOME & GREETING:** At the first stop you will be greeted and sign-in your camper. You will also be asked to verify those authorized to pick-up your camper.

**HEALTH INTAKE & CAMPER MEDICATION FORM:** Every camper is required to go through a Health Intake during Check-In. All Camper Medication Forms must be filled out and signed by a licensed physician prior to arrival for each camper. Medications should be separate from camper’s luggage and given to the Camp Healthcare Director during Check-In. Completed Camper Medication Forms can be submitted via email to [campweona@ymcabn.org](mailto:campweona@ymcabn.org) prior to arrival or submitted to the Healthcare Director during Check-In.

**CAMPER LETTERS:** Parents are encouraged to write letters to their campers prior to arrival. They can also be given to staff at Check-In for delivery during the week. For each letter should include your camper’s name and the day to distribute. No care packages, food, or snacks can be included.

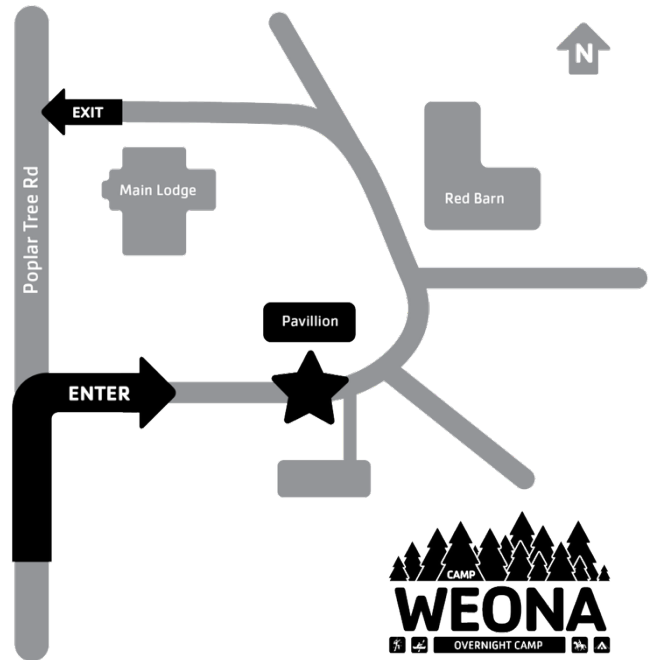
**LUGGAGE DROP:** Our staff will then direct you with luggage instructions and next steps.



## DIRECTIONS

Camp Weona can be found in Google Maps using the following address:

**YMCA Camp Wweona**  
84025 Poplar Tree Road  
Gainesville, NY 14066



## CHECK-OUT

### Tips for a Positive Check-Out Experience

- We understand you missed your kids during camp and ask that you be patient so we can offer everyone the same care and attention.
- Please arrive at the appropriate time to allow your camper to finish eating with their friends and say farewell.
- When you arrive at camp, please wait for staff to greet you with instructions for a smooth check-out.
- Do not take your camper's luggage before going through our check-out process with staff. Campers will not be released until parents/guardians or authorized persons have been verified by staff.

### Departure/Check-Out

- All campers are picked up on **Friday 3:00 - 4:30 pm**, except Explorers and Mini Camp.
  - Explorers are picked up on Tuesday between 7:00 - 8:00 pm.
  - Mini Campers are picked up on Wednesday between 3:00 - 4:30 pm.
- Please drive to the same location as you did at Check-In. Staff will greet you there with further instructions for Check-Out.
- Anyone picking up a camper must be 21 years or older and listed as an authorized pick-up for your camper. **They also must have a valid photo ID to show camp staff.**