



PARENT GUIDE

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WELCOME TO 2026 - BRIGHTHOUSE DAY CAMP!!!!

Dear Camp Parents and Guardians,

We are truly honored that you've entrusted us with your child this summer. At Brighthouse Day Camp, we don't just run a camp — we build leaders, confidence, friendships, and family. Our culture is rooted in positivity, respect, kindness, effort, accountability, and acceptance. These values guide everything we do and help create an environment where campers thrive.

This marks our 12th season, and each year we continue to raise the bar. With over 1,000 campers enrolled and 400–500 campers attending daily, the energy at Brighthouse is unmatched. Behind the scenes, we have worked hard to strengthen programming, enhance safety procedures, and train our staff to ensure the highest level of care and fun.

Our staff is ELITE. Many return year after year because Brighthouse is more than a summer job — it's a mission and a family.

Please take time to review the 2026 Parent Handbook carefully. It contains important updates and information that will help ensure a smooth and successful summer. Even returning families should review it, as policies and procedures have been refined.

All of our policies are built around one simple goal: KEEP CAMPERS SAFE AND HAVING FUN.

We cannot wait to see your child grow in confidence, make new friends, compete with heart, and create memories that last a lifetime.

If you need anything, I am always available by phone at (561) 236-2841 or email at yesrecyale@gmail.com

Let's make Summer 2026 unforgettable.

BRIGHTHOUSE DAY CAMP — YOU CAN'T TEACH THAT!!!

See you at camp,

Yale David

Yale David, President

Brighthouse Day Camp is held at

Somerset Academy Canyons

9385 Boynton Beach Boulevard

Boynton Beach, Florida 33472

Direct Line: 561-866-7383

Cell phone #: 561-236—2841

TAX ID # 47-1901846

Camp - Monday through Friday - 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Before Care – Monday through Friday – 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM
After Care – Monday through Friday – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Yale David – Brighthouse Day Camp President

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Camp Open House is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2026 at
Somerset Academy Canyons
9385 Boynton Beach Boulevard

From 10:00 – 11:00am (Last Name starting with A-M)

From 11:30 – 12:30pm (Last Name starting with N-Z)

- Meet the staff
- See Facility
- Receive T-shirts, other items
- Receive schedules, calendars, menus, etc.

All families are invited to attend. If you cannot attend, your camper's items will be found in the camp office the remainder of the summer until your camper attends. If you want to order an additional T-shirt for your child/children, the cost is \$15 each. You can order at open house or by giving us a call at (561) 866-7383. (Extra shirts may not be available at Open House unless preordered).

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Owners & Directors: Yale & Jodi David

Assistant Director: John Quinto

Soccer Camp Director: Eric DeSousa

Office Manager: Leslie Samaro

Camp Nurse: Katie Porges

Unit Head: Lauren Totillo

Unit Head: Jennifer Cartosa

Unit Head: Jacob Kennedy

Unit Head: Ryan Sokol

Behavioral Specialist: Christina Celia

Before Care & After Care Director: Jacob Kennedy, Matt Moran

Special Events Coordinators: Allison Helfrich, Emily Helfrich

GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

The camp office staff seeks to assist every parent. Please try the office staff first, before you call the Directors, to ask structural or procedural questions. The office staff will be pleased to help you. If they cannot, they will refer you to an administrator.

General office phones are staffed from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., after which you must dial an individual directly.

Camp Office: (561) 866-7383

Nurses Phone: (561) 765-0760

Yale David's Cell: (561) 236-2841, Jodi David's Cell (561) 706-2005

Somerset Academy Canyons School Office: (561) 732-8252

General E-mail: YESrecYALE@gmail.com

Brighthouse Day Camp Website: www.jointheYESmovement.com

CHANGING / ADDING WEEKS POLICY

We understand that summer schedules can change, and we are happy to offer families flexibility whenever possible.

If you would like to change or add camp weeks, simply email the camp office at yesrecyale@gmail.com — there is no need to complete a new registration form. Our team will update your schedule for you.

Please note:

- Any weeks added after the Early Bird Registration period will be charged at the **current applicable rate**.

If you have any questions or need assistance adjusting your schedule, please reach out to the camp office. We are always happy to help.

MAKE-UP DAYS

If your camper is absent from camp for any reason, there are opportunities to make that time up subject to our availability. Please contact me and we can schedule the make-up days. NO refunds will be provided for missing any days.

CAMP GROUPS

Campers are placed in groups based on the grade level they will be entering in Fall 2026. When completing your registration form, please be sure to indicate the correct grade.

Each grade-level group is assigned multiple counselors who will remain with them throughout the summer to ensure consistency, supervision, and a strong sense of connection.

BUNKS

We call our groups “Bunks!” Every camper will be assigned to a bunk for the summer. Typically, our bunks are assigned by current grade going into the summer. Campers will stay with their bunks throughout the day. Each bunk will have an assigned classroom to store camp bags and change during the day.

BUNK COUNSELORS

Each bunk is supervised by a skilled **Senior Counselor** and supported by additional staff members including **Junior Counselors, LITs (Leaders in Training), and Interns** to ensure strong supervision and consistency. Our Senior Counselors include teachers, coaches, parents, former campers, and college students with experience working with children. They oversee your camper’s daily experience and lead their team in creating a safe, structured, and fun environment.

Senior Counselors will contact families prior to camp to introduce themselves and discuss any important information. During the summer, if you need to speak with your child’s counselor, please contact the camp office to arrange a call. Counselors do not communicate with parents via personal cell phones during the camp day so they can remain fully focused on campers.

All Summer 2026 staff members are carefully screened, trained, and complete background checks through the State of Florida. Our team is selected for their positive energy, leadership, and commitment to helping children grow socially, cognitively, and physically.

CAMP FLAGPOLE

At 9:10am, there is a camp-wide Flagpole. All campers gather in our gymnasium and have our morning meeting with the entire camp. We use this time to get our campers excited about their day, go over important announcements, announce campers' birthdays, tell jokes, do cheers and listen to fun music as the campers prepare for their day.

DAILY SCHEDULE

After our morning Flagpole campers begin their day by going to their first activity. Each grade has a schedule that consists of seven, 45-minute periods. Every period each grade goes to a different area and participates in a different activity.

The full camp schedule will be emailed prior to the start of summer and will also be available at www.jointheYESmovement.com. Daily programming includes Sports & Fitness, STEM & Discovery, Creative Arts, themed days, and special events — all designed to provide a well-rounded and exciting experience for every camper and bring the entire camp together and strengthen our sense of community and camaraderie.

A calendar of events and group schedules will be available for each Summer Camp week. While every effort will be made to maintain all programming as outlined, we reserve the right to modify any program week.

DAILY CAMP ACTIVITIES

General Camp:

Sports & Fitness: Tennis, Archery, Fitness, Karate, Mini Golf, Fencing, and more!

STEM & Discovery: Science, Drones, Engineering, Little Medical School.

Creative Arts: Arts & Crafts, Photography, Cartoon Art, Plaster Time, Magic, Sewing.

Camp Fun: Water Play, Special Events, Dress-Up Days, Theme Days, and Group Challenges.

Sports Camp:

Each day includes a mix of indoor and outdoor sports such as basketball, football, hockey, baseball, soccer, gaga, and volleyball. Campers also participate in **specialty activities** like arts & crafts, science, and computers for variety and creativity. (1st grade campers take part in more specialty activities, while older campers focus more on athletics.)

To enhance the experience, every week features a **special sports clinic** led by local high school or professional coaches. Clinics have included **lacrosse, pickleball, golf, wrestling, and more** — giving campers the chance to learn new sports, practice fundamentals, and build confidence.

SPECIAL EVENTS & THEME DAYS

(Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday and weeks 8 & 9)

Our Camp Calendar includes a description of all the Special Day activities and events we have planned for our summer camp program. Please encourage your campers to participate in these events by dressing up! These activities are fun for both the campers and counselors! Camp also has theme days when we do silly things such as Crazy Hair & Hat Day, Sports Jersey Day, School Spirit Day, etc. We hope everyone will join in being silly for a day! These days will be listed on the camp calendar. Weeks 8 & 9 are Special Event weeks with week 8 being our camp Color War and week 9 daily Special Events.

COLOR WAR

Color War is a time-honored camp tradition where spirit, camaraderie, and tradition take center stage. Throughout the week, the Black and Orange teams compete in a variety of exciting activities including relay races, tug of war, scavenger hunts, sports competitions, arts & crafts, team songs, skits, and cheers — all designed to build teamwork, camp pride, and unforgettable memories.

At week's end, there may be a winner and a runner-up, but we always remember: **“It Just Doesn't Matter.”** What matters most is sportsmanship, unity, and the friendships we share.

SPECIAL SHOWS

Every Tuesday from 2:45pm–3:30pm, our Kindergarten and 1st Grade campers (General & Sports) enjoy a special show. We carefully select engaging, educational, and exciting performances to enhance their camp experience. A full list of weekly shows can be found under the **Weekly Shows** tab on our website.

In addition, we host several all-camp special events throughout the summer for all campers in Kindergarten through 8th Grade — including WrestleMania, Masked Counselor, and our Camper Talent Show. These events are listed on the Camp Calendar and are always camper favorites.

THE BELT

From the very first day of camp, Morning Flagpole sets the tone for fun, energy, and spirit. Each week, camp groups compete for the ultimate honor — the Brighthouse Day Camp “Phenomenal Group of the Week” Championship Belt! Throughout the week, campers bring their best effort by Cheering louder than anyone else, showing the most spirit with creative signs and chants, Demonstrating teamwork, respect, and camp pride.

The winning group earns the right to proudly hold “THE BELT” all week long and celebrate with a special Pizza Party on Friday. By the end of the week, one chant always echoes across camp: “WE WANT THE BELT! WE WANT THE BELT!”

CLOTHING

All clothing and personal belongings must be clearly labeled with your camper's **full name**. Proper labeling greatly increases the chances of lost items being returned.

Campers should wear comfortable clothing appropriate for summer weather, such as shorts, t-shirts, and hats. Please dress your child appropriately for heat and rain when necessary. Campers will receive two camp T-shirts to be worn on designated special days or whenever they would like — they are not required daily unless specified.

Sneakers must be worn each day for all camp activities. Sandals, flip-flops, open-backed shoes, and sneakers with wheels are not permitted during camp activities due to safety concerns. Campers may bring flip-flops or water shoes for pool and designated water days only. If your child cannot tie their shoelaces independently, Velcro sneakers are strongly recommended.

Clothing depicting inappropriate language, images, or adult themes is not permitted at camp.

Each camp group has a designated bunk where they can keep their belongings. With the exception of Kindergarten campers, children are responsible for keeping track of their own items — including their shoes. Please remind your camper to take care of their belongings each day.

Sunscreen is permissible and must be provided by the parents/guardians. Spray sunscreen is recommended. Sunscreen is to be labeled you're your child's name and will be kept in their bag.

LUNCH & SNACKS

The lunch at camp is always a hit! Campers are provided with daily lunch and snacks throughout the summer beginning Tuesday, June 2 through Friday, July 24 through the Palm Beach County School District. This is a free service to Brighthouse Day Camp families and has no impact on camp tuition. Of course, we have plenty of kid-friendly food like chicken fingers and nuggets, pizza, corn dogs, meatball subs, etc.

A lunch and snack menu will be emailed prior to the start of camp and will also be available on our website. Please review the menu with your child.

Campers are welcome to bring their own lunch if they prefer not to participate in the camp lunch program. We do not have refrigeration or microwave access available. Any lunch brought from home should not require refrigeration and must be clearly labeled with your child's full name and group (large Ziploc-style bags work best). Upon arrival, lunches will be collected and returned to campers at lunchtime.

Campers must bring lunch on the following dates due to cafeteria closures for national holidays and staff preparation for the Fall 2026 school year: **Monday, June 1; Thursday, June 18; Thursday, July 2; Friday, July 3; and all of Week 9.** Lunch will not be provided on these days. We will notify families in advance of any additional special event days when lunch may be offered (including summer Pizza Party days).

If your child has any food allergies, please notify the camp in writing and be sure to clearly indicate all allergies on your registration forms. While Brighthouse Day Camp is sensitive to food allergies and takes precautions to keep campers safe, we are **not a peanut-free, gluten-free, or allergen-free environment.**

All food and allergy related questions can be directed to our Camp Nurse, Katie Porges by contacting her at 561-765-0760.

SNACK TIME

All campers receive a snack daily at scheduled snack time, and snacks are available every day throughout the summer. Families are welcome to send additional snacks for the afternoon if desired.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays are a special part of the Brighthouse Day Camp experience, and we love celebrating our campers! If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at camp, please arrange it in advance with the camp office.

- Store-bought cupcakes or cookies are permitted
- Cakes are not allowed
- No peanuts or items containing nuts are permitted for any camp activity

Campers celebrating a birthday while at camp will be recognized during our morning flagpole, where campers and staff will sing Happy Birthday to help make their day extra special.

If you would like to send in a treat to share with campers in your child's grade during snack time, please contact the camp office ahead of time so we can provide an accurate head count.

SAFETY & SECURITY

At Brighthouse Day Camp, the safety of our campers and staff is our #1 priority. We are fully committed to providing a safe, secure, and FUN environment, and we appreciate your cooperation with all camp safety procedures.

Security personnel are positioned at the camp entrance and throughout campus during the camp day. Anyone other than campers and staff must present a valid photo ID before entering. When arriving for drop-off or pick-up, please have your carpool card displayed in your windshield and your photo ID readily available. These policies are in place to protect every member of our camp community.

For the past 11 summers, we have partnered with local authorities, risk management professionals, and safety experts to maintain comprehensive emergency preparedness plans. Our safety measures include:

- Nationwide background checks for all employees
- Annual hands-on staff training and certifications
- Structured camper check-in and check-out procedures
- Two-way radio communication across campus
- On-site security at all times

In addition, a **licensed and armed professional security guard** will be present on campus daily throughout the summer, adding another layer of monitoring and response capability. This preventative step is taken thoughtfully to provide additional protection and peace of mind for our families.

During the first two weeks of camp, we will conduct a calm and age-appropriate emergency drill, similar to what campers practice during the school year. Families will be notified in advance so everyone is informed and prepared.

We take this responsibility seriously and remain proactive in ensuring a safe and positive camp experience for every child.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

1. **Cancellations prior to May 1, 2026:**
A refund will be issued minus a \$50 processing fee.
2. **Cancellations between May 1, 2026 – June 1, 2026:**
No refunds will be issued. A full credit will be provided, usable for any camp offering through **August 31, 2027**.
3. **After June 1, 2026:**
There are **NO REFUNDS OR CREDITS** for any reason. Missed days cannot be made up. **There are no exceptions.**
4. Camp registration is by the full week only. We do not offer daily rates for staffing purposes. **No exceptions.**
5. Returned checks are subject to a \$35 fee.
6. A \$1 per minute late fee will be charged for late pick-up from Camp or After Care.
7. Weeks that have already been paid for may be switched with approval from the Camp Director.
8. If camp is forced to close due to state or county restrictions, a credit will be issued for the days closed. This credit may be used for any camp offering through **August 31, 2027**.
9. If you wish to add weeks after initial registration, please email us and we will process payment using the credit card on file.

PAYMENT & SCHEDULES POLICIES

- Payments are accepted by Cash, Zelle, Venmo, credit card, or check made payable to **YES, INC.**
- There are no tuition adjustments due to withdrawals, holidays, vacations, absences, or schedule changes.
- Families are financially responsible for all scheduled weeks.
- We reserve the right to suspend participation until payment is made.
- All schedule changes must be communicated directly to the Camp Director.

By registering for Brighthouse Day Camp, families are committing to the program and staffing schedule. We hire and schedule staff based on the enrollment weeks selected by families.

CAMPER CONDUCT POLICY

For the general welfare of all campers, Brighthouse Day Camp reserves the unrestricted right to dismiss any camper whose conduct or influence, in the opinion of the Camp Director, is not in the best interest of the camp community. In such cases, no refund or credit will be issued. Please refer to the official online registration form for complete details regarding the Brighthouse Day Camp Cancellation & Refund Policy.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

The safety of our campers is our top priority. Thank you for carefully following all procedures to help us maintain a safe and efficient environment.

CARPOOL TAGS & IDENTIFICATION

All vehicles entering campus for drop-off or pick-up must display a **Brighthouse carpool tag** in the windshield.

- If a carpool tag is not displayed, security will stop the vehicle and require a valid photo ID.
- Please have your photo ID available at all times.
- Carpool tags may be picked up at Open House or at the camp office prior to the start of camp.

Only authorized individuals listed on the Registration or Emergency Forms may pick up a camper. Authorized persons must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Present a valid photo ID

Unless a valid **State of Florida custody order** is on file, campers may be released to either parent/guardian listed on the registration form.

BEFORE CARE (7:00am – 8:30am)

Before Care begins promptly at **7:00am** and is available only to registered campers.

- Park in the front of the school.
- Drop-off takes place at the **Middle School Cafeteria** (look for the “Before Care” sign).
- A staff member will greet your camper.

Please do not leave your child unattended before 7:00am.

REGULAR MORNING DROP-OFF (Begins at 8:30am)

- Pull your vehicle to the area in front of the **outside basketball courts**, where staff will direct traffic.
- There will be designated carpool lanes.
- Display your **carpool card** clearly in your windshield.
- Parents must remain in their vehicles.
- Staff will escort campers safely to their bunks.

Campers arriving between **8:30am – 9:00am** will be escorted to their bunks.

Camp begins promptly at **9:00am**.

Campers arriving after 9:00am must report to the **main office** for check-in before being escorted to their bunk.

Do not drop campers off in parking lots or at doorways.

Do not leave vehicles running or leave children unattended in the car.

PM PICK-UP PROCEDURES (Begins at 3:50pm)

- Pull your vehicle to the area in front of the **outside basketball courts**, where staff will direct traffic.
- Two carpool lanes will be used.
- Display your **carpool card** clearly in your windshield.
- Parents must remain in their vehicles at all times.
- A staff member will escort your camper to your car.
- Follow all staff directions carefully.
- Once your child is secured in your vehicle, please proceed promptly.
- Campers will not be released to anyone outside of the designated vehicle carpool line.

AFTER CARE (4:00pm – 6:00pm)

After Care includes structured activities throughout the session.

Pick-up takes place at the front of the school (look for the “After Care” sign):

- A staff member will announce your arrival.
- Another staff member will escort your camper to your vehicle.
- Photo ID is required for sign-out.

Campers must be picked up by **6:00pm**.

Pick-ups after **6:05pm** will incur a **\$1 per minute late fee**.

PARKING & SAFETY REMINDERS

- Never park or leave your vehicle unattended in the carpool lane.
- Do not park in unauthorized areas.
- Handicap spaces are reserved for vehicles with proper decals only.
- Use extreme caution when walking children to or from parked vehicles.
- Remove valuables from unattended vehicles. Brighthouse Day Camp is not responsible for items left inside vehicles.

Our campers’ safety is everyone’s responsibility. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and organized arrival and dismissal process.

EARLY DISMISSAL POLICY

Early Dismissal Ends at 2:45pm

Beginning at 2:45pm, our full staff is needed to safely prepare for afternoon dismissal. It is a very labor-intensive process to ensure every camper gets home safely, and we cannot accommodate early pick-ups after 2:45pm.

If you arrive after 2:45pm requesting early dismissal, security will ask you to park and wait until regular carpool begins.

If you need to pick up your child early on any camp day, the following procedures must be followed:

1. **Advance Notice Required**

Please call or email the camp office at least **one hour prior** to your intended pick-up time.

You may also send a signed and dated note with your child that includes:

- Camper's name
- Bunk/group
- Date
- Pick-up time
- Name of the person picking up

If possible, please notify the office before **12:00pm** for smoother coordination.

2. **Without Prior Notice**

If we are not notified in advance, it may take **10–20 minutes** to locate and escort your child to the office. Campers may be on the fields, classrooms, or participating in water activities and need time to gather belongings or change.

3. **Pick-Up Location**

- Park outside the **Camp Office**.
- Enter the **Nurse's Office**, where your child will be waiting.
- You must sign your child out.
- A valid photo ID is required.

4. **Authorized Pick-Up**

If someone other than a parent is picking up, we must verify authorization with the parent. Please provide a phone number where you can be reached during business hours. The authorized person must present a valid photo ID.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- All early dismissals must be arranged through the **camp office only**. Please do not contact bunk counselors during the camp day.
- Campers are expected to remain on campus for the full camp day whenever possible.
- We strongly encourage families to avoid scheduling appointments during camp hours, as early departures cause disruption and often result in campers missing special activities.
- We understand that emergencies arise and will always do our best to accommodate urgent situations.
- Parents are not permitted to enter the camp area unless escorted by a staff member.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and organized dismissal process for all campers.

RELEASE & DISMISSAL POLICIES

For the safety of all campers, we have instructed our staff **not to release any child at any time unless all established procedures are followed.**

Under no circumstances may a child be taken from camp without notifying the camp office. This policy also applies to late drop-offs. If arriving late, please park outside the **Camp Office**, and a staff member will escort your child to the appropriate location.

If you do not wish for your child to be released to a particular individual, you must notify the Camp Office **immediately in writing.**

No child will be released to anyone not listed on the authorized pick-up list or to anyone unable to present valid photo identification. Parents are not permitted to enter the camp area unless escorted by a staff member.

REGULAR DISMISSAL

At dismissal, campers are escorted by their counselors to the gymnasium staging area. Your child's carpool number will be called, and you may proceed through the car line to pick up your child. Your child will be called over the loudspeaker or by walkie talkie to get their belongings and come outside. Please be patient as it may take a few minutes for them to get outside. Parents are not permitted to enter the camp area unless escorted by a staff member.

All students not enrolled in After Care must be picked up in a vehicle in the designated car line. We are unable to retrieve campers from After Care until the regular dismissal process has concluded.

TRANSITION TO AFTER CARE (4:15pm – 4:30pm)

Between approximately **4:15pm – 4:30pm**, remaining campers transition with staff to the Middle School Cafeteria for After Care activities.

For safety reasons, parents may not remove children from these transition lines. If you arrive during this time:

- Please go directly to the **After Care Director's table** located outside the Middle School Cafeteria.
- A staff member will escort your child to you.
- If you arrive before 4:30pm, no After Care fee will be charged.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

It is essential that we have the name and phone number of at least one emergency contact who can assume responsibility for your child if we are unable to reach you. This individual must be able to come to camp and pick up your child if necessary. Please ensure that all emergency contacts understand this responsibility.

If your contact information changes at any time, you must notify the Camp Office immediately. Updates may only be made by the parent/legal guardian who registered the camper.

Emergency Contacts must include individuals whom the parent/legal guardian authorizes to remove the child from camp grounds at any time.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, organized, and secure environment for every camper at Brighthouse Day Camp.

COMMUNICATION & RESOURCES

Clear communication is extremely important to us. Please review the information to ensure you stay connected and informed throughout the summer.

CAMP PHONE

If you need to reach your camper during the camp day, **please do not call them directly**. Campers do not have access to phones during camp activities.

To reach the camp office, please call:

☎ **561-866-7383**

If we are unable to answer, please leave a voicemail and we will return your call as soon as possible.

You may also contact us by:

✉ **YESrecYALE@gmail.com**

📱 **Text: (561) 236-2841**

MESSAGING, OUTREACH, TEXT ALERTS

Camp-related communication will be distributed primarily through **email and text messaging**.

Families enrolled in camp may opt in to receive email communications. Instructions for signing up for text message alerts will be provided at the beginning of the summer.

We use these communication tools to share timely updates, reminders, and important daily information. Please read emails and text messages carefully. While some reminders may seem repetitive, they often contain important details regarding schedules, events, or changes.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

All Brighthouse Day Camp information is available online at: www.jointheYESmovement.com

The website includes schedules, calendars, parent resources, important forms, and camp updates. We encourage families to check the website regularly throughout the summer.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Brighthouse Day Camp also shares updates, announcements, and camp highlights through social media.

Stay connected by:

- Liking **Brighthouse Day Camp** on Facebook
- Following **Brighthouse Day Camp** on Instagram

We look forward to keeping you informed and engaged all summer long!

BRIGHTHOUSE DAY CAMP

DAILY CAMP CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to make sure your camper is ready for a safe, fun, and PHENOMENAL day at camp!

✓ EVERY DAY

- Hat
- Sneakers & socks (required)
- Water bottle (labeled)
- Sunscreen (apply before camp)
- Undergarments
- Change of dry clothes
- Plastic bag for wet or soiled items

WATER DAYS (Tuesdays & Special Days)

- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Water shoes or flip flops (for water play only)
- Extra change of clothes

- ✓ If water play is early, your child may wear their swimsuit to camp.
- ✓ Check your child's schedule for water play times.

WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME

To keep camp safe, focused, and stress-free, please do **not** send your child to camp with the following:

- Toys
- Gaming equipment
- iPads, tablets, or video games
- Cell phones or smart watches
- Money
- Jewelry
- Trading cards / Pokémon cards
- Expensive sports equipment
- Glass bottles
- Gum
- "Slime"
- Medicine in backpacks (must be handled through the camp office)

No aerosol sprays of any kind at camp! This includes deodorants, perfume, bug spray, and sunscreen. Please remember, camp is for fun! Your child will be running, jumping, sliding, eating, riding, working with various art media and changing clothes! Please do not send expensive clothing to camp, and label everything.

CELL PHONE & ELECTRONICS POLICY

Cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and any device capable of making calls, texting, taking photos, or accessing the internet are **not permitted for use at any time during the camp day**.

It is the camp's strong preference that these devices not be brought to camp at all.

If a parent feels a camper must bring a cell phone for emergency purposes only:

- The device must remain **turned off**.
- It must be stored in the camper's backpack at all times.
- It may not be used for calling, texting, photos, videos, games, or internet access.

If a camper is seen using a device for any reason during the camp day:

- The device will be **confiscated immediately**.
- It will be stored at the camp office.
- It will be returned at dismissal.
- Repeated violations may result in further disciplinary action.

Camper's do not need cell phones during the day. If you need to reach your child, please contact the **camp office**, and we will ensure communication takes place. Camp phones are available for campers if needed.

IMPORTANT PARENT RESPONSIBILITY NOTICE

Cell phones and other mobile devices are **not permitted for use during the camp day**. It is the camp's strong preference that campers do not bring cell phones or electronic devices to camp. If you feel your child must have a phone for emergency purposes, please make sure it remains turned off and stored in their backpack at all times.

Parents are legally responsible for their child's cell phone use. The taking or sharing of unwanted, questionable, or inappropriate photos — whether sent directly or posted online — is a serious matter. Parents are ultimately responsible for their child's conduct involving electronic devices.

Brighthouse Day Camp is not responsible for the loss, damage, misuse, or distribution of any cell phones or electronic devices brought to camp.

If a camper is seen using a device during the camp day for any reason — including calling, texting, taking photos, watching videos, or internet use — the device will be confiscated and stored at the camp office until dismissal.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, focused, and distraction-free camp environment for all campers.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please do not allow your child to bring expensive, valuable, sentimental, or collectible items to camp. Children misplace items, and equipment can become damaged during normal camp activities.

This includes (but is not limited to):

- Expensive tennis racquets, bats, gloves, or sports equipment
- Jewelry
- Electronics
- Card collections
- Trend or fad items

All belongings brought to camp (lunch boxes, camp shirts, bags, water bottles, etc.) must be clearly labeled with your child's full name in permanent marker.

Brighthouse Day Camp is **not responsible** for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal items brought to camp.

Let's work together to keep camp fun, safe, and worry-free for everyone.

PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME

- Cell phones & smart watches
- Toys & gaming devices
- Trading/Pokémon cards
- Jewelry
- Money
- Expensive or sentimental items

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please label ALL items with your child's full name.

Brighthouse Day Camp is not responsible for lost or damaged personal belongings.

SUMMER TIPS

To help your child have a smooth and successful camp experience, please keep the following tips in mind:

- Please allow a little extra time for drop-off, especially during the first few days of camp.
- It is normal for some children to have a hard time saying goodbye. Quick, confident goodbyes often make the transition easier. Most campers adjust quickly and go on to have a great day. If there are any ongoing concerns, we will contact you.
- Remember sunscreen and insect repellent! Applying these at home before arriving at camp can save time and help your child start the day ready to go.
- Campers leave their backpacks in their bunks for much of the day. Please keep this in mind when deciding what to send, and check with your child and staff at the end of the day to see if anything can be left home the next day.
- Labeling clothing and belongings with your child's name or initials helps us return misplaced items quickly.
- Please avoid scheduling appointments during the camp day whenever possible, as campers may miss special activities and events.

HEALTH & SAFETY

At **Brighthouse Day Camp**, the health and safety of our campers and staff is our highest priority. We meet and exceed industry safety standards and are committed to maintaining a safe, healthy, and supportive environment all summer long

HEALTH CARE AT CAMP

At Brighthouse Day Camp, the health and safety of our campers is a top priority. Our Health Office is staffed by a **licensed nurse who is on campus each day** to provide care and support for campers and staff and to help maintain a safe and healthy camp environment.

Permission to treat and administer medication must be granted by a parent/guardian by completing the **Camper Health History Form** through the Parent Portal.

If a camper becomes ill or injured during the camp day, parents/guardians will be notified promptly. Our nurse will communicate important information regarding a camper's medical status, including illness, injury, or recurring concerns when necessary.

In the event of a medical emergency, camp staff will call **911 immediately**, followed by notification to the parent/guardian. If a camper needs to be transported to the hospital before a parent arrives, a Director will accompany the camper and remain with them until a parent/guardian arrives. Camp staff will not authorize medical treatment.

Our nurse is available to speak with families before and throughout the summer regarding health concerns or special medical needs. Please contact the camp office if you would like to speak with the nurse.

ILLNESS POLICY

Brighthouse Day Camp programs are designed for children in good health. Please do not send your child to camp if they are sick or may be contagious.

Children may **NOT attend camp** if they exhibit:

- Fever of 100°F or higher
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Severe nasal or eye discharge
- Unidentified rash
- Contagious illness (chicken pox, measles, lice, ringworm, impetigo, pink eye, etc.)
- Severe cold, persistent cough, or difficulty breathing
- Extreme lethargy or unusual behavior

If your child is prescribed antibiotics, they must be on medication for **at least 24 hours** before returning to camp.

Campers sent home due to illness must be symptom-free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning. In some cases, a physician's note may be required.

If any of the above symptoms occur at camp, parents are required to pick up their child within one hour.

There are **no refunds, credits, or substitutions** for absences due to illness.

MINOR INJURIES

Minor injuries (scrapes, bumps, bruises, etc.) will be treated by our health staff. Routine care may include ice packs, bandages, or basic first aid.

All injuries and illnesses are documented. You will receive notification at dismissal if appropriate. While we cannot call for every minor bump, we will contact you whenever we determine it is necessary.

We have over 450 campers per day and every Director does not know every incident/injury/discipline that happens to each child firsthand. They will, however, be able to investigate the issue and get answers to all your questions.

MEDICATION POLICY (VERY IMPORTANT)

Do NOT send medication in your child's backpack or pockets.

This includes:

- Tylenol
- Cough drops
- Inhalers
- EpiPens
- Any prescription or over-the-counter medication

All medication must be:

- Turned in directly to the camp front desk
- In its original labeled container
- Accompanied by a completed Medication Form
- Clearly documented in the Health Portal

Parents must provide specific instructions and precautionary information for all medications.

If you authorize Tylenol for headaches or minor ailments, this must be indicated in the Health & Wellness section of the online portal. A Director will contact you before administering Tylenol.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE POLICY

To protect all campers:

- Please notify the camp immediately if your child contracts a contagious condition.
- Do not send your child to camp if they are not well, even if they wish to attend.
- Campers must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning.
- Lice must be fully treated with no visible nits before return.
- Ringworm must be treated and covered.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our camp community healthy.

PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES

Campers are expected to participate in all scheduled activities. If there is a medical or non-medical reason your child cannot participate in a specific activity, please notify the camp office as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

It is essential that we have up-to-date contact information at all times. Please ensure:

- Home, work, and mobile numbers are current
- At least one emergency contact is listed who can pick up your child if necessary
- All emergency contacts understand this responsibility

Only the registering parent/legal guardian may update emergency contact information

We take the health and safety of every camper seriously and appreciate your partnership in maintaining a safe and healthy summer at Brighthouse Day Camp.

HEAD LICE POLICY

If a camper is found to have head lice, they will not be permitted to return to Brighthouse Day Camp until:

- They have been properly treated
- All live lice and nits (eggs) have been removed
- They have been cleared by the camp nurse

PROCEDURE FOR HEAD LICE

1. If any staff member suspects a possible infestation, the camper will be sent to the **Nurse's Office** for inspection.
2. If live lice or nits are found, parents/guardians will be notified immediately. The camper must be picked up and may not return to camp until treatment has been completed and all nits are removed.
3. As a precaution, we will check all campers within the affected group and notify families that lice has been identified in the group.
4. When returning to camp, the camper must report directly to the **Nurse's Office** for reinspection. The camper will not be permitted to return to their group until cleared by the nurse.

PARENT RESOURCES

For guidance on how to properly check for lice, you may view this instructional video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EMqj88S8IMg>

You may also contact:

Louse Calls

☎ (561) 376-1066

✉ amy@lousecalls.com

They provide in-home treatment services if needed.

We strongly encourage parents to perform regular head checks at home, especially if lice has been identified in your child's group.

Please remember: the presence of head lice is not an indication of cleanliness and can happen to anyone. We will maintain as much privacy and discretion as possible while ensuring the health and safety of all campers.

PRESCRIPTION & NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION POLICY

The health and safety of our campers is extremely important to us. For this reason, we have strict procedures regarding medical forms and medication administration.

REQUIRED MEDICAL FORMS

Before the start of camp, every camper must have:

1. Physician's Medical Form

- Completed and signed by a licensed physician
- Must include immunization records
- Must be dated within 12 months of the camp start date
- Must be on file in the Nurse's Office

If your child has had a physical within the past year, your physician may complete the form without an additional visit.

2. Camper Health History Form

- Completed online by a parent/guardian via the Parent Portal
- Required in order for camp to treat your child or administer any medication

All forms must be completed by **May 1st** to allow the Camp Nurse time to review them.

The Camp Nurse may contact you if clarification is needed.

Any camper leaving campus for trips must have completed medical forms on file prior to participation

MEDICATION POLICY

The only person permitted to dispense medication at camp is the **licensed Camp Nurse** or a qualified designee approved by camp administration.

This ensures:

- Proper dosage
- Correct timing
- Safe documentation

Important Rules:

- Medication may NOT be carried in a camper's backpack or pocket.
- Medication must be turned in directly to the camp office.
- Medication must remain at camp for the duration of the treatment period.
- Medication will not travel back and forth between home and camp.
- Only the exact number of doses needed for the week will be accepted.
- At least one dose must be administered at home before camp administers the medication (except emergency medications such as inhalers or EpiPens).

If medication is needed both at home and at camp, please speak with your pharmacist about dividing ("halving") the prescription.

MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS

All medications must:

Prescription Medication:

- Be in the original pharmacy container
- Clearly labeled with:
 - Camper's name
 - Prescribing physician
 - Dosage instructions
 - Date filled
 - Expiration date

Non-Prescription Medication:

- Be in the original container
- Include clear directions for use

Medication will only be administered according to written directions.

AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENT

BrightHouse Day Camp staff may only administer medication with:

- Written parent/guardian authorization
- Completed and signed medical forms
- Medication properly labeled and submitted

Medication **cannot and will not** be administered without completed documentation. This policy is for your child's protection.

If you would like your child to receive acetaminophen (Tylenol) or any "as needed" medication, this must be indicated on the Health History Form.

A Director or Nurse will contact you before Tylenol is administered.

FIRST DAY OF CAMP MEDICATION

If your camper requires medication on the first day:

- Arrange to drop off medication at the camp office prior to the first day.
- Notify the office in advance.
- If you need to speak with the Camp Nurse regarding medication or procedures, please contact the nurse at Open House or first day of camp.

ILLNESS POLICY REMINDER

Children will not be permitted to attend camp if they exhibit symptoms of illness. If a camper becomes ill during the day, parents will be notified for pick-up.

We ask for your cooperation in keeping sick children home to help minimize the spread of illness.

PRIVACY

Your child's medical information and medication administration will be handled with the utmost discretion and respect for privacy at all times.

MAKE-UP DAYS

If your camper is absent from camp for any reason, there are opportunities to make that time up subject to our availability. Please contact me and we can schedule the make-up days. NO refunds will be provided for missing any days.

PARENT CUSTODY POLICY

Each year, camps may encounter custody-related situations. Please understand that our primary responsibility is the safety, supervision, and emotional well-being of all campers. In order to maintain a safe and positive camp environment, all custody matters must be fully resolved and communicated prior to the start of camp.

Policy Guidelines

1. **Equal Parent Access**
Unless the camp has received a valid court order stating otherwise, both parents will be granted equal access to their child regardless of which parent completed the registration process.
2. **Authorized Pick-Up**
The camp's **Permission to Pick-Up** form must include all individuals authorized to pick up the camper. Only those listed and approved individuals will be permitted to remove a camper from camp.
3. **Court Orders & Legal Documentation**
Any custody restrictions, parenting plans, or court-ordered limitations must be submitted to the camp **in writing** with official legal documentation. Camp staff cannot enforce verbal agreements or informal arrangements between parents.
4. **Camp Neutrality**
Brighthouse Day Camp staff will remain neutral in all custody matters. Staff members are not permitted to interpret legal documents, mediate disputes, or make custody-related decisions.
5. **Parent Responsibility**
It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure that all custody information, legal paperwork, and authorized pick-up details are accurate and current. The camp will follow only the documentation officially on file.

Our goal is to provide a safe, stable, and supportive environment for every camper. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain clear and consistent procedures for all families.

EXPECTATIONS, POLICIES, & CONSEQUENCES

Our primary goal is to maintain a physically, emotionally, and intellectually safe environment for all participants. Our role in any behavior management situation is to promote the camper's safety, comfort, and growth. We strive to prevent problematic behaviors, and we avoid punishment as it removes a growth opportunity. Being proactive and preventative, using proximity and positive messages, and giving specific feedback are constant themes throughout staff training and are easily seen in our daily interactions with children. We also try to identify what may be driving the behaviors. Is the camper hungry? Angry? Lonely? Tired? Disrespectful behavior is often a precursor to unsafe behavior. To keep children safe, we strive to identify and redirect disrespectful behavior as it occurs. When redirection is unsuccessful or when instances of unsafe conduct occur, we follow these general steps:

* Reconnect with the camper - stop talking and listen, communicate calm, validate their feelings, reflect what we hear. We will reiterate or clarify expectations, making sure they understand, and let them know next steps.

*Action Steps: Brighthouse Day Camp believes that children learn self-control for appropriate and responsible behavior when adults treat them with dignity and use proper techniques:

- Guide children by setting clear, consistent, fair limits for behavior
- Value mistakes as learning opportunities
- Redirect children to more acceptable behavior or activities
- Make eye contact and listen when children talk about their feelings and frustrations
- Guide children to resolve their own conflicts and model skills that help them to solve problems
- Patiently remind children of rules and their rationale as needed
- Use effective praise that is immediate, sincere and specific
- State directions in a positive fashion

CAMP DISCIPLINE POLICY

At **Brighthouse Day Camp**, we are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and positive environment where every camper can thrive. We understand that children are still learning social skills, emotional regulation, and appropriate behavior. Our staff is trained to guide, redirect, and support campers in making positive choices whenever possible.

Our goal is always growth and learning — not punishment — while maintaining a safe and respectful camp community for everyone.

CAMP EXPECTATIONS

All campers are expected to:

- Keep hands, feet, and objects to themselves
- Treat others with kindness, respect, and inclusion
- Follow staff directions and camp rules
- Use appropriate language at all times
- Respect camp property and personal belongings
- Communicate with staff when they need help
- Participate safely and positively in all activities

BEHAVIOR SUPPORT & DISCIPLINE PROCESS

When behavior concerns arise, our staff follows a progressive support approach:

Step 1 — Guidance & Redirection

Staff will provide clear expectations, guidance, and verbal reminders to help the camper reset and rejoin activities successfully.

Step 2 — Reflection & Parent Communication

If behavior continues, the camper may be briefly removed from the group to reflect with staff and discuss choices. A discipline report may be documented and parents may be notified.

Step 3 — Director Involvement & Family Partnership

Ongoing or more serious behavior concerns will involve a Camp Director. Parents will be contacted so we can work together to develop a plan that supports the camper's success.

Step 4 — Safety-Based Consequences

If behavior jeopardizes the emotional or physical safety of the camper or others, or if severe incidents occur, disciplinary action may include:

- Removal from activities
- Suspension (1–5 days depending on severity)
- Expulsion from camp

Any behavior involving physical aggression, threats, emotional harm, or inappropriate conduct may result in immediate removal from the group and parent notification.

No refunds or credits are given for suspensions or expulsions.

BULLYING & HARASSMENT – ZERO TOLERANCE

Brighthouse Day Camp has a **zero-tolerance policy** for bullying or harassment of any kind.

Bullying includes:

- Intimidation or threats
- Repeated teasing or name-calling
- Physical aggression
- Social exclusion
- Cyberbullying or misuse of technology

Harassment — including sexual harassment or behavior targeting race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any protected status — is strictly prohibited.

Any camper engaging in bullying or harassment will be removed from the group and a parent/director conference will be required before returning. Additional disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion, may apply.

COMMUNICATION & DOCUMENTATION

Behavior incidents are documented so families remain informed and can support growth at home. While we may not contact parents for every minor issue, communication will occur when behavior is repeated, serious, or impacts safety.

If immediate safety is involved, parents will be asked to pick up their child right away. The camper will remain supervised in the camp office until dismissal.

SUSPENSION & EXPULSION POLICY

- Families remain financially responsible for days missed due to suspension.
- No refunds or credits are issued for suspension days.
- If a camper is expelled:
 - No refund is issued for the current week.
 - Future prepaid weeks may be issued as camp credit.
 - Siblings may continue attending camp.

At Brighthouse Day Camp, discipline is rooted in guidance, respect, and partnership with families. Our mission is to help campers grow into confident, respectful, and responsible members of our camp community while ensuring a safe and positive experience for all.

CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES

Please be sure to discuss any concerns with your child's Senior Counselor when the counselor calls your family before camp. Please discuss extraordinary medical, social, emotional or behavioral issues directly with us before camp begins. Camp may share confidential information with your camper's adult staff if deemed important in the care of your child.

PROHIBITED ITEMS & BEHAVIOR POLICY

To help maintain a safe, focused, and positive camp environment, campers are **not permitted** to bring or possess the following items at camp:

Prohibited Items

- Cell phones
- Smart watches
- Entertainment equipment or electronic games
- Sharpie markers
- Candy or chewing gum

If a camper is found with any prohibited item, the item will be confiscated and held by an administrator. A parent/guardian will be required to pick up the item from the camp office.

ZERO TOLERANCE ITEMS

The possession or use of **drugs, alcohol, or weapons** is strictly prohibited and will result in **immediate expulsion** from Brighthouse Day Camp.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Campers attend camp to be active, socialize, and have fun. While we believe children should remain engaged in activities whenever possible, safety is always our top priority. Campers are expected to respect staff, fellow campers, and the structure of camp activities.

The following behaviors are not accepted at camp:

- Bullying (including cyberbullying or sexting)
- Violence or threats
- Possession of weapons or drugs
- Repeated profanity or disrespectful behavior
- Bigotry, homophobic comments, or harassment of any kind
- Inappropriate sexual behavior
- Use of alcohol, drugs, or vaping products
- Use of cell phones or unauthorized electronic devices
- Any unsafe behavior that may harm themselves or others

Parents are expected to review these expectations with their children prior to camp. Serious or repeated violations may result in suspension or removal from the program. There are **no refunds** for dismissals resulting from prohibited behavior.

While our goal is to create positive memories for every camper, the safety and well-being of the entire camp community must come first.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Brighthouse Day Camp prohibits discrimination in employment and camp activities based on race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or association.

CAMP EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

The safety and security of our campers and staff is always our highest priority. In the event of an incident, threat, or emergency situation, Brighthouse Day Camp follows established emergency procedures designed to ensure the safety of all campers while maintaining a calm and organized environment.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES

1. A staff member will immediately notify the camp office.
2. The office will initiate emergency response procedures, which may include:
 - Contacting 911
 - Alerting the administrative team
 - Contacting security

- Announcing the appropriate emergency code:
 - **Code Red** – Danger in the building
 - **Code Yellow** – Danger in the surrounding community
 - **Code Black** – Tornado or natural disaster
- 3. Counselors will secure their groups by bringing campers indoors, locking doors, closing windows, and keeping campers safely together.
- 4. Administrative staff, security, and available personnel will check campus areas to ensure all campers are accounted for.
- 5. Cafeteria staff will secure dining areas.
- 6. Custodial staff will secure and lock building entrances.
- 7. Camp will remain in emergency status until directed otherwise by the camp office.
- 8. An official “All Clear” announcement will be made when the situation is resolved.
- 9. During tornado or severe weather situations, Code Black procedures will be followed.
- 10. In lockdown situations, local law enforcement will assume control of the campus. Families will be notified once communication is approved by authorities.
- 11. Counselors will remain calm and engaged with campers, providing reassurance and maintaining a quiet, safe environment.

FAMILY COMMUNICATION DURING EMERGENCIES

In the event of an emergency, families will receive updates by **email and/or text message**, including instructions for pick-up if necessary.

Please ensure your contact information remains current and check your phone and email regularly throughout the camp day

Our staff trains regularly on emergency procedures so that every camper is supported by calm, prepared, and confident adults at all times.

WEATHER EMERGENCIES

The safety of our campers and staff always comes first. In the event of severe weather prior to the start of the camp day, Bighthouse Day Camp will carefully monitor conditions and make decisions based on guidance from local authorities and Palm Beach County programs.

If Palm Beach County programs are closed due to weather, **Bighthouse Day Camp will also be closed.**

Families will be notified through multiple communication channels:

- Recorded message on the camp phone: **561-866-7383**
- Email notifications
- Text message alerts

Please be sure your contact information is current and check your phone and email regularly for updates regarding camp opening or closing decisions.

Our goal is always to make timely, informed decisions that prioritize safety while keeping families well informed.

PHOTO RELEASE & MEDIA COVERAGE

Throughout the camp season, photos and video footage may be taken of campers participating in activities, events, and daily programs for the purpose of documenting and sharing the Brighthouse Day Camp experience.

By registering for Brighthouse Day Camp, parents/guardians grant permission for Brighthouse Day Camp to use photographs and/or video footage of their child for promotional, marketing, and informational purposes, including but not limited to:

- Print materials
- Local media coverage
- Camp website
- Social media platforms (such as Facebook and Instagram)
- Other camp-related publications or events

Camper names and personal identifying information will **never** be published in connection with photographs or videos.

No financial compensation will be provided for the use of any images or video footage.

A successful camp experience requires an active partnership between our staff, campers, and families. Sharing photos and highlights helps families stay connected and see the fun experiences happening throughout the summer.

If you do not wish for your child's image to be used in camp publications or media please let us know via email.

CLOTHING / THE CAMP DAY

Campers spend the day involved in a diverse range of activities including sports, art, music, water play and much, much more. Children should come to camp each day dressed comfortably in shorts, t-shirts, and sneakers (NO SNEAKERS WITH WHEELS WILL BE ALLOWED). *Shirts will be distributed prior to camp. CAMP SHIRTS DO NOT HAVE TO BE WORN EVERY DAY. If you would like to purchase additional t-shirts please call the office at 561- 866-7383 or email Yale at yesrecYALE@gmail.com. Parents should use their best judgment when dressing children for camp, sending sweatshirts, rain ponchos, etc. when the weather is cold or rainy.

ALL ITEMS MUST MARKED

We make every effort to prevent the loss of clothing. Please identify your child's belongings by clearly marking the items with child's name (first and last) & group name. **You are the first defense against lost and found!**

Please help us help you by labeling your child's belongings and clothing. It will be helpful to send a zip lock bag for your child's wet bathing suit on water days.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU DO NOT PUT YOUR CAMPERS NAME ON THEIR CAMP SHIRTS IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY WHOSE IS WHOSE!!

LOST & FOUND

A designated **Lost & Found** area is located near the front office for any items misplaced during the camp day.

Each day, items found around camp are collected and placed in Lost & Found by our staff. Families are encouraged to check periodically for missing belongings, as many items are quickly recovered during daily clean-up.

If your child is missing an item, please contact the camp office by phone, email, or note. We will always do our best to help reunite campers with their belongings.

To help us return items quickly, please label **all clothing and personal belongings** with your child's full name — including shoes, hats, jackets, bags, and water bottles.

Campers (with the exception of Kindergarten campers) are expected to take responsibility for keeping track of their personal belongings throughout the day.

Lost & Found is cleared out every two weeks, and any unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill.

SUNSCREEN & HYDRATION

Summer days can be very hot, and sun safety is extremely important at camp.

Parents are responsible for applying sunscreen to their child **before arriving at camp each morning**. Campers should also bring a labeled bottle of sunscreen in their camp bag so they can reapply throughout the day as needed.

All campers spend time outdoors daily (typically limited after 1:00 PM), so we strongly recommend additional sun protection such as:

- Hats
- SPF protective clothing
- Sunglasses

Our staff will assist **Kindergarten campers** with sunscreen application as needed. Older campers should be able to apply their own sunscreen.

WATER & HYDRATION

Campers are encouraged to drink water frequently throughout the day.

Please send your child with a **water bottle clearly labeled with their name**. Water refill stations are located throughout camp so campers can refill bottles as needed.

TIPPING POLICY

Each summer, families ask about camp tipping guidelines. While gratuities are sometimes given as a personal gesture of appreciation, tipping is **completely optional** and always at the discretion of each family.

Brighthouse Day Camp does not expect or require tips. Our priority is maintaining a professional and comfortable environment for both families and staff.

If you choose to recognize a staff member, we ask that it be done respectfully and discreetly. Gratuities should be placed in **clearly labeled, sealed envelopes** and may be sent with your child during the final week of camp or dropped off at the camp office for delivery.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the camp office.

COMMUNICATION:

Parent to Camp Communication is a prime factor in our operation. The lines of communication must be kept open at all times so that we may be properly tuned into your child's needs. Please notify us immediately if:

1. Your child has developed a communicable disease.
2. You will be out of town.
3. Your telephone number and/or email address (home and/or work) has changed.
4. You wish to change or add to the emergency contact numbers we are to use.

By preparing together and maintaining open communication, you are helping set your child up for a safe, successful, and **PHENOMENAL** summer at Brighthouse Day Camp!

CHILD CARE REIMBURSEMENT FORMS

If you have forms that need to be filled out for tax deductible childcare, please drop them off at the camp office in the morning so they can be reach for you to pick them up at the end of the day. You can also email them to us.

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR CAMP

At **Brighthouse Day Camp**, we believe in partnering with families to help every camper have a smooth transition and a successful, positive summer experience. Here are some helpful tips to prepare your child for their camp adventure:

✓ Discuss Expectations

Talk with your child about what they are most excited about — and any worries they may have. Addressing questions or concerns ahead of time can help build confidence and ease first-day nerves.

✓ Practice Social Skills

Encourage your child to introduce themselves, join conversations, and be open to making new friends. Practicing these skills beforehand can help them feel more comfortable in a group setting.

✓ Encourage Communication

Remind your child that counselors are there to help. Encourage them to speak with their counselor if they have questions, concerns, or need support during the day.

✓ Embrace New Experiences

Camp is a great place to try new activities. Encourage your child to participate, take healthy risks, and understand that having fun and trying their best is more important than winning.

✓ Involve Them in Packing

Let your child help pack their backpack each day. This helps build independence and helps them keep track of their belongings.

✓ Practice Camp Skills

Review basic skills like applying sunscreen, drinking water regularly, and tying shoes if needed. These small steps help campers feel more confident and prepared.

✓ Talk About Their Day

After camp, take time to listen and talk about your child's experiences. Sharing stories and highlights helps build excitement and confidence for the next day.

FINAL NOTE

Our staff works extremely hard to get to know every camper and to ensure that each child feels safe, supported, and cared for throughout the summer. We kindly ask that all families treat our staff with the same respect and partnership that they provide to your children each day.

With over 90 staff members and approximately 400–500 campers attending daily, it may not always be possible for every staff member to know every detail about your child's day. If you ever have a concern or would like to discuss something specific, please ask to speak with the **Director, or Assistant Director**. We will always make time to listen and work with you to address situations in a timely and professional manner.

We encourage open communication and welcome both complimentary and constructive feedback. If something can be resolved quickly, we are happy to handle it with a phone call; otherwise, we will schedule a convenient time to speak in more detail. Even if something seems small, we want to know — your feedback helps us continually improve.

Most importantly, please remember that the most important person at Brighthouse Day Camp is **your child**, and we never lose sight of that.

In case of an emergency, please contact the Camp Office at **561-866-7383**. We are committed to handling all situations professionally, discreetly, and in partnership with our families.