

## Summer Camp FAQ's

### Registration and Payment Questions

- Do I need to complete forms in order for my child to attend camp?

*All campers must complete the necessary camp forms in order to participate in Summer Camps. These forms are required by both the County and the State — depending upon the location your child will attend camp. Forms (hardcopies) must be completed properly and brought to camp the first day and handed in upon sign-in, in order for your child to participate in activities. Forms may vary depending on camp location. Specific camp registration pages clearly outline the necessary forms for that program.*

- Are walk ups allowed and what is the walk up registration procedure?

*Walk Ups are permitted, but be sure to check the website or call the office to confirm that space is available as many camps and many weeks sell out. We encourage parents to register for camp in advance, but we understand that for unforeseen reasons, parents sometimes need to register at the last minute. If you find yourself in this situation, you can enroll online if space is available up until Monday morning, but the Camp Director will have to confirm your enrollment. You may also enroll on-site Monday Morning at the Sign-In/Sign Out Station.*

- Is there financial aid or scholarships?

*Yes, please contact our office for further details about how to qualify and apply for assistance.*

- Can my child go half days or partial weeks for a pro-rated rate?

*There is NO PRO-RATING camp session. Regardless of number of camp days you can or wish to attend, registration must be paid in full. Partial attendance is allowed if you are willing to pay for the whole session and only attend part. We don't recommend this, because you only experience our real "product" if you attend the full session.*

- What happens if my child is absent or accumulates unattended days during the course of camp?

*There is no refund or credit for unattended days. Unattended days cannot be transferred to future camps.*

- Do I have to choose consecutive weeks?

*One of our goals is to be as flexible as possible for our participating families. You may attend any number of weekly sessions in any order that suits your family's schedule.*

## Camp Staff and Administrative Questions

- What are your camp counselor qualifications?

*Each staff member goes through an application process, interview, and background check. Each candidate is personally interviewed and carefully reviewed for knowledge in their area of expertise AND aptitude for instruction AND their love of kids. We look for individuals who are good with kids first, everything else second!*

- Who are your camp counselors (and how old are they)?

*Our Directors, Counselors, Coaches, and Instructors are required to complete On-line Training, Classroom Training, Field Training, and On-site Training in order to become a part of the Overtime Athletics Staff Team. Training includes child abuse prevention, emergency procedures, water safety, and our camp curriculum including sports, low-intensity activities, and games that incorporate values and sportsmanship. All staff members must pass a background check prior to employment.*

- What is the counselor to camper ratio?

*Overtime Athletics has a 1:10 Instructor to Camper ratio. We focus on creating an environment where campers can take advantage of small group instruction. We want campers to be seen and heard, not only for safety purpose, but to also facilitate camper interaction and development.*

- Do parents get a camp schedule?

*Located on our website is a breakdown of the Camp Itinerary and how we format our days. The Camp Agenda can also be found posted at the Sign In/Sign Out Station. We adjust the specific activities in our itineraries regularly to allow Camp Directors and Staff the flexibility to be able to provide the best day possible when factoring in daily scenarios. Located at the Sign In/Sign Out Station is also our HIGHLIGHT BOARD outlining some specific games, stations, contests, activities campers will be participating in that day.*

- Is there a lost and found (pocket money/valuables warning)?

*Overtime Athletics cannot be responsible for valuables brought to camp, (i.e. money, phones, iPads, jewelry, etc.) and suggests campers only bring necessary items. To minimize the chance of misplaced clothing and other items, PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING AND OTHER PROPERTY CLEARLY. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR MISSING ITEMS. There will be a lost and found container at the Sign-In/Sign Out Station for all misplaced items each day. Check out the Lost and Found at any time, the Camp Director will be able to assist you. We collect a lot of stuff! We try to return marked items to campers during camp, and we always display lost and found items during dismissal. We are not able to store or keep these items past the summer. Anything left will be donated on the last day of the summer.*

## Camp Health and Safety Questions

- What happens if my camper is sick or gets hurt?

*Parents will be notified by camp personnel if their child has not been feeling well for a period of time and does not seem to be getting any better. Moderate injuries will also be communicated to the parent once proper first aid has taken place. In the case of a severe injury needing professional medical attention, the parent or guardian will be contacted immediately.*

- What does camp do in the case of extremely hot days and/or code red ozone alerts?

*The Overtime Athletics Administrative Team and our On-Site Camp Directors monitor outdoor conditions continually. This includes heat, humidity, and air quality. The safety of our campers is our number 1 priority and our schedule includes regularly built-in water breaks, relief from the sun, and a healthy mix of low-intensity and high-intensity activities that takes into consideration the energy of our campers. Moving activities inside (where applicable) is a part of our strategic plan during code red ozone alerts, as well as extended breaks and lunch period in order for campers to replenish.*

- How does swimming work?

*For those camps that include swimming as an activity, we take extreme precautions to make sure this segment of the day is safe and fun. On the first trip to the pool, each camper's swim level will be evaluated with a swim test to determine which area of the pool (or which pool) they may swim in. Wrist bands are used to identify the appropriate area a camper may swim in. Campers may ask to be re-evaluated on any day during the course of the summer session. Any pool Overtime Athletics Summer Camps use is operated and managed by experienced lifeguard personnel. Lifeguards oversee all pool activities and allow our camp counselors to act as additional lookouts or being in the pool interacting with the campers.*

- What is the camp food allergy policy?

*Overtime Athletics Camps are peanut/tree nut and shell fish free programs.*

## Camp Logistics Questions

- Where is drop off (sign in) and pick up (sign out)?

*Each campsite has a Sign In/Sign Out Station. Every morning and every afternoon, parents and guardians will come to this station to sign in or sign out their camper(s) for the day. No child will be allowed to be dismissed without being retrieved by their parent or guardian and signed out.*

- Do campers have to wear the camp T-shirt?

*Campers do not have to wear camp T-shirt, but most of our participants elect to.*

- How are campers split up into groups?

*Campers are split up based on age group and ability.*

- Can my child be in the same group as their friend?

*Campers are assigned to groups according to their age. Due to the number of campers attending each week, we cannot guarantee that “buddy requests” can always be honored, but we encourage parents to speak to the On-Site Camp Director about their requests on the first morning of camp.*

- Do campers do the same activities every day?

*Having provided summer camp for 20 years, Overtime Athletics knows that no two days of camp are alike. We do believe in a positive mix of camper input and staff decisions when it comes to developing the itinerary each day and week. Our goal every summer is to continually introduce new aspects, games, and activities to camp. Old favorites mixed with new options create the perfectly balanced camp recipe we strive for.*

- What if my child isn't into or doesn't like sports?

*For our traditional day camps, don't be intimidated by the athletic portion of our camp day. We believe motion creates emotion. We want kids to move, we want kids to be exposed to new games and athletics skills, in both traditional and non-traditional sports. There is something for everyone, for every age of our campers, and for every skill level. There are no “bench-warmers” and if it's not fun and not about fair play... we don't do it.*

- Will my child learn to play the sports offered at camp, how significant is the skill development?

*Exposing campers to the fundamentals of any sport we play at camp is a priority of our program. We want campers to learn the rules of games, the strategies for success in game play, and the athletic movements that accompany the skills and fundamentals of any sport. Team play and team work are accompanying themes and are as significant a priority for Overtime Athletics as skill development. The most important thing for us as it relates to the sports we offer are for the campers to be playing games*

*and scrimmaging! If you want to get better, you have to play in the games and compete against your peers.*

- Can I opt out of my child participating in any activity?

*We encourage every child to participate in every activity, however for those campsites with “special activities” to include swimming, ice skating, mobile video game unit, etc., parents may speak to the On-Site Camp Director about opting their child out of a “special activity”.*

- What time is lunch?

*Depending on the campsite, lunch is anytime between 11:30am and 1pm.*

- Do you offer transportation?

*Overtime Athletics does not offer transportation to our campsites.*

## Camper Preparation Questions

- What should my child bring to camp?

*Campers should prepare to bring to camp: REMEMBER TO CLEARLY LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS.*

- *ALREADY APPLIED SUNSCREEN*
- *WATER BOTTLE (WITH NAME ON IT)*
- *ATHLETIC CLOTHING AND SNEAKERS (NO FLIP FLOPS)*
- *HAT (RECOMMENDED)*
- *BACKPACK*
- *SNACK*
- *LUNCH (IF YOU ARE NOT UTILIZING THE LUNCH PLAN OPTION - WHERE APPLICABLE)*
- *NECESSARY UTENSILS AND NAPKINS*
- *SWIM WEAR/TOWEL/GOGGLES (WHERE APPLICABLE)*

- Does my child need a water bottle?

*Campers must bring a water bottle with their first and last name clearly marked on it. Please have it filled up upon arrival to camp. Campers will have access to water to continually fill their water bottles up throughout the day.*

- Will I receive additional information about camp after I register?

*Once you register and pay for your camp session(s), you will receive two emails - a confirmation email for your own records and an email receipt. Prior to the kickoff of the entire summer session, all registered families will receive an email reminder regarding the forms that must be completed in order to participate in camp. You will also receive a "pre-camp welcome email" the Wednesday prior to your week of camp which will include some reminders, logistical information, and a note regarding the behavioral expectations for each camper.*

## Camp Policy Questions

- What are the sign out procedures/do I need to present an ID?

*All authorized parents/guardians are required to sign-in their child at the start of camp, and to sign-out their child at the end of the camp day. Children are not permitted to leave without an authorized parent/guardian's signature. **A photo ID is required for all authorized individuals upon pick-up of the child.** Anytime someone other than those designated will be picking up your campers(s), you are required to notify the Camp Director.*

- What is the weather/shelter policy?

*We are always monitoring the weather and the protocol for dealing with weather situations can be campsite specific, however safety is our number one priority at all times. If we see or hear a thunderstorm approaching, outdoor camp programs immediately seek shelter as we take extreme precaution to ensure that all outdoor camp programs are safe.*

- What is the photo/video policy?

*Upon registering for camp, campers and their parents agree to permit use of photographs and video taken on campsite property to be used for promotional purposes.*

- What is the sunscreen and applying sunscreen policy?

*Please apply sunscreen to your child before coming to camp each day. You may pack sunscreen for your child to bring to camp and they will have frequent opportunities to reapply sunscreen throughout the day.*

- Can my child bring their own equipment/toys/games to camp?

*Overtime Athletics provides a summer camp program free of internet games, cell phones, audio players, and other toys. These are distractions and are also susceptible to being misplaced and/or lost. Athletic equipment is provided; therefore it is not necessary for campers to bring their own footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, lacrosse sticks, baseballs/gloves, etc. Should you have specific questions about what campers can and can't bring to camp, be sure to address it with the On-Site Camp Director.*

- What is the policy for my child using a cell phone?

*Should it be necessary for a camper to bring a cell phone to camp, the phone must stay in their backpack at all times. Permission must be granted by the Camp Director in order for campers to use their cell phones.*

- How does OTA deal with behavioral issues, bullying, and violence (camper removal)?

*Overtime Athletics Camps have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to bullying and violence. OTA Staff members are trained to identify this behavior and remain vigilant throughout the day to identify any signs of campers being mistreated. A camper who bullies or is violent towards other campers is sent to the Camp Director and their parents or guardians are notified. Depending on the severity of the incident, the camper may be asked to leave camp, with no refund of camp registration fee. OTA is interested in fostering an inclusive and positive environment. Setting clear, consistent rules and guidelines on a daily basis is how we set the tone for our expectations for camper behavior. We reward positive attitudes and teamwork. Friendliness is a guiding principle for our programs and participants, and our staff is trained to anticipate, and react, when any participant in our program seems to be veering off course.*