

Camp Herrlich

Summer Day Camp Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. What's your camper to counselor ratio?
- A. We follow the American Camping Association and the New York State Department of Health regulations for our summer camp. Our ratio for Day Camp is generally 8- 12 campers per counselor and each group usually has a Junior Counselor with them as well. It averages out to be about 10:2.
- Q. Do you offer off-site trips?
- A. We do! We offer off-site trips each week of Summer Day Camp at an additional cost. Our trips for Summer 2009 included the Museum of Natural History, blue fishing on the LI Sound, the Bronx Zoo, a Circle Line tour, Lake Compounce, indoor Go-Karting, Fun Station, Tubing, and a Yankee game. If your child does not attend the trip, they will still be participating in a normal, fun camp day on site.
- Q. Is lunch included in the price? What's usually served?
- A. Lunch and 2 snack items are included in the price of each week of camp. Our chef prepares nutritious, kid-friendly food like pizza, baked chicken nuggets, chicken fajitas, tacos, macaroni and cheese, etc. Every day there is salad, cereal, and peanut butter sandwiches offered for those who do not want the hot entrée. Each family receives a menu before the summer begins and you are welcome to send lunch with your child if you feel they will not eat what is being served.
- Q. What's a typical day like?
- A. Each day is packed with fun activities at Camp Herrlich! Each group follows a schedule filled with one-hour time blocks. Because we are a traditional summer camp, those activities will include things like nature, hiking, high ropes, free swim, boating, fishing, sports, arts and crafts, and of course lunch and snack time. There are also special guests and theme days each week. A camp day runs from 9:00am – 4:30pm. If you need extended day care, Before Care begins at 7:30am, After Care ends at 6:00pm.
- Q. Where do you get your staff from? Who are they and how are they trained?
- A. Our staff comes from all over the place! Many Day Camp staff members have come up through the ranks, first being campers, then Counselors in Training (at 14 years old), then Junior Counselors (at 15 years old), then Senior Counselors (at 16 years old and up). We also get staff members from college job fairs and word of mouth. Every summer, in addition to the American staff, we hire about 20 staff members from all around the world. They come to us through registered, reputable, staffing agencies from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, Czech Republic, Colombia, Belarus, and many other places. The diverse mix of staff is fantastic for children!

We provide a full week long orientation for our staff. Topics covered include things like communication, conflict resolution, discipline and behavior issues, getting to know the 156 acres of Camp Herrlich, sports, games, and creative activities, Herrlich History, basic first aid, and much more.

All summer staff have the required background checks performed as dictated by our licensing agencies. This can include the state sex offender registry, the state local criminal courts, and all international staff members have a mandatory criminal background check before arrival.

Q. How does the swimming work?

A. Each group has free swim on their schedule for 1 hour per day and are swim tested to see what depth of water they can go to. There also may be Swim Fun or Swim Lessons depending on the availability of the beach and the lifeguards. All our lifeguards and our Water Safety Instructor have been certified by the American Red Cross. Many of them have worked our beach before. We strongly encourage children to swim, especially during the hot days!

Q. Do you provide transportation?

A. We do not provide transportation however we can help you arrange a car pool if you need it.

Q. What happens if my child gets hurt?

A. We have an RN on staff at all times during the Summer Day Camp hours, (9:00am – 4:30pm). We also have more than 10 staff members trained in American Red Cross First Aid and CPR and 3 staff members trained in Responding to Emergencies. We are very communicative with parents so if your child is hurt or sick, you will be contacted by the medical staff member on duty.

Q. Can I come for a tour of camp?

A. Yes! You can call or e-mail Jessica Vanacoro any time to schedule a tour at your own convenience. The camp number is 845-878-6662. We also have Open Houses throughout the year. Look for more information to come home in the schools and on our website, www.campherrlich.org

Q. How much does camp cost and how does payment work?

A. Each week of Day Camp costs \$240. Upon registration, a \$200 deposit is due, 30 days after registration half the balance of camp is due, the remainder of the balance is due June 1st. There is a minimum registration of 2 weeks per child. This ensures that your child will get to experience all Camp Herrlich has to offer.

Q. Do you have sleepaway camp?

A. Absolutely! This summer we offer 2, 2 week sessions of sleepaway camp during the month of July. Please see the Sleepaway Camp Brochure for details.