PHANTOM LAKE YMCA CAMP

RESIDENT CAMP
PARENT HANDBOOK

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WELCOME TO PHANTOM LAKE YMCA CAMP

Our Mission

Through camp-related and community programs, Phantom Lake YMCA Camp utilizes Christian principles to provide the opportunity for both children and adults to grow spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially in accordance with Luke 2:52.

Thank you for choosing Phantom Lake YMCA Camp for your child's summer camp experience! Your camper will make lifelong friends and learn about the world from exceptional staff. They will acquire new skills and strengthen old ones, while making new friends and developing fair, value-based social skills. Most of all, they will have FUN in our safe camp environment!

We ask you to be as thorough as possible in completing all forms…it is your first step to ensuring the best possible experience for your child. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you have.

Once again, thank you for choosing Phantom Lake YMCA Camp!

ABOUT US

Accreditation

Phantom Lake YMCA Camp is accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA), annually licensed by the State of Wisconsin, and exceeds the National Standards of the YMCA. Camp operates with the highest standards regarding health, safety, personnel selection, and facility maintenance.

The Phantom Square

Over 100 years ago, the founders of Phantom Lake YMCA Camp chose a Bible verse and a symbol to reflect their goals for each camper's experience.

"…And Jesus increased in Wisdom, Stature, and in favor with God and Man."-Luke 2:52

Luke 2:52 serves as the basis of Phantom's philosophy of helping children and people of all ages create a balanced life. The four sides of the square represent these four areas of growth and are discussed throughout the week and in the closing ceremony. The Greek letter "Phi" is in the center for "Phantom" and also represents the spirit of camp and how it grows in a ripple effect. First year campers receive a Phantom Square patch to remind them of their growth at camp. Returning campers receive a cloth bar, as well as a colored arrowhead.

Christian Emphasis

With respect to all of our campers' varying faiths, we encourage campers to talk about their beliefs and concerns with each other and their counselors. Our emphasis is placed on Christian values and the YMCA of the USA Character Development Program that focuses on the core values of caring, respect, responsibility and honesty. Campers will investigate how they demonstrate and use these values with each other, their environment, their community, and themselves.

"She loves it there. I think it's always a good thing for her to be on her own for a little while to see what she is capable of within a group and no parents."

Payment Procedures

Deposit and Balance of Fees

A $100 deposit per session is required with registration. The balance of the camp fee is due April 30 (March 1 for those who registered with the Early Bird). To set up a payment plan please contact the business office. There will be a $25 service charge for any checks returned by for insufficient funds.

Financial Assistance

The staff of Phantom Lake YMCA Camp offers services to all who desire to participate regardless of ability to pay. Scholarship assistance is available on a sliding scale and reviewed on an individual needs basis. Please contact the Business Office for further information.

Refund Policy

There is a nonrefundable deposit of $100 per child, per session will be credited toward the camp fee. In the event of cancellation before April 30 Phantom Lake YMCA Camp will retain 100% of the deposit and refund all other paid fees. After May 1, Phantom Lake YMCA Camp will retain 100% of the deposit and refund 50% of all paid fees. We must have all refund requests in writing including the appropriate documentation from the family physician.

Forms & Getting Ready for Your Week at Camp

Forms to Be Printed.

Once they are completed please scan and upload to your CampInTouch Account ***MUST BE PDF FORMAT

1. Physical Form (to be filled out by doctor or nurse) this form requires a signature from the physician every year. A physical exam must be done within 24 months before attending camp. The physical form is due by May 15th or ASAP. 2. Parent Authorization (to be filled out by parent) This form requires a signature from the parent and a copy of your insurance card. 3. Medication Form (only needed if bringing medication) Please list any necessary medications that your camper takes. This is for prescription medication as well as non-prescription medication. You can print this form our website: http://www.phantomlakeymca.org/all-camp-forms/

Forms to Be Filled Out And Submitted Online

1. Health History Form & Immunizations (to be filled out by the parent) The information on this form is gathered to help us provide safe and appropriate health care. All information on this form is confidential and is kept in a separate locked file. It will be reviewed ONLY by the camp nurse, trip staff and/or Camp Administration. This form must be completed and signed by a parent or adult guardian of a camper under age 18.

2. Behavior Agreement (to be filled out by both parent and camper) Please take a few moments to review the Camper Behavior Agreement with your camper. Please signify you both understand and agree to each statement by checking each of the boxes to the left. Parents and campers must complete this form before coming to camp.
3. Parent Information Letter (to be filled out by parent) This form helps us to better understand your camper's needs. Your comments are very important in helping us to better serve your camper.
4. Camper Notes (to be filled out by camper) Parent/Guardian: Please spend a few moments with younger campers and complete this "get to know you" document. Older campers may answer these questions on their own.

"Yes, Myles always has great things to say about the people he meets and the counselors. Making new friends always teaches him to be accepting and open to new experiences."

PREPARING YOUR CAMPER

Parents and first-time campers experience a wide range of feelings as the first day of camp approaches. Along with the excitement and anticipation of all the wonderful new experiences ahead, there may also be anxiety about these new, unfamiliar encounters. The following suggestions for first time campers will help you and your child make the most of this important transition.

Homesickness

Homesickness is a natural feeling experienced by many campers. For most campers, this feeling passes after a day or two. If your camper is homesick for a consistent 24-hour period, the Program Directors will call home to update parents on the situation and to collaborate on a plan. Counselors are trained to keep campers busy and engaged with activities as a strategy to keep homesickness under control.

Opening Day Goodbyes

The transition from home to camp can be awkward and the sooner campers can jump into camp life the easier the transition will be. Allowing your child to unpack their own belongings and make their own bed is an important step in developing confidence in their ability to care for themselves. Frequently, parents feel guilty about leaving so quickly, but our experience shows that short and sweet goodbyes are easiest on everyone.

Tips for Parents

- **Use positive messages about camp such as, "You're going to have such a great time!" or "What a great opportunity to meet new friends!"**
- **Avoid promises to come pick your camper up if it doesn't go well. Instead, show your faith that your child will enjoy themselves and have a positive experience.**
- **Letters, postcards and emails are the primary method of communication with your camper. Send letters with positive news from home assuring all is well with you and the rest of the family. Campers love getting mail!**
- **Camper-to-parent phone calls are not allowed and parent-to-camper calls are strongly discouraged, especially in cases of homesickness. Our staff will notify you in the event of an emergency situation, behavioral issues, homesickness or general sickness. Cell phones are not allowed in camp.**
- **Realize that even though this separation may be difficult for you, it is a wonderful opportunity for your child to build confidence and a sense of self-reliance.**
- **Pack for camp together. By doing this, campers know what they are bringing to camp and where everything is packed, thereby making them feel responsible and capable. Packing together is also a special time to discuss all the wonderful opportunities ahead. Some campers may want to try living out of their trunk/suitcase/duffle bag for a couple of days to practice organizing their belongings. Resist the urge to pack for your child, as they will need to start practicing the independence that is expected of campers at camp.**

"Each time he goes, he becomes more confident about his ability to make new friends and have a good time."

PACKING LIST

The following packing list is intended to be a guide to help you pack for a one-week stay at camp.

Personal Gear/Name Tags

Please clearly label all of your camper's belongings with full name. Please check Lost & Found before leaving camp. All lost & found is kept at camp until August 31st, at which point it is donated to charity.

All personal gear is brought at your own risk. Phantom Lake YMCA Camp is not responsible for lost or broken items. **Please do not send them with new, expensive items or items that are irreplaceable!

Resident Camp Packing List

__ 3-4 pairs of shorts
__ 2-3 pairs of pants
__ 6-7 t-shirts
__ 2 Sweatshirts or fleece top
__ 1-2 pairs of sneakers
__ Water shoes (for shallow area)
__ Sandals
__ 1-2 swimsuits
__ 2 towels (swimming & bathing)

__ Baseball cap/hat
__ 1-3 pairs of pajamas
__ 6 pairs of underwear
__ 6 pairs of socks
__ Rain jacket or poncho
__ Sleeping bag or Comforter & twin sized fitted sheet
__ Pillow

__ Toiletries
__ Comb or brush
__ Laundry bag
__ Flashlight
__ Bug spray (non-aerosol)
__ Labeled water bottle
__ Sunscreen
__ YMCA Rag (returning Raggers)

Optional, Sports Equipment is to be brought at your own risk:

__ Fishing rod
__ 1 nicer outfit**
__ Books

__ Disposable camera (clearly labeled)
__ Card games

__ Sunglasses
__ Pre-addressed postcards or envelopes/ writing utensils and stamps

Golf Specialty

___ Golf Clubs
___ Golf Shoes or Tennis Shoes

Soccer Specialty

___ Soccer ball
___ Shin guards
___ Soccer shoes

Skateboarding Specialty

__ Skateboard
__ Helmet

What NOT to bring:

- Aerosol cans
- Knives and weapons*
- Controlled substances*
- Lighters/matches
- Fireworks
- Electronic games
- iPod, music players, or travel TVs
- Cell phones

These items will be confiscated! Please, leave them at home!

*Campers found to be in possession of weapons (including but not limited to knives and/or guns), drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products will be asked to leave camp. Parents will be notified to pick up their camper immediately.

**During our closing Square Ceremony, some campers choose to dress up. Ex: sundress, polo shirt

Clothing at Camp

Life at Phantom is informal! Send comfortable clothes (the kind that you can afford to lose or don't mind getting dirty). All campers are expected to dress in such a way that his/her appearance does not endanger the health or the safety of others, damage property or disrupt others in participating in activities. It is hoped that all campers would dress in a manner becoming to themselves and camp. Revealing bikinis, halters, tank tops, short-shorts, low riding shorts, cut off t-shirt tops, inappropriate language, and bare feet are not suitable for camp.

Bedding

We provide bunks and mattresses in all of the tents. Please pack a twin size fitted sheet for a mattress cover and be sure to include a pillow. Your camper may bring whatever bedding is most comfortable for them (sleeping bag, blankets). We suggest including an extra blanket or fleece, even with a sleeping bag, because some nights get chilly. Stuffed animals are always welcome!

Laundry

Laundry service is not regularly offered to one-week campers. Exceptions are made for emergency situations such as bed-wetting or illness. Campers attending multiple sessions and spending their weekend with us only need to bring enough clothes for one week; laundry service is provided for them.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Accident/Illness & Emergency Treatment

We take camper health and safety very seriously. You or your emergency contact will be notified immediately if your child has a serious accident or illness, requires medical treatment by a physician, or requires more than 24-hours of confinement in the Health Lodge. Urgent care facilities are available in Mukwonago and Hospital Services are available in Waukesha.

Medical expenses incurred (doctor, hospital, prescription, etc.) are your responsibility. Please be sure to provide your insurance information and a copy of your current insurance cards and complete the consent to provide necessary treatment or emergency care section of the Health History and Physical Form.

Emergency, Medical & Health Policy

(see page 7 in the Camper Health Form and Health Examination Form)

Each year, we must have new medical forms completed and signed both by a parent and doctor at least 3 weeks prior to the session your camper is attending, although it is our preference that we receive the documentation prior to May 15th. The form will verify that your camper has had a physical within 24-months prior to his or her arrival to camp, and will also indicate any limitations or special medical considerations. If religious/spiritual beliefs do not permit medical exams, please make arrangements with camp for care in case of an illness or an emergency.

Medication

All medications must be turned in to the Camp Nurse during the Opening Day screening. This includes prescriptions, vitamins, and over-the-counter medications. No medication will be accepted unless it is in a properly labeled container which includes:

- **Camper's name**
- **Prescription number**
- **Identification of the medication**
- **Proper dosage**
- **Date it was dispensed**
- **Complete instructions for use**
- **Prescribing doctor's name**

These measures are in place to ensure that each camper receives the proper medication at the proper dosage. All unused medications can be picked up on Closing Day. Please do not discontinue a camper's medication "to see how they get along" at camp. In most cases, the result is disappointing.

Dietary Restrictions

On the Parent Information Letter and Health Form, please include any dietary restrictions your camper may have. It is important for us to have this information so that we may inform the kitchen of any special menus that need to be prepared. The more notice and more information that we receive will help us plan more enjoyable meals for your camper. If your child is Gluten free or has a very strict diet they will need to bring their own food supplies. Please include information for vegetarians as well. Unfortunately, we are unable to cook vegan style meals. It will also be helpful to remind the counselor on Opening Day.

Health Reminders

Summer is a time for fun, but also a time for heat, sun, bugs, ticks and zebra mussels! We would like to make you aware of a few things that you can pack to help avoid health issues we have encountered in the past years. Our staff will constantly be encouraging their campers to drink plenty of liquids and protect themselves from bugs, ticks, and the sun. Packing the following items will help your child throughout the week:

Bug repellent (non-aerosol only)

It can get pretty "buggy" at times. Bug repellent will make life at camp more comfortable!

Sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher)

Your camper will be spending a great deal of time outdoors. We ask that you pack sunscreen to keep him/her from getting uncomfortable sunburn that could ruin his/her week at camp and have long-term consequences.

Water bottles, hats and sunglasses

These are all very helpful items for beating the heat and protecting your skin.

Water shoes or old tennis shoes

Many lakes in this area of Wisconsin have been infested with zebra muscles. We remove many from the shore every summer. However, they multiply quickly. These small clam-like mollusks have a pointed ridge that is sharp when stepped on with bare feet.

Long pants and sneakers for Kettle Games

We require these items to ensure safety during our Kettle Games (games played in the woods). Unfortunately, we cannot allow campers to participate in Kettle Games without these items, so please be sure to pack these for your camper's sake.

As a final note, please help keep camp healthy by bringing your child to camp only if he or she is in good health. If your camper is sick on the day of registration, please contact the office at (262) 363-4386 for information about late check-in.

"Lauren learns more about herself at camp, especially participating in Raggers. She learns if she puts her mind to it, she can do anything."

CAMP LIFE: WHAT TO EXPECT

At home, each child has a unique routine depending on family traditions and individual likes and dislikes. At camp, we have our own traditions and daily routines, yet try to give campers choices that allow them do what they enjoy and to try new things. The transition from home can be a challenge, but is very rewarding. We have included the following information to help ease this transition.

Tent Family Placement and Friendships

Campers are placed in tents based on gender, age and grade level. When two to three campers who are not in the same family mutually request to be together, we will do our best to fulfill this request if both campers are within the same age range. We avoid grouping more than three friends together to encourage campers to meet new friends and to prevent cliques from forming. Going to camp with a friend is great, but meeting many new friends is a valuable experience that will last a lifetime.

Bedwetting

If your camper periodically experiences bedwetting, please tell us about it on the Parent Information Letter and discuss it with the tent counselor. It is best for us to know ahead of time so that we can easily help your child. Bedwetting will certainly not affect your camper's ability to come to camp. Be sure to include a plastic mattress cover with the extra bedding when you pack. We want to make your camper's stay here as comfortable as possible. We will be more than happy to wash the soiled clothing & bedding as needed.

Leadership

The most important part of a positive camp experience is the camp staff. We are very proud of our outstanding staff that provide leadership and serve as role models in the tent and program areas! Each year, we select young men and women who have displayed a sincere interest in and concern for the well-being of children and our environment. All Phantom Staff members have a background check completed on them before they begin work with the children. A period of intense training provides our staff with the skills and techniques of counseling, group work, and program activities. Our counselors are also here to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.

SDPs

As a part of our ongoing commitment to teens and encouraging young people to take on leadership positions, we offer the SDP Program (Staff Development Program) for 15-17 year-olds. For over 50 years, young adults have been asked to come to camp in a leadership role to support the counselor and learn skills so that they someday may be a Phantom Lake YMCA Camp Counselor. SDPs must be accepted into the program and attend numerous weekend training sessions before their weeks at camp.

Tipping

Our staff cannot accept monetary tips. However, donations on behalf of a staff member are most welcome. If you wish to donate, you can check the Wish List in our newsletter or consider a gift to our campership program. Homemade cookies are never refused!

"Yes, Mary did learn about herself more. When she came home she acted differently, but in a good way."

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

Arrival Procedures

1. **Check-in**
   Check-in is between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM on the opening day of each session. Please do not arrive early, as you will be required to wait until 2:00 PM. Do not drive into camp, and park in the upper lot. (Mag 7s & 8s campers please refer to chart on page 11 for check-in times). NO PETS PLEASE!

2. **Health Screening**
   Our camp health screening is located in the check-in tent in the Upper Parking Lot. Please turn in any medications and discuss any special needs regarding your camper with the nurse. The health screening includes a head check for lice. Camp has a strict lice policy which states that any child having nits or eggs will not be admitted to camp until they are nit free.

3. **Tent & Bunk Assignments**
   You then proceed to your camper's tent to meet tentmates and the counselor. Bunks are picked on a first come first serve system. If bunk location (top or bottom) does not matter to your camper, arrival between 3:00 – 4:00 is recommended for minimal wait.

4. **Visit Tent**
   Meet your camper's counselor and sign-in at the tent. Parents are welcome to enjoy our camp setting, but it is easiest to keep goodbyes short and sweet!

5. **Swim Evaluations**
   After checked-in at 4:00, campers will be asked to take a swim evaluation. This is a check of your camper's abilities by our Waterfront Staff. It should be noted that we tend to be a little stricter (compared to a pool's standards) due to lake conditions. It is important to go through the evaluation, since boating options correlate with swim levels.

6. **Swim Levels**
   The swim levels that are granted for Resident Camp basically follow the American Red Cross swimming levels. Instead of levels 1-6, we offer Knee Deep, Bay 1, Bay 2, Bay 3, Deep 1, Deep 2 and Super Deep. The levels work in ascending order of ability with Knee Deep being those campers who are afraid of the water and are unwilling to enter beyond standing, while Super Deep are those campers who perform each stroke to perfection and have a very strong endurance.

Please Note

You must be certain that all of the following items are on file at the camp office prior to arrival at camp.

- **Health History form signed electronically by parent or guardian**
- **Physical Form signed by a physician**
- **All fees paid in full**
- **Parent Information Letter**
- **Store money**

"The hamburgers at camp are the best hamburgers ever! Of course he won't eat hamburgers anywhere else."

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES CONTINUED

Departure Procedures

1. **Check-out**
   Check out is between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM on the closing Saturday of each session. This allows campers time to eat breakfast and say good-bye to their new friends (Mag 7s & 8s campers please refer to chart below).

2. **Sign-out Camper**
   Proceed to your camper's tent and sign your camper out with his/her counselor. Campers will only be released to someone other than their parents if their parents designated an alternate name on their release form.

3. **Store Money Refund**
   Phantom Lake YMCA Camp is a non-profit 501(c)3 and your donations are appreciated. All accounts that are under $10 will be considered a donation unless you request a check refund. If you would like to donate the balance of your camper's account to camp, please remember to indicate it on the Parent Information Letter or you can let us know up at the store at check out.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

1 Week Resident Camp Sessions

	Arrival	Departure
Coed I,II,III,IV,V, Boys, Teen, Girls I & II	2:00 – 4:00pm	9:30 – 10:00 am

Mag 7s & 8s Resident Camp Sessions

Session	Arrival	Departure
A sessions	2:00 – 4:00 pm	11:30 am – 12:00 pm
B sessions	2:00 – 2:30 pm	9:30 – 10:00 am

PET POLICY

For the safety of others, please do not bring your pets to camp. If you find it necessary to bring them, they will have to remain in the car.

Camp Evaluation

We will be emailing you with a link for our summer camp evaluation. Your feelings and impressions are important to our commitment to quality camping and our constant goal of improving the camping experience for everyone. Please complete this evaluation so that we are able to improve our programming. All comments will be considered by our Program Committee and help us plan for the following year.

Holdover Program

Campers who are staying for more than one session may stay for activities at camp for an additional fee, or be picked up and returned the next day. Laundry service is provided to all holdover campers and is included in the cost.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Behavior Management

All staff members participate in an intensive training program that prepares them to deal with all aspects of camp life. We emphasize positive, age-appropriate behavior management techniques that guide and encourage children, and at the same time establish clear behavior guidelines and expectations.

At all times, staff members are guided by the principle that all children and adults deserve to be treated in a respectful and caring manner. Campers are expected to treat fellow campers and staff with respect and to abide by all camp rules. These rules, and the consequences for not following them, are shared after dinner on the first night. At that time campers are encouraged to ask questions to ensure clear understanding of the rules. Individuals are held accountable for their actions. Staff members support campers by clearly defining and enforcing expectations and responsibilities. Campers are expected to participate in daily duties such as setting their table, cleaning their tent, picking up litter on the camp grounds, and keeping their personal space tidy.

When behavior problems continue to arise, parents will be consulted and a plan for behavior management will be developed. In the event that a camper's behavior does not improve after all avenues of intervention have been explored, or when one camper's actions are detracting from the experience of others, the camper will be sent home.

Some actions require immediate dismissal from camp. These actions include, but are not limited to smoking or the use of tobacco products, consumption or possession of alcohol and/or illegal drugs, endangerment to self or others, or threats of endangerment to self or others. Campers sent home because of behavior problems will not be entitled to any refund of fees. Parents will be responsible for all transportation from camp.

The staff of Phantom Lake YMCA Camp is not trained to handle campers who have severe emotional/behavioral issues, demonstrate violent/aggressive behavior or who routinely violate rules and policies. If your child has severe behavioral challenges, we can refer you to programs designed to accommodate these special needs.

"Your counselors are A+! It has been such a positive experience for him."

General Information Continued

Keeping in Touch with your Child

Campers LOVE mail and email! Encourage everyone to write—brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc. Please include preaddressed/stamped postcards to make it easier for younger campers to write home.

Email

Go to our website at www.phantomlakeymca.org and click on the button "Photos and Email" You will receive a password at check in on Opening Day. This password will be needed to access the site for the first time. Unless it is an emergency, campers are not allowed to email back a response. In addition, all emails communications are screened by our staff before they are given to the campers, so we ask that only family members use this method of communication.

Mail Delivery

Mail is delivered daily. Campers receive their mail after lunch during their rest hour. It is nice to receive a "care package;" however, they are here such a short time that it is not really necessary. If you choose to send one, please DO NOT anything that include PEANUT products. The tent family is usually 8 to 12 people. Please do not send gum, soda, or junk food, as your camper will still enjoy getting nutritious snacks or non-food items. Please note that we do not forward or return any packages that arrive after your camper leaves. There is no mail delivery on Saturday (closing day). Please send mail and packages to:

ATTN: Camper's Name and Tent Name (if known)
Phantom Lake YMCA Camp
S110 W30240 YMCA Camp Rd
Mukwonago, WI 53149

Telephone (262) 363-4386

Campers are not allowed to make or receive phone calls. If you feel it is necessary to check on your child's progress, you may call the camp office and speak with one of the camp staff (program offices are open from 9:00 AM to 12:00 AM each day.) If your child has a problem, illness or urgent message for you, the camp staff will call you. Please have campers leave cell phones at home!

Camper Bank Account (Must be set up prior to arrival)

Your camper will want spending money throughout the week for the Camp Store. It is difficult to determine what the appropriate amount is since each camper has different needs; however, we recommend $30-$35 per week. It is helpful to discuss with your camper how to "make it last" for the whole week. We ask that campers do not keep cash in their tents.

If you would like to donate the unused portion of your camper's account towards our project fund, please sign the designated space on the Parent Information Letter. Funds raised are used for projects like tent repair, craft shop, and program development.

Camp Store – The Mercantile

The Phantom Mercantile is open every afternoon for snacks, shirts, writing materials, stamps, and more. A set limit is made on how many snacks and sweets can be purchased each day. Merchandise sold in the store is subject to sales tax, which is included in the price. During Check In on Opening Day, purchases can only be made with cash.

"Just having fun without TV, computer and iPod!"

WHEN YOUR CAMPER RETURNS HOME

What happens when children return home from their camping experience? In just one week, there is a good chance that your child has grown and developed in new ways during this time away from home. Give your camper a chance to exercise the kind of responsibility he or she assumed at camp. Let your child know how much you think he/she has grown (not just physically, but in all aspects). Encourage your camper to continue the interests stimulated in camp through hobbies, fishing trips, extra-curricular activities at school, etc. If your child became a Ragger, talk about the program and help to accomplish those personal goals set.

The away-from-home experience does much for developing independence and self-confidence. Please do not be concerned if your camper seems to require more sleep for several days after camp. A stimulating, active experience may account for the need for extra sleep.

Check out our page on facebook!
(http://www.facebook.com/plycpage)
We try to update the page regularly with photos, updates and more!

DIRECTIONS TO PHANTOM LAKE YMCA CAMP

From Chicago

Take I-94 West towards Milwaukee to Hwy 20 West (Racine Exit). Take Hwy 20 West to Hwy 83 North (in Waterford). Take Hwy 83 North to Mukwonago. Turn left on Bay View Rd. (1/4 mile past intersection with I-43, just past Taco Bell/Citgo). Take Bay View Rd. to the stop light and turn left onto County ES (Main St.). Turn right onto Hwy J (by the Elegant Farmer, the barn with the yellow smiley face). Camp entrance is ¼ mile on the right.
Look for the sign- Phantom Lake YMCA Camp on YMCA Camp Rd.

From Madison

Take I-94 East toward Milwaukee to Hwy 83 South (second Delafield exit, by Target). Take Hwy 83 South to Mukwonago. At the second stop light in downtown Mukwonago, turn right onto Hwy ES (Main St.). Take Hwy ES to Hwy J—turn right onto Hwy J (by the Elegant Farmer, the barn with the smiley face). Camp entrance is ¼ mile on the right.
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From Milwaukee

Take I-43 South towards Beloit until you get to the Mukwonago exit (Hwy 83). Take Hwy 83 North to Bay View Rd. Turn left on Bay View Rd. (1/4 mile past intersection with I-43, just past Taco Bell/Citgo). Take Bay View Rd. to the stop light and turn left onto County ES (Main St.). Turn right onto Hwy J (by the Elegant Farmer, the barn with the smiley face). Camp entrance is ¼ mile on the right.
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"She loved it. Loved the activities, staff, camp – everything."