

WHO WE ARE

Camp COAST is a summer day camp specifically for children with autism and developmental disabilities that allow them to feel comfortable in a safe, fun and nurturing environment. Camp COAST is designed to meet the needs of children between the ages of 5-10 and 11-16 who are considered high functioning on the autism spectrum.



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CHILDREN ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM TOGETHER

Camp COAST 2018
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Daily Camp Activities

Camp COAST has a maximum of 20 children in camp each week. Each camper will have a teen intern assigned to him/her (ages 5-10). The teen intern supports the Camp COAST child in their daily activities and accompanies them on field trips. Daily activities include, but are not limited to, swimming, sensory games and various events designed for children on the autism spectrum or with developmental disabilities.

A Pinellas County school bus will be used to transport all children to and from any activities that occur off YMCA property.

Medication

Any prescription medications that are to be administered should be brought to camp and given to a staff member, sealed in a paper bag (child's name and camp attending) with the following:

- Must be in original prescription container with the child's name printed on it.
- Medical release permission slip needs to be filled out.
- Written instructions as per quantity, time to administer and any other directions and written clearance giving the YMCA permission to administer medication. Please specify if refrigeration is necessary.

NOTE: No over-the-counter medication will be administered.

Lunch and Snack

Lunch and snack are provided by each child's parent. Healthy nutritious foods, low in sugar, are encouraged. Lunch and snack should be packed in a mini-ice chest with a refreezable ice block.

Safe Environment

Please note that our highly qualified staff believes all staff and children should be and feel safe during their summer day camp experience. Children who demonstrate physically aggressive or sexually inappropriate behaviors will not be considered high-functioning on the spectrum.

Attendance Costs

Camp COAST is offered at an amazing rate due to the generosity of various businesses and personal giving. Each week is \$135 per week for YMCA of the Suncoast members and \$185 per week for nonmembers. NOTE: Campers must have attended kindergarten.

Session Dates

Seven one-week sessions from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays. (No camp on July 4)

Camp COAST Junior Themes/Field Trips

June 11-15: Under The Sea (Aquarium)

June 18-22: Artist In All Of Us
(Build-A-Bear Workshop)

June 25-29: COAST Kitchen (drum circle)

July 2-6: Let's Celebrate! (bowling)

July 9-13: Down On The Farm
(Pinellas Reptiles, farm animals)

July 16-20: Mad Scientist
(Rock The Spectrum)

July 23-27: Wonderful World Of Disney
(Busch Gardens)

Camp COAST Senior Themes

June 11-15: Skating

June 18-22: Drum Circle

June 25-29: Highland Recreation

July 2-6: Fear Factor Day

July 9-13: Bowling

July 16-20: Feeding the Homeless

July 23-27: Rays Game/Busch Gardens

Lost and Found

The YMCA is not responsible for camper possessions that are lost or stolen. Please do not send valuables to camp with your child.

Babysitting Arrangements

Policy states that our staff may NOT babysit families from our YMCA programs while they are employees of the YMCA.

CAMP COAST REVIEW PROCESS CHECKLIST

When you've completed the required forms, please mail or hand-deliver to Vickie Shire at the Clearwater YMCA.

- Getting To Know You — Parent Forms
- Teacher Review Forms
(Incomplete forms not accepted for consideration)
- A copy of the IEP/Behavioral Plan
(Please make copies of your child's IEP or Behavioral Plan because we keep all forms)
- Completed Review Process Checklist

Camp COAST children are considered on a first come first serve basis, but completion of all forms does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Staff will review the completed forms and will contact you about the status of your child's application. You are welcome to contact us if there are additional questions, but the decision of the acceptance, or non-acceptance, of your child into Camp COAST remains with the staff.

Please remember, Camp COAST is designed for children considered high functioning on the autism spectrum.

Additionally, a child accepted into Camp COAST must register for at least three of the seven weeks offered. When completing the registration forms, please indicate your first, second and third choice for weeks you desire for your child to participate.

All parents with children in Camp COAST must attend the parent orientation.

If you'd like to donate to Camp COAST, please contact Vickie Shire at the Clearwater YMCA at 727 461 YMCA or vshire@ymcasuncoast.org