






Packing List

Please Keep In Mind:

-  Clothing must be appropriate to camp environment
-  Label each article brought to camp with full name
-  Mark each piece of baggage with camper's full name
-  Camp Fitch will not be responsible for any lost articles. Campers are encouraged NOT to bring along any valuable items
-  NO CELL PHONES

- Sleeping Bag
- 2 Cotton Sheets or Blankets
- 1 Pillow, 2 Pillow Cases
- 2 Beach Towels
- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc)
- Comb, Tissues
- Laundry Bag for dirty clothes
- Flashlight and batteries
- 2 Bath Towels & wash cloths
- T-shirts and Sweatshirts
- Shorts and Pants (long pants *required* for horseback riding)
- Raincoat or Poncho
- Pajamas
- Underwear
- 2 Swim Suits
- 2 Pairs of Play Shoes
- 1 Pair Closed-Toe shoes (*required* for horseback riding)
- Beach shoes or old shoes (necessary for Lake Erie)
- Insect Repellent & Sun Screen

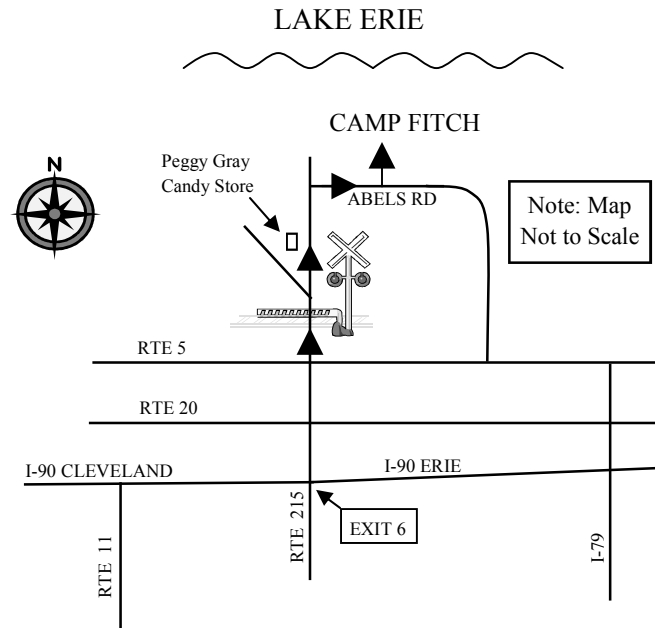
Optional Equipment:

- Water Bottle
- Writing Supplies
- Bible
- Fishing Equipment

Directions to Camp Fitch

Camp Fitch is located 90 minutes from Youngstown, Cleveland, and Buffalo and 2 hours from Pittsburgh.

Follow I-90 to exit 6 in PA, go North on Rt 215 then follow the signs to Camp Fitch.



Contact Options

Remember to keep all contacts positive as what you say in a letter can help or hinder your child's adjustment to camp.

MAIL: Be sure to mail it early so that it is received during their stay.

Your Camper's Name
CAMP FITCH
12600 Abels Rd
North Springfield, PA 16430

One-Way E-MAIL (Bunk Note): See enclosed flier to use Bunk1 to send a bunk note to your child.

FAX: (814) 922-7000 (nominal charge)

Lost and Found

Lost and Found items are collected and displayed during check-out. We donate all lost & found items to a local charity two weeks after a session ends.




www.campfitchymca.org



PARENT INFORMATION

2010 Update

Please read the enclosed information and complete the following forms:

-  Camp Fitch Health Form
-  Camp Fitch Confidential Form
-  Camp Fitch Horseback Riding Form

All forms and money should be sent to camp before your child is due to arrive.

CAMP FITCH YMCA

12600 ABELS RD

NORTH SPRINGFIELD, PA 16430

PHONE: (814) 922-3219

FAX: (814) 922-7000

E-MAIL: INFO@CAMPFITCHYMCA.ORG

IMPORTANT INFO FOR 2010

CAMPER CHECK-IN

Check-in happens between 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoon. To avoid long lines and allow the younger children extra time for settling in, check-in will be organized by age groupings. Please respect these times and check-in will be a pleasant experience for all.

8 - 10 year olds begin check-in at 1:00 P.M.

11 - 12 year olds begin check-in at 1:45 P.M.

13 - 16 year olds begin check-in at 2:30 P.M.

If you are checking in siblings, you may check-in all siblings at the time established for the youngest sibling.

FAST TRACK CHECK-IN

All camp fees and spending money are due BEFORE your first camping period begins. When all fees are paid and money is deposited in the spending account *in advance*, you qualify for the Fast Track at check-in! Fast Track Check-In happens at the same times outlined above.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Many campers know before they leave camp that they are going to attend Camp Fitch the next summer and since weeks fill very quickly, we want to give returning campers first pick at the new dates. Plus we like to give returning campers a discount for signing up early!

Registration forms for Camp Fitch 2011 will be passed out to parents at check-in every Sunday.

An Early Bird table will be set-up every Saturday to accept registration forms and deposits.

Early Bird 2011 Campers will receive a discount towards their 2011 fees and a special shirt!

If you need an Early Bird registration form, just call camp. Early Bird Registration will end on Saturday of the last period.

CHECK-OUT

Camper pick-up is between 9:00 and 11:00 am on Saturday. ALL campers are required to check-out at the camp store. Any unused bank account balance will be refunded at this time.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Spending Account?

The Spending Account is a "charge" account used for all purchases while at camp. You deposit money in your child's spending account for purchase of craft materials, horseback riding, pictures, and purchases from the camp store. No money should be left in the cabent!

How much is needed for the Spending Account?

All potential charges are explained below. The amount your child needs depends on his/her interest in these activities.

To Help You Plan The Spending Account:

- Horseback riding - \$10 per trail ride

Refer to the Horse	\$25 for 3 day lessons
Form for more info	\$40 for 5 day lessons
- Craft materials - Each Project costs between \$.35 and \$6.00, although most are under \$3.00.
- Rifle Range - Shooting .22s at targets \$1.00 for 10 shots
- Safari Range - Shooting paintballs at targets (not people!) \$2.00 for 15 shots
- Kivas - Kivas are progressive skill development activities. Campers choose their kiva programs and attend them for 3 one hour sessions. The cost for kivas can range from \$0 to \$25. Campers are given information about the cost before they sign up for the kiva.
- Camp store - Campers are given a chance to shop at the camp store during the week. Merchandise ranges from \$10 to \$40. Souvenirs are between \$.75 and \$12.
- Candy Line - Campers can spend a maximum of \$2.00 per day on snacks Monday through Thursday.
- Cabent Picture - \$4.75 each. Professional 5 x 7 color picture of each cabent group. Pictures MUST be ordered through cabent counselor on *Sunday Check-In*.
- World Service - \$1.00. Campers "donate" one candy line choice. The money collected is sent to YMCAs around the world.

PLEASE NOTE: *It is your child's responsibility to manage their spending money on their own. If they overspend, those expenses must be paid at check-out.*

Can my child bring a cell phone?

NO CELL PHONES! It is our desire to give each child the best possible experience and to help them make the adjustment necessary to living away from home. Cell phones can ruin the experience for your child and others. Also, please restrict your telephone calls to emergencies only. Hearing a voice from home can cause homesickness in a camper who is otherwise enjoying their camp experience.

Can I visit my child?

We recommend NO parent visiting during a camping period. An organized weekend camping program is provided for campers staying multiple camping periods, and parents may visit on these weekends. All visits must be coordinated with the camp director by calling (814) 922-3219.

Do you have tips for homesickness?

www.campparents.org is an ACA resource for camp parents. The "Ultimate Camp Planner" includes many great articles including ones about homesickness. One of the most important things for parents to say to potentially homesick kids is that it's normal, not strange, to feel homesick. Generally campers who feel homesick are "over it" within a day or two and go on to have a great camp experience. Also, the Camp Fitch staff is well trained to help campers adjust to life away from home. Remember that Camp Fitch requests all calls from home be restricted to emergencies.

What about campers staying multiple weeks?

Campers staying multiple weeks take part in special weekend activities! We also offer a professional *laundry* service. The cost of this service is between \$7 and \$10 depending on the weight of clothes washed. Charges will be added to the camper's spending account.

What about critters?

Our Cabents are open air with canvas sides. Since Camp Fitch is in the woods, you can expect to be visited by the "locals". Animals such as skunks and raccoons are looking for food, so if we *avoid food in Cabents*, it significantly cuts down on critter traffic.

What are the basic rules of Camp Fitch?

Smoking, use of non-prescription drugs, alcoholic beverages, firearms, or fireworks, carrying or concealing a weapon or any object that may be used as a weapon, harassment or intimidation by words, gestures or body language, bullying or threatening another person verbally or physically is prohibited on all YMCA property. Campers who cannot adjust to the respectful and cooperative environment of camp will be sent home *without a refund*.