



2016 PARENT HANDBOOK

YMCA CAMP WABANSI Greater Green Bay YMCA

Welcome to Camp Wabansi!

We are so excited that you have chosen Camp Wabansi for your child's summer camp experience. Teaching the value of responsibility to our youth is a partnership that we share with you. As we do our very best to prepare for your child's arrival, please help us by knowing the information in this guide and preparing your camper for their week at camp. Most importantly, if you still have any questions beyond what you find in this handbook, please contact us anytime.

Here's to a successful 2016 camp season!

-Ken Losinski

Call us with questions!

715-276-7116 (Sep-May)

920-825-7830 (Jun-Aug)

DAILY PACKING LIST

- Bag lunch (lunches will not be refrigerated)
- Water shoes (required for swimming & boating)
- Filled water bottle
- Raincoat/poncho
- Sweatshirt/jacket
- Swimsuit & towel
- Sunscreen & bug repellent

Please label all of your camper's belongings. Unclaimed items will be donated to local charities by September 1st. Camp Wabansi is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Cell phones
- iPods/MP3 players
- Gaming devices
- Unnecessary valuables
- Pocket knives
- Weapons of any kind
- Alcohol or tobacco

These items are prohibited for campers AND teen leaders. Please do not send them to camp as they will be confiscated and secured in the office. Camp Wabansi has its own phone line and will communicate with parents as necessary.

CONTACT INFORMATION

PHONE

715.276.7116 (Sep-May)

920.825.7830 (Jun-Aug)

ADDRESS

YMCA Camp Wabansi
1242 Bayshore Road
Brussels, WI 54204

WEBSITE

www.CampWabansi.org

EMAIL

campwabansi@greenbayymca.org

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

CALL IT IN

(920) 825-7830

EMAIL IT

campwabansi@greenbayymca.org

Please inform us of any expected absences at least one day in advance. If your child will be unexpectedly absent from camp, please report it by calling the Camp Office by 8:30am. Please leave a message if necessary. Sorry, there are no refunds for missed days of camp.

NEED TO SWITCH WEEKS OR CANCEL?

A two week written notice is required to cancel your child's week of camp and receive any refund. If appropriate written notice is provided, you will receive your camp payment back minus a \$25.00 cancellation fee. There is no cancellation fee if you simply need to transfer into a different Camp Wabansi session; please call the Camp Office to make arrangements. Cancellations should be mailed directly to the Camp Director at the address on the front of this booklet or emailed to campwabansi@greenbayymca.org.

CAMP STORE

The Camp Store sells popsicles every day during lunch for 50 cents each. The Camp Store is fully open for every Thursday Family Night program and sells t-shirts, backpacks, bandanas, and other fun novelty items.

FAMILY NIGHT

Friends and family are invited to Camp Wabansi on Thursday night for our Family Night celebration. Join us for dinner, hilarious skits and songs, and camper recognition! Guests may begin arriving at camp anytime after 5:30pm. (Please do not plan to arrive earlier than 5:30pm.) Camp provides a hot dog dinner for campers and their guests, but families are welcome to bring their own picnic dinner if they'd prefer. The hot dog dinner is free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

The skit program will begin at 6:15pm and last approximately one hour. Camp Wabansi has several benches in the amphitheater, but parents are also encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

Camp Wabansi does not allow smoking or alcoholic beverages on its property. Please leave family pets at home.

OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE (OPTIONAL)

Each Thursday night at Camp Wabansi is very special. After an evening all-camp game against the gorgeous bay sunset, campers witness some of Camp Wabansi's oldest friendly legends come to life while they enjoy a bedtime snack and campfire with their friends and counselors. Camp even provides breakfast on Friday morning! If you didn't sign up for the overnight when you registered your camper, don't worry. You can still decide to take part once your session at camp begins by RSVP'ing to the Camp Office. There is an additional \$30 fee for the overnight due before the experience begins.

Thursday night events are held rain or shine!

FAMILY NIGHTS

See **YOUR** camper awarded for the good they do at camp. Join us Thursday night for some camp fun.



OVERNIGHT PACKING LIST

- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Warm sweatshirt/jacket
- Sleepwear
- Flashlight
- Toiletries
- PM/AM medication (if any)
- Clothes for Friday
- Stuffed friend

HEALTH & SAFETY

Camp Wabansi takes the health and safety of our campers very seriously and adheres to the standards of the American Camp Association. Especially if your camper requires medication or has a special medical need, please read this section carefully and feel free to contact us if you have any questions about our procedures.



HEALTH FORMS

Camp Wabansi must have a health form on file two weeks before your child attends camp. This form is online where you register. **Without exception**, no child will be permitted to come to camp on Monday morning without a completed health form on file, so please be sure that you personally check your camper in at the bus stop on Monday to ensure that we have all required information. *Note: If your camper is enrolled for the summer in the School Age Child Care (SACC) program, camp will receive a copy of their health form automatically. There is no need to complete another health form for camp.

MEDICATIONS

All camper medications must be checked in daily at your bus stop and will be administered by authorized camp staff members. Campers may not carry medications, even over-the-counter medications or creams, in their backpacks. Inhalers and epipens will be near your camper at all times and held by your child's counselor. When you check in your camper on Monday morning, we will ask you to complete a Medication Authorization Form to accompany each medication. If you'd like to obtain this form beforehand, it can be downloaded from our website, but please do not submit it early. Instead, bring it along when you check in your medications to the camp staff.

All Camp Wabansi staff are certified in First Aid and CPR, but we do not have a registered nurse on site. For this reason, we are unable to administer medications which require injection (such as insulin). If your child has a need for this type of care, please contact the Camp Director.

If your child has a special medical need or condition, please contact the Camp Director in advance of your camper's session so that the camp staff can be fully prepared to provide appropriate care.

EMERGENCIES

In the case of minor injury, campers will be treated in Camp Wabansi's medical room. In the event of serious injury, camp staff will contact the camper's parents or their designated emergency contact. In the event of life-threatening injury, camp staff will immediately notify emergency medical personnel. Camp is serviced by the Town of Brussels ambulance just minutes away from camp. Any required ambulance service will be the financial responsibility of the camper's parents/guardians. The Green Bay YMCA does not carry medical insurance for camp participants. In the case of severe weather, campers will be moved into the Jim Aumann Activity Center at camp for shelter, and any bus delays will be communicated via our website and Green Bay YMCA front desks whenever possible.



LABEL YOUR MEDICATIONS

All medications **MUST** be clearly labeled with the following:

- Camper's name
- Name of medication
- Dosage instructions
- Date issued
- Physician's name (if applicable).

Medications must be in their original container.

Specialty Camps Are Huge

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Make sure you
register early
if you want to
snag a spot!

2016 THEME WEEKS

- Week 2 Harry Potter
- Week 3 Green & Gold
- Week 4 NO CAMP
- Week 5 Shark Week
- Week 6 Disney Extravaganza
- Week 7 Super Heroes
- Week 8 State Fair
- Week 9 Olympics
- Week 10 Wabansi's Talent

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY

Bring any medications, last-minute health forms, or specialty camp waivers to your bus stop. Today, the staff will give all parents an important letter. This is to confirm your camper's plans for Thursday's Family Night and optional overnight stay. Please send it back on Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY

Campers must bring back their Monday parent letter. Then, it's Tie-Dye Tuesday! Campers should bring an item to dye such as a white t-shirt, pillowcase, or bandana. (Do not send a towel; they don't dye well.) White Camp Wabansi tees will be available for purchase, as well.

WEDNESDAY

It's Weenie Roast Wednesday! Campers should bring their own hot dog and bun for lunch. We will roast hot dogs over the campfire, and camp will supply ketchup and mustard. Campers may bring additional lunch foods or a regular bag lunch instead, if they choose.

THURSDAY

It's Theme Day! Campers are encouraged to dress up for the week's theme and will participate in an all-camp game extravaganza. Today is also Family Night and the optional overnight adventure at camp, so campers may pack their overnight bag and bring it with them on the bus today (or parents can bring it to Family Night).

FRIDAY

Five-Star Friday will be a highlight of the week. After breakfast (for campers who stayed overnight), campers will enjoy a beach party at camp (weather permitting), all-camp games, and more fun in the sun. No bag lunch required today - camp will provide a picnic lunch for all!

BUS PICKUP/DROPOFF

Parents must check campers and teens in directly with the camp staff each day. The camp staff will make sure you have completed all necessary forms, collect medications, and supervise campers until the bus arrives. Campers and teens must also be checked out from camp staff at the end of the day - they will NOT be permitted to go to your car directly from the bus. Thank you for your understanding as we make your child's safety our priority.

	PICKUP	DROPOFF
WEST SIDE YMCA	7:45am	4:40pm
EAST SIDE YMCA	8:15am	4:15pm
LANGLADE SCHOOL	7:45am	4:40pm
LUXEMBURG-CASCO HS	8:20am	4:00pm
DYCKESVILLE	8:40am	3:55pm
CAMP PICKUP/DROPOFF	9:00am	3:45pm

***Buses will wait only 5 minutes past their departure time. There are no refunds for missed days of camp due to a missed bus.**

