



Greetings Southwest YMCA Summer Camp Families! We are thrilled to have your family join us for what is sure to be an amazing summer. In addition to the general camp information you received, I am reaching out with specific details about our location. Please read over this message and reach out with any questions.

I am Jeremy Kallan, Site Supervisor for Southwest YMCA Day Camp and OST. I will be your main point of contact for the summer, on site every day and available via email, phone, or text (jkallan@denverymca.org / (720) 810-7316). Whether I'm hanging out with the kiddos, supporting our staff, or managing logistics behind the scenes, my goal is to ensure that every member of our community is thriving and getting out of their comfort zone in a safe and fun environment this summer! As we get to know each other in the coming weeks, please don't hesitate to let me know how we can best support your children - I'm always open to feedback. My background is in outdoor education and social work, and this will be my second summer with the YMCA. I've been involved in summer camp programs every year since I was 6 years old, and I can't wait to do it again – this is where the magic happens.

All YMCA camp families received a welcome message with important information on required paperwork, authorized pickups, cancellation and billing policies, items to bring and leave at home, and more. Below you will find a few additional details specific to the Southwest Location to set you all up for success when we start in just a couple of weeks.

- **Before Care 6:30 – 8:00 am:** For families enrolled in this extra option, care is available starting at 6:30 am. You can add before care to any new/future weeks during registration, or you can add before care to existing registrations by submitting a request to our customer service team: <https://denverymca-ymcamso.happyfox.com/new/>
- **Arrival 8:00 – 9:00 am:** Please drop off your children between 8:00 – 9:00 am at the childcare gate, located between our main entrance and Sheridan Ave (you will see a large white tent in the parking lot). We'll have a check in table and direct everyone to meet their group leader. The gate will close at 9:00 as we begin opening circle and prepare to depart on trips, so late arrivals should use the main entrance.
- **Pickup 3:30 – 5:30 pm:** Dismissal will happen at the same childcare gate by the white tent (early dismissal at main entrance/front desk). Campers will only be allowed to dismiss with an adult who provides photo ID and authorized pickup credentials (details on your pickup PIN number included in general welcome email). If you need to pick up early, please let us know in advance.
- **Age groups:** We split the camp into two groups according to age – Littles (ages 5-7) and Bigs (ages 8 and up). Those on the cusp may move up or down depending on enrollment and peer dynamics. Campers will spend most of their time in these age groups, with smaller groups assigned to each staff member. Lunch, snack, and free time provide an opportunity for all campers to mingle, and Fridays will typically include larger activities for the entire camp to come together.
- **Off-Site Swimming and Field Trips:** All campers will leave the YMCA two days each week, with busses generally departing at 10 am and returning by 3 pm (exceptions will be noted in weekly emails). Bring/wear swimsuits and towels for swim days and wear camp shirts for field trips. You can see all scheduled trips on this calendar: [Southwest YMCA Day Camp Trip Calendar](#) (Group A is Bigs, Group B is Littles, days with two trips listed mean that group is going to two locations)
 - Littles – Swimming on Wednesdays and Field Trips on Thursdays
 - Bigs – Field Trips on Tuesdays and Swimming on Thursdays

Thank you all for choosing YMCA Day Camp and trusting us with the care of your children this summer. Between the registration process, financial assistance applications, completing paperwork, and making lunches every morning, I appreciate all that you do to prepare your children for camp – it takes a village!

Best - Jeremy

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