

Camp on the Move FAQs

1. What are the goals of Camp on the Move?

Our goals are simple: Counselors strive to create fun and educational experiences in a safe and nurturing environment.

2. What time should I have my child at Camp each day?

Campers should be dropped off no later than 9:00 a.m. Preparation to leave for the morning begins right around 9:00. If you are running late, please call to see if you will need to drop your child off at the field trip location. Occasionally groups will leave EARLIER than 9:00. In this case, parents will be notified in advance by email/signage.

3. Where will Camp on the Move be based?

Camp on the Move will be held in the multipurpose rooms on the first floor of University's Northwood Community Center at 1000 McIntyre Dr. in Ann Arbor.

4. What are the Camp on the Move fees?

Tuition is \$270 per week (plus \$35 for Week 6's long-distance trip, week 12 is \$162 because we are closed Thurs. and Fri.). There is a registration fee of \$50. If you drop or switch a week before June 15, there is a \$25 charge. If you drop a week after June 15, there will be no refund. If you switch a week after June 15, there will be a \$25 charge. No money from home is necessary for field trips.

5. What should campers bring to Camp?

- Backpack: (1) appropriate size for your child, (2) no wheels, (3) no "home toys," please!
- Non-perishable lunch: (1) with utensils if needed, (2) fits in backpack, (3) no eggs, nuts, or peanuts!
- FULL, labeled water bottle
- Swimsuit & plastic bag for wet swimsuit (bag is optional)
- Towel – must fit in backpack
- LABELED sunscreen ****PLEASE PACK SUNSCREEN EVERY DAY****
- Ann Arbor swimming pass or money for daily admission to the pool
- Any field-trip-specific items (socks for bowling, warm clothes for ice skating, etc.)

6. What should my child bring for lunch?

Campers should bring a non-perishable sack lunch that DOES NOT contain peanuts, tree nuts, or eggs each day that they are in attendance at camp. A list of lunch ideas is available on our website. Please note that there will not be a way to heat items in lunches. There are some days when lunch will be provided on the field trip (i.e. trip to Cottage Inn, cookout day, etc.); those days will be highlighted on each group's schedule.

7. What does Camp on the Move offer in terms of snack during the day?

We offer a variety of breakfast items for our 8 a.m. morning snack (pancakes, waffles, bagels, cereal). Our 4 p.m. afternoon snack may consist of crackers, bagels, fruit bars, trail mix, yogurt, etc. Children are offered fresh fruits or veggies every day. Campers are welcome to bring extra food from home to eat during the day if they get hungry!

8. How are campers split into groups?

Camp on the Move campers are split into groups based primarily on grade and age.

9. How many counselors does Camp on the Move employ? What duties are expected of them?

Camp on the Move staff consists of 10 full-time counselors. Our minimum ratios are: traveling, 1:7; with non-swimmers in pool, 1:4; with swimmers in pool, 1:6. The expectations of the counselors are to stress safety first and foremost; to be appropriate in conversation and interactions with the campers; to interact with the campers constantly; to be consistent with campers; and to create a fun, active camp for everyone.

10. How will parents know what each day's activities are? What happens if a group's plans change?

Each group's schedule of activities is arranged before Camp on the Move begins. A calendar of these activities will be sent to all parents before the first day of camp via email, and hard copies will be available at the sign-in table. If a scheduled activity or field trip needs to be changed (due to weather, vendor cancellations, etc.), parents will then be notified by email as soon as possible. There may also be notes regarding schedule changes by the sign-in table if changes are known in the early morning.

11. Can parents get in contact with Camp on the Move groups during the day? How do early pick-ups or late drop-offs work?

Each group will have a cell phone that will enable counselors to be contacted when possible. If parents need to get in touch with a group, simply call the main camp phone number (which will be supplied to you before camp starts), and administration will either pass along a message or let counselors know how to contact parents. Counselors will try to accommodate late drop-offs or early pick-ups whenever it is possible, but it is likely you will have to meet them wherever they are and work around their bus schedule if you are running late.

12. What happens in the case of inclement weather?

Camp on the Move schedules have to be flexible. If faced with bad weather (thunder, extreme heat), COTM groups will come up with alternative activities for the day. Previous alternatives have included swimming at Mack's indoor pool, theme days at the Center, bowling, going to a movie, or another indoor activity for the afternoon. Parents will be notified by email if group plans change throughout the day. Center administration monitors weather at all times and will notify groups in plenty of time so that they can seek shelter while traveling, if needed. As a full-day program, we may modify our afternoon schedule based on the morning's weather prediction.

13. How does swimming work, in terms of safety?

Group B and C campers will be provided with brightly colored t-shirts labeled "UMHSCC" to swim in (Group D campers have "graduated" from this requirement!). Shirt colors coincide with their group, and this helps counselors spot all of our campers in the pool. Counselors will also be in the water with the campers, interacting with them. Counselors will spread out throughout the pool and grounds, as campers are welcome to participate in activities outside the water. There are also lifeguards in all areas of the pool at all times. In general, campers are limited to the areas of the pool that are appropriate for their level of swimming ability. Campers who are swimmers are allowed to take the deep end test if they choose and if the parents permit them to take the test. If they pass the test, they will be allowed to swim in the deep end of the pool when accompanied by a counselor. If a child needs to use the restroom at the pool, or on any field trip, a counselor will accompany him/her.

14. What if I have a suggestion for a field trip?

We love new field trip suggestions! Our field trips are limited to where we can travel via the AATA and UM Commuter bus lines, as well as a generous per-child cost cap (usually no higher than \$5). To accommodate field trips that aren't accessible by UM/AATA buses, we do one long-distance field trip per summer, and we usually plan a parent-driver field trip once per summer as well. We also love visiting child-friendly parent workplaces for field trips – in the past, we've gone to dentists' offices, the Salvation Army, the Germ Lab, etc.

15. Will reading be a part of Camp on the Move?

Yes!! Each group has a weekly field trip to the Ann Arbor Public Library where campers will have full access to all the books they desire, as well as computers. Various reading-based field trips (such as visiting bookstores) are scheduled throughout the summer. Counselors read with the campers both at the library and at Northwood. There is a variety of books available on shelves at Northwood for campers to read at any time throughout each day.

16. How often will movies be offered as a choice for campers?

Camp on the Move groups will watch movies over the course of the summer. However, they are used infrequently (as part of a scheduled field trip, or as a possible rainy day activity). Camp on the Move has accumulated a large number of children's videos over the years, but will not use them on a regular basis. The videos will range from Disney movies to more educational films aimed at children. If you have any concerns, please speak with a counselor.

17. When will you offer online registration?

Now! We offer online sign-up at https://umich.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_06bviCRGxvZwqvH. Unfortunately, after consulting with many IT professionals at the University, we've discovered that online payment will not be possible due to the high costs of credit card services. Cost efficiency is crucial in a small camp program like ours in order to keep tuition rates low. After you register online, payments can be mailed to or dropped off at UMHSCC 2601 Glazier Way Ann Arbor, MI 48105.