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A newsletter for first time staff at Camp Hazen YMCA

Issue 3

Some Logistics!

Down Time, Time Off.... What do these mean?

Well it looks a little different depending on your position at camp!

Let's start with some basics:

Down time means that you are not working at the moment but you still have to stay on camp property. If there is an emergency at camp you are expected to respond.

Time off means that you can physically leave camp if you would like, but you don't have to. On the last page of this newsletter there will be links to local places and things to do near camp!

Days Off Per Session

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Staff Meeting (9am) Campers arrive(1:30)	ACs (13) OFF*	OC (13) DC OFF	OC (13) OC (22) DC OFF	OC (22) DC OFF	OC (22)	OC (22) ACs 22 OFF DC OFF
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lazy Sunday OC (22) DC OFF	OC (13) DC OFF	OC (13) DC OFF	OC (13) DC OFF		Campers leave (2-6pm) All Staff Meeting (after camp cleanup) Everyone off (after meeting ends)	Everyone off

DC Evening Off: 6pm-11pm. You get ONE of these nights off EACH week.

DC OFF: This is a full day off.

OC 13: 13 hours off from 10am-11pm. You get ONE of these per session.

OC 22: 22 hours off from 6pm-4pm. You get ONE of these per session.

Everyone Off: Friday night after our all staff meeting to 9am Sunday morning.

All Support Staff get one day off each week assigned by their supervisor

DC- Day Camp

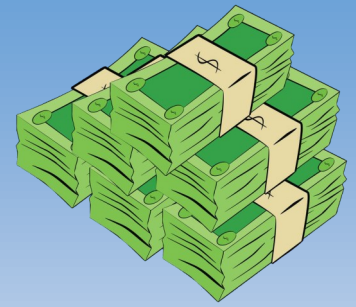
OC- Overnight Camp

AC-Assistant Counselor (in OC)

Support Staff: Office, Maintenance, Kitchen

HOW DO I GET PAID?

Paychecks: For American staff, your paycheck will be directly deposited into an American bank account every 2 weeks. For International Staff who do not have access to an American bank account, you will have the opportunity to set up a bank account during Staff Orientation where your paychecks will be deposited. Or you may have your own card like a 'Wise-card' —so long as it has a US bank account number.



The first paycheck will be distributed on June 28th this will be for work completed during Skills Week and Staff Orientation. Staff are responsible for the management of their own money. Staff can keep important papers in their own personal locker found in the staff lounge and are advised to maintain normal safety precautions in regards to personal belongings. Staff must bring their own padlock for these lockers.

These are a few popular banks in the area. PLEASE do your own research. This is not an endorsement of any bank.

Wise- This is an international debit card. In the last two years we have seen staff use this with relative ease. <https://wise.com/us/card/>

Key Bank— 6 miles away in Centerbrook

Bank of America— 11 miles away in Old Saybrook

M&T Bank— 12 miles away in Old Saybrook

Wells Fargo— 10 miles away in Old Saybrook

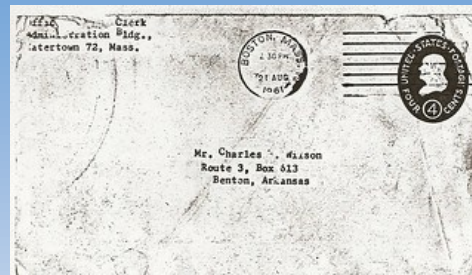
Essex Savings Bank— 6 miles away in Essex



HOW CAN I BE CONTACTED @ CAMP?

Letters and packages should be addressed to you as follows:

Your Name
Camp Hazen YMCA
204 West Main Street
Chester, CT 06412 USA



Everyone wants to receive packages in the summer. However, we need staff to follow the same rules as campers which is that food should not be delivered in consideration of food allergies.



Electronics: Email, video chats and social media are definitely the best way for friends to communicate with you. Internet access for personal phones and laptops is accessible in the Dining Hall at night after the campers are in bed. WiFi in the Staff Lounge can be used during days off or downtime.



Phones: You may bring cell phones to camp. However, they are your responsibility. Also, as we strive for face-to-face connections at camp, these can only be used during your downtime and time off. Campers do not bring their phones to camp.

In the case of an emergency, friends and family may call the camp office and the message will be delivered to you as soon as possible. The office number is (860)526-9529.

Just to reiterate we believe that No Wifi = Better Connection. We know its hard to unplug but we pride ourselves on being a camp where everyone connects and it's hard to do that if you are attached to your phone. There are specific times and places that it's acceptable to use your phone so please pay attention to that rule.

Using your phone in the staff lounge on your down time = Great time and place to use your phone.

During meal in the dining hall or walking across the field = NOT a great time to use your phone.



Don't forget, you can get things delivered to camp if you need! Amazon and Walmart have pretty quick shipping!

Below are some links to local-ish things to do and how you can get there!

CHESTER

<https://youtu.be/aZD3GGSPehA?feature=shared>

TRANSPORTATION

<https://rivervalleytransit.com/>

<https://shorelineeast.com/>

Uber and Lyft (although sometimes these take a while to get here!)

NATURE/PARKS

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Cockaponset-State-Forest>

<https://ctparks.com/parks/gillette-castle-state-park>

<https://ctparks.com/parks/hammonasset-beach-state-park>

<https://riparks.ri.gov/beaches/misquamicut-state-beach>

ATTRACTIONS

<https://www.mysticaquarium.org/>

<https://www.bookbarnniantic.com/>

<https://www.sixflags.com/newengland>

<https://www.lakecompounce.com/>

SHOPPING

<https://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/clinton>

<https://www.westbrookoutlets.com/>

FOOD:

<https://www.simonsmarketplace.net/>

<http://pattaconk1850.com/>

<https://www.honeyconecreamco.com/>

<https://www.thai-riverside.com/>

<https://scotchplainstavern.com/>

<http://chinaroyale.weebly.com/><https://griswoldinn.com/>