



Schools Out For Summer, So Let the Fun Begin And Come Ottertize Yourself!



Hello Campers and Parents!



Welcome one and all to the grand opening of week 1 here at Camp Otter. This weeks theme is Otterpalozza, where anything and everything crazy and exciting can happen. During this week, cabin staff and campers will be getting

Week 1 - Otterpalozza

June 20th-24th, 2011

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to know the ins and outs of camp and focusing on rekindling old friendships as well as forming new ones. As a staff here at Camp Otter we are looking forward to seeing all of the familiar and new faces that keep us coming back day after day

Important



- ✓ All children ages 6-12 should come to camp wearing their bathing suits everyday since they have boating and swimming first



Nurse's Corner



Hello, here at Camp Otter the days are filled with lots of fun and high activity play! Here are some important tips to remember:

- ☺ Pack water bottles, snacks and a non-perishable lunch for your child daily to keep them well-hydrated and energized! Although we do have water bubblers throughout camp, it is always a good idea to have extra!
- ☺ Lotion up! Be sure to put on sunscreen to protect your skin!
- ☺ Close-toed shoes are a must! Sandals are only permitted at the beach!
- ☺ Wear appropriate clothing, shorts, t-shirts, etc., and label everything so that nothing is lost!
- ☺ Bring bathing suits and a change of clothing.

What's Going On!

Till the last cabin is standing, be prepared to strategically protect your counselor from the rock'em sock'em soakers. Make sure you have those bathing suits ready because this action splash adventure will be coming your way starting on Monday.

Hey Campers how about we let you choose what you do for an hour of camp!

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, Camp Otter will be offering free choice, specific activities that campers can choose for themselves. Free choice allows campers to further explore their individual interests, favorite program areas, as well as new activities and expand upon them all week long!



Let's cool down from all that fun!

On Thursday, the Salem Fire Department will be making a special guest appearance at Camp Otter. They will talk about fire safety, dress you up in their gear, and you never know, but they just might spray us down with their hoses!

Camp Otter gets a blast from the past with 80's Day! On Fun Day Friday, bring out your brightest neon colors, funky hair styles, and dress up with the staff in your best 80's outfit. However, the fun does not stop there! Join us in the exciting game of Puzzle Mania! Which cabin will be the first to de-code, discover, and peace together their puzzle.



Forget Something?
Have No Fear
Camp Otter Store is Here!

That's right, we have a store that is filled with otter attire and snacks for your children!
Store Hours: 12pm-1pm.



Message from the 2011 Cabin Counselors

This years 2011 Cabin Staff at Camp Otter is stocked with experienced veterans as well as energetic newcomers eager to jump into the camp environment. Together as a team, we are bringing back some of the old games that are always enjoyable as well as new activities that everyone is sure to love!

Providing entertainment is only part of the cabin staff's job; safety

is our number one priority. Hence, we have been busy obtaining our certifications in CPR and First Aid as well as training in other areas that will provide your children with a safe, fun and enjoyable camp experience.

It is the aim of the YMCA to ensure that we, as counselors, will be role models for your children instilling the core values of the YMCA:

respect, honesty, caring, and responsibility. We look forward to working with all of our campers and providing them with a summer of endless fun!



Message from the 2011 Program Area Directors

This summer is going to be packed with exciting, fun filled games and activities brought to you by the program staff. This summers program team is loaded with veteran staff members who have the certification and tools necessary to keep your children safe and active.

Come join us in **adventure** where campers will explore new heights, concur fears and overcome obstacles. As a cabin they will learn how to communicate with others and work as a team through a variety of cooperative games.

Aim, shoot, fire! **Archery** is one of the unique areas of our camp, where campers learn how to safely and properly use a bow and arrow while shooting at a target.

Come get your craft on at our **Arts and Craft** program area. Here our campers will be challenged everyday with new and exciting projects! The possibilities are endless here and maybe your child will be the next craftiest camper!

Be prepared to get wet as we take you to the world down under. At the beach our campers will learn how to **Swim** while having fun and playing productive games that will challenge and improve their skills. All lessons are taught and watched by our lifeguard, CPR and First Aid certified staff; your child's and our campers' safety comes first!

Ahoy matey! Jump aboard our ships in the **Boating** area! Here campers learn the techniques for cannoning and even kayaking (must be a minnow 2 to kayak). Learn to maneuver the boats as a team and slash on into fun activities!

Run, kick, shoot, **GOAL!** If you are a sports lover, then we have just the place for you! Did I say place? I meant places! Sports everyday is always a guarantee! Campers will either be at **Sports Court or Sports Field** were they will learn new talents and master old ones. A variety of action packed games will be played daily that will require cabins to work together and have fun!

With all these exciting program areas and fun activities, it is no wonder that camp otter will become your child's home away from home and favorite spot of the summer.

