## PARENT RESOURCE SHEET

## **CHOOSING A SUMMER DAY CAMP CHECKLIST**

Summer day camp offers kids the opportunity to develop new skills through fun and meaningful experiences.

Parents want to be sure their child is safe, active and social throughout the summer. Here is a checklist prepared by the Westfield Area YMCA Camp Staff to help you choose a camp that is both "kid" and "parent" approved!

		WESTFIELD AREA YMCA	CAMP #2
1.	Is the camp accredited by the American Camp Association? ACA-accredited camps have satisfied more than 300 standards on health, safety, facilities, programs and staffing.	<b>₽</b>	
2.	Do all camp staff receive at least 30 hours of training?  ☐ Safety & Supervision ☐ First Aid/CPR ☐ Art Activities ☐ EpiPen/Asthma Inhaler ☐ Asset Building ☐ Developmental Characteristics ☐ Conflict Resolution ☐ Cooperative Games ☐ Behavioral Management Solving ☐ Child Abuse Prevention ☐ Team Building ☐ STEM ☐ Playground Safety ☐ Bullying Prevention ☐ ☐	<b>₩</b>	
3.	Are the Unit Directors and Counselors qualified?  Age, experience, percent of returning staff, certifications	<b>₩</b>	
4.	Are trips and special events included in the camp fee?	abla	
5.	Is there swimming?	abla	
6.	Is there an EMT on staff?	<b>₩</b>	
7.	Are the camp sessions flexible to meet my needs? e.g., half-day, full-day, weekly, structured before/after care etc.	<b>₩</b>	
8.	Does the ratio of counselor-to-camper in my child's age group meet or exceed ACA standards?  1:6 (ages 4-5) 1:10 (ages 9-12) 1:12 (ages 12+)	<b>₽</b>	
9.	What is the "typical" daily schedule for the camp?		
10.	What do you do on a rainy or very hot day?		