

# **YRESIDENT CAMP™**

We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

# **Camp Nicolet**

## **Parent Pack Summer 2008**

All Nicolet paper work and forms must be  
received at the **South Business Desk**  
**before 5PM on Monday July 14, 2008**

**The balance of Camp Nicolet is due**  
**before 5PM on Monday July 21, 2008**

Registration & Program Questions Call  
Wausau YMCA Welcome Center  
(715) 845-2177

YMCA Camp Sturtevant  
(715) 849-2267  
[www.ymca-camp.org](http://www.ymca-camp.org)

*Important dates, times, and information that will help parents  
and campers enjoy their time at camp.*

Dear Campers and Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Camp Parent Packet! The Camp Directors at the Woodson YMCA have planned another year of exciting camping opportunities for your children. It is our mission to build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities in an outdoor environment.

The hundreds of children attending our camps from early childhood to young adulthood benefit by participating in well planned, age appropriate activities. Preschoolers 3 to 6 years of age begin their Y-Camp experience at **Wausau Chicken Little and Aspirus Little Explorers Preschool Camp** where their week includes songs, crafts and a trip to Camp Sturtevant. School age children from 6 to 13 years of age experience canoeing, arts and crafts, swimming, archery, games, nature and much more each week at **Day Camp Sturtevant**.

**Outdoor Leadership Camp** offers 11 to 17 year olds the chance for out-of-camp overnight adventures while fostering leadership and teamwork skills. **Nicolet Resident Camp** offers seven nights and days of fun-filled activities from horseback riding to water skiing for 8 to 15 year olds. For those in search of programming during the summer school sessions, the **Half Day Programs** offer the perfect opportunity during the afternoon hours. The Sturtevant and Child Care **Junior Counselor (JC)** volunteer programs prepare teenagers for future camp counselor opportunities.

The Camp Directors carefully choose and train summer staff to implement the YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility in all aspects of programming while providing a safe and fun-filled summer experience for your children.

Whether you are looking for **whole summer child care** or two weeks of great outdoor fun, the Woodson YMCA has a program to fit your family's needs. Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

***Big P***

**Pat Murphy, Camping Services Director – 849-2267**

# Nicolet Checklist

**Notice:** This checklist is for your use; keep it for your records. This page lists the forms that **MUST** be entirely filled out and turned into the South Business Desk before **5 p.m. on Monday July 14, 2008**. If any forms are incomplete or not turned in, a **\$50.00 late fee** will be assessed. Remaining balance is also due **before 5PM on Monday July 21, 2008** or an additional **\$10.00 late fee** will be charged.

This page also lists transportation options that you have already chosen on your camper's registration form. Verify your option below. If your son/daughter is not registered for the bus by the aforementioned date and time, then campers are expected to be driven **to and from** Camp Nicolet by a parent/guardian. .

## **Forms:**

- Camper Registration Form with Immunization Record attached
- Eagle River Memorial Hospital Form (ERMH)
- Copy of the front and back of a Medical Insurance Card
- Camp Health History and Examination form  
(front: filled out by parent/guardian)  
(back: completed, signed, and dated by a physician **within the last 2 years of camp's starting date.**)
- Double check to make sure the lines on all forms are completed and all signature lines are signed

## **Payment:**

- Remaining balance paid in full

## **Nicolet Transportation**

\$25 One-way; \$45 Roundtrip

\$I am enrolling a child to ride bus - **check one box**

- To
- From
- To & From
- None

My child is being driven **check one box**

- To
- From
- To & From
- None

## Important Parent Information

### **Camp Open House**

Join us Thursday, April 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m. for an opportunity to learn which camp is best for your child. Camp Director, Counselors, and information will be available in the Family Lodge at Camp Sturtevant. Bring your questions.

### **Directions**

**Camp Sturtevant** is located on Northwestern Avenue, 1.8 miles from County N (Town Line Road) and  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from Camp Phillips Road. Our location is 2701 Northwestern Avenue, which is less than 4 miles from the downtown YMCA! Our mailing address is 707 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Wausau, WI 54403.

From Grand Avenue turn East on Town Line Road. Continue east until you pass Kraft Foods parking lot. Turn right on 12<sup>th</sup> Street (only goes right) which turns into Northwestern Ave. Travel on Northwestern approximately 2 miles. Camp Sturtevant is on the right.

From Highway 51, take 29 East to Camp Phillips Road. At the top of the exit turn left (north), cross Schofield Ave, Ross Ave, and the Eau Claire River. Turn left onto Northwestern Ave. Camp is approximately one mile from Camp Phillips Road.

**Camp Nicolet** is located 12 miles East of Eagle River Wisconsin on Highway 70 East. It is nestled in the heart of the Nicolet National Forest on Franklin Lake.

From Wausau, take 51 North to 70 East through Eagle River, after crossing the intersection for 45 N/S, Camp Nicolet entrance will be approximately 12 miles on the right.

From Appleton Area, take 45 North to 70 East, Camp Nicolet entrance will be approximately 12 miles on the right.

### **Open Admission Policy**

Camp Sturtevant is operated in accordance with state and federal policies, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, disability, religion or national origin.

### **Special Needs Campers**

YMCA Camps are designed to provide accessibility for children with moderate visual, auditory, orthopedic, mental and emotional challenges. Camp programs are physically active and are designed for group interactions and participation. Please discuss all situations with the Camp Director prior to registering.

### **Staff**

Our camps are staffed with trained, well qualified, enthusiastic adults who are eager to help your child have a week of learning and fun. We maintain safe camper to staff ratios in accordance to licensing and our Counselors in Training assist staff.

### **Authorized Persons to Pick-up Campers**

For the camper's safety, we will not release any camper to an unauthorized person. Authorized persons are either the people designated on the registration form or people who are identified to the Camp Director or Program Director by a previously authorized individual. A photo ID is necessary to check out your camper at the end of each day. Please understand this is a safety measure taken for the well-being of **all campers** and is in no way a reflection of you.

### **Registration & Deposits**

Bring in, or mail, the completed Registration Form with the deposits for each camp week to the Woodson YMCA, 707 Third Street, Wausau, WI 54403. **Most Frequent Question:** Do I have to complete the registration form and immunization records if I attended last year? **YES.** *State licensing requires that immunization and information on the Registration Form be completed and in the camper's file.*

### **Financial Assistance**

Financial assistance is offered to qualifying families. Applicants must provide information on household size and income. Applications will be accepted beginning in January and Camp Scholarships are granted on a first come, first served basis until funds are exhausted. For more information call Doua Her at (715) 845-2177 ext 310 or Pat Murphy at (715) 849-2267.

### **Paperwork**

The Nicolet Parent Packet contains a "Camp / Emergency Medical Release Form" and a "Camp Health History and Examination Form" that must be signed by a physician. All Nicolet forms must be received **at the Welcome Center Desks before 5PM on Monday July 14, 2008**. Forms may also be printed at [www.ymca-camp.org](http://www.ymca-camp.org).

### **Payment**

**The balance of Camp Nicolet is due before 5PM on Monday July 21, 2008 OR** an additional \$10.00 late fee will be charged. (See Nicolet checklist) It is the responsibility of the camper's parent or guardian to make full payments on time. Campers may not attend camp if full payment has not been received.

### **Cancellations and Refunds**

Please contact the YMCA South Business Desk as soon as possible if you plan to cancel a camper registration.

- Deposits are non-refundable. However, deposits may be transferred to an upcoming registered week.
- In order to receive a refund, notification of the cancellation must be received in writing two weeks in advance to the camp office via the South Business Desk. Cancellations more than two weeks in advance will be refunded minus the non-refundable deposit.
- Children expelled from Camp for behavior matters will receive refunds minus the non-refundable deposit for all registered sessions starting the full week after being expelled.

### **Medicine**

If your child takes medication during the camp day, the medicine and a schedule for taking the medication should be turned in to Camp on the first day of camp. An "Authorization to Administer Medication" form is available for completion at Check-in. All leftover medicine will be discarded one week after camper's last day of camp. Insurance for health related matters must be covered by the parent or guardian.

### **Illness**

If a camper is feeling ill, please be sure to keep him/her home to get plenty of rest and **notify us at camp** if your child will not be attending. Children cannot have a fever within the last 12 hours in order to attend camp.

If a camper becomes ill while at camp, we will notify parents to discuss whether he/she should be picked up or stay in a quiet resting area of camp. Camp Sturtevant does reserve the right to send a child home who is ill or contagious.

### **Behavior Management**

Camp staff is trained to implement behavior management techniques that include positive guidance, redirection, and the setting of clear limits and expectations. With the goal of helping each child develop self-control, self-esteem, and respect for others. Campers are held responsible for their actions and are expected to follow the YMCA four core values of honesty, caring, respect, responsibility.

### **Camper Behavior**

Camp programming is designed for group participation and interaction. Behavior that disrupts programming, endangers self or others, disrespects property of others, or requires repeated one-to-one attention may result in the camper being suspended from camp and/or expelled.

### **Insect Repellent & Sun Screen**

We suggest your child use a lotion or a cream when brought to camp. Be sure to clearly mark the bottle with your child's name. We also suggest that you teach your child the proper application of insect repellent and sun screen so it is applied safely. Do not send spray or pump bottles to camp.

### **Lost and Found**

We highly recommend writing the camper's first & last name on everything they bring to camp. All lost and found items will be kept for **one (1) week after the last week of camp**. At that time, lost and found is donated to charity organizations.

- Items lost at Camp Sturtevant will be kept at Camp Sturtevant.
- Items lost at Nicolet will be brought to & kept at Camp Sturtevant.
- Items lost at YMCA will be kept at YMCA South Courtesy Desk and will be held for 1 month.

You may need to check at both locations.

### **Location**

"Y" Camp at Camp Nicolet is located 12 miles east of Eagle River, WI on 160 acres surrounded by the Nicolet National Forest. With two miles of shoreline on crystal clear Franklin Lake and a natural white sand beach.

## Facilities

"Y" Camp at Camp Nicolet is well maintained and attractive. Campers sleep in roomy cabins on the lakeshore that are complete with bunk beds, electricity, bathroom, fire place and screened-in porch. There is a beautiful dining hall providing meals three times daily; tennis courts, a sports field, boathouse, stables, theater, arts/crafts shops, water ski area, swim area, shower facility and a main lodge that is available for all our campers.

## Programs

Core programs are taught daily and campers also have an opportunity to choose from a variety of fun activities!

- Tennis
- Waterskiing
- Horseback riding
- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Arts' n Crafts
- Archery
- Outdoor living skills
- Theater
- Sports
- Hiking
- Mountain Biking
- Sailing

## Horseback Riding

Each camper will have the opportunity to participate in at least one riding session that is already included in his/her camp fee. All activities are led with safety as our number one priority, and all leaders, counselors and staff abide by our Zero Accident Attitude. Riding may be canceled if weather conditions become hazardous.

## Outdoor Adventure

Each camper will have the opportunity to learn outdoor skills through an overnight trip. All trips begin from our front door and take place in the Nicolet Outpost or National Forest. These adventures are lead by qualified counselors and stress teamwork and outdoor safety.

## Sunday Check-in

12:30pm-2:00pm

**Driving Camper Check-in.** All campers being driven to Camp Nicolet should arrive between the hours of 12:30 and 2:00. **No lunch is provided this day.** Parents are invited to take a tour of Camp Nicolet at check-in and help children move into their cabins.

11:30am-12:00pm

**Bus riding campers check-in at Camp Sturtevant.** Campers who are riding the bus must check-in between the hours of 11:30 and 12:00 at the Camp Sturtevant. Check-in will take place at Camp Sturtevant Family Lodge. The bus will leave at 12:00pm sharp so please come early enough to check-in before departure. Campers who miss the 12:00 departure time are responsible for their own transportation to camp, but are welcome to ride the bus back to Camp Sturtevant on Sunday. **No lunch is provided on the bus,** so please eat lunch before checking-in.

## Saturday Check-out

10:30am-11:30am

**Driving campers depart.** All campers will have luggage packed and be prepared for pick-up. Signs will lead you to the check out table. Once you have checked out your child, you are welcome to pick up their luggage and depart. Please remember a photo ID and be sure your name is on the authorized list. **Campers not checked out by 11:30am will be charged a \$30.00 late fee.**

12:30pm-1:00pm

**Bus riding campers arrive at Camp Sturtevant.** Luggage will be unloaded at the Family Lodge before any children are permitted to leave. Campers must be checked out by an authorized person with a photo ID. **Campers not checked out by 1:00pm will be charged a \$30 late fee.** Thank you, see ya next year!

## Mail

Parents, Friends and family of campers are encouraged to write frequent letters. Although campers are kept busy with activities, friends and fun, it is still good to hear from home. It may be a good idea to send letters in advance to camp so they are there on the first day.

*Send mail to:* Camp Nicolet  
P.O. Box 1359  
16040 E. Hwy 70  
Eagle River, WI 54521

### Telephone Calls

**PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CAMPER TO BRING A CELL PHONE. If discovered, the cell phone will be collected by the cabin counselor and returned at the end of the week.** Cell Phone & Telephone use by campers is restricted for three reasons. The first reason is cell signal availability is extremely limited and difficult to find as well as they create an unneeded distraction in the cabin and camper group. The second is telephone space. We do not have enough telephones for all campers to be able to call home. Third is homesickness. Calling home and hearing the voice of a loved one will often cause homesickness in a camper, taking away from their experience. Parents may call camp in the case of an emergency at (715) 545-2522. A message may be left with office staff and the Camp Director or Program Director will get back to you immediately.

### Camp Store

Camp Nicolet offers a wonderful store consisting of snacks, t-shirts, postcards, stamps, sweatshirts and drinks. Some personal items may also be found at the store such as soap and toothpaste. Campers may purchase Store Cards at the YMCA any time before they leave for camp. Cards are also available at the Camp Store on registration day. Campers are responsible for bringing their Store Cards to camp with them. Once at camp we will hold their cards until they leave, simply turn them in at the store at check-in. Cards are for \$10 to \$20 and each camper can purchase as many as they wish. Cards will be returned before Check-out. Campers and Parents will be responsible for turning their card into the YMCA for a refund. Refunds will not be made for less than or equal to \$2 or after September 8. Cards are interchangeable with Camp Sturtevant Store Cards. Please do not bring any cash to camp, it will not be accepted at the store after Check-in. If you have any questions referring to the store, please contact the YMCA.

### What to Bring to Camp

7 T-shirts	1 Rain jacket	2 Sweatshirts
2 Swimsuits	5 Shorts	2 Towels
3 Pants/Sweatpants	1 Sleeping Bag	1 Pillow
8 Underwear	8 Socks	Insect Repellent
2 pair of Shoes	Flashlight	Sun block
Toothbrush/Paste	Soap	Shampoo
Writing Material	Jacket	Stocking Hat and Gloves
Boot w/heal for riding	Reading Material	Shower Sandals

**Note:** Campers must have a boot with a heel in order to ride horses. Hiking boots are acceptable as long as they have a heel. Campers also need to wear pants in order to ride horses. **The YMCA and Camp Nicolet are not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen items.**

### Please Do Not Bring

- Cell Phones
- Radios
- iPods/CD Players
- Video Games
- Valuables/Money
- Camping Knives
- Candy
- Soft Drinks

### Tentative Daily Schedule

The schedule at camp changes daily, the following is a simple example of a weekday schedule. Additional items include hobby sign-up, electives, and all campfire programs. Each cabin will have the opportunity to participate in one overnight campout. Activities include horseback riding, swimming, waterskiing, outdoor living skills, sports, arts n' crafts nature, mountain biking, canoeing, trampball, tennis, and much more.

#### *Daily Schedule*

7:00 am	Wake Up – Optional Polar Bear Swim
7:45	Flag Raising
8:00	Breakfast, Announcements and Cabin Clean Up
9:30	Group Activities
10:30	Activity Period 1
11:30	Activity Period 2
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30	Rest Hour and Mail Call
2:30	Activity Period 3
3:30	Activity Period 4
4:30	Cabin/Store Time
5:30	Flag Lowering
5:45	Dinner
6:45	Clean Up/Store Time
7:15	Evening Activity
9:00	In Cabins
10:00	Lights Out