



# SUN, FUN, AND FRIENDSHIP

## INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH

Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 is pleased to offer Camp CARES at no cost for students in grades K-8. Camp CARES is made possible thanks to federal grant dollars received through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund, which was established to address the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### ALWAYS HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

District 202 is excited to be teaming up with the C.W. Avery Family YMCA this summer to provide free half-day summer camps for students in grades K-8. Designed to support students' social emotional learning, campers will enjoy up to eight weeks of summer fun full of youth enrichment activities, outdoor exploration, teambuilding, recreation, arts and crafts, and more.

### CAMP DATES

Session 1: June 14-July 9 \*

Session 2: July 12-August 6

\*Camp will not be held on Monday, July 5 due to the Independence Day holiday.

### CAMP HOURS

Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-Noon

Campers may be dropped off beginning at 7:45 a.m. Campers will be dismissed at noon.

Aramark will provide all campers with a complimentary grab and go breakfast and lunch daily.



### CAMP LOCATIONS

Two convenient locations to choose from:

**Ira Jones Middle School**  
15320 Wallin Drive  
Plainfield, IL 60544

**Lincoln Elementary School**  
14740 Meadow Lane  
Plainfield, IL 60544



### REGISTER TODAY

District 202 families are invited to register for the camp location of their choice. Space is limited to 120 students, per location, per session, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Transportation to and from summer camp will not be provided and will need to be arranged by parents/guardians.



### WHAT TO BRING EACH DAY TO CAMP

Children should wear simple, non-restrictive clothing and gym shoes. Campers should dress for the weather, as most camp activities are held outside.

Every camper gets a free t-shirt and backpack.



- Athletic shoes and socks (open-toe shoes are not permitted)
- Reusable water bottle
- Hat or visor
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Mask

Please remember to label all items. Unclaimed lost items will be donated to a local charity at the conclusion of camp.

### THE YMCA'S CAMP PHILOSOPHY

Fostering friendships is vital to the camp experience. To ensure campers develop meaningful relationships, they are grouped by age and each group participates in frequent teambuilding and leadership activities. We are committed to creating a camp community that promotes healthy friendships amongst all campers and staff.

### ABOUT THE YMCA'S CAMP TEAM

At YMCA camp, caring and professional role models are committed to helping kids build confidence and character. The dedication and professionalism of our highly trained staff is extraordinary. All YMCA Day Camp staff are 16\* years of age or older and have been trained or certified in the following:

- CPR
- AED
- First Aid
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Prevention/Recognition of Child Abuse
- Sexual Harassment Prevention
- Camp Safety



\*Certain eligibility requirements must be met for 16 and 17-year-old candidates.

### STAYING HEALTHY TOGETHER

District 202 and the Y remain dedicated to providing all campers and their families with a healthy and safe camp experience, full of fun and wonderful memories. To keep everyone healthy and safe, we'll be incorporating:

- Daily health screenings\*
- Temperature checks
- Small group sizes
- Social distancing
- Mask requirements

\*All campers will be provided with a green wristband to wear to camp each day to signify that their parent/guardian has successfully completed their health screening before dropping them off at camp.

Per state childcare guidelines, counselors and campers will be required to wear a mask or face covering at all times, when not eating or drinking. District 202 will provide all campers with a reusable mask, but campers are welcome to bring their own masks from home. This will help to keep everyone healthy and safe this summer.

### AMAZING LEARNING EXPERIENCES

#### Counselor in Training (CIT) Leadership Program

The summer camp environment provides a unique opportunity for youth to build leadership skills by gaining hands-on experience assisting our fantastic team of camp counselors with our younger campers. Open to registered campers entering grades 7-8, the goal of the YMCA's Counselor in Training (CIT) Program is to teach teens leadership skills that can be used at school, home and in the community. Interested campers must fill out an application.

#### Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers play an important role in the success and quality of YMCA camp. District 202 high school students, entering grades 9-12, are invited to volunteer in a variety of capacities during Camp CARES. Prospective volunteers must submit a volunteer application via the Y's website, [www.jolietymca.org](http://www.jolietymca.org).

