

Camp Letts Summer Camp Parent Handbook









Welcome to Summer Camp at YMCA Camp Letts!

Whether it is Day Camp, Overnight Camp, or our Counselors-in-Training program, your campers will get to experience the beauty of the Chesapeake Bay, soar to new heights on our zip-line, and make memories that will last a lifetime!

Campers join us from the DMV area, out of state and internationally! We will see around 2,500 campers over the summer. We offer Day Camp, Overnight Camp, and a Leadership Development program (Counselors-in-Training). Camp Letts offers one-week sessions, but we often welcome campers that join us for multiple weeks throughout the summer season.

Our goals for your campers when they are here are to

- Try something new!
- Make new friends!
- Have fun!

This Parent/Guardian handbook has all the information you will need and can think of to help prepare your camper and yourself for when they are with us! Please make sure to review all the information as it is very important in making sure your camper has the best experience possible.

Letts make this the best summer yet!



Contact Information

YMCA Camp Letts

P.O. Box 208

4003 Camp Letts Rd.

Edgewater, MD 21037

Main Office Phone: 410-919-1400

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

On Call Phone: 443-871-0501 (For communication outside Office Hours) 6/15-8/22

Website: ymcadc.org/campletts

Email: information.campletts@ymcadc.orq

Overnight Camper Email: lettscamper@qmail.com Camp staff will print and distribute to campers at 10:00AM daily. Friendly reminder this is a one-way communication, and they cannot email you back.

Flickr (Camper photos): We will update you weekly as we have unique links for each week that your camper is attending

Camper Paperwork Portal: https://campletts.campbrainregistration.com/





INFORMATION FOR ALL

VISITATION/PHONE CALLS

Camp Letts does not have a visitation day, although letters and e-mails are welcomed and encouraged. Parents are also invited to attend Open Houses to view camp ahead of time. Due to the volume of campers, Camp Letts does not permit campers to make or receive phone calls. (Especially when campers are homesick, we have found that calls from home disrupt the camper's adjustment to camp life.)

If an emergency situation arises at home, we ask that parents contact the Main Office. Directors will gladly assist you and your camper in every situation! Cell phones should stay at home.



CABIN MATE/ GROUP REQUESTS

THIS IS NOT A GUARANTEE, but parents may enter a request. It is limited to one friend. The campers must be/identify as the same gender, attending the same session, and the request must be mutual (submitted by both camper's parents). Out of fairness to all, we cannot guarantee that cabin mate requests will be honored. Remember, one of the best aspects of summer camp is making new friends! Additionally, we have found that when there are too many campers from the same group of pre-existing friends, it leads to other campers feeling excluded in the cabin, which is a dynamic we aim to avoid. Your group/cabin assignment will be announced at drop off on your camper's first day of camp.

Cabins at Camp Letts are assigned to a camper based on the gender with which a camper identifies as on the Campbrain registration portal. If your camper identifies as non-binary or transgender, Camp Letts leadership will work with you on a case-by-case basis to ensure a cabin assignment that is most amenable to the camper and their family. At Camp Letts, we seek to be as accommodating as possible and create a safe space for all campers.

CAMP STORE

We do not allow campers to carry cash. The minimum amount to add via credit card is \$5; store money can be used to purchase souvenirs from the Camp Store during the week. Campers will have a selection of items to choose from. Any remaining money at the end of



your camper's last session is non-refundable. Parents/guardians are welcome to go into the Camp Store with their camper(s) at check out on Friday.

SWIM TESTS

Includes: Swim the length of the pool without holding on to the side as an aid and treading water for 1 minute without stopping.

All campers must take a swim evaluation test during their first day of the session to demonstrate their swimming ability. This helps the staff establish the safest areas in which campers can swim or boat. Once campers have taken the test, they will receive either a green wristband or a red wristband which determines what activities they can participate in based off of safety regulations and licensing guidelines.

Campers who opt out of the swim test will be permitted to swim in the shallow end only when at the pool.

SPECIAL EMOTIONAL/PHYSICAL NEEDS

If you have any special needs or requests, please let Camp Letts know. The Camp Director is a great resource for any concerns that you may have. We will make every attempt to serve campers who have physical or special emotional needs. Please be thorough and honest when filling out the camper paperwork so Camp can be prepared for the arrival of your camper.

INSURANCE

Camp Letts does not carry accident and sickness insurance on summer campers. Parents/guardians must include their personal Health Insurance information and a copy of the health card as part of the camper paperwork. This information will only be used if outside medical treatment is required. In the event of serious illness or accident, the parents/guardians will be notified. Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation, prescriptions, and charges incurred for outside medical treatment. Services rendered by the camp Health Center are at no additional fee.

TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL MEDIA and CAMPER PHOTOS

Camp Letts has several different social media outlets that are updated frequently throughout the summer. Please check them out at:

- Flickr (Camper Photos): We will update you weekly as we have unique links for each week that your camper is attending
- Facebook: facebook.com/campletts



Instagram: instagram.com/campletts

We will update our Flickr page throughout the week (internet willing). We take hundreds of photos each day, but we will not force any campers to be in pictures.

<u>Camp is a technology free zone! Please make sure to leave at home your camper's cell phones,</u> <u>smart watches, tablets, e-readers, video games, music players, and more.</u>

LOST AND FOUND

We will make every effort to return lost and found items while your camper is at camp. Please mark all items with a permanent marker or laundry label for easy identification and return. Lost and found items from the camp week will be collected and displayed in the Dining Hall (overnight campers) on Fridays or at the Fisher Hall (day campers) daily during check out. Please check this area before leaving camp to ensure your camper has not left anything behind. Any unclaimed items are stored for one week only and then donated.



BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are special at Camp Letts! Campers are recognized with the camp-wide Camp Letts version of "Happy Birthday." Campers are paraded around our Dining Hall during mealtime for the "Order of the Oar". Please alert the office staff if your camper's birthday falls during their camp experience.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Day Camp

\$75 Deposit must be paid upon enrollment/Non-refundable and non-transferrable for full or partial pay

Cancel within 6 wks before camp start date, forfeit 25% of fees and deposit



Cancel within 4 wks before camp start date, forfeit 50% of fees and deposit

Cancel within 3 wks before camp start date, forfeit all fees

Families can also request non-refundable 100% credit less deposit/Good for 1year

**Camp Letts – Additional activities (ie horseback riding, etc) and camp store funds are not refundable once camp starts

Overnight Camp

*Deposit of \$250 non-refundable and non-transferrable must be collected at time of enrollment. Families can pay for camp fees in full at time of enrollment however the deposit amount is non-refundable should a family cancel

<u>Cancellations before May,</u> families forfeit 25% of camp fees in addition to camp deposit

<u>Cancellations before June 15</u> families forfeit 50% of camp fees in addition to camp deposit

Cancellations after June 15, families forfeit all camp fees

Families can also request non-refundable 100% credit less deposit/Good for 1year

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WEEKLY THEMES

- Week 1: Pirate Week Water battle, Design your group flag, and more!
- Week 2: Wild West Week Camp-wide Gold Rush hunt and more!
- Week 3: Superhero Week Counselor hunt, find the heroes!
- Week 4: Fantasy Week Camp Letts Renaissance Festival and more!
- Week 5: International Week International fair and activities highlighting our international staff's home countries and traditions!
- Week 6: Legacy Week Traditional color war red vs blue! What team will come out victorious with the most points at the end of the week, we can't wait to find out!
- Week 7: Hollywood Week Practice your red carpet poses, create movies, and more!
- Week 8: Holiday Week Egg hunt, find the leprechauns and more!
- Week 9: Splish Splash Week Groups will create their own mini cardboard boat and race them across our pool and more!
- Week 10 (DAY CAMP ONLY): Out of this World Week Martian scavenger hunt and more!



BEHAVIOR FOR ALL

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Camp Letts is a space for all. We work hard to ensure all campers feel safe and supported at camp by following the guiding principle of privacy and dignity for all. To help everyone feel comfortable and safe all individuals are required to change in a stall or privacy pod, not out in the open.

Our staff are given updated diversity training annually to help keep everyone updated with the best way to support campers.

CAMPERS AND PARENTS – Please read over the rules below very carefully. At the YMCA we believe every person has the right to be safe and healthy within their environment, free from verbal, physical and mental abuse (bullying). Every person has the right to an opinion, and to be heard in a constructive and positive manner. Every person has the right to be respected and treated fairly in a civilized manner. Every person has the right to grow in spirit, mind, and body and is equally valued and important to the YMCA. It is implied that these rights apply to all individuals, campers, staff and parents alike. If a person infringes on another's rights, the YMCA staff will take action to remedy the situation.

- 1. In keeping with the YMCA mission, appropriate behavior is expected of all participants in summer camp programs. Behavior that conflicts with YMCA core values, Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility will be addressed in a nature appropriate to the disruptive behavior and is at the discretion of the YMCA staff and camp directors.
- 2. The use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, weapons (including pocketknives), or any controlled substances, including e-cigarettes and vape pens is prohibited and can result in expulsion from the program.
- 3. Criminal behavior of any sort will not be tolerated. This includes the unauthorized use or theft of the property of any Letts program participant or staff member. Also, damage or theft to program vehicles, equipment or any site visited can lead to expulsion from the program for the remainder of the summer, this also includes pranks of any kind.



- 4. Appropriate and respectful interactions with program participants and YMCA staff are at the core of the YMCA mission and essential to having a successful program experience. Non-YMCA patrons will also be treated in a manner that is consistent with the YMCA mission.
- 5. To truly "disconnect to reconnect" at Camp Letts' summer programs, cell phones, screened devices, and/or smart watches are prohibited
- 6. As a program participant you will have a daily schedule to follow. Part of your growth at Letts includes responsibility and independence. If you are not where you are supposed to be at any time your parents may be called, and you may be removed from the camp program.

CAMP DISCIPLINARY POLICY – It is the responsibility of the YMCA to ensure each person's right to achieve our goals within the camp setting. In order to do so, the YMCA requests the understanding and application of a proactive disciplinary policy. The YMCA staff will do their best to redirect any misbehavior and resolve any issues to achieve a positive outcome for all involved. Parents may be contacted, at the discretion of YMCA staff, if issues arise regarding camper behavior cannot easily be resolved. If positive outcomes cannot be achieved, the YMCA reserves the right to suspend or terminate the camper from our program.

CAMP FEES WILL NOT BE PRORATED OR REFUNDED FOR BEHAVIORAL DISMISSAL.

HEALTH CENTER FOR ALL

Health Center Structure

Sometimes illnesses and injuries happen, and we take them very seriously at Camp Letts. Our health center at camp is overseen by a telemedicine physician, as well as on-site nurses, EMTs, and paramedics. There will be at least one EMT-B on site at camp at all times. The on-site staff will assist your camper in the event that they are either hurt or sick. When the illness or injury is minor and can be remedied immediately (e.g. a band-aid over a scrape or an over-the-counter medication to treat a stomachache), the on-site staff will do so and may not contact you. When the problem persists or is not immediately resolved, a parent/guardian will be contacted by health center staff. If that person cannot be reached, staff will continue to make contact with a backup contact or emergency



contact until they have reached someone. Each child's registration form MUST have an emergency contact person living in the area that is available to either pick them up or meet them at the hospital if needed.

Any medical issues that need further attention may require outside medical care. We will contact a parent/guardian in these situations to transport the camper to the facility, unless the injury or illness requires calling an ambulance, in which case a parent/guardian will be contacted to meet the camper at the hospital. In this case, Camp Letts will send a staff member in the ambulance to accompany the camper to the hospital until their parent/guardian arrives. If health care is sought by an outside health care facility, a doctor must give permission for the camper to return to camp. If any restrictions are requested, Camp Letts will do our best to provide accommodation.

Injury policy

Injuries will be treated by our camp and Health Center staff within our scope of care which is primarily basic first aid. The health center stocks band-aids, gauze wrap, sting relief, and other common forms of first aid for minor injuries. Any injury that is larger in scale will be treated in conjunction with medical oversight and will apply to communication and transportation policies outlined above.

Illness Policy

If a child becomes ill while at camp, they will be treated in our Health Center. If the illness persists, the Health Center staff will follow up with you regarding details and discuss further options in conjunction with our on-call physician. A parent/guardian will be asked to pick up a camper that has had a persisting illness for more than 24 hours. A camper that is sick before camp begins should be kept at home for their own sake and that of others. Please inform the office if your child is sick and will require a late check-in.

Children must be healthy enough to participate in the daily routine of the camp day. If there are indications of illness upon arrival, your child will not be permitted to remain at camp, without a note from a physician clearing that camper to attend.

A child picked up from camp due to an illness may not return to camp until they are symptom free for at least 24 hours without the aid of medications and show remarkable improvement as deemed by parent/guardian and camp health supervisor. In the case that a child's symptoms are due to seasonal allergies, they may not need to be picked up. Please



document all seasonal allergy issues when completing camper paperwork in your Campbrain paperwork portal.

A child will not be permitted to attend camp or will be sent home with one or more of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees F or above at time of rest.
- Any contagious disease (such as: chicken pox, stomach flu, influenza, ringworm, impetigo, scabies/lice, conjunctivitis)
- Sores with significant discharge
- Eye discharge/Conjunctivitis (may not return until on antibiotics for 24 hours)
- Unexplained rash
- Difficult or rapid breathing, severe cough, high-pitched croup or whooping sound after cough.
- Diarrhea/Vomiting: Three or more loose stools or persistent vomiting.
- Significant ailment affecting your child's ability to participate in camp activities.
- Any symptoms requiring one-on-one care or causing severe discomfort without the use of medications.

Lice Screening

When your child arrives at camp, they will be given a brief screening for lice. This screening is done by camp staff who have been trained by a specialist from an external lice agency. It is designed to be a deterrent screening and does not rule out the possibility of a camper contracting lice while at camp. If upon check in, a camper is suspected to have lice, it is the responsibility of parent/guardian to remedy/treat, prior to the camper being permitted into the cabin. It is recommended that parents/guardians thoroughly screen their camper for lice, prior to arrival at camp, to avoid check-in delays.

If a camper is suspected of having lice after the initial check in day, they will be treated at the health center using over the counter lice treatment, provided the parent/guardian has approved the usage of that medication in their Camp Brain paperwork portal. The parent/guardian will be contacted in the event that a camper is suspected of having lice, and given the option to pick up their camper and take them off-site for treatment.



Medications at Camp

Please do not pack medications in camper's luggage. All medication, including over the counter (Ex. Vitamins, ointments, ibuprofen, etc.) must be checked in and dispensed by the Health Center staff as required by Maryland State Law.

All medication (both prescription and over the counter) brought to camp must:

- •Be in the original prescription container
- •Be accompanied by a Medication Administration Authorization form that is signed by a Physician. The form must be filled out in its entirety. It can be accessed in the camper paperwork section of your Campbrain paperwork portal.

Camp Letts stocks most over-the-counter medications needed at camp, so it is not necessary to bring these items. These medications are listed in your paperwork portal, where you have the option to select which medications your camper can be administered. Emergency inhalers and Epi-pens can either be stored with a camper (provided that option is indicated/approved on the camper's physician signed medication administration form), or at the health center. We strongly recommend that if your camper is not used to carrying an emergency medication to various activities in different locations on their own, that you store it with our health center staff. Please be sure to pick up any medication that was checked in during Friday check out. Any left or forgotten medication will be stored at Camp Letts for one week. If the medication has not been claimed within one week, the unclaimed medication will be disposed of.

Parent/Guardian Cooperation

Parent/Guardian cooperation is essential regarding our health policy. To continue to provide quality care for your children, families are expected to:

- Recognize the signs and symptoms of illness in your child
- Promptly pick up your child when called.
- Have one responsible adult in the area in the event of an emergency
- Consult with a doctor about diagnosis and care during illness.
- Inform Camp Letts Health Center and turn in any medications your child is taking, including possible reactions accompanied by a medication administration form that is filled out in its entirety and signed by a physician.



CAMP COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR ALL

We are striving for increased communication this summer and we are excited to send the following emails to you this summer:

The Wednesday **before** your camper arrives be on the lookout for an email with last-minute reminders plus **check-in** and **check-out** instructions.

On Friday we will send you a link to a survey. Please take the time to fill this out. We use the results to know what we can improve on and what we are doing well.

In the event of adverse/inclement weather, we will update our Face Book page to keep our camper families informed. Please remember no news is good news! We will contact you via email in the event of an emergency.

DAY CAMP

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Ages: 6-12 years old

- Please note the NEW age range that started in 2024
- Camper must be age 6 by their first day of camp

Check In:

Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-9:00AM at Fisher Hall.

Check Out:

Monday-Thursday, 4:30PM-5:30PM at Fisher Hall.

Friday, 4:30-5:30PM at the Rustics (located directly across from our pool)

- All individuals picking up a child must present a valid PHOTO ID EVERYDAY
 matching the name as it appears on the approved pick-up list provided by the
 parent/ guardian.
- If you need an early pick up please be sure to email <u>information.campletts@ymcadc.orq</u> with the following information at least 24hours in advance.



Campers Name

- Is your camper a Day Camper or an Overnight Camper
- Date and Time of needed pick up

We do not allow early pick up from 3:30PM-4:30pm.

Day Camp On-Call Phone: 443-871-0501

- This phone will be monitored from 7:30AM-6:00PM Monday-Friday

Email for Main Office: information.campletts@ymcadc.orq

- ABSENTEE/LATE POLICY

If your camper will not be attending camp or will be late, please email information.campletts@ymcadc.org to help keep camp informed.

Camp does NOT offer a prorated cost for missed days

PACKING LIST FOR DAY CAMPERS

The following is a suggested packing list for a day of camp. Please do not send your camper's best clothing, as camp activities are outside and rugged. Pack items and clothing that can get wet and dirty. **All items should be clearly labeled with your camper's first and last name.** Camp Letts is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

Bring:

- Backpack (no wheels)
- Lunch labeled with camper's name Reminder: no food containing nuts
 - Refrigeration is not provided, please pack nonperishable foods or required cooling pack as needed.
 - Snack are provided for each camper every day and are no longer available for purchase in our Camp Store
 - Please make sure your camper brings everything home with them at, when they get in the car at the end of the day!
- Water bottle
- Bathing suit (first activity every morning is the pool therefore we recommend having your camper arrive in their bathing suits)
- Towel for swimming
- Water shoes, sandals or sneakers that can get wet (a heel strap is requested for campers in water activities)



- Sunscreen (waterproof)
- Insect repellant

Consider Bringing:

- Goggles
- Raincoat or poncho
- Light jacket
- Hat or baseball cap
- Sunglasses

Do Not Bring:

- Electronics
 - o Cell phone
 - o Smart watches/Apple Watch
 - o Gameboys, Nintendo switches, etc
 - o Kindles, music players
- Money

Do Not Bring Cont:

- Fireworks
- Knives (this includes camping and pocketknives) or weapons
- Drug/Alcohol
- Personal Sports equipment
- Animals

DAY CAMP SAMPLE SCHEDULE (subject to change)

*Subject to change due to weather

SAMPLE 2024 Day Camp Schedule							
	Monday	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday					
8:30- 9	Camper check-in *Monday takes longer	Camper check-in					
9- 9:15	Sunscreen and transition to pool						
9:15- 10:15	Swim checks Pool time						



10:15- 10:45	Transition from pool and changing time						
10:45- 11:15	Announcements/Cheers/Large group game						
11:15- 12	Lunch						
12- 1	Archery	Tye-Dye	Banana Boat	Craft	Sandcastle building		
1- 2	Field Game	Gaga	Nature Craft	Zip	STEM Activity		
2- 3	Store	Water games	Hike	Dance	Relay Race		
3- 3:15	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack/Smore		
3:15- 4:15	Volleyball	Scavenger hunt	Large group game	Fort Building	Low ropes End of week celebration at Rustics		
4:15- 4:30	End of day wrap up	End of day wrap up	End of day wrap up	End of day wrap up			
4:30- 5:30	Check out	Check out	Check out	Check out	Check out at Rustics		

Day Camp Activities*

*This is an evolving list and activities are available based on weather and availability

Activity **Notes** Archery ΑII **Banana Boat** ΑII Canoe 8+ Court Sports ΑII Crafts ΑII Dance ΑII Drama ΑII Field Sports ΑII Fort Building ΑII Gaga ΑII Hike ΑII

Kayak 10+ Nature All

Pool Every Morning for all

STEM All

Store Once a week



Trail Ride Add on \$ Additional Cost

Tie-dyeAllYogaAllZiplineAll

ADD ON ACTIVITIES FOR DAY CAMPERS

For Day Campers, the available Add On is a Trail Ride

Trail Ride (\$65): Enhance your camp experience with a guided trail ride! Your child will befriend one of the Clover Run horses for a picturesque waterfront ride through the woods. Trail rides are appropriate for all skill levels, no experience necessary. Hard soled, closed toed shoes required. Long pants highly suggested for comfort. **Campers may register for 1** trail ride per week. Space is limited, so please register for a trail ride prior to arrival at camp.

ASTM-SEI certified riding helmets are provided and required to be worn by all participants. If you send your child with their own helmet, it must have a clear, readable ASTM-SEI certification label attached and be dated within 5 years. If the certification cannot be found, is out of date, or too faded to clearly read, the helmet may not be used. Bicycle or other non-equestrian helmets are not permitted.

Still not enough horse time? Clover Run Riding offers riding lessons year-round! Contact them directly for scheduling options at cloverrunriding@gmail.com

OVERNIGHT CAMP

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Ages: 7-16 years old

- Please note the NEW age range starting in 2024
- Camper must be age 7 by their first day of camp

Check In: Sunday, 1:00PM-3:00PM. Location: Camp Road

 We are asking that you come in the time slots below. There are 200 campers arriving on Sunday so please keep in mind there will be a little wait, but these time slots should greatly decrease your wait times!



• TIME SLOT INCREMENTS FOR OVERNIGHT DROP OFF:

- AGES 7-8: Please arrive between 1-1:45pm
- AGES 9-11: Please arrive between 1:45-2:30pm
- AGES 12+: Please arrive between 2:30-3:00pm

*If you have multiple campers that you are dropping off, please arrive at the youngest sibling/camper's age

Check Out: Friday, 3:30PM-5:30PM. Location: Dining Hall Parking Lot

- All individuals picking up a child must present a valid PHOTO ID matching the name as it appears on the approved pick-up list provided by the parent/guardian.
- If you need an early pick up please be sure to email <u>information.campletts@ymcadc.orq</u> with the following information at least 24hours in advance.
 - Campers Name
 - o Is your camper a Day Camper or an Overnight Camper
 - Date and Time of needed pick up

We do not allow early pick up from 2:00PM-3:00pm on Fridays.

Awards Ceremony: Friday, 3:30-3:45PM Location: Dining Hall

- Parents/guardians are invited to watch the award ceremony if you are able to join us at that time! Campers will demonstrate chants and see who won the crew cup!
- Staff will start verifying ID's at 3pm. This will give you time to then park and walk to the Dining Hall for the ceremony at 3:30.

Overnight Camp On-Call Phone: 443-871-0501

- This phone will be monitored 24/7 from June 15th at 12:00PM to August 22th at 5:00PM

Email for Main Office: information.campletts@ymcadc.orq

ABSENTEE/LATE POLICY

If your camper will not be attending camp or will be late, please email information.campletts@ymcadc.org to help keep camp informed.

Camp does NOT offer a prorated cost for missed days.



PACKING LIST FOR OVERNIGHT CAMPERS

For a one week stay at camp, we recommend that campers bring at least the items below. We recommend that you do not send your camper to camp with new clothes, especially new shoes. Camp can be especially hard on new things. Please review the "Do Not Bring" section in our Day Camp section to know what not to pack for your overnight camper as well.

- Duffel bag
- Sleeping bag OR a blanket, 2 sheets (twin size)
- Pillow and pillowcases
- 2 towels for swimming use
- 2 towels for bathing use
- 5 t-shirts or short sleeve shirts
- 2 sets of pajamas
- 1 pair of long pants
- 1 long sleeve shirt
- 5 pairs of shorts
- 6 sets of underwear and socks
- 2 pairs of tennis shoes or sneakers
- Water shoes, sandals or sneakers that can get wet (a heel strap is requested for campers in water activities)
- 1 comb or brush
- 1 flashlight and batteries
- Sunscreen (waterproof)
- Water bottle
- Backpack
- Raincoat or poncho
- 1 light jacket
- 2 bathing suits
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Insect repellant (non-aerosol)
- Laundry bag
- Sunglasses
- Hat or baseball cap



BEDWETTING

Our staff is trained to handle bedwetting by discreetly working with your child one-on-one. Please notify Camp Letts in advance if your camper is prone to bedwetting. Campers should be instructed to ask their counselors for help, and every effort will be made to prevent accidents. Any bedding, wet or soiled due to bedwetting, will be laundered and returned discretely to the camper before Siesta. Other sensitive information may be included in the camper's paperwork or by pulling aside a counselor, Head Counselor, or Unit Director during Check In.

OVERNIGHT CAMPER SAMPLE SCHEDULE (subject to change)

*Available based on weather and availability

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7		Wake up				
7:45				Flagpole/KP		
8		Breakfast				
9		Activity 1				
10:05		Activity 2				
11:10		Activity 3				
12:15		Flagpole/KP				
12:30		Lunch				
1:30	**1pm	Siesta				Cabin clean up
2:15	Check-in Starts	Soccer	Sand Castle building	Tye-Dye	Volleyball	Gaga, field games
3:15	Camp tours/swim	Pool	Water Front	Archery	Fort building	**All Campers



4:15	checks/cabi n photos		into DH at 3. ***3-5:50				
4:30	Crew Meetings	Dance	Banana Boat	Store	Zip	parents arriving ***3:30 Awards	
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OVERNIGHT CAMPER SAMPLE SCHEDULE Cont.

5:30					
6		Dinner			
6:45	Welcome to camp Speech	Chance to run to cabin and prepare for evening activity			
7	30 min or less sign ups	Evening activity			
8	7:30-8:30 Fire				
	8:30-9:15 Reflections and get ready for bed	Reflections and showers			
9:30					
10					
12					



Overnight Activities*

*This is an evolving list and activities are available based on weather and availability

Activity	Notes
Archery	All
Banana Boat	All
Canoe	8+
Cooking	All
Court Sports	All
Crafts	All
Dance	All
Drama	All
Field Sports	All
Gaga	All
Hike	All
Kayak	10+
Nature	All
Paintball	10+ Overnight
Pool	All
Ropes	10+
Sailing	10+
Store	Once a week
SUP	10+
Trail Ride	Add On \$ Additional Cost
Tie-dye	All
Zipline	All

Campers will get the chance to pick their morning activities for the week at our Activity Fair on Sunday night after their first dinner with us.



ADD ON ACTIVITIES FOR OVERNIGHT CAMPERS

For Overnight Campers the available Add On is a Trail Ride. <u>Please note this program is also weather dependent.</u>

Trail Ride (\$65 per week and per camper): Enhance your camp experience with a guided trail ride! Your child will befriend one of the Clover Run horses for a picturesque waterfront ride through the woods. Trail rides are appropriate for all skill levels, no experience necessary. Hard soled, closed toed shoes required. Long pants highly suggested for comfort. **Campers may register for 1 trail ride per week.** Space is limited, so please register for a trail ride prior to arrival at camp.

ASTM-SEI certified riding helmets are provided and required to be worn by all participants. If you send your child with their own helmet, it must have a clear, readable ASTM-SEI certification label attached and be dated within 5 years. If the certification cannot be found, is out of date, or too faded to clearly read, the helmet may not be used. Bicycle or other non-equestrian helmets are not permitted.

Still not enough horse time? Clover Run Riding offers riding lessons year-round! Contact them directly for scheduling options at cloverrunriding@qmail.com



SAMPLE MENU FOR OVERNIGHT CAMPERS (subject to change)

Sunday *Snack is now included! * WE ARE A NUT FREE CAMP	Monday Waffles served with Maple Syrup Country Sausage Links Jelly & Butter Wheat & White Bread Apples & Oranges Fresh Juice Assorted Cereals & Milk	Tuesday Scrambled Eggs Tom's Sausage Gravy Country Biscuits Hashbrowned Potatoes Crispy Bacon Jelly & Butter Orange Juice Assorted Cereals & Milk	Wednesday Pancakes served with Hot Maple Syrup Jimmy Dean's Sausage Hot Fresh Oatmeal Toast with Jelly & Butter Assorted Cereals & Milk Fresh Juice	Thursday French Toast Topped with Hot Syrup & Butter Country Links! crisp Bacon slices Wheat & White Bread - Toast Florida Orange Juice Assorted Cereals & Milk	Friday Cheesy Scrambled Eggs Hash Browns Sausage Gravy Biscuits Crisp Bacon Slices Cereal & Milk Juice
	Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Hot All Beef Hot Dogs Our Famous Chili Sauce Onions and Relish Too! Crunchy Potato Chips Apples & Oranges Salad Bar	Soft Tacos Topped with Shredd Cheddar, Lettuce, Tomatoes, & Sour Cream Apples & Oranges Tortilla Chips & Salsa Apple Sauce Salad Bar	Hearty Meatball Hero or Roasted Italian Veggies Served in a Hero Roll with Shredded Mozzarella Crispy Chips!!!! Salad Bar	Chicken Sammies Ours Are Better!! Fresh and Hot with Lettuce & Sliced Tomatoes Frito Corn Chips Chef's Fruit Oranges & Bananas Salad Bar	Hamburger s HotDogs Potato Salad Salad Bar Sliced watermelon
All-Beef Burger with Bacon & Cheese Old Bay Steak Fries Lettuce & Tomato with All The Toppings Salad Bar Choc Chip Cookies	Marinara Mozzarella, & Parmesan Meatballs & Marinara Italian Garlic Bread Salad Bar Frozen Italian Ice	Grilled Chicken Breasts topped with Country Sauce & served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes Corn Fresh Dinner Rolls Salad Bar Ice Cream	Tangy Teriyaki Style Chicken Strips Served over Steaming Hot Baked Rice Steamed Green Beans Apples & Oranges Salad Bar Oreo Crumb Pudding	Our Famous Barbecue Slow Roasted and Served on a Soft Roll with Potato Salad Merriland Fries!!! Salad Bar Sugar Cookies	



CAMPER MAIL, CARE PACKAGES, and EMAIL

Whether it is your camper's first or tenth summer at camp, mail is an important part of every camper's day.

When addressing a letter to camp, please address the letter as followed:

Camper Name

Session (Week) Number

P.O. Box 208

4003 Camp Letts Road

Edgewater, MD 21037

Please allow 7 business days for mail to arrive at Camp Letts. We highly recommend bringing your camper mail to check-in, to ensure it arrives while your camper is with us! We have a designated spot at our Main Office to drop off mail on your way out of camp after you drop your camper off at their cabin. This way the mail can remain a surprise for your camper!

Camper Email Information:

You may also e-mail your camper at lettscamper@qmail.com. Please note that campers will be unable to reply via e-mail.

When addressing the email to your campers, please put the following as the subject: <u>Camper Name, Cabin, and Week Number</u>. (Example: John Smith QM Week 3). <u>If you do not have this information in the subject, we will not be able to distribute to your camper. Please note, we have over 200 campers each week and over 150 emails/letters PER DAY to print, review, and distribute to campers.</u>

We print and review every day by 10:00AM. If you email after 10:00AM, your camper will be given the letter the next day.

Campers have the opportunity to write home during Siesta. Please plan on sending your camper with self-addressed pre-stamped envelopes. Do not be alarmed if the letters are brief and quite irregular as the campers are busy at camp, and "no news is good news" as far as campers are concerned.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

For details of packing, drop off, and more please refer to our Overnight Camp section of this handbook. *In addition to the overnight camper packing list, we ask those participating in LDP to also pack a watch that does not require charging, a pen, and a notebook.

Program Overview and Objectives

The goal of the LDP: Leadership Development Program, is to give older campers opportunities to discover their leadership style and what it takes to work at camp. CIT is unique and tailored to the campers who are in CIT, below is a description of the program:

CIT: Counselor in Training (Age 17)

This three-week program is designed to help your camper learn what it takes to be a camp counselor, and the different styles of leadership found around camp. They will still participate in normal camp activities in the morning of the first week and in the afternoon will move as a program doing specific leadership training. The second week they will be assigned to different skill areas to assist in the mornings, and the third week they will be placed in different cabins to assist.

- Junior Counselor (Age 17)

- After completing the CIT program participants have the ability to interview as a junior counselor (JC). JCs are paid to work at camp and are assigned to work with campers who are at least 2 years younger than they are.
- Jr. Counselors are not permitted to stay at camp outside of camp sessions and must be picked up/leave site during off time on the weekend.



Thank you for reviewing our Parent/Guardian handbook for our rules, policies, and tips to make your camper's week successful!

We try to include all the information you need to know here, but there is so much to our wonderful camp!

If you have any clarifying questions, please reach out so we can assist! Our Main Office contact information is under 'Fast Facts' in this handbook.

Letts have a fantastic summer here at Camp Letts!