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YMCA CAMP BERNIE OVERNIGHT CAMP 2012



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A branch of the Ridgewood YMCA



DO MORE BE MORE IN 2012

This phrase describes what we do at Camp Bernie through programs that are intentionally and specifically designed for campers to realize their individual and collective potential, in addition to having fun.

SOMETHING TO BOAST ABOUT!:

- 93% of parents polled in 2011 rated our overnight camp as "excellent", 7% rated our program as "good" and not a single parent responded with a rating of "fair" or "poor".
- 72% of campers polled in 2011 rated their experience in our overnight camp as "awesome", 28% rated our overnight camp as "a great time" and not a single camper responded that their experience was "not so great" or "did not enjoy myself".



TOP FIVE FAVORITE ACTIVITIES AT CAMP BERNIE ACCORDING TO 2011 OVERNIGHT CAMPERS



• High Ropes



• Climbing Tower



• Mini-Bikes



• Giant Swing



• Archery

PARENT TESTIMONIALS (ALL FROM 2011 END OF SUMMER EVALUATIONS)

"He did not want to come home! He loved it and wants to return next year!"

"She has made lasting friendships and loves the experience. Can't wait to come back next year!"

"He felt very comfortable away from home and had a great time. We were also very confident in the care he was receiving."

"My daughter was signed up for one week and ended up staying for the 13 days. This says volumes about the counselors and the camp."

"Camp was one of the best experiences of our son's life, especially after a rough start in middle school. He built his confidence during summer camp."

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OUR STAFF ARE POSITIVE ROLE MODELS

All of our job applicants are extensively pre-screened to ensure that our staff is mature, patient, skilled and responsible. Upon arriving at camp all staff members participate in an intensive week-long training and orientation which addresses safety protocols, youth development, counseling techniques, conflict resolution, camp policies and procedures.

MEDICAL SUPERVISION IS 24/7

The Van Doren Wellness Center is staffed by an RN/ LPN who lives at camp and is on call 24 hours a day. The Wellness Center has nurses quarters and several spare rooms allowing ill campers private overnight accommodations. Camp Bernie has access to doctors and dentists and the Hunterdon Medical Center and the Hackettstown Hospital are nearby.

YMCA CAMP BERNIE IS ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION AND IS LICENSED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WE PARTNER WITH PARENTS

We appreciate the trust of our parents and take our responsibilities seriously.

TO STRENGTHEN OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS ...

- We call all 1st-time camper parents within 48 hours of their child arriving at camp.
- We update our website daily during the summer for parents to review daily photos, menus and special activities.
- We offer parents a free email service through our website for easy communication with campers.



CABIN GROUPS ARE SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE

Campers are grouped by gender and grade level to provide optimal living and learning experiences in a safe and supportive environment. Cabins have 10-12 campers with at least 2 experienced counselors. Campers will grow and learn through the integrated progression of activities, and will also build relationships, character and skills.

BOYS UNITS

The Braves (Grades 2-4)

The Pioneers (Grade 5-6)

The Nation (Grades 7-10)



GIRLS UNITS

Little Flowers (Grades 2-4)

The Iroquois (Grades 5-6)

The Shawnees (Grades 7-10)



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CAMPERS HAVE FUN AND MAKE FRIENDS

ACTIVITIES

Campers build independence by choosing their morning activities to fit their specific interests. Afternoon activities are enjoyed by cabin groups to provide well-rounded experiences and to establish life-long friendships.

ADVENTURE PROGRAM

Climbing Tower, Bouldering Wall, Confidence Course, High Ropes Course, Low Ropes Course, Giant Swing

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Arts & Crafts, Model Rocketry, Drama/Dance, Digital Photography, Cooking

OUTDOORS

Hiking, Nature, Overnight Campout, Wilderness Survival, Fishing

SPORTS

Basketball, Soccer, Archery, Volleyball, BMX Biking, Mountain Biking, Ultimate Frisbee, Softball, Flag Football, Lacrosse

AQUATICS AND BOATING

Swimming, Canoeing, Funyaking, Kayaking, Water Polo, Junior Lifeguarding



TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE (SAMPLE)

- Wake-Up
- Flag Raising
- Breakfast
- Cabin Clean-up
- Archery
- Rocketry
- Canoeing
- Lunch
- Rest Period
- Mountain Biking
- Nature
- Rec Hour
- Flag Lowering
- Dinner
- Community Time
- Evening Programs
- Cabin Chats
- Lights Out



2012 ALL CAMP THEMES

Held on the Saturday of every 13-day session. Campers prepare costumes, songs and skits for the various theme activities held throughout the day.

- Session A: Medieval Mayhem
- Session B: Intergalactic Space Odyssey
- Session C: London Color Wars
- Session D: Wild, Wild West: Yee Haw!



SPECIALTY PROGRAMS ENHANCE CAMP FUN!

HORSEBACK RIDING OPPORTUNITIES BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE RIDERS

Horseback Riding Specialty: Grades 2-10

Campers will be grouped according to age and skill level with a guarantee of 8 hours of instruction per session. This fun and educational specialty will incorporate elements of horse and barn management, including feeding, grooming and saddling through hands on contact. Our experienced instructors will place an emphasis on having respect for our horses, and how to conduct oneself safely in the company of these animals.

Daily riding lessons will range depending upon the designated skill level. Beginner riders will learn proper mounting, balance, walking and more. Intermediate riders will review many of the same skills at an accelerated rate, and will progress to trotting and taking trail rides out of the riding ring around our beautiful 275 acre property.



ADVANCED RIDERS

Advanced Horseback: Grades 7-10 (13 day sessions only)

With a guaranteed 16 hours of time spent at our stables, participants will experience an enhanced riding and barn management program with small class sizes. Campers enrolled in this specialty should be novice riders at minimum, with some past experience. Campers will learn detailed horse management skills, explore multiple trails throughout Camp Bernie and will spend valuable lesson time in our riding ring!



MINIBIKE

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Requirements: Grades 7-10. Long sleeve shirt, long pants, and heeled boots.

All participants are instructed in small groups in the safety, operation, and maintenance of minibikes. Not only will minibikers enjoy the thrills of riding, they will gain self-confidence and a sense of achievement in this program. Beginner and intermediate instruction is based on individual skill level. Camp Bernie provides safety helmets and equipment. Campers that register for this specialty are guaranteed 8 hours of instruction during the session.



DELAWARE RIVER TRIP

Grade 7

Campers entering the 7th grade will spend an exciting overnight canoeing through the Delaware Water Gap. This excursion is a one night trip, led by our experienced river trip leader and will allow campers to sharpen their canoeing skills and experience low impact, environmentally-friendly camping.

Visit our website www.campberniesmca.org

ONE WEEK SESSIONS

One Week Sessions 2012: Now Available All Summer!

- Session 6A: June 24– June 29
- Session 6B: July 8– July 13
- Session 6C: July 22– July 27
- Session 6D: August 5– August 10

YMCA Camp Bernie is excited to offer 6 day sessions during the first week of all 13 day sessions in 2012. Campers will experience an abbreviated session of free choice activities, cabin time, evening programs and making new friends. Campers may elect to add either the regular horseback riding specialty or mini-bikes to their 6 day session.

Should campers wish to extend their 6 day session to stay for the full 13 days, YMCA Camp Bernie will communicate and partner with families to make this an easy option.



TRADING POST

The Trading Post at Camp Bernie gives campers the opportunity to purchase snacks and drinks, as well as shirts, souvenirs and collectibles. Items are charged to the child's account, which is established by parents upon registration. Any unused money in the account can be donated to our camp scholarship fund.

THE CIT PROGRAM DEVELOPS LEADERS



SESSIONS A & B: JUNE 24 - JULY 20

SESSIONS C & D: JULY 22 - AUGUST 17

This advanced Counselor-In-Training Program is for those who are entering 11th grade and seriously interested in becoming a summer camp counselor. Applicants must have attended Camp Bernie or another camp for at least one summer.

Develop communication and leadership skills through team-building exercises, hands-on training with senior counselors and experiences with cabin groups and activities. Enrollment is limited and an application is required. Go to Summer Camp Link then click Leadership Programs at www.campberniemca.org



CALL US 908-832-5315

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

GRADES 11

OUR CABINS ARE CLEAN AND COMFORTABLE



Our lodges and cabins are built for comfort as each is equipped with bunk style beds, shelving units, indoor bathrooms, showers, and lounges with fireplaces and/or relaxing seating areas. There are five types of cabins, each with its own distinctive style. The Nation, our camper area for boys in Grades 7-10, is more rustic in nature with screened wooden cabins and a central bathhouse serving this exclusive area.



WE SERVE NUTRITIOUS MEALS

YMCA Camp Bernie offers complete and tasty meals. There is a hot breakfast served every morning, along with cold cereal and breakfast bar options. Similarly, there is an extensive salad bar at lunch and dinner, to accompany our well balanced main course.



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REGISTER ONLINE NOW! WWW.CAMPBERNIEYMCA.ORG (Please list only one camper per form)

GENERAL INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

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Name _____ Birth date _____ M F
 Address _____ Grade as of Fall 2012 _____
 _____ Emergency Phone _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (H) _____ Cabin Mate Request _____
 Parents E-Mail _____ This will be my _____ year at YMCA Camp Bernie
 Billing Name _____ YMCA Member? Yes No (IF NO, \$25 member fee required*)
 Billing Address _____ IF YES YMCA Name _____
 Name of Guardian _____ Phone _____
 Father's Name _____ Phone (W) _____ Phone (C) _____
 Mother's Name _____ Phone (W) _____ Phone (C) _____
 How did you hear of us? _____

OVERNIGHT CAMP FUN GRADE 2-10 13 Day Sessions	Session A Medieval Mayhem June 24 - July 6	Session B Intergalactic Space Odyssey July 8 - July 20	Session C London Color Wars July 22 - Aug. 3	Session D Wild, Wild West Yee-Haw! Aug. 5 - Aug. 17
Traditional Overnight Camp \$1350 Grades 2-10				
Mini-Bike Specialty \$155 Grades 7-10				
Horseback Specialty \$230 Grades 2-10 (8 hrs. of instructional lessons)				
Advanced Horseback \$400 Grades 7-10 (16 hrs. of instructional lessons)				
NEW Late Closing Day Pick-up? 11-4 pm \$50				
ONE WEEK SESSIONS Now Offered All Summer!	Session 6A June 24 - June 29	Session 6B July 8 - July 13	Session 6C July 22 - July 27	Session 6D Aug. 5 - Aug. 10
One Week - Grades 2-10 \$700				

CIT PROGRAM- LEADERSHIP PROGRAM	SESSION A & B JUNE 24 - JULY 20	SESSION C & D JULY 22 - AUG. 17
Counselor in Training \$1,450 / Entering Grade 11 in Fall 2012 4 Week Programs ONLY —Sessions A+B or Sessions C+D Acceptance into this program is not guaranteed. All campers must complete an application and have an interview with the Camp Director. Applications are available on our website at www.campbernieymca.org or call Jamie at 908-832-5315.		





BUS TRANSPORTATION OPTION (bus transportation for one week sessions only available for arrival)

From/to Ridgewood, NJ YMCA \$50 Round Trip \$40 One-Way From Ridgewood To Ridgewood

Payment Information: Payment enclosed with registration:

\$ _____ payment in full of all fees (required before 6/1)
 \$ _____ \$200/session deposit (required for all programs)
 \$ _____ Bus Transportation Option
 \$ _____ Trading Post (\$50 recommended per session)
 \$ _____ \$25 (required if not a current YMCA member)
 \$ _____ Total

Method of payment:

Check (payable to YMCA Camp Bernie)
 Visa  MC  Amex  Discover 

Card# _____ exp _____ CSC# _____

Registration Policy:

- Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- YMCA Camp Bernie reserves the right to refuse application or dismiss a camper at any time for just and reasonable cause.

Financial Terms:

- Deposit or payment in full must accompany registration.
 - Total fees and all camper forms must be returned by June 1.
 - A \$25 processing fee is charged for all refund requests before June 1st.
No refunds issued after June 1.
 - A \$30 late fee is required for registrations received after June 1.
- I have read the policies and terms contained in this form in regards to registration and payment and understand and agree to them. I certify that all information given here and on subsequent required camper forms will be correct and accurate. Further, I give permission for photographs or videotape of my child to be used for YMCA promotional materials.

Signature _____ Date _____

All campers accepted on a first come, first served basis without regard to race, religion, sex, national origin or disability. Individuals and families in need contact, Rose at 908-832-5315 or rprice@campbernieymca.org for confidential financial assistance and application.

SEND TO: YMCA Camp Bernie, 327 Turkey Top Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865 or fax to (908) 832-9078



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CAMP OPEN HOUSES 2012

TIME: 2:00-5:00 PM

**MEET OUR STAFF, LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM,
TAKE A TOUR AND ENJOY CAMP ACTIVITIES.**

DATES:

Sunday, February 12 (with Winter Fest Family Activities)

Sunday, March 11

Sunday, April 22 (with Earth Day Family Activities & Healthy Kids Day)

Sunday, May 20

Sunday, June 3

Private tours are available by appointment.



NEW FOR 2012

COOKING WITH CHEF MICHAEL

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