



## YMCA CAMP KERN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION TEACHER PLANNING GUIDE DAY GROUPS ONLY

Dear Teachers Coming to Camp,

Greetings from YMCA Camp Kern! We are very much looking forward to your school's visit and are committed to making it a valuable and memorable experience. What follows is information about camp that will help in your planning. Please, do not hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns.

### The Contract

When your contract arrives (usually by email), please check it carefully to be sure the dates, estimated numbers and arrival time are correct. If any changes need to be made, please let me know. Sign, date, and send in your contract (emailed scans, a fax, or traditional mail are all fine). We also ask that a school represented sign a waiver (page eight of this packet) and return it along with the contract.

### Pre-trip Planning

We can typically work out the planning through phone calls and email. The information in this packet will help you in preparing for camp. Please let us know what activities or areas of emphasis you would like and we can draft up a schedule.

Our goal is to give your students the best experience possible. So please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

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**For more information visit our website at [www.campkern.org/environmental-education](http://www.campkern.org/environmental-education)**

## General Information

### Teacher and Chaperone Responsibilities

Teachers are responsible for all the domestic aspects of the visit (chaperones, medications, etc.) as well as student attendance, discipline and special needs. Depending on the size of the group and the activity selection, teachers or chaperones may chose to lead some activities (see curriculum list for details). This needs to be worked out prior to the school coming to camp. During activities we ask that a teacher or chaperone accompanies each group.

### YMCA Camp Kern Staff

Camp Kern staff are available to lead activities. Generally, two to five staff are available during the day programs, depending on the size of your group. One or two staff are available for the evening activities (for those doing the extended day).

The typical person working Outdoor Education is over 20 years old, has some college education, and an eagerness to work with young people. It is a seasonal job (three months in the spring and three months in the fall) and pays a nudge better than minimum wage.

### Medical / First Aid

Minor first aid problems are taken care of by the Kern staff or teachers. Arrow Springs Care Center is located just 6 miles from Kern and is open 24 hours to handle any possible emergency. Parents should be notified by the school teachers of any necessary care. YMCA Camp Kern does not provide accident or medical insurance for participants. Kern staff are not allowed to distribute any medication. Camp Kern does not have a nurse during the school year.

It is the responsibility of the teachers from the visiting school to have all the emergency release forms for all of their students. Camp Kern does not supply these forms, please use whatever forms your school requires.



### Billing

The bill will then be sent to your school. Please pay with a single check. See the Fee Sheet in this packet (page 3) for details.

### Scholarships

It is our goal to assist students in financial need, who otherwise could not afford to attend Camp Kern with their classmates. Requests can be made by phone or in writing to the Environmental Education Director. Our funds are limited, so please contact us as soon as possible if you need scholarship assistance.

## YMCA Camp Kern Day Group Fees 2018

### Extended Day Groups (typically 9am - 7pm)

The cost is \$46 per student. This includes a full day of programming, camp lunch and dinner, and an evening program. No charge for teachers.

### Day Groups (typically 9am - 2pm)

The cost begins at \$20 per student. Participants bring their own lunch. No charge for teachers.

### Additional Fees

- Horse Rides: \$15.00 per rider.
- Raft Trips on the Little Miami River: \$10.00 per student and chaperone.
- Ft. Ancient: no cost for the site visit, \$3.00 for a Museum tour (if available).
- Extra meals for unbilled guests: \$6.00 per meal
- High Adventures – Typically \$28 per student for a 3 to 4 hour experience. Please let us know if you are interested, availability may be limited.

Other Kern activities not on the OE curriculum list are often an additional cost. Please contact us for details

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We look forward to serving your students, providing them with an academic and experiential visit that they will never forget.



**“To unleash the potential in all through enriching outdoor experiences.”**

**- YMCA Camp Kern Vision -**