

SOMAPY 2 Summer Camp 2025

Welcome to SOMAPY 2

At SOMAPY 2 we are dedicated to safety and innovative fun. Your camper will enjoy a broad range of activities with which he/she/they may already be familiar, and your camper will experience brand new ways to play. We will support you and your camper this summer to ensure that your family feels safe with us, and your child takes away something positive. We can't wait to see you!

IMPORTANT CAMPSPACE (PLAYERSPACE)

Our summer camp programs use PlayerSpace, a management system where you'll input essential camper information (emergency contacts, health details, etc.). You should have received an invitation via email to create or update your account. **This information must be** completed before your child's first day at camp. If you have trouble with PlayerSpace, contact us at playerspace@metroymcas.org.

Throughout the summer, our camp team will notify you

about important updates and changes to the schedule via PlayerSpace. Please be sure that all parents/guardians email addresses are set up in PlayerSpace that you want to receive camp communication. Camp newsletters will be sent weekly on Fridays to update families on what will happen each week.

SOMAPY 2 Camp Dates: June 23 - August 22

Camp Hours: 7:30AM-3:30PM

After-Care: 3:30PM-6:30PM

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Welcome Center: (974) 762-4145

Camp Cell Phone: (862) 400-8983

• Camp Director: Nyeshia Nelson (She, her)

• Email: NNelson@metroymcas.org

Director of Youth

Development: tdonaldson@metroymcas.org

Meet Our Team

Assistant Camp Director: Ericka Blythe (she, her)

Healthcare Coordinator: Jae Atunbi (she, They)

Aftercare Coordinator: Tanaja Marshall (she, her)

Senior Counselor: Keith Carter (he, him)

Senior Counselor: Jessica Martin (she, her)

Senior Counselor: Dwyane Lafortune (he, him)

Important Dates and Updates

Rainy Day during Camp:

Location- Tuscan Elementary School 25 Harvard Ave, Maplewood NJ 07040. More information to come regarding drop off and pick up procedures

C4C - Camp for Cause presents: SNACK SHACKS

Campers will be permitted to purchase snacks on specials days. Snacks will include healthy and fun treats.

Camp hours: 9:00am-3:00pm (Drop-off starts at 7:30am). If your child walks to camp or signs themselves in/out, please arrive during the8:30-9:00am window. Contact us for a Sign-In/Sign-Out Waiver. If dropping off or picking up at a non-designated time, call the camp cell phone: (862) 400-8983

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Reminders:

 Be prepared to show identification at pick-up. Staff will verify all authorized pick-ups.

Water Play/Pool

We have water play on **Mondays and Wednesday** 11:20am – 12:00pm. Swim will take place at Metcalf Park in Orange NJ. Please see the list below of important items to bring on swim days. Swim time is 11:20 am-12:00 pm. Bus will leave Borden Park around 10:30 am.

Please be advised: Pack additional snack for before swim. Lunch will be later on swim days.

Items for Water Days:

- Swimsuit
- Swim cap (required by pool)
- Towel
- Change of clothes
- Plastic bag for wet items

If your child doesn't wish to swim, let us know, and we'll ensure they have an alternative activity.

Important Forms

Some forms are available on our <u>website</u> - or all at our Welcome Center. You can also ask a camp staff member: Permission to Medicate, Sign In/Out Waiver, Alternate Pick Up Forms

SOMAPY 2 THEMES AND SPIRIT DAYS

CAMP REMINDERS & HEALTH/SAFETY

- Medications: Bring prescribed medications in their original, labeled container. Emergency meds (e.g., inhalers, epi-pens) will be stored with the group's Coordinator. Please fill out the <u>Permission to Medicate</u> for each medication.
- **Sunscreen**: Apply sunscreen before camp, and pack extra for reapplication.
- Label Belongings: Label water bottles, lunch bags, and all personal items
- Lost & Found: Items not claimed by session end will be discarded, check before leaving!
- Nut-Free: We are a nut-free facility. Avoid packing any snacks containing peanuts/tree nuts.
- Water Bottles: Pack a refillable, labeled water bottle.
- Footwear: Sneakers are required daily (no flip-flops or open-toed shoes).
- Prohibited Items: Leave electronics, toys, and stuffed animals at home. Phones and smartwatches must remain off and are not to be used during camp. If a camper needs to contact a parent, they will ask a

staff member.

Please reach out if you have any questions. We're excited for a fun and safe summer!

Nyeshia Nelson, Camp Director

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