



## ***Working at YCamp...FAQs! - 2025 Edition!***

### ***Will I have access to the internet while at camp?***

There is Wifi available in the Staff House. This is accessible to staff during time off (one hour each day, one day each week, and also some nights after campers are asleep until 11:30pm).

### ***Can I use my phone at camp?***

Cellular coverage at camp is very spotty.

Phones should not be used during work time for anything other than playing music when appropriate for the activity. This means that the only time you would be using your phone would be during your time off. Our campers are not allowed to have phones, and we set the example of this.

### ***Can my family and friends send me mail at camp?***

YES! Getting mail at camp is the BEST! Give them all this address and beg them to send you mail! It will make your day!

YOUR NAME  
YMCA Camp of Maine  
PO Box 446  
Winthrop, ME 04364  
USA

### ***What about parcels/packages?***

Again, YES! Encourage them to be no bigger than a shoe box, please, but YES! Packages being delivered by a delivery company (Eg. UPS or FedEx) can be sent to:

YOUR NAME  
YMCA Camp of Maine  
305 Winthrop Center Rd  
Winthrop, ME 04364  
USA

Mail and packages will be delivered to the dining hall and given out each day after lunch.

### ***How can I send out mail?***

You can mail letters at the mail box in the dining hall. Stamps are available to purchase at Camp - Domestic (\$0.68) and International (\$1.55)

### ***Where will I sleep at camp?***

Counselors will stay in cabins with campers and another counselor or CIT (Counselor-In-Training). Cabins have electricity, have bunkbeds and sleep 8-14 people. Support staff members will live in cabins with other support staff. All housing is single gender.

### ***What is the food like at camp?***

Three meals and one snack are served each day at the Dining Hall. Breakfast consists of hot options (eggs, bacon, pancakes, etc.) as well as a breakfast bar, containing fruit, yogurt, toast, cereal, etc. Lunch is often sandwiches, soup, chicken fingers, etc, while dinner could be pizza, tacos, pasta or meat and vegetables. There is a full salad bar available at both lunch and dinner.

***I have food allergy/dietary consideration. Will there be something for me to eat at every meal?***

Yes! YCamp will provide options for a variety of dietary consideration at every meal. As an adult, it is your responsibility to communicate with the Chef about your dietary needs to be sure that the Chef understands and can plan for that.

***I'm flying to camp. Will there be linens for me when I arrive?***

International Staff will be provided with:

- a sleeping bag
- a fitted sheet
- a pillow with a case
- a towel

These will be collected at the end of the summer. (You can keep the towel!)

As long as supplies allow, we will be happy to set up American staff members who fly to camp with linens as well.

***I'm flying to camp. Should I pack toiletries, or will I have the chance to buy those when I arrive?***

If you are flying to camp, we will make sure you have the opportunity to get the personal items that you need, shortly after your arrival at camp.

***What if I need to see a doctor while I am at camp?***

We have a Health Center at camp that is staffed by EMTs, Nurses and Medical Doctors. If you have health needs that arise during your time here, you can go to the Health Center and receive care. If those professionals advise, we will transport you offsite to a clinic or hospital and ensure you get the care you need.

For work related injuries, Camp's Workers' Comp insurance will cover your care. If personal health issues arise, your personal insurance (travel insurance, insurance through your international agency, or personal health insurance) will provide you with full or partial coverage.

***Is there a uniform that camp staff have to wear?***

On Opening and Closing Days of each camp session, you will be required to wear your Staff T-shirt and name tag. You will receive these before the first session begins. You should be neat and clean, and wear shorts/pants that are comfortable and suitable for meeting your campers and their families on these days.

For the rest of the time at camp, your clothing should be clean, and appropriate for the activities you are doing. You will be active and busy, and working with children, so choose comfortable and modest clothing, that promotes confidence and self respect. (i.e. please make sure that your clothes cover your bathing suit areas and represent you, and YCamp, well.) Clothing should not depict images or words that promote drug &/or alcohol use, or have overly graphic images upon them.

***Are there any guidelines on swimwear at camp?***

YCamp's goal is to provide a community where everyone feels safe and can grow. As with everyday wear, swimwear needs to be appropriate for the job function, modest, clean, and allow the wearer to present themselves with confidence - performing the job with the security and knowledge that nothing is going to fall off, revealing inappropriate body parts.

Male staff members need to chose trunk style, or board short style suit bottoms that tie, or otherwise latch, securely. Rash guards (or other uppers) should be worn to provide torso coverage when appropriate and desired.

Female staff members should chose a one-piece bathing suit, with straps, that provides full to moderate coverage at the top and bottom.

Staff can wear bikini style suits during their time-off, when away from camp and not near campers.

***Are there other camp clothing items that I can buy?***

Yes, the camp store sells different items each year, but typically carries things like hoodies, sweat pants/joggers, hats, water-bottles, stickers, etc. The store will be made available to staff during staff training and at designated times throughout the summer.

***Where and when can I do my laundry?***

There are laundry facilities onsite that are designated for staff use. These machines and detergent are free of charge to staff. Staff are welcome to use the laundry facilities during time off.

***When and how will I get paid this summer?***

You will be paid by-weekly (every two weeks), based on a schedule that is already in place. Your summer salary, (the amount that is on your Work Agreement) will be divided up and paid to you throughout the summer. We are required to have taxes removed from your paycheck before you receive the money, and you will be able to claim that money back at the end of the calendar year. We will review this process with you during staff training.

***Can I have my paycheck deposited into my bank account?***

Our payroll system will only directly deposit into an account with an American Routing Number. If you have that, yes, you can have Direct Deposit. Email Kim your request to set this up ahead of time.

If you are not American, please see the separate document entitled Wise, for more information about getting paid.

***I won't have a car at camp. How can I get to a store if I need to?***

Once a week you will have a day off. During this 24 hour period, you will have the chance to get to a store, either through a ride with someone who does have a car, or in one of the camp vans.

***Will I have time off, and what can I do on my time off?***

Staff will have an hour-off each day, and one day-off each week. Our hope is that staff can take this time to rest, recharge and refresh!

Some ideas of ways to spend time off are [here](#).

**Nearby towns:** Winthrop is the closest town to camp. There you will find a grocery store, pharmacy, a few restaurants.

Augusta is our state's capital, and is a 15 minute drive from camp. There you will find (among other things...) a shopping area with restaurants and a cinema.

Staff members often enjoy visiting Freeport, which is about 45 minutes drive from camp.

Portland, ME is about an hour south of camp and is Maine's largest city. There is a lot to do in this beautiful, little city!