

Welcome to Courts Plus Day Camp and Mini Sessions

Welcome to all our new families and campers and welcome back to all of our returning families and campers! ♥

You are receiving this email because you are signed up for **Courts Plus Day Camp** this summer at Courts Plus Community Fitness! **Ayden Ochs** will be your child's Camp Coordinator/Summer Intern. Along with pursuing a degree in Elementary Education, Ayden is also a student athlete and the Student Body President of MSUM. I believe her passion for teaching, leadership and work ethic skills will be a wonderful addition to our crew this summer. I will still be very much involved and reachable for any questions and/or concerns but feel free to reach out to her as well! Day Camp is located in the party rooms in the playground so you can head on in when you enter Courts Plus! Pick up will be in the meeting room unless they are somewhere else throughout the club. Front Desk should be aware otherwise the teachers have the schedule for the day if you have any questions!

Helpful Phone Numbers & Addresses

Location of our program:

Courts Plus Community Fitness

3491 South University Drive

Fargo, ND 58104

Youth Programs Supervisor, **Crystal Howes**

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Summer Youth Programs Intern/ Coordinator, **Ayden Ochs**

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Camp Locations

Everything is done at Courts Plus Community Fitness. We utilize both inside and outside of the facility. The only time we will leave the premises is for walks, to a nearby playground or for the field trip that is held once per summer **(additional cost and registration is required).**

Arrival & Departure Information

Drop-Offs will be in our party rooms unless you are dropping off at a later time in which you would just ask the front desk where the group is. Pick-Ups will vary. After 4:30pm, they will be in the meeting room, otherwise most of the time pick up will be in our party rooms/indoor playground. Mini session drop off and pick ups will vary so please ask front desk when you arrive. Please make sure your enrollment form is updated with extra guardians that may pick up/drop off your child and **communicate** those changes with staff when necessary.

Hours of Operation

Courts Plus camp hours are set from 8:00am-5:00pm. Staff will be available starting at 7:00am and as late as 6:00pm for an additional cost which will need to be communicated with staff each time you want it added and must be registered for online as we do not get notifications when these are added. I give a 15 minute grace period at the beginning of the day because I know many of you need to be at work by 8:00am, so the earliest you can drop off your child(ren) for the normal full day rate is 7:45am.

****We will be CLOSED July 3rd-4th to observe Independence Day.***

Ratio Information & Communication

Our ratio at Courts Plus is 1 staff to 10 campers with a maximum of 30 kids per day with 3 staff if full.

We will be using **GROUPME app** to communicate with our parents/staff providing updates, occasional photos, reminders throughout each week. Every parent is able to respond/reach out to whatever staff member is in the group if need be. Feel free to download this app and scan QR code provided! ->



Items to Remember

Your child will need to bring the following items...

- A NUT FREE sack lunch and drink every day. Please keep in mind that microwaves and refrigerators are available, so pack accordingly. We also have \$5.00 meals available per your request. This cost only covers the lunch hour meal. This fee can be added onto your account as long as the card is on file.
- Comfortable clothes. We go outdoors almost daily during camp, so we recommend light shirts and shorts. But of course, dress accordingly to the weather.
- Please have your child's last name written on all items so we can avoid lost items. This includes towels.
- Water Fun Day (1x per week weather permitting): Please send your camper with their bathing suit, sunscreen, towel and water shoes in a bag. We can keep these for the summer and will send home at the end of summer if you so choose.

Field Trips

We have one field trip planned each summer. This year's field trip will be on July 31st.

Where will we be going?: Otter Cove Children's Museum & splash pad in Fergus Falls, MN.

What time?: We will leave Courts Plus at 9:00AM sharp and return between 2:15-2:30pm.

What to pack?: Socks, water bottle, NUT FREE cold lunch, swimsuit and towel.

Age range allowed on trip?: 5-12 years old

Transportation?: Fargo Parks is providing a bus for the day + a 6 person van which will allow us to hold a maximum of 30 kids.

Additional fees?: This will cost an additional **\$20.00 ON TOP** of daily day camp fee to cover costs of museum, ice cream stop, bus driver and gas for the trip.

Breakdown of final cost for the day:

Members= \$50/child

Non-Members= \$60/child

All trips will depart from Courts Plus and will return to Courts Plus. Registration must be done in advance as this does fill up fast due to limited seating. Please arrange alternative care if you do not want to attend the field trip this day.

**This day does get very tiring for both kids and staff, so if you are able to pick up kids at 3:00pm day of field trip, that would be preferred.*

Personal Belongings

We do NOT allow electronic devices of any kind. The gizmos are fine, but we really do pride ourselves on an electronic free zone so please keep those items in your vehicles. Air tags are allowed if that would make you more comfortable. Pokémon cards have also become an issue. Kids want to trade, staff are not aware of cost/significance/importance of cards, so we have had issues in the past. We understand some kids have a comfort item, so as long as it does not become an issue, we will allow one item, if need be, such as a favorite stuffed animal.

Lost & Found Items

Lost and Found items will be located behind our front desk. Sometimes staff will place things in the party room cupboards, but they do all eventually transfer to the front desk. To avoid lost items, please label your belongings.

Medications

The camp staff will not administer medications to your camper unless we have a medication form filled out, signed and instructed by the parent/guardian. Please reach out to Crystal ASAP if this is something that pertains to your child.

chowes@courtsplus.org.

Illness & Injuries

If your child is exhibiting any signs or symptoms or illness, please be considerate to others by keeping your child at home. Consult a physician to determine if your child's symptoms are contagious and when they could return to camp. Campers who become ill at camp will be made as comfortable as possible until a parent is able to pick up them up. If a child is feeling ill during the program for longer than 20 minutes, or is vomiting, has diarrhea, a consistent cough, fever, water or inflamed eyes, acute skin rash or a sore throat, staff will contact the parent for immediate pick up. If a child has been exposed to, or has a communicable disease, the Youth Supervisor or Camp Coordinator should be notified at once. In addition, if a participant is found to have live lice a parent or guardian will be contacted, and the participant will be sent home for treatment. If your child is injured, first aid will be administered. The parent/guardian will be messaged/emailed or called and notified of any serious injuries. Staff will let the parent/guardian know if their child needs to be picked up. Minor scrapes and bumps will be reported to the parent/guardian.

Cancelation Policy

If you need to cancel, we will need a **24-hour notice**, or you will be charged for the full day/session you reserved for. Cancellations **MUST** be done through your account using our **WEB BROWSER** and emailed to Crystal at chowes@courtsplus.org.

Behavior Management

Each camper is expected to follow all camp rules during their participation in this program. Discipline will be handled as deemed necessary by staff. Redirection of the child's activity, time out, verbal warnings and removal of non-basic privileges (such as indoor playground time or Big Blue) are the most commonly used forms of correction. If your child's behavior continues or worsens after we discipline, we do have the right to remove your child from the program for the remainder of the summer.

All Campers Should:

1. Stay with their group unless given permission by assigned staff to do otherwise.
2. Report to staff if they are sick, hurt or need assistance.
3. Respect staff, campers, and the facility/property.
4. Follow Directions in a courteous manner.
5. Keep hands, feet and objects to themselves.
6. Always use appropriate, positive language.
7. Behave in a responsible manner, being helpful and cooperative.
8. Maintain a positive attitude.
9. **HAVE FUN!!!**