

# Camp Venture Newsletter



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Track 2: February 9 – March 2

## From Your Director...

Hello again Track Two Families! I hope you and your campers had a great Track Two just nine weeks ago. Get ready for more exciting adventures at Camp Venture! As always, we've switched up the theme and taken a more "swarthy" approach to Camp this time around. Your campers will experience "The High Seas" for the next three weeks! During this time, we'll be embarking on a fishing adventure, completing treasure hunts at Pump It Up, and much more!

In addition to field trips, your campers will see some exciting special guests. The Canes' will be conducting a hockey clinic, Games 2U is coming, and we'll have an authentic cruise liner party. In Art and Swellness, campers will be learning to ball room dance, do a service project on the shores of Blue Jay Point, and create wave jars! Those huddles who have the most campers swim during swim time will be awarded bonus points on the High Seas incentive board. ARRGG you

Ready for Camp!?

Blessings,

Logan "Coach Roach"



## What to Bring to Camp

In order to have the most fun possible at camp, please make sure your child has the following for camp:

- Athletic shoes and weather appropriate clothing. We will be playing outside with the potential of getting dirty, so make sure clothing is suitable for camp.
- Two snacks: for the morning and afternoon.
- A healthy lunch and drink.
- Water bottle labeled with child's name.
- Bathing suit, towel and swim band for swim time.
- A smile and a good attitude.

Please label **ALL** of your child's belongings so we can help them get back to you if they get lost. Also, please leave **ALL** toys at home, there will be plenty to do at camp!

## 2012/2013 Youth Programs Registration:

It's hard to believe that it is already time to start thinking about registration for after school, track out, and summer day camp for the 2012-2013 school year. Registration for YMCA members begins on Thursday, March 1st and open registration begins on Thursday, March 15th.

Please make sure you have a completed Youth Information Form, a method of payment, and your child's immunization records (for Track Out) to register.



**Mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.**

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### TRACK 2 CALENDAR: "The High Seas!"

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			<b>Welcome, Track Two!</b>	<b>9. First Day!</b> <i>Swim Day!</i> <b>Huddle 1 and 2</b> <b>Field Trip:</b> All Children's Playground <b>Huddle 3 and 4</b> <b>Field Trip:</b> The Big Miracle	<b>10.</b> <b>Special Guest:</b> Games 2U!  <i>Open                      Programming</i>  <b>Camper of the                      Week!</b>	
	<b>13.</b>  <b>Coordinator                      Activities</b>  <i>Art, SWellness</i>	<b>14.</b> <i>Swim Day!</i> <b>Huddle 1 and 2</b> <b>Field Trip:</b> Duke University Cameron Indoor Stadium Tour  <i>Happy                      Valentine's Day!</i>	<b>15.</b>  <b>Coordinator                      Activities</b>  <i>Art, SWellness</i>	<b>16.</b>  <i>Swim Day!</i>  <b>Huddle 3 and 4</b> <b>Field Trip:</b> Duke University Cameron Indoor Stadium Tour	<b>17.</b> <b>Special Guest:</b> Cane's Hockey Clinic! (2nd—8th)  <i>Open                      Programming</i>  <b>YRS Early                      Release!</b>	
	<b>20.</b>  <b>Coordinator                      Activities</b>  <i>Art, SWellness</i>  <i>Happy                      President's Day!</i>	<b>21.</b>  <i>Swim Day!</i> <b>Huddle 1 and 2</b> <b>Field Trip:</b> Pump It Up Pirate Party  <i>Happy Mardis                      Gras!</i>	<b>22.</b>  <b>Coordinator                      Activities</b>  <i>Art, SWellness</i>	<b>23.</b>  <i>Swim Day!</i>  <b>Huddle 3 and 4</b> <b>Field Trip:</b> Pump It Up Pirate Party	<b>24.</b> <b>Special Guest:</b> Toshiba Austin, Author (K-1st)  <i>Open                      Programming</i>  <b>Camper of the                      Week!</b>	
	<b>27.</b>  <b>Coordinator                      Activities</b>  <i>Art, SWellness</i>	<b>28.</b>  <i>Swim Day!</i> <b>Huddle 1 and 2</b> <b>Field Trip:</b> Fishing At Kraft YMCA	<b>29.</b>  <b><i>Wacky                      Wednesday!</i></b>  <b>Coordinator                      Activities</b>  <i>Art, SWellness</i>  <b><i>Happy Leap Day!</i></b>	<b>1.</b>  <i>Swim Day!</i>  <b>Huddle 3 and 4</b> <b>Field Trip:</b> Fishing At Kraft YMCA	<b>2.</b> <b>Special Guest:</b> POE Center For Health Education!  <i>Open                      Programming</i>  <b>Camper Of The                      Track!</b>	

**Wacky Wednesday:** Instead of having Wacky Wednesday each week, this year we want you to save up all of your creative juices for one awesome Wacky Wednesday during the last week of camp. On **Wednesday, February 29th** come dressed as a Pirate, Sailor, Ball Room Dancer, Fisherman, or anyone you would find on the High Seas! If you lived on the High Seas, what would you wear? The huddle that has the most campers dressed up will get a prize!

**Field Trips/Special Guests:** At Camp Venture we think it is important to learn and have fun out in our community, so we love to take field trips. However, it is crucial that all campers arrive at camp **no later than 9:00** on field trip days so that we can make sure we have enough time to load the bus and arrive at our destination. *Please note, all field trips and special guests are subject to change.*

**Boy/Girl Time:** On Tuesdays and Thursdays we will divide camp by boys and girls during swim time. While one group is swimming the other will participate in special High Seas activities.

**Open Programming:** Each Friday, your camper will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of activities during our Open Programming time. Open Programming is designed to give your camper the freedom of unstructured activity in a safe and enclosed area, where he/she can roam freely with his/her friends! Activities that he/she will be able to choose between include the Y bounce house, indoor soccer, bingo, and much more!

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### Huddle Names/Counselors

**The Powder Monkey's**  
(K)

Group Leader: Vallory "Mouse" Moss

**The Swabbie's**  
(1st)

Group Leader: Neela Boone

**The Buccaneer's**  
(2nd)

Group Leader: Shannon Griffin

**The Quarter Master's**  
(3rd-5th)

**The Captain's**  
(Senior Campers)

Track Out Admin. Asst: Lauran Fletcher

Arts and Humanities: David Murray

SWellness (Sports and Wellness): Gretchen Minneman

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Logan Roach, Director of Track Two**  
(919) 845-3861 or  
Logan.Roach@ymcatriangle.org

**Camp Venture Office:**

(919) 845-3881 (8:30am until 3pm)

**Mike Hubbell, Senior Youth Director**  
(919) 845-3872 or

Mike.Hubbell@ymcatriangle.org

**Brassfield AS & EA:** (919) 749-1698

Director: Logan "Coach" Roach

**Finley Good Times:** (919) 845-3882

Director: Meredith "McFly" Cox

**Green After School:** (919) 418-9622

Director: Brooke "Sensei" Currie

**MASH:** (919) 815-1230

Director: Meredith "McFly" Cox

**Sycamore Creek AS & EA:** (919) 815-8400

Director: Katherine "Dory" Vance

### 2012 Seafarer Dates

The A.E. Finley Camp Venture Track 2 program is going on a three-day camp adventure to Camp Seafarer with our 2nd-8th graders and we hope your child will join us! The trip

includes those with 4-break care who choose to go. Those without 4-break care may register for the trip separately. Start planning and contact Logan with any questions!

**Early 2012 Spring Trips**

Track 4: Apr. 3-5

Track 3: May 1-3

Track 2 (make-up date): May 15-17

**Late 2012 Summer Trips**

Track 2: Aug. 28-30

Track 1: Sept. 18-20



### POLICY INFORMATION

**Behavior Policy:** For a full description of our behavior policy, please see registration forms available online. However, the Y encourages appropriate language, cooperation, respect for staff and facilities, positive attitudes, staying in program areas, and participation in all activities. Please take time to review these with your children as necessary.

**Medication:** If your child carries medication in their book bag Y staff must be notified. All children who receive medication at our program must have a medication form on file. Asthma inhalers, Tylenol, Advil and EpiPens are all forms of medication. Please see our office for a medication form if necessary.

### Morning Drop Off

Morning drop off is behind the main building of the Finley YMCA in the circle from 7:00-9:00am. There will be a counselor there to unload and check everyone in! In the case of rainy/cold weather, drop off will still be at the rear of the main building, at the back door. After 9:00am, please come sign in your child at the Camp Venture Office. The Camp Venture Office is located in the brown building across from the outdoor pool house, next to the playground.

Note: To ensure your child is able to attend field trips, they must be dropped off no later than 9:00 A.M.

### Picking Your Child Up

Please give a note to the Rides In counselor if you are going to have any of the following changes you will need to send a written note from home: A change in the person picking up your child in the afternoon that is not designated on the authorized pick-up list, or a change from a bus rider to Early Pick-Up.

A pick-up during the program hours. Ex. If you are picking up your child before 3:30. Please have your pick-up card and I.D ready when picking up your child. We will not release your child without these items.

## Swim Time

**BOYS:** Tuesdays 1:00-1:45, Thursdays 1:45-2:30

**GIRLS:** Tuesdays 1:45-2:30, Thursdays 1:00-1:45

On the first day of Camp Venture, all children without a swim band will be tested for a swim band. Swim Bands are worn around your child's neck to let our lifeguards know they are deep water competent and confident. At the YMCA we have 2 swim bands (Yellow and Black) that designate what areas and amenities of our pools your child can play in.

Children under 14 must wear a swim band at all times while swimming. If he/she does not have a swim band they must wear a PFD (Personal Flotation Device).

**Yellow Band:** To earn a yellow band, a child must be able to swim comfortably one half of the pool with their face in the water and their arms coming out of the water (freestyle) without goggles and tread water for 30 seconds. A yellow band allows children to swim alone in the shallow and yellow band areas as well as go down the slide.

**Black Band:** To earn a black band, a child must be able to comfortably swim one length without goggles with their face in the water using arm over arm strokes with rhythmic breathing and tread water for 30 seconds. A black band allows children access to all areas of the pool, the deep end, shallow end and the water slide.

If your child forgets or loses their band, a new band can be purchased for \$3.

## Lost and Found

The Camp Venture lost and found is located downstairs, on the fitness level floor. All items left behind will be placed there at the end of each day. You may stop by the YMCA Welcome Center and ask to check the main YMCA lost and found. Also please keep in mind that items may have been left at your child's after school. The lost and found will be cleared of all items at the conclusion of each week.

## Afternoon Transportation

In order to provide care for your child from 7:00am to 6:00pm, Camp Venture functions in conjunction with our YMCA after school programs. Camp Venture runs from 7:00am to 3:30pm with afternoon transportation to various after school programs beginning at 2:45pm.

If you are unsure as to where you registered your child to attend in the afternoons, please contact:

Wendy Goodwin at (919)845-3853  
Wendy.Goodwin@ymcatriangle.org

### Early Pick Up:

Please come to the Camp Venture Office by 3:30pm.

### Middle School After School (MASH):

The SC's will transition to the on-site MASH program at 2:45

### Finley Good Times (FGT):

Children attending FGT will transition to the program at 3:15

### Green After School Program:

The bus to Green Elementary will depart at approximately 3:00. Your child will be available for pick up at Green by 3:45

### Brassfield After School Program:

The bus to Brassfield Elementary will depart at approximately 3:30. Your child will be available for pick up at Brassfield by 3:45

### Sycamore Creek After School Program:

The bus to Sycamore Creek will depart the YMCA at approximately 3:00. Your child will be available for pick up at Sycamore Creek by 3:30