

Camp Venture Newsletter



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Track 3: January 23rd – February 8th

A Note from Sensei...

Happy New Year Track Three Families! I hope you all had a great holiday season and are ready for a great two and a half weeks at Camp Venture! It may be winter outside, but we are not going to get cold weather blues with this track's theme of 104 Days of Summer Vacation, from a kid favorite, Phineas and Ferb. We will be doing all kinds of warm and festive things this track: beach parties, popsicle making, and many other activities inspired by the show.

In addition to our activities, your children will be taking some exciting field trips including visits to Marbles Kids Museum, the history museum, and the Poe Health Center. Games 2U will be making a visit once again, and the campers will enjoy splashing around in the indoor pool! Please encourage your children to bring their swimsuits, because the huddle that has the most kids swim will get bonus points on the incentive board! Get ready for fun!

Brooke "Sensei" Currie
Track 3 Director



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!

Pillo Polo Tournament

Tuesday, February 7th
9:30 am-1:30pm
Cary YMCA

Attention 3rd-5th grade campers! If you think back to last time you tracked out, you can probably remember the excitement surrounding our inter-branch kickball tournament. We had teams from all of the other YMCA track out programs come to Finley for a fun-filled day of kickball and sportsmanship.

Well, we are going to be participating in another exciting tournament this track out, so I hope you are ready for some Pillo Polo! Any 3rd-5th grade camper who is interested in representing Finley in the tournament is welcome to play. So, mark February 7th on your calendar and don't forget to wear GREEN in support of Finley!

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

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TRACK 3 CALENDAR: “Phineas And Ferb’s 104 Days Of Summer”

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Welcome Track Three!	Jan 23 Coordinator Activities	24. <i>Swim Day!</i> <u>Platypi and Inator Field Trip:</u> Marbles Kids Museum	25. Coordinator Activities <u>Baljeet Field Trip:</u> Yogurt Mountain	26. <i>Swim Day!</i> <u>Doofenschmirtz Busters Field Trip:</u> NC Museum of History	27. Special Guest: Games 2U <i>Open Programming</i> Camper of the Week!	28.
	29.	30. Coordinator Activities	31. <i>Swim Day!</i> <u>Platypi and Inator Field Trip:</u> Poe Health Center	Feb 1. Coordinator Activities <u>Baljeets Field Trip:</u> Roller Skating at Jellybeans	2. <i>Swim Day!</i> <u>Doofenschmirtz and Buster Field Trip:</u> Poe Health Center	3. Special Guest: Poe Health Presentation <i>Open Programming</i> Camper of the Week!
5.	6. Phineas and Ferb Beach Party!!	7. <i>Swim Day!</i> <u>3rd-5th Grade Pillo Polo Tournament at the Cary YMCA</u>	8. Wacky Wednesday: Phineas and Ferb! Coordinator Activities	9. Back to School! No Track Out	10. Back to School! No Track Out	See ya in April!

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 8th, come dressed as a Phineas and Ferb character. If you were on this show, what would you wear? The huddle that has the most campers dressed up will get points towards Huddle of the Track!

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 activities like a popsicle making, summer games (bocce ball, volleyball), sidewalk chalk, and a Find Agent P scavenger hunt!

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 pillo polo, indoor soccer, bingo, and much more!

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Meet Your Huddle:

The Platypi
(Kindergarten)
Group Leader: Vallory Moss

The Enators
(1st Grade)
Group Leader: Shannon Griffin

The Doofenshmirtzes
(2nd-3rd Grade)
Group Leader: Neela Boone

The Busters
(4th-5th Grade)
Group Leader: David Thomson

The Baljeets
(6th-8th Grade)
Group Leader: Rasha Vaughan

Track Out Administrative Assistant: Lauran Fletcher
Arts and Humanities: David Murray
SWellness (Sports and Wellness): Gretchen Golz

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

FUN FACT OF THE TRACK

The series premier of **Phineas and Ferb**
(aired February 1st, 2008) was viewed by
more than four million people.

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: A change in the person picking up your child in the afternoon that is not designated on the authorized pick-up list; a change from a bus rider to Early Pick-Up; or 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: 1:00-1:45

GIRLS: 1:45-2:30

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.

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 3:10. Your child will be available for pick up at Green by 3:30

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