



Camp Kelley

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Section I: Camp History

Cobern Kelley was a beloved teacher, mentor and spiritual leader to thousands of youth in the Athens community. His legacy lives on in our after-school programs and summer day camp. Campers spend time in the chapel Kelley built, work through devotionals created by Kelley's teachings, experience nature, sing, dance, play competitive sports, and simply live the life of a child every day at Camp Kelley.

Kelley was the Physical Director of the Athens YMCA starting in 1942. He began working at the Y while attending the University of Georgia in 1930. He served the community in this capacity until his death in 1968. Kelley founded the Athens YMCA day camp, fondly known as Camp Kelley.

Kelley truly believed in being a positive role model for the children in his care. Below is a direct quote from Kelley.

"One hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money was in my bank account, nor what my clothes looked like. But the world may be a better place because I was important in the life of a child."

-Kelley

Section II: Camp Groups & Weeks

Camp Age Groups

Cubs	Ages 5-6 (Details on 5-year-old campers on next page)
Indians	Ages 7-8
Braves	Ages 9-10
Warriors	Ages 11-13
Leaders in Training	Ages 14-15 (Volunteer program that requires an interview process)

Camp Weeks

Week 1	June 1-5
Week 2	June 8-12
Week 3	June 15-19
Week 4	June 22-26

NO CAMP JUNE 29- JULY 3

Week 5	July 6-10
Week 6	July 13-17
Week 7	July 20-24
Week 8	July 27-31

Camp Availability

Cubs= 100 campers per day
Indians=100 campers per day
Braves=80 campers per day
Warriors= 65 campers per day

Camp Ratios

Cubs= 1 counselor to 10 campers
Indians= 1 counselor to 10 campers
Braves= 1 counselor to 12 campers
Warriors= 1 counselor to 12 campers

NEW for Camp Kelley 2020: 5-year-old campers

The Athens YMCA proudly serves 5-year-olds in our communities. We had additional guidelines and information for our 5-year-old campers.

5-year-olds who HAVE NOT completed Kindergarten: Any 5-year-old camper that has not completed Kindergarten will have specific hours. **These campers cannot be dropped off before 8:30 am and must be picked up by 5 pm.**

5-year-olds who HAVE completed Kindergarten: Any 5-year-old camper that has completed Kindergarten must provide a school progress report. **All 5-year-olds that do not have a progress report on file must be picked up by 5 pm.**

- No exceptions will be made. For any 5-year-old who does not show a progress report, the late fee will be applied at 5 pm. Any child picked up late more than two times will be dismissed from camp.
- Camp Kelley operates 10 hours per day. Groups move every 50 minutes with little downtime. Our youngest campers are often overwhelmed by the camp schedule. We recommend that 5-year-old campers only be at camp for up to 7 hours.
- Camp staff cannot help children change into swimsuits or any other clothing. Campers must be able to do this on their own.
- Campers will get extremely dirty and have accidents. Please send your camper in play clothes, as well as packing additional play clothes in their bag. This is camp, we play in the dirt.

It is important for us to define ourselves as a day camp and not daycare. While we do promise to care for your child as if they were our own, we must stay inside the boundaries of operating a day camp. We are moving large groups to different events and activities throughout the day. Campers must be able to handle a large, fast-paced, loud environment with several transitions for the whole day.

We would love to meet you and your camper before the summer begins. We encourage you to set up a meeting and tour. Please contact Youth & Family Programs Director Gina Jackson - gina@athensymca.org to schedule a tour.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

- **Directors:** leaders assigned supervisory responsibilities over all staff members, campers, and LIT's.
- **Unit Head:** leaders assigned supervisory responsibilities of one age group.
- **Enrichment Coordinator:** leader assigned supervisory responsibilities over enrichment operations of day camp.
- **Counselor:** leaders must have experience working with children, be at least 16 years old, be able to execute the daily plan, create activities to meet the needs of the age group, coordinate options and league games, conduct daily devotions, and have a desire to learn leadership skills.
- **Leader in Training:** leaders must be 14 years old, have a desire to learn leadership skills necessary for any job, assist with the creation of activities for their group, coordinate options and league games, conduct daily devotions, and pass an aquatic safety skills course.
- **Additional Employee Information:** All camp employees participate in comprehensive staff trainings, including child abuse prevention, are CPR / First Aid Certified, and undergo a criminal background

check. All camp employees are high school and college students/adults with camping or recreational experience.

Section III: Social Media & Camp Pictures

We love being able to share our camp days with parents and friends. Follow and connect with us through our social media pages, camp videos, and SmugMug.

- **Social Media Pages:** The Athens YMCA actively updates our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages. You can find us at facebook.com/athensymca and at @athensymca on Instagram and Twitter.
- **Camp Videos:** Each week we have a camp video to recap all of our fun activities. We love sharing these with camp families. Videos will be sent in our end-of-the-week email and can be found on our vimeo page: vimeo.com/athensymca.
- **SmugMug:** We take hundreds of pictures each week to share with parents and families. To see all camp pictures, visit our SmugMug page at athensymca.smugmug.com. All camp pictures of children are password protected. The password for Camp Kelley 2020 will be *summer2020* - all lowercase with no spaces.

Please contact Abby Bramblett (abby@athensymca.org) if you have any questions about our social media use or would like your child to NOT be in any pictures or video.

Section IV: Camp Payments/Refund Policy

Camp Payment Options

- **Full Week Rate= \$115 per week**
 - **Rate for campers who will attend 4 or 5 days in a registered week.**
 - Participants can pay in full at the time of registration or pay a \$10 deposit to hold a spot in the week they plan to attend. Participants must pay a \$10 deposit for each week they wish to secure a spot. The deposits are deducted from the weekly fee. **Weekly fees are drafted from a debit/credit card on file the Friday before a child attends camp.**
 - Example: Child wants to attend weeks 3 and 4. The deposit total would be \$20 (\$10 for each week). The Friday before week 3 the remaining balance for week 3 will be drafted (\$115-\$10 deposit=\$105). The Friday before week 4 the remaining balance for week 4 will be drafted (\$115-\$10 deposit=\$105).
- **Half Week Rate=\$70 for up to 3 days**
 - Participants must pay in full at the time of registration.
 - There is not a deposit option for the half week rate.
 - The cancelation and change policy remain the same.
 - Campers can come any three days of the week(s) they are registered for.
 - Campers who attend more than 3 days will be charged the remaining balance for the full week rate on the 4th day they attend.
 - Campers who wish to attend more than the 3 days will need to see the business office for capacity details. Campers will only be allowed to extend their week if camp has open spots.

REFUND & CHANGE POLICY

Camp Kelley operates for 8 weeks during the summer. We recommend signing your child up in advance for the weeks they will attend. Space will be limited. Parents are welcome to make changes to weeks registered or request a refund. Change and refund request must be made in the business office through a program change form by 12:00pm on Thursdays. Office Hours are 9:00am-6:00pm, M-F.

Payment History & Tax Information

At the end of the year, our system will automatically generate a report of how much you have paid in programming fees at the YMCA. Log into your online YMCA account to access your payment history. The business office can generate the report for you as well. Please allow 48 hours to process your request.

Section V: Drop Off & Pick Up

How early can I drop off my kids?

Drop off begins at 7:50am. No child can be dropped off at the YMCA before this time. Campers can either be dropped off at the front of the building or parents can park in the parking lot and walk their camper in. Parents are not allowed to park in the loop in the front of the building.

What time does pickup begin?

Pick up begins at 4:50pm. **ALL** children must be picked up by 6:00pm or a late fee will incur. The late fee structure is \$15 per child at 6:01pm, and an additional \$5 per child for every 5 minutes past 6:01pm. This will be billed to you via mail or email. If you are late more than 3 times, we will consider removing your child from camp. In the event parents are running late please call and notify the front desk. They will get the message to our administrative staff.

How does the pickup system work?

Camp Kelley offers two options for picking up your camper(s). 1.) Parents can park in the parking lot and walk in to sign their camper(s) out. 2.) Parents can drive through the loop in the front of the building, and coaches will be stationed in the loop area to assist with check out. Coaches will walk the child to the car. Parents are not allowed to park in the loop in the front of the building for an extended amount of time or park and leave their car unattended.

Parents will be required to show their pickup pass before checking their child out of camp. Those who do not have a pickup pass must park in the parking lot and come into the business office to show ID.

What if I want to pick up my kids early?

Please call 706-543-6596 at least 20 minutes before your scheduled arrival time. Your child will be pulled from their group and will be waiting in the front office.

When do I need to have my pickup pass?

Pickup passes must be shown anytime you or someone picks your child up from the YMCA. Anyone without a pickup pass must be prepared to show an ID. The name on the ID must be included on the child's registration form. If the name is not written on the form, YMCA staff will contact the parents or legal guardians of the child.

Section VI: Discipline Policy

Camp Directors reserve the right to dismiss a child from camp at any time if the child's behavior is disruptive to the camp program. Our goal is to provide a safe, fun place for all campers. In the event of a discipline problem, parents will be notified by phone and consequences will occur immediately. If you have any recommendations or suggestions for camp staff to better work with your child, please email **Camp Directors; Gina Jackson, gina@athensymca.org, Jacqueline Shirley, jacqueline@athensymca.org, Mather Fuller, mathew@athensymca.org, Abby Bramblett, at abby@athensymca.org and/or Kasey Radney, kasey@athensymca.org**

Section VII: Swim

Will my child receive swim instruction during camp?

Yes. We do include basic water safety instruction in our summer day camp program. All campers will be required to participate in water safety lessons on Tuesdays & Thursdays during their groups assigned swim time. Campers will have free swim on Mondays & Wednesdays during their groups assigned swim time.

Water safety skills will be taught by a swim lessons instructor. The purpose of the course is to ensure that all campers can pass a swim test. Once campers have passed the swim test they will no longer be required to participate in the instruction. They will have free swim instead.

Is there an additional cost for swim instruction?

No. Swim instruction during camp is included in the weekly fee. Swim instruction during camp swim times is different from Summer Swim Lessons offered in 2-week sessions. Please see our front office for those details.

How many lifeguards are at the pool?

The pool staff will consist of 3 to 4 lifeguards per swim time.

In the event of inclement weather, campers may not be able to swim for the day. This decision will be made at the discretion of the Aquatics Dept.

How do swim test work?

Cubs will swim in the indoor 2ft pool. Cubs that have taken swim lessons prior to camp and have passed the swim test will be allowed to swim in the outdoor pool during their swim time. Indians, Braves, and Warriors must swim in the outdoor pool at all times.

Campers are required to complete the following in this order without breaks.

- i. Jump in to the outdoor pool.
- ii. Swim the length of the pool with face in the water and over arm recovery (swim with arms out of the water).
- iii. Stop at the other end of the pool and float on their back for 10 seconds.
- iv. Stop and tread water for 10 seconds.
- v. Climb out of the water unassisted.
- vi. Listen for directions from the lifeguards and coaches.

When can campers take the swim test?

We will provide an opportunity for campers to take the swim test on Monday of each week.

Section VIII: Lunch & Snack

Does my child need a lunch?

Yes, each child must bring a lunch each day they attend camp. **Nothing that needs to be refrigerated or heated.** **Kids are unable to stay at camp if they do not bring a lunch.** Campers cannot purchase items from the vending machines for lunch. Please Note: campers are highly active for at least 7 hours per day. It is extremely important that they bring a sustainable lunch. We encourage parents to pack extra food. Campers who do not have a suitable lunch

Will my camper need snack money?

No. Snacks are included in the weekly fee.

How many times a day do they get snacks?

Two times per day. All campers will receive a morning and afternoon snack. The morning snack will consist of some type of fruit or yogurt item. The afternoon snack will be a variety of chips and crackers. You are welcome to pack extra snacks for your child. If your child has food allergies, please fill out a medical release form in the front office.

FRIDAY—We do offer candy as an option during snack time on Friday.

Will they eat outside or inside?

All groups eat inside.

Section XI: Daily Schedules

What will my child do all day?

Daily schedules are posted on the Athens YMCA website, www.athensymca.org and are included at the back of this packet. Please see the descriptions of each time block on the back of the daily schedule for detailed information.

Do the campers go on daily field trips?

No. Due to the size of Camp Kelley we are unable to take field trips. Camp Kelley staff and supporters are committed to making sure all campers enjoy their days at the YMCA facility. We are blessed with a tremendous amount of space and equipment to make day camp feel adventurous, safe and fun.

What are options?

Campers will pick an option to participate in for the week. Options are designed to teach a specific skill set over the course of the week. The option list includes mountain biking, football drills, soccer drills, basketball drills, arts & crafts projects, dance, cheerleading, music, volleyball, archery, riflery, handball, and more.

Section X: Lost & Found

How does camp handle lost and found?

Due to the size of Camp Kelley the staff cannot guarantee to keep up with all belongings. One of the core values of Camp Kelley is responsibility. We teach responsibility through keeping track of personal belongings. However, we do commit to doing our best to help campers return home with all things they arrived with.

Please expect items to be lost or swapped. Parents are encouraged to check their camper's locker after hours and our lost and found bin located in the youth room. Parents are also encouraged to write their child's name in all belongings.

All lost and found will be taken to the Salvation Army or other service organization every.

Section XI: Camp Items

What should my camper bring to camp?

1. Backpack with towel, swimsuit, swim cap (if needed), and change of clothes.
2. Lunch box or bag with extra food and drinks.
3. Medications (if needed)
4. Sunscreen on each Monday of camp

What should my camper wear to camp?

1. Comfortable play clothes. Campers will get dirty at camp, depending on the activity campers could be extremely dirty.
2. Crocs, tennis shoes or other comfortable shoes. No boots, uncomfortable sandals, or flip flops that break easily.
3. Hat (if needed)

What should my camper NOT bring to camp?

1. Toys, play weapons, real weapons, or any personal items from home
2. Electronics, all electronics will be taken up and parents will have to come in to retrieve them. We do not allow any cell phones, tablets, video games, cameras, etc. in camp.
3. Personal water bottle. We have water fountains located all around the Y. Campers move every 50 minutes making it hard for them to keep track of personal items.
4. Large bags. All campers need to bring a bag that will fit inside a locker.

Section XII: Assemblies & Devotions

What can my camper expect for Morning Jubilee and Closing Ceremony?

Morning Jubilee is Monday-Friday. It is the time for all groups to come together to sing songs, compete in friendly competitions and perform anything their group has worked on together.

Closing Ceremony is designed to celebrate all the accomplishments of the week. We recognize excellent displays of the Y's core values and outstanding demonstrations of servant leadership during this time.

Does my camper have to participate in camp devotions?

Yes. Camp Devotions will promote the core values of the YMCA: Caring, Responsibility, Honesty, Respect, and Faith. Campers will discuss a bible verse related to these areas of focus and do age appropriate activities.

Section XIII: Other

Do campers get rest or nap time?

The Cubs and Indians will have a rest time.

What if my child has medical needs?

Please see the front office for a medical release form. Once complete it goes to the camp directors and senior leader. Medications are only given by the camp directors or senior leaders.

Will my child have a locker?

Yes, each child will be assigned a locker on their first day of camp. Campers are allowed to bring locks from home. We do ask that parents supply an extra key or the combination to the lock. The Athens YMCA does have separate youth locker rooms that are only used by after school and day camp participants.

Can my child bring their smart device to camp?

Children are **NOT** allowed to bring cell phones, iWatch or smart devices to camp.

Will my child “dress up” during camp?

Mondays are crazy. To add to the chaos, we encourage campers and staff to dress up. We will have weekly themes. These themes will be emailed to parents one week prior to each camp week. We encourage homemade costumes.