

# YMCA CAMP HIGH HARBOUR

## CAMP GOALS & OUTCOMES



YMCA Camp High Harbour offers a residential camp experience that provides programs and services which:

- Provide a safe environment that promotes respect for diversity and nature;
- Foster the development of confidence and self-esteem;
- Promote learning to strengthen relationships and build community.

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

Providing a safe environment for all campers is the number one goal. We maintain a staff-to-camper ratio of 1:7 and provide on-site medically trained personnel 24 hours a day. We strive to help our campers develop safety-conscious and inclusive mindsets and look for ways to transfer this mindset to life back home.

### **CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM**

Campers participate in fun getting-to-know-you games during the first 24 hours of camp. Staff will provide campers with positive comments and encouragement throughout their time at camp. Campers are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of skill-building activities and are encouraged to try new things. Each camper completes a “goals for the week” form to document accomplishments at camp.

### **STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS AND BUILD COMMUNITY**

The community of YMCA Camp High Harbour is built upon the respect of others and learning to become a servant leader. Our staff serve as role models for our campers to help each to learn to be a part of a community, to be respectful of others and to put others before themselves. While our campers are having the time of their lives, they are also learning valuable life lessons.



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- Provide programs that reflect the YMCA's mission, vision and values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility
- Provide trained, certified, experienced, and professional staff.
- Comply with the American Camping Association Standards.
- Will not exceed capacity.
- Maintain physical facilities, equipment, and environment.
- Continue to maintain and develop quality programs.
- Will not discriminate.
- Support 10% of campers with financial assistance through the WHY IT MATTERS Annual Giving Campaign.
- Accept all campers who our staff have been trained to guide and care for.
- Develop long term strategy to expand our ability to serve special populations.
- Ensure that we are financially viable.