

# Camp Great Adventure 2010 Parent's Manual

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## Where are the programs held? What facilities are available?

Camp Great Adventure is held at East Garner Middle School and Heather Hills Swim Club. East Garner Middle is located at 6301 Jones Sausage Road in Garner and Heather Hills Pool is located at 901 Claymore Drive in Garner. The camp utilizes both indoor and outdoor facilities, which include the gymnasium, classrooms, large athletic field space, auditorium, cafeteria, and a swimming pool.

## What are the program hours?

Camp Great Adventure program hours are 7:00a.m.-6:00p.m. Morning Assembly starts at 8:30a.m. and the rising 2/3rd grade huddle leaves for Heather Hills at 8:45am. Afternoon Assembly starts at 4:20p.m. and Rides Out Choices begin around 4:45p.m.

## What are the activities?

Camp Great Adventure activities include: recreational swimming 4 days a week, arts and crafts, clinics focused on skill development, devotions, awards, songs, and assemblies. This summer features the brand new Rides In and Rides Out huddle group CHOICES! Huddles will be able to choose what game(s) they want to play each day. We will also have special guests such as the Carolina Railhawks, WRAL meteorologist, Nate Johnson, Fire Department, Police K-9 Unit, and even old YMCA counselors will be back to visit and play activities with your child!

## Who leads Camp Great Adventure?

**Dustin Williams, Camp Director**  
**Becky Johnson, Assistant Camp Director**

Our camp counselors are college and high school students carefully selected through a comprehensive application and interview process. Each staff member completes 30 hours of staff training which emphasizing camp priorities such as safety, creativity, fun, camper's self esteem, values and camp spirit.

## When is Orientation?

***Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>***  
***6:30 p.m..***  
***East Garner Middle School***

Orientation is for all campers attending Camp Great Adventure and their parents. We anticipate a night of fun and fellowship! We will acquaint you with the 2010 staff, facility, and program. Please come; we want to meet our campers and their families!

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## How is camp structured?

YMCA Summer youth programs are “huddle” oriented. Grade and age determined huddle group assignment. The ratio of day camp staff to children is 1:12. Two counselors, one male and one female, work with every huddle. In addition to the huddle counselors, we have leadership staff that lead various activities at camp. During our brand new CHOICES for Summer 2010, kids will be able to choose activities based on their huddle and location of activities each morning/afternoon. These are led and facilitated by our counselors!

## When are the camp sessions?

- Session 1: June 14-18
- Session 2: June 21-25
- Session 3: June 28 - July 2
- Session 4: July 6 - July 9
- Session 5: July 12- July 16
- Session 6: July 19 - July 23
- Session 7: July 26 - July 30
- Session 8: August 2 - August 6
- Session 9: August 9 - August 13
- Session 10: August 16 – August 20

## Family Activities at East Garner Middle!

### 1. Thursday, June 24

Potluck Dinner/Talent Show  
from 6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.

### 2. Thursday, July 15 (AFTERNOON!!!)

Dance Fest from 4:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.

### 3. Thursday, July 22 (AFTERNOON!!!)

Winter Wonderland Party from 4:30p.m-5:30p.m.

### 4. Thursday, August 5

Pelican's Sno Cones/Art and Inventions Gala/  
Huddle Skits/Cheer from 6:30p.m - 7:30p.m.

### 5. Thursday, August 12 (AFTERNOON!!!)

Wet and Wild Obstacle Course Finale from  
4:00pm-5:00pm

### 6. Thursday, August 19

Camp Slideshow/Potluck Dinner/and Swim Time!  
***(Heather Hills Clubhouse/Pool from  
6:30pm-8:00pm, All Tracks Invited!!!)***

## When should campers arrive?

### When should I pick up my child?

Drop off begins at 7:00a.m. Please do not drop off your child before this time. Rides In runs from 7:00a.m. to 8:30a.m. Rides Out runs from 4:45p.m. to 6:00p.m. If you pick up your child before 4:45p.m., you will need to present your pick up card and sign them out (you will receive a pickup card at registration, orientation, or on the first day at camp for your child.)

**Please make sure you  
put names on all items  
your child brings to  
camp!**

## What about swimming?

At Camp Great Adventure your camper will participate in recreational swimming supervised by trained lifeguards and counselors 4 days a week. Swimming is a vital part of camp and all campers are expected to participate (no lessons available). Camper's swimming abilities will be evaluated during the first day of camp and swim bands issued designating which areas of the pool campers can swim. Swim bands must be worn every day at camp. If a camper loses his/her swim band, replacement bands cost \$2.00 each.

Tuesdays: Splash and Most Creative Jump/  
Dive Contest for black and white bands!  
(Optional)

Fridays: Water Polo/Hand Ball(Optional)



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## What should my child bring to camp?

Your child should bring the following to camp:

**Two snacks**  
**Lunch**  
**Bathing Suit**  
**Towel**

Please make sure your child wears tennis/running shoes. No Flip-Flops, sandals, rainbows, crocs etc..are allowed for safety reasons. We also recommend a hat and that you put sunscreen on your child in the morning before coming to camp.

## What are Thumpin Thursdays (Theme Days), and how can my child participate?

Thumpin Thursdays occur each session. Your child can participate by dressing up according to that week's theme. Special activities each day incorporate the theme. Please leave elaborate props at home to avoid damage.

Thumpin Thursday Themes!!!

June 17: Under the Sea/Beach

June 24: Outer Space

July 1: Super Hero Week

July 8: Red, White and Blue

July 15: Hollywood/Music

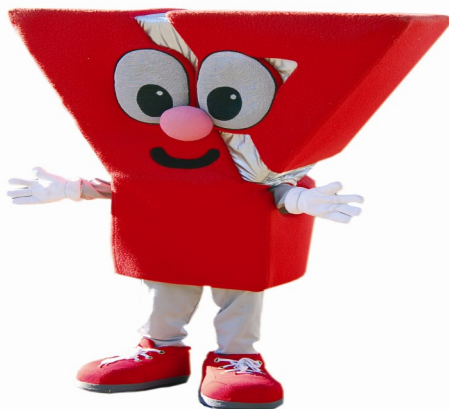
July 22: Christmas in July

July 29: Blast from the Past/Western

August 5: Creative Invention/Career Day

August 12: Wacky Sports/Team Spirit

August 19: Dress like your favorite counselor!



## Camper Bead Codes

<b>Session:</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>Good Sportsmanship:</b>	<b>Light Blue</b>
<b>Mission:</b>	<b>Royal</b>
<b>Friendship:</b>	<b>Purple</b>
<b>Spirit:</b>	<b>Clear</b>
<b>Attended Family Night:</b>	<b>Pink</b>
<b>Dressed for Thumpin Thursday:</b>	<b>Orange</b>
<b>Thumpin Thursday</b>	
<b>Dress Up Winner:</b>	<b>Silver</b>
<b>Honor Camper:</b>	<b>Black</b>
<b>Honor Huddle:</b>	<b>Glow In The Dark</b>
<b>Caring:</b>	<b>Red</b>
<b>Respect:</b>	<b>Yellow</b>
<b>Responsibility:</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>Honesty:</b>	<b>Blue</b>

## Honor Huddle/Reward Friday

On Thursdays, we will announce the "Honor Huddle" in afternoon assembly! If your child's huddle wins, they will have a jam packed day of fun on Friday! They will receive 1 hour extra of swim time, special healthy afternoon snack, special arts and craft option, and the NIN-TENDO Wii to play as an option! Two lucky kids selected from a ticket drawing will also get to pie in the face their counselors at Friday Afternoon Assembly!

## If I have other questions, whom should I call?

For questions regarding Camp Great Adventure, contact the YMCA office at 773-3621. Thanks so much for choosing Camp Great Adventure and the YMCA of Garner, we are going to have a AWESOME SUMMER!