

YMCA Camp West Mar - Overnight Camp Head Lice Screening Policy

At YMCA of Frederick, the health, safety, and comfort of all our campers is our top priority. In order to maintain a healthy communal living environment during overnight camp sessions, we have implemented the following Lice Screening Policy:

Mandatory Head Lice Check at Drop-Off

All campers will be subject to a head lice check upon arrival and check-in at camp. This screening will be conducted discreetly and efficiently by trained staff or medical personnel.

Policy on Evidence of Lice

If any evidence of lice is found at any stage of its life cycle—including live lice, nits (eggs), or newly hatched lice—the camper will not be permitted to stay at camp.

Return-to-Camp Requirements

In the event that lice or nits are detected, the camper may return to camp only after:

- Receiving treatment from a licensed lice treatment center or a physician, and
- Providing written documentation from that treatment provider that states:
 - The camper has been treated appropriately,
 - They are free of lice and nits, and
 - They are cleared to reside in a dormitory setting.

This documentation must be signed and dated by the treatment provider and presented at the time of re-check.

Why This Policy Is Important

Dormitory-style living increases the risk of lice transmission. This policy helps us:

- Prevent outbreaks,
- Protect the well-being of all campers, and
- Minimize disruption to the camp experience.

We understand that lice can affect anyone and are committed to handling this process with compassion, discretion, and respect for your child's privacy.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring a healthy and enjoyable summer for all our campers.

Note

The YMCA of Frederick County reserves the right to screen campers daily during their time at camp.