

Camp Yankee Trails Bus Expectations and Guidelines

Camp Yankee Trails is dedicated to providing a safe and enriching experience for your campers at all points of their experience, including the bus ride. Please review these standard bus rules and regulations with your campers prior to the first day of camp so that they are prepared to help make the bus ride a safe and fun experience for all riders.

Rules for getting on and off the school bus

- **Getting on the school bus**
 - When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.
 - Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.
 - Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
 - Use the hand rail when stepping onto the bus.
- **Behavior on the bus**
 - When on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Loud talking or other noise can distract the bus driver and is not allowed.
 - Never put head, arms or hands out of the window.
 - Keep aisles clear – body parts or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.
 - Before you reach your stop, get ready to leave by getting your belongings together.
 - At your stop, wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat. Then, walk to the front door and exit, using the hand rail.
 - Remain seated on the bus until a member of the camp staff instructs you to deboard.
- **Getting off the school bus**
 - If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you can turn around and see the driver.
 - Make sure that the driver can see you.
 - Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross.
 - When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.
 - Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.
 - Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.
- **Correct way to cross the street**
 - Children should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.
 - They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across.
 - If students' vision is blocked by a parked car or other obstacle, they should move out to where drivers can see them and they can see other vehicles -- then stop, and look left-right-left again.

Below are some additional important bus policies to understand:

- Bus monitors are **ALWAYS REQUIRED TO CHECK ID** at pick up. This is true even if you think they know you from previous summers or camp sessions. **CAMPERS WILL NEVER BE RELEASED TO ANYONE WHO IS NOT ON THE AUTHORIZED PICK UP LIST OR WHO ARRIVES WITHOUT A VALID ID.** Please always have your ID out and ready to show to the bus monitors.
- If you miss the bus, you can attempt to meet the bus at the next stop or meet it at its termination point. We will always try to be kind, but we also need to keep the buses running on schedule.
- Campers will not be allowed to change bus plans after the registration deadline (Wednesday prior at 5:00 PM) for the given camp session. That is, under no circumstances can a parent contact the camp and ask for a camper to go home on a different bus than originally planned.

The full bus schedule is below in case you feel there is a bus that would better suit your needs. Campers *are* allowed to return home on a different bus than the one on which they arrive as long as it is planned prior to the registration deadline and is the same every day. That is, a camper can plan to ride Bus 2-C from Vernon in the morning and then take Bus 1-A home to the Indian Valley YMCA. **If you wish to make a change to the bus your child is on for a this session**, there is a link at ghymca.org/campyankeetrails to the "Change of Information Form," which can be submitted to the Indian Valley YMCA prior to the registration deadline and the change will be honored. After that, no changes will be allowed.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at camp!

Bus 1

AM Departure	BUS	Stop	Address	PM Departure
8:15	1-A	Indian Valley Family YMCA	11 Pinney St, Ellington	4:50
8:23	1-B	Subway	175 West Road, Ellington	4:39

Bus 2

AM Departure	BUS	Stop	Address	PM Departure
8:17	2-A	Vernon YMCA Child Care	375 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon	4:38
8:33	2-B	Rockville Park n Ride	I-84 Exit 67, Rockville	4:29
8:44	2-C	Big Y	33 Fieldstone Commons, Tolland	4:16

Bus 3

AM Departure	BUS	Stop	Address	PM Departure
8:25	3-A	Brookside Plaza	10 Hazard Ave, Enfield, CT	4:38
8:38	3-B	Somers Senior Center	19 Battle St, Somers	4:22
8:50	3-C	Stafford CVS	37 W Main St, Stafford Springs	4:08

Parent Drop off and Pick Up

AM Drop Off	Stop	Address	PM Pick Up
8:45	Camp Yankee Trails	343 Plains Rd., Tolland	3:45