

FAQs

Do you background check your staff/volunteers?

Yes, all staff and volunteers are vetted through an application process and a background check.

How are your staff/volunteers trained?

Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio (PPSWO) educators are fully trained, credentialed professionals. All volunteers go through training with PPSWO educators that cover how to work with middle school youth, de-escalation/conflict resolution strategies, how to answer tough questions, safety and security and more.

What is your adult to camper ratio?

Camp MEE is in compliance with Ohio Department of Job and Family Services registered day camp guidelines and follows, at minimum, the 1:18 adult to youth ratio guidelines.

How is the food? What about food allergies?

Food will be donated and purchased from reputable and popular area restaurants and grocery stores. At some camp locations, we will visit the on site dining halls for lunch. Parents/guardians can indicate on the application if campers have food allergies and arrangements will be made to accommodate them. We will also indicate on the campers badge that they have a food allergy so extra caution is taken. Campers may also choose to bring their own packed lunch.

How do you handle medications?

Parents/guardians can indicate on the application if their camper needs medication during camp time. Medication can be dropped off/picked up during check in and check out each day of camp.

How do you support gender-expansive youth?

Camp MEE is an inclusive and affirming space for gender expansive youth. All staff, volunteers and campers will include their pronouns on their nametags. Volunteers and staff are trained on how to properly use pronouns and respect gender expansive youth. Any type of bullying or harassment will not be tolerated.

Registration

What is the cost?

Thanks to generous donations and grants from local foundations and donors, Camp MEE in 2024 is free of charge. We do ask for a \$10 payment to secure a spot; this will be refunded when the camper attends camp.

What is your cancellation policy?

Please reach out to PPSWO staff at educate@ppsw.org if you must cancel your registration. Please do so as soon as possible so we can fill the spot with another young person.

What happens after I register?

Once you have completed registration you will receive a confirmation email. This will include the dates, times, location, and other important camp information. You will also receive a short list of things to expect from Camp MEE.

Safety

What kind of safety protocols will be in place?

Campers will check in each morning and will only be allowed to leave if accompanied by an approved adult. PPSWO staff and camp volunteers will be on-site at all times and campers will not be left unattended. The outdoor spaces will be monitored by staff and volunteers. In the case of extreme weather, camp staff and participants will follow the safety guidelines as directed by the site manager.

What are your COVID policies?

Universal masking is no longer a requirement. PPSWO staff will follow the direction of Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio's Medical Director regarding symptom screenings and required testing. For more information, please inquire at parent night.

Preparing for Camp/Logistics

What are the camp hours?

Camp hours are 8am-5pm. Drop off will be from 8 am-8:30 am. Pick up will be from 4:30 pm-5 pm.

How is the day scheduled?

Camp will begin each day with announcements and a movement or creative activity. Throughout the week campers will learn from PPSWO staff and guest speakers. Camp will end each day with closing announcements. Lunch will be each day at 12pm, frequent breaks will be implemented.

Can I drop my camper off early/pick up late?

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate early drop offs or late pickups. Drop off will be from 8 am-8:30 am. Pick up will be from 4:30 pm-5 pm. Please ensure you are on time for both drop off and pick up.

Are lunch and/or snacks provided?

Yes! Lunch will be provided each day and snacks/water will be available for campers throughout each day. Campers are also welcome to pack their own lunch.

Who teaches camp?

The Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Education team will be leading the camp along with highly qualified presenters from other community health organizations.

May parents watch the classes?

No, because of our rigorous safety and security policies, we cannot allow parents to attend camp classes.

What should my camper wear?

Campers should come dressed in comfortable clothes and shoes that they can move around in and won't mind potentially getting dirty. There will be arts and crafts and outdoor time during certain camp days. We do recommend bringing a long sleeve shirt or hoodie as it sometimes gets cold inside the building.

What do I need to send with my camper?

Campers should come each day with: any needed medications, a packed lunch (if they do not want to eat camp lunch), sunscreen if the camper requires a special kind (generic sunscreen will be provided), sunglasses (if wanted for outdoor time), their Camp MEE lanyard, and a water bottle.

Will my camper receive a camp t-shirt?

Yes! Each camper will receive a Camp MEE t-shirt.

What if my camper does not want to participate in an activity?

We will encourage all campers to get outside of their comfort zone, experience new activities and learn new things. However, if a camper does not feel comfortable participating or needs to take a break, we will have a designated area for them supervised by volunteers/staff.

May I phone to check in on my camper?

If there is a situation where a camper needs to be contacted, guardians may call the phone number listed in the camp information sheet. Due to the business of camp staff, we encourage these calls to be made only if necessary.

Can my camper bring their cell phone?

Yes! However, we will ask campers to put their phones away during sessions and activities.