

BIG TIME PLAYTIME



That's The Power of Play.



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SUMMER CAMP AT THE YMCA OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER EXPERIENCE.

IT'S A TIME FOR YOUTH TO STRETCH THEIR IMAGINATIONS.

FLEX THEIR CREATIVITY MUSCLES.

LEARN NEW AND EXTRAORDINARY SKILLS.

CONQUER THE TOUGHEST OF CHALLENGES.

AND PLAY UNTIL THE LAST WHISTLE BLOWS.

At the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, we know that when we play, we grow. When minds are let loose to explore and create, to experiment and make mistakes (and try again!), magical things can happen. That's why we put play at the center of everything we do. Y Summer Camp creates space for youth to show up with an open mind and play, setting our campers up for personal growth, discovery, and life-changing experiences.

We can't wait to see how our campers discover their favorite ways to play all summer long!

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The health, safety, and wellbeing of our campers and communities is the YMCA of Metro Chicago's highest priority. Under the supervision of our experienced staff that are trained in first aid, CPR, child-abuse

prevention, water safety, and health and safety protocols, youth will experience a full day of play, exploration, learning, and personal growth. Many of our counselors and staff, themselves, attended Y Summer Camp, which ignited their own passions for helping youth make friends, develop skills, and — of course — have fun.

While our team works to ensure that our Summer Camp e-brochure is as comprehensive as possible, please note that information included in the brochure is subject to change based on camp capacity, programming updates, and other factors. For the most up-to-date information, please visit our [registration page](#)!

REGISTER NOW

The wait is over! Registration is open for all! Registration can be completed online, at your local Y, or via phone call to your location of choice. If you prefer to contact our Association-wide Customer Care team, please call 773-905-5115.

If you are interested in Summer Camp at YMCA Camp Duncan, registration can only be completed [online](#).

Please note that camp will not be in session on Thursday, June 19, 2025, or Friday, July 4, 2025, in observance of, respectively, the Juneteenth and Independence Day holidays.

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN

You have questions, we have answers! That's why we're hosting Summer Camp information sessions before summer officially kicks off. Our Open House events are the perfect time to meet our Program Directors and other staff who will be interacting with your camper all summer long.

Visit our [Events page](#) to find a pre-camp session near you!

SUMMER CAMP OFFERINGS

TRADITIONAL CAMP

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Buehler YMCA | Elmhurst YMCA | Foglia YMCA |
Fry Family YMCA | Hastings Lake YMCA | Indian Boundary YMCA |
Irving Park YMCA | Kelly Hall YMCA | Lake View YMCA |
McCormick YMCA | Rauner Family YMCA | Sage YMCA |
South Side YMCA | YMCA Safe 'N Sound |
YMCA Camp Duncan | Partner Sites

TEEN CAMP

Teen campers will have fun exploring the best of their communities by traveling to local attractions, participating in different community service projects, and developing leadership skills throughout the summer. Teen Camp is a great way for your teen to gain new skills, build relationships, and get a richer experience out of summer camp!

Elmhurst YMCA | Foglia YMCA | Hastings Lake YMCA |
Indian Boundary YMCA | Irving Park YMCA

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING CAMP

The Counselors in Training (CIT) Camp is a training program for teen leaders that focuses on preparing to become a YMCA Camp Counselor. In addition to their own training, CITs will work with assigned campers and lead camp activities. CITs may also plan special activities and participate in scheduled field trips. Requirements vary by site and may include a letter of recommendation and orientation accompanied by a parent or guardian, where behavior expectations and other details will be discussed.

Fry Family YMCA | YMCA Safe 'N Sound

SPECIALTY CAMPS

ADVENTURE SEEKERS CAMP

If it's adventure you seek, look no further! We're taking campers to some of our most favorite (and fantastic!) field trip spots, such as mini golf, water parks, arcades, and more!

Hastings Lake YMCA

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING CAMP

At Babysitting Camp, youth will learn the skills necessary to care for infants and children, including recognizing an emergency and identifying safety-related problems and resolutions.

Foglia YMCA | Hastings Lake YMCA

ART STUDIO CAMP

Let's create! At Art Studio Camp, participants will ignite their imaginations via a variety of media. Campers will engage in creativity-driven activities that encourage them to collaborate, communicate, and imagine new things as they express what art means for themselves and others!

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Buehler YMCA | Lake View YMCA

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Buehler YMCA | Hastings Lake YMCA | Lake View YMCA | McCormick YMCA

COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY CAMP

Give back to your community, helpers! Campers may visit local organizations — such as the fire department and police department — to learn more about public service work and will also participate in community service and volunteer projects.

Elmhurst YMCA

CULINARY CAMP

Campers will spend the week exploring all things culinary. From cooking-skills to expanding their palates to learning about global cuisines, participants' tastebuds will be tingling! This camp is perfect for budding chefs who love to cook and play, all while learning the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Buehler YMCA | Elmhurst YMCA | Fry Family YMCA | Irving Park YMCA | McCormick YMCA

DETECTIVE CAMP

Detectives wanted! Your Y needs a force of detectives to uncover the mysteries of the YMCA. Campers will crack codes, engage in scientific problem solving, and close cases in the process.

Buehler YMCA | Lake View YMCA

DIGITAL CREATORS CAMP

Welcome to Digital Creators Camp, where future graphic designers, music producers, and content creators will explore the exciting world of digital media! Campers will have hands-on experiences in graphic design, audio production, video editing, and more, empowering young creators to unleash their talents and bring their visions to life

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DIY CRAFTING CAMP

Calling all creative types! In our "do it yourself" (DIY) program, campers will use materials, tools, and media of all kinds to create projects in an environment where imagination knows no bounds, and artistic expression is celebrated!

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ECO EXPLORERS CAMP

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ESPORTS CAMP

At Esports camp, campers will play their favorite video games and learn about game design, strategy, and teamwork. To balance screen time, the camp includes plenty of physical activities and outdoor games to keep everyone active and energized.

Irving Park YMCA | McCormick YMCA

FANTASY FUN CAMP

Calling all wizards, warlocks, and fantasy lovers! At Fantasy Fun Camp, campers will participate in potion-making, duels, quidditch, and other magical mischief.

Elmhurst YMCA

FASHION DESIGN CAMP

Dive into the world of fashion as campers explore different ways to make and create. Tie-dye, jewelry, textiles, and more will be explored in this extra fabulous week of camp!

Elmhurst YMCA

FIELD TRIP EXTRAVAGANZA CAMP

Ready for a field trip or two? Campers in Field Trip Extravaganza Camp will go on field trips to see notable sites in our community. We might not be going far, but we're having some real adventures! Some field trips may have a minimum height requirement of 48 inches.

Foglia YMCA | Irving Park YMCA | McCormick YMCA

FISHING CAMP

There's something fishy about this camp — and that's because it's all about fishing! Whether you're just learning the ropes or polishing your skills, Fishing Camp is sure to be a catch! Campers will enjoy hands-on adventures as they learn the basics of fishing and try to catch some fish of their own!

Buehler YMCA | Elmhurst YMCA

GAME ON CAMP

Campers will explore a variety of new games and vintage analog games. They will also create their own board game and compete to sell their new game to the highest bidder!

Buehler YMCA

GAME SHOW CAMP

Get ready to buzz in your answer! Campers will have the chance to show off and build their knowledge banks with days of trivia, games inspired by popular game shows, and so much more!

Elmhurst YMCA

INVENTION & IMAGINATION CAMP

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McCormick YMCA | Rauner Family YMCA

LEGO CIRCUITRY CAMP

It's electrifying! In LEGO Circuitry Camp, campers will use real circuitry components — and LEGO bricks, of course — to make and code creations that glow, spin, make sound, and move around.

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LEGO IMAGINATION CAMP

Love all things LEGO? At LEGO Imagination Camp, campers will be challenged to create creatures, cityscapes, mechanical inventions, and more! They will engage in LEGO activities designed to strengthen their creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills while applying useful and fun science and engineering concepts.

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South Side YMCA

LEGO MECHANICS CAMP

LEGO Mechanics campers will engage in hands-on LEGO projects and challenges, building up their engineering knowledge and skills, brick by brick! Campers will work collaboratively to investigate simple machines, energy forms, and mechanical processes while designing and building awesome LEGO creations in the process.

Buehler YMCA | Elmhurst YMCA | McCormick YMCA |
Partner Sites

LEGOMANIA

Add-on. Is your camper a LEGO maniac? Join us for the ultimate LEGO camp and learn LEGO building from some of the best!

YMCA Camp Duncan

MESSY CAMP

Spend the week doing what kids do best — making a mess! Throughout the week, campers will participate in the messiest of projects and games, such as tie-dye tag, shaving cream painting, and making fluffy slime. Campers should wear clothes and shoes that can get messy.

Buehler YMCA | Lake View YMCA

NATURE EXPLORERS CAMP

Through creative play and exploration, campers will gain knowledge and appreciation of the natural world around them, including plants, animals, and tracking. Counselors will guide our young explorers in experiences that nurture their connection to the earth, allow them to feel at home in the natural environment, and recognize beauty and patterns in the world around them.

Elmhurst YMCA

PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP

Learn the basics of photography in this picture-perfect program! Campers will have fun exploring with cameras, learning how to print pictures, and creating collages.

Buehler YMCA

POST-CAMP SUMMER CAMP

After the Camp Duncan season is over but before school's back in session, campers can still participate in full-time daytime Summer Camp at YMCA Camp Duncan!

YMCA Camp Duncan

SPACE CAMP

Blast off and explore the wonders of the universe in this program that introduces youth to basic concepts in astronomy, aerospace engineering, and space travel in a hands-on and imaginative way!

Buehler YMCA | Lake View YMCA | McCormick YMCA | South Side YMCA

STAGE & SCREEN CAMP

Hollywood bound? At Stage & Screen Camp, budding actors, directors, and producers will engage with storytelling through acting, improvisation, and introductory filmmaking. Activities include story planning, setting, and character development, as youth dream up and direct projects!

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STARS & STRIKES BOWLING CAMP

This isn't your typical sports camp; we're spending a week focusing on one of America's favorite pastimes: bowling! Campers will have a ball as we visit some local lanes in pursuit of the perfect 300 — the highest possible score!

Elmhurst YMCA

STEAM SPECIALTY CAMP

STEAM Specialty Camp focuses on a different STEAM topic, theme, or specialty each session. For campers ages 6–8, program weeks include Magic & Mystery, Time Travelers, Comics & Cartoons, Space Week, and more! Campers ages 9–11 will have the opportunity to explore a different STEAM Sampler session each week!

Lake View YMCA

SUPER SCIENCE CAMP

Add-on. Don't miss out on this hands-on week for experiments, space, and more!

YMCA Camp Duncan

SUPERHERO CAMP

Get ready for a camp of heroic proportions! At Superhero Camp, participants will go through a fun and challenging superhero training course and design their individual superhero identities with customized masks, logos, and capes.

Fry Family YMCA | YMCA Safe 'N Sound

SURVIVOR CAMP

Overcome obstacles and learn navigation, wilderness survival skills, shelter building, first-aid, and teamwork. Through exciting daily challenges and scavenger hunts, campers work together to put their skills to the test!

Hastings Lake | YMCA Camp Duncan (add-on)

TINKERERS CAMP

In this project-based camp, tinkerers will learn about the properties of various materials — paper, cardboard, wood, plastic, electronics, and more — to experiment and make innovative, useful, interesting, and unique inventions. Concepts include aerodynamics, elasticity, and mechanical properties.

Buehler YMCA | Elmhurst YMCA | Fry Family YMCA | Indian Boundary YMCA | McCormick YMCA | Rauner Family YMCA

WATERPARKS CAMP

Travel to several area water parks for a variety of splashtastic water activities! It's the perfect camp to stay cool during the hot summer days. Waterparks Camp will definitely include swimming and field trips, of course!

Foglia YMCA

SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

AQUATICS CAMP

It's a whole week of water sports, water safety, and water fun! Campers will keep cool in the pool with water sports and games, daily swim lessons, and traditional camp activities.

South Side YMCA

GROUP SWIM LESSONS

All campers are invited to our designated group swim lesson sessions! Rather than participating in our standard group lessons, make them part of your camper's day — no additional parental sign-in and sign-out required.

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Indian Boundary YMCA | Irving Park YMCA |
McCormick YMCA | Sage YMCA

JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS CAMP

Have what it takes to be a lifeguard — or want to learn? Junior Lifeguard Camp teaches the basics of enforcing pool safety, building a foundation of knowledge, attitudes, and skills for future lifeguards. Campers will learn the basic knowledge and skills required to participate in the American Red Cross Lifeguarding course.

Fry Family YMCA | Indian Boundary YMCA | Lake View YMCA

LAND & WATER SPORTS CAMP

It's the best of both worlds! At Land & Water Sports Camp, campers will spend half the day in the pool, and the other half — you guessed it! — on solid ground, exploring a variety of sports, activities, and skills in both settings!

Buehler YMCA (as Splash and Score Camp) |
Irving Park YMCA | Lake View YMCA | McCormick YMCA |
South Side YMCA

PADDLEBOARD CAMP

Paddleboarding can be super difficult! Fortunately, Paddleboard Camp focuses on fun through a combination of yoga poses, games, and skill-building, in order to increase campers' ability to successfully paddleboard! Campers must be able to pass a deep-water swim test to participate.

Elmhurst YMCA

MARINE CONSERVATION CAMP

Marine Conservation Camp is every aspiring marine biologist's chance to learn about marine ecosystems and the planet's water cycle, including endangered marine animals, marine habitat conservation, the future of water on Earth, and more. Plus, we'll get a whole lot of swimming in.

Lake View YMCA

RISE & SWIM

Add-on. Campers interested in fine-tuning their swimming skills can participate in morning swim practice before the rest of the day's activities!

YMCA Camp Duncan

SPORTS SPECIALTY CAMP

Sports Specialty Camp focuses on a different sport (or sports!) each session. Campers will learn specific skills and strategies for the week's sport(s) using the appropriate equipment in gym and outdoor spaces. Offerings include basketball, soccer, flag football, pickleball, volleyball, baseball/softball, multi-sport (Sports of All Sorts), and more.

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Hastings Lake YMCA | Lake View YMCA | McCormick YMCA |
South Side YMCA | YMCA Safe 'N Sound

SPORTS SPECIALTY CAMP: ARCHERY CAMP

Campers will learn proper archery techniques, safety, and equipment use, and will be taught by a certified archery instructor. Your camper is bound to find success and have fun!

Hastings Lake YMCA

SPORTS SPECIALTY CAMP: GYMNASTICS CAMP

Campers will learn proper development of gymnastics skills. Each day, campers will rotate through events and will also learn a group routine to be performed every Friday for parents and fellow campers. All levels of gymnastics experience welcome.

Buehler YMCA

SPORTS SPECIALTY CAMP: OBSTACLE WARRIORS CAMP

At Obstacle Warriors Camp, campers will feel like they're training for everyone's favorite primetime-TV obstacle course. Participants will use parkour and free-running techniques to overcome physical obstacles and complete challenges.

Buehler YMCA

HALF-DAY SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

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BACKYARD GAMES CAMP

Bring your backyard to the Y! Activities will on kickball, whiffleball, capture the flag, dodgeball, and flag football.

Fry Family YMCA

BASKETBALL CAMP

Dribble. Shoot. Score! Young ballers will develop basketball skills, learn game rules, and work on game strategy.

Elmhurst YMCA | Foglia YMCA | Fry Family YMCA |
Irving Park YMCA | Lake View YMCA | Sage YMCA

BOWLING CAMP

This one is sure to be right up your alley! Youth will learn bowling basics in their pursuit of a perfect 300!

Foglia YMCA | Sage YMCA

DODGEBALL/KICKBALL CAMP

Dodge, dip, duck, dive, and dodge — and kick! Participants can expect to work on their hand-eye coordination and strategic maneuvering. Games will be played at the local park, weather permitting!

Elmhurst YMCA

FIELD DAY MANIA CAMP

Individual and team Field Day Mania activities will include tug-of-war, obstacle courses, three-legged races, and more!

Elmhurst YMCA

FISHING CAMP

This program is a real catch! In addition to learning all of the basics about fishing, participants may enjoy adventures to local nature centers and bodies of water.

Foglia YMCA | Indian Boundary YMCA | Sage YMCA

FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP

Huddle up for fun! The focus of this no-contact football program is education, participation, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Elmhurst YMCA | Foglia YMCA | Sage YMCA

FLOOR HOCKEY CAMP

No ice, no problem! Youth can expect to learn the fundamentals and positions of floor hockey while playing, running drills, and working as a team.

Foglia YMCA | Irving Park YMCA | Lake View YMCA

GLOW IN THE DARK SPORTS CAMP

Each day features a new sport: flag football, basketball, badminton, soccer, and volleyball. For the last hour of the session, we'll play using glow sticks!

Fry Family YMCA

GYMNASTICS & TUMBLING CAMP

Jump, run, and flip your way to fun. Tumblers will focus on the foundation of movement and body awareness, including form, repetition, and new skills.

Indian Boundary YMCA

INTRO TO SWIM TEAM CAMP

Take your swimming skills to the next level, as you explore what a competitive swim environment looks like. Swimmers will work on all four competitive strokes, starts, and turns.

Indian Boundary YMCA

LAND & WATER SPORTS CAMP

We've combined the best of water and land activities! Participants will start their day in the pool and then dry off for some land-based sports and activities.

Indian Boundary YMCA

LEARN TO SWIM CAMP

Dive into the wonderful world of aquatics! This session focuses on water safety and the basics of swimming.

Lake View YMCA

MINI GOLF CAMP

Get ready to brush up on your putting skills — because everyone knows the short game is the most important aspect of golf!

Foglia YMCA | Sage YMCA

NOTHING BUT NET SPORTS CAMP

We're playing all of your favorite net sports, including volleyball, badminton, floor hockey, and soccer.

Fry Family YMCA

PICKLEBALL CAMP

Youth will spend the week training through pickleball skills, drills, and activities. Teams will put their training to work and compete in a tournament against other participants.

Foglia YMCA | Lake View YMCA | Sage YMCA

RACQUET SPORTS CAMP

It's a week full of matches, drills, and practice mastering your swing! Sports and activities will include tennis, pickleball, and badminton.

Fry Family YMCA

ROCK CLIMBING CAMP

Some walls are meant to be climbed. Our adventure staff will teach climbers about climbing technique, knot tying, and more.

Foglia YMCA | Sage YMCA

SNORKEL CAMP

Discover a whole new world beneath the water's surface! Participants will learn skills and also play games.

Indian Boundary YMCA

SOCCER CAMP

We're setting goals — and scoring them! — while we practice our footwork and hone our skills in the world's most popular sport! In addition to skills and drills, activities include game play and a tournament.

Elmhurst YMCA | Foglia YMCA | Irving Park YMCA |
Lake View YMCA | Sage YMCA

SPLASHBALL CAMP

Our splashball session will introduce the sport of water polo to participants in a safe, easy-to-learn environment that will motivate players to swim and stay fit.

Buehler YMCA | Indian Boundary YMCA | Lake View YMCA

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS CAMP

It's a new sport each day! Youth will learn the basics of various sports including flag football, basketball, badminton, soccer, and volleyball.

Elmhurst YMCA | Fry Family YMCA | Irving Park YMCA

TENNIS CAMP

We have nothing but "love" for this tennis-focused session. Participants will learn basic skills and rules for game play. See you on the court!

Foglia YMCA | Sage YMCA

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Bump, set, and spike your way into fun! In this session, youth will learn individual and team volleyball skills before participating in scrimmages and games.

Foglia YMCA | Sage YMCA

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMMING

LITTLE EXPLORERS NATURE PRESCHOOL

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The Little Explorers program is designed to provide preschoolers with a fully immersive outdoor experience, fostering a deep connection with nature while promoting holistic development. Program highlights include outdoor learning, nature-based curriculum, seasonal activities, creative play, mindfulness and wellbeing, and community and social skills.

Registration is open now at community.ymcachicago.org!

YMCA Camp Duncan

BUEHLER YMCA

TRADITIONAL CAMP

**Jun. 16 – Aug. 15 | Ages 6–13 |
\$330/week (5 days) or \$268/week (3 days)**

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SPECIALTY CAMPS

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Jul. 7–11 | Ages 6–12 | \$459/week

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Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 9–13 | \$459/week

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CULINARY CAMP (NO-HEAT EDITION)

Jun. 23–27 | Ages 6–12 | \$459/week

Campers will spend the week exploring culinary techniques and cuisine that don't require heat. From kitchen skills to expanding their palates to learning about global cuisines, participants' tastebuds will be tingling! This camp is perfect for budding chefs who love to explore and play, all while learning the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

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ECO EXPLORERS CAMP

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IFISHING CAMP

Aug. 4–8 | Ages 9–12 | \$459/week

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GAME ON CAMP

Aug. 11–15 | Ages 9–12 | \$459/week

Campers will explore a variety of new games and vintage analog games. They will also create their own board game and compete to sell their new game to the highest bidder!

INVENTION & IMAGINATION CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 9–13 | \$459/week

At Inventions Camp, young inventors will engage their creative and technical minds to experiment with mechanical and electrical engineering concepts, solve problems, and design incredible inventions using littleBits and other STEAM educational tools.

LEGO CIRCUITRY CAMP

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MESSY CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6–12 | \$459/week

Spend the week doing what kids do best — making a mess! Throughout the week, campers will participate in the messiest of projects and games, such as tie-dye tag, shaving cream painting, and making fluffy slime. Campers should wear clothes and shoes that can get messy.

SPACE CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 6–8 | \$459/week

Blast off and explore the wonders of the universe in this program that introduces youth to basic concepts in astronomy, aerospace engineering, and space travel in a hands-on and imaginative way!

PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 9–12 | \$459/week

Learn the basics of photography in this picture-perfect program! Campers will have fun exploring with cameras, learning how to print pictures, and creating collages.

STAGE & SCREEN CAMP

Aug. 4-8 | Ages 6-8 | \$459/week

Hollywood bound? At Stage & Screen Camp, budding actors, directors, and producers will engage with storytelling through acting, improvisation, and introductory filmmaking. Activities include story planning, setting, and character development, as youth dream up and direct projects!

TINKERERS CAMP

Jul. 21-25 | Ages 6-8 | \$459/week

In this project-based camp, tinkerers will learn about the properties of various materials — paper, cardboard, wood, plastic, electronics, and more — to experiment and make innovative, useful, interesting, and unique inventions. Concepts include aerodynamics, elasticity, and mechanical properties.



SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

GROUP SWIM LESSONS

Two-week Sessions: Jun. 16–27; Jul. 7–18; Jul. 21 – Aug. 1 | Ages 3–12 | \$112–224/session

All campers are invited to our designated group swim lesson sessions! Rather than participating in our standard group lessons, make them part of your camper's day — no additional parental sign-in and sign-out required.

SPLASH AND SCORE SPORTS CAMP

May 26–30 | Ages 6–12 | \$375/week

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 6–12 | \$325/week

It's the best of both worlds! At Splash and Score Sports Camp, campers will spend half the day in the pool, and the other half — you guessed it! — on solid ground, exploring a variety of sports, activities, and skills in both settings!

SPORTS SPECIALTY CAMP

Jun. 2 – Aug. 15 | Ages 6–14 | \$350–\$375/week

Sports Specialty Camp focuses on a different sport (or sports!) each session. Campers will learn specific skills and strategies for the week's sport(s) using the appropriate equipment in gym and outdoor spaces. Offerings include basketball, soccer, flag football, pickleball, volleyball, baseball/softball, multi-sport (Sports of All Sorts), and more.

SPORTS SPECIALTY CAMP: OBSTACLE WARRIORS CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 6–12 | \$350/week

At Obstacle Warriors Camp, campers will feel like they're training for everyone's favorite primetime-TV obstacle course. Participants will use parkour and free-running techniques to overcome physical obstacles and complete challenges.

SPORTS SPECIALTY CAMP: GYMNASTICS CAMP

Jun. 2 – Aug. 15 | Ages 6–12 | \$350/week

Campers will learn proper development of gymnastics skills. Each day, campers will rotate through events and will also learn a group routine to be performed every Friday for parents and fellow campers. All levels of gymnastics experience welcome.

HALF-DAY SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

SPLASHBALL CAMP

Aug. 4–8 | Ages 5–12 | \$200/week

Our splashball session will introduce the sport of water polo to participants in a safe, easy-to-learn environment that will motivate players to swim and stay fit.

ELMHURST YMCA

TRADITIONAL CAMP

May 28 – Aug. 8 | Ages 6–10 | \$295/week (5 days) or \$246/week (3 days)

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.

TEEN CAMP

May 28 – Aug. 8 | Ages 11–15 | \$322/week (5 days) or \$278/week (3 days)

Teen campers will have fun exploring the best of their communities by traveling to local attractions, participating in different community service projects, and developing leadership skills throughout the summer. Teen Camp is a great way for your teen to gain new skills, build relationships, and get a richer experience out of summer camp!

SPECIALTY CAMPS

ART STUDIO CAMP

Jun. 2–6 | Ages 9–13 | \$330/week

Jun. 9–13 | Ages 6–8 | \$330/week

Let's create! At Art Studio Camp, participants will ignite their imaginations via a variety of media. Campers will engage in creativity-driven activities that encourage them to collaborate, communicate, and imagine new things as they express what art means for themselves and others!

COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY CAMP

Aug. 4–8 | Ages 6–10 | \$155/week (half-day)

Give back to your community, helpers! Campers may visit local organizations — such as the fire department and police department — to learn more about public service work and will also participate in community service and volunteer projects.

CULINARY CAMP (NO-HEAT EDITION)

Jun. 23–27 | Ages 6–10 | \$155/week (half-day)

Campers will spend the week exploring culinary techniques and cuisine that don't require heat. From kitchen skills to expanding their palates to learning about global cuisines, participants' tastebuds will be tingling! This camp is perfect for budding chefs who love to explore and play, all while learning the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

DIGITAL CREATORS CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 9–13 | \$330/week

Welcome to Digital Creators Camp, where future graphic designers, music producers, and content creators will explore the exciting world of digital media! Campers will have hands-on experiences in graphic design, audio production, video editing, and more, empowering young creators to unleash their talents and bring their visions to life.

ECO EXPLORERS CAMP

Jun. 23–27 | Ages 6–8 | \$330/week

Campers will explore sustainable living practices, dive into the basics of botany and gardening, and collaborate on projects that emphasize community engagement and innovative ways to give back to our environment and create a brighter, greener future!

FANTASY FUN CAMP

Jul. 14–18 | Ages 6–10 | \$155/week (half-day)

Calling all wizards, warlocks, and fantasy lovers! At Fantasy Fun Camp, campers will participate in potion-making, duels, quidditch, and other magical mischief.

FASHION DESIGN CAMP

Jun. 16–20 | Ages 6–10 | \$155/week (half-day)

Dive into the world of fashion as campers explore different ways to make and create. Tie-dye, jewelry, textiles, and more will be explored in this extra fabulous week of camp!

FISHING CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 6–10 | \$155/week (half-day)

There's something fishy about this camp — and that's because it's all about fishing! Whether you're just learning the ropes or polishing your skills, Fishing Camp is sure to be a catch! Campers will enjoy hands-on adventures as they learn the basics of fishing and try to catch some fish of their own!

GAME SHOW CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 6–10 | \$155/week (half-day)

Get ready to buzz in your answer! Campers will have the chance to show off and build their knowledge banks with days of trivia, games inspired by popular game shows, and so much more!

INVENTION & IMAGINATION CAMP

Aug. 4–8 | Ages 9–13 | \$330/week

At Invention & Imagination Camp, young inventors will engage their creative and technical minds to experiment with mechanical and electrical engineering concepts, solve problems, and design incredible inventions using littleBits and other STEAM educational tools.

LEGO IMAGINATION CAMP

Jun. 2–6 | Ages 6–10 | \$155/week (half-day)

Jun. 16–20 | Ages 6–8 | \$330/week

Love all things LEGO? At LEGO Imagination Camp, campers will be challenged to create creatures, cityscapes, mechanical inventions, and more! They will engage in LEGO activities designed to strengthen their creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills while applying useful and fun science and engineering concepts.

LEGO MECHANICS CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 9–13 | \$330/week

LEGO Mechanics campers will engage in hands-on LEGO projects and challenges, building up their engineering knowledge and skills, brick by brick! Campers will work collaboratively to investigate simple machines, energy forms, and mechanical processes while designing and building awesome LEGO creations in the process.

LEGO CIRCUITRY CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6–8 | \$330/week

It's electrifying! In LEGO Circuitry Camp, campers will use real circuitry components — and LEGO bricks, of course — to make and code creations that glow, spin, make sound, and move around.

NATURE EXPLORERS CAMP

May 28–30 | Ages 6–10 | \$155/week (half-days; 3 days)

Through creative play and exploration, campers will gain knowledge and appreciation of the natural world around them, including plants, and animals. Counselors will guide our young explorers in experiences that nurture their connection to the earth, allow them to feel at home in the natural environment, and recognize beauty and patterns in the world around them.

SPACE CAMP

Jun. 9–13 | Ages 6–10 | \$155/week (half-day)

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 6–8 | \$330/week

Blast off and explore the wonders of the universe in this program that introduces youth to basic concepts in astronomy, aerospace engineering, and space travel in a hands-on and imaginative way!

STAGE & SCREEN CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6–10 | \$155/week (half-day)

Hollywood bound? At Stage & Screen Camp, budding actors, directors, and producers will engage with storytelling through acting, improvisation, and introductory filmmaking. Activities include story planning, setting, and character development, as youth dream up and direct projects!

STARS & STRIKES BOWLING CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 6–10 | \$155/week (half-day)

This isn't your typical sports camp; we're spending a week focusing on one of America's favorite pastimes: bowling! Campers will have a ball as we visit some local lanes in pursuit of the perfect 300 — the highest possible score!

TINKERERS CAMP

Jul. 14–18 | Ages 6–8 | \$330/week

In this project-based camp, tinkerers will learn about the properties of various materials — paper, cardboard, wood, plastic, electronics, and more — to experiment and make innovative, useful, interesting, and unique inventions. Concepts include aerodynamics, elasticity, and mechanical properties.

SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

GROUP SWIM LESSONS

Monday Afternoons: Jun. 2–30 or Jul. 7 – Aug. 4 | Ages 6–12 | \$85/session

Wednesday Afternoons: Jun. 4 – Jul. 2 or Jul. 9 – Aug. 6 | Ages 6–12 | \$85/session

All campers are invited to our designated group swim lesson sessions! Rather than participating in our standard group lessons, make them part of your camper's day — no additional parental sign-in and sign-out required.

PADDLEBOARD CAMP

Wednesday Mornings: Jun. 4 – Jul. 2 or Jul. 9 – Aug. 6 | Ages 6–12 | \$82/session

Paddleboarding can be super difficult! Fortunately, Paddleboard Camp focuses on fun through a combination of yoga poses, games, and skill-building, in order to increase campers' ability to successfully paddleboard! Campers must be able to pass a deep-water swim test to participate.

HALF-DAY SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

BASKETBALL CAMP

May 28, 30; Jun. 2, 4, 6; Aug. 4, 6, 8 | Ages 6-10 | \$77/week

Dribble. Shoot. Score! Young ballers will develop basketball skills, learn game rules, and work on game strategy.

DODGEBALL/KICKBALL CAMP

Jul. 7, 9, 11 | Ages 6-10 | \$115/week

Dodge, dip, duck, dive, and dodge — and kick! Participants can expect to work on their hand-eye coordination and strategic maneuvering. Games will be played at the local park, weather permitting!

FIELD DAY MANIA CAMP

Jul. 14, 16, 18 | Ages 6-10 | \$115/week

Individual and team Field Day Mania activities will include tug-of-war, obstacle courses, three-legged races, and more!

FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP

Jun. 9, 11, 13; Jun. 16, 18, 20; Aug. 11, 13, 15 | Ages 6-10 | \$115/week

Huddle up for fun! The focus of this no-contact football program is education, participation, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

SOCCER CAMP

Jun. 23, 25, 27; Jun. 30, Jul. 2; Aug. 25, 27, 29 | Ages 6-10 | \$115/week

We're setting goals — and scoring them! — while we practice our footwork and hone our skills in the world's most popular sport! In addition to skills and drills, activities include game play and a tournament.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS CAMP

Jul. 21, 23, 25; Jul. 28, 30, Aug. 1 | Ages 6-10 | \$115/week

It's a new sport each day! Youth will learn the basics of various sports including flag football, basketball, badminton, soccer, and volleyball.



Some Elmhurst YMCA Summer Camps operate offsite. Specific locations will be announced throughout registration.

FOGLIA YMCA

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 2 – Aug. 8 | Ages 5-10 | \$319/week (5 days) or \$259/week (3 days)

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games. Campers must have completed kindergarten to participate in Traditional Camp.

TEEN CAMP

Jun. 2 – Aug. 8 | Ages 11-13 | \$319/week (5 days) or \$259/week (3 days)

Teen campers will have fun exploring the best of their communities by traveling to local attractions, participating in different community service projects, and developing leadership skills throughout the summer. Teen Camp is a great way for your teen to gain new skills, build relationships, and get a richer experience out of summer camp!

SPECIALTY CAMPS

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 2 | Ages 11-14 | \$155/week (half-day)

At Babysitting Camp, youth will learn the skills necessary to care for infants and children, including recognizing an emergency and identifying safety-related problems and resolutions.

DIGITAL CREATORS CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6-8 | \$375/week

Welcome to Digital Creators Camp, where future graphic designers, music producers, and content creators will explore the exciting world of digital media! Campers will have hands-on experiences in graphic design, audio production, video editing, and more, empowering young creators to unleash their talents and bring their visions to life.

DIY CRAFTING CAMP

Jul. 7-11 | Ages 9-13 | \$375/week

Calling all creative types! In our “do it yourself” (DIY) program, campers will use materials, tools, and media of all kinds to create projects in an environment where imagination knows no bounds, and artistic expression is celebrated!

ECO EXPLORERS CAMP

Jul. 21-25 | Ages 6-8 | \$375/week

Campers will explore sustainable living practices, dive into the basics of botany and gardening, and collaborate on projects that emphasize community engagement and innovative ways to give back to our environment and create a brighter, greener future!

FIELD TRIP EXTRAVAGANZA CAMP

Jul. 7-11 | Ages 8-14 | \$465/week

Ready for a field trip or two? Campers in Field Trip Extravaganza Camp will go on field trips to see notable sites in our community. We might not be going far, but we’re having some real adventures! [Some field trips may have a minimum height requirement of 48 inches.](#)

LEGO IMAGINATION CAMP

Jul. 14-18 | Ages 6-8 | \$375/week

Love all things LEGO? At LEGO Imagination Camp, campers will be challenged to create creatures, cityscapes, mechanical inventions, and more! They will engage in LEGO activities designed to strengthen their creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills while applying useful and fun science and engineering concepts.

WATERPARKS CAMP

Jun. 23-27; Jul. 28 - Aug. 1 | Ages 7-12 | \$465/week

Travel to several area water parks for a variety of splashtastic water activities! It's the perfect camp to stay cool during the hot summer days. Waterparks Camp will definitely include swimming and field trips, of course!

SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

GROUP SWIM LESSONS

Two-week Sessions, No Wednesdays: Jun. 9-20; Jun. 23 - Jul. 3; Jul. 7-18; Jul. 21 - Aug. 1 | Ages 3-12 | \$105-120/session

All campers are invited to our designated group swim lesson sessions! Rather than participating in our standard group lessons, make them part of your camper's day — no additional parental sign-in and sign-out required.

SPORTS SPECIALTY CAMPS

Jun. 2 - Aug. 8 | Ages 6-13 | \$319/week (5 days) or \$259/week (3 days)

Sports Specialty Camp focuses on a different sport (or sports!) each session. Campers will learn specific skills and strategies for the week's sport(s) using the appropriate equipment in gym and outdoor spaces. Offerings include basketball, soccer, flag football, pickleball, volleyball, baseball/softball, multi-sport (Sports of All Sorts), and more..



HALF-DAY SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

BASKETBALL CAMP

Jun. 9–13 | Ages 6–13 | \$125/week

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6–9 | \$125/week

Dribble. Shoot. Score! Young ballers will develop basketball skills, learn game rules, and work on game strategy.

BOWLING CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 7–12 | \$210/week

This one is sure to be right up your alley! Youth will learn bowling basics in their pursuit of a perfect 300!

FISHING CAMP

Jun. 16–20; Jul. 21–25 | Ages 7–12 | \$210/week

This program is a real catch! In addition to learning all of the basics about fishing, participants may enjoy adventures to local nature centers and bodies of water.

FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 7–12 | \$125/week

Huddle up for fun! The focus of this no-contact football program is education, participation, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

FLOOR HOCKEY CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 7–12 | \$125/week

No ice, no problem! Youth can expect to learn the fundamentals and positions of floor hockey while playing, running drills, and working as a team.

MINI GOLF CAMP

Jun. 16–20 | Ages 7–12 | \$210/week

Get ready to brush up on your putting skills — because everyone knows the short game is the most important aspect of golf!

PICKLEBALL CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 7–12 | \$125/week

Youth will spend the week training through pickleball skills, drills, and activities. Teams will put their training to work and compete in a tournament against other participants.

ROCK CLIMBING CAMP

Jun. 23–27; Jul. 14–18 | Ages 7–12 | \$125/week

Some walls are meant to be climbed. Our adventure staff will teach climbers about climbing technique, knot tying, and more.

SOCCER CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 7–12 | \$125/week

We're setting goals — and scoring them! — while we practice our footwork and hone our skills in the world's most popular sport! In addition to skills and drills, activities include game play and a tournament.

TENNIS CAMP

Jun. 23–27; Jul. 14–18 | Ages 7–12 | \$125/week

We have nothing but "love" for this tennis-focused session. Participants will learn basic skills and rules for game play. See you on the court!

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 8–14 | \$125/week

Bump, set, and spike your way into fun! In this session, youth will learn individual and team volleyball skills before participating in scrimmages and games.

FRY FAMILY YMCA

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 4 – Aug. 8 | Ages 6–13 | \$295/week (5 days) or \$235/week (3 days)

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING CAMP

Jun. 4–27; Jul. 7 – Aug. 1 | Ages 14–17 | \$395/session

The Counselors in Training (CIT) Camp is a training program for teen leaders that focuses on preparing to become a YMCA Camp Counselor. In addition to their own training, CITs will work with assigned campers and lead camp activities. CITs may also plan special activities and participate in scheduled field trips. Requirements vary by site and may include a letter of recommendation and orientation accompanied by a parent or guardian, where behavior expectations and other details will be discussed.

SPECIALTY CAMPS

ART STUDIO CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 6–8 | \$335/week

Let's create! At Art Studio Camp, participants will ignite their imaginations via a variety of media. Campers will engage in creativity-driven activities that encourage them to collaborate, communicate, and imagine new things as they express what art means for themselves and others!

CULINARY CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 6–10 | \$325/week

Campers will spend the week exploring all things culinary. From cooking-skills to expanding their palates to learning about global cuisines, participants' tastebuds will be tingling! This camp is perfect for budding chefs who love to cook and play, all while learning the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

DIGITAL CREATORS CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 9–13 | \$335/week

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ECO EXPLORERS CAMP

Jun. 9–13 | Ages 6–8 | \$335/week

Campers will explore sustainable living practices, dive into the basics of botany and gardening, and collaborate on projects that emphasize community engagement and innovative ways to give back to our environment and create a brighter, greener future!

INVENTION & IMAGINATION CAMP

Jun. 16–20 | Ages 9–13 | \$335/week

At Invention & Imagination Camp, young inventors will engage their creative and technical minds to experiment with mechanical and electrical engineering concepts, solve problems, and design incredible inventions using littleBits and other STEAM educational tools.

LEGO CIRCUITRY CAMP

Jul. 7-11 | Ages 6-8 | \$335/week

It's electrifying! In LEGO Circuitry Camp, campers will use real circuitry components — and LEGO bricks, of course — to make and code creations that glow, spin, make sound, and move around.

LEGO IMAGINATION CAMP

Jul. 14-18 | Ages 6-8 | \$335/week

Love all things LEGO? At LEGO Imagination Camp, campers will be challenged to create creatures, cityscapes, mechanical inventions, and more! They will engage in LEGO activities designed to strengthen their creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills while applying useful and fun science and engineering concepts.

STAGE & SCREEN CAMP

Jul. 21-25 | Ages 6-8 | \$335/week

Hollywood bound? At Stage & Screen Camp, budding actors, directors, and producers will engage with storytelling through acting, improvisation, and introductory filmmaking. Activities include story planning, setting, and character development, as youth dream up and direct projects!

SUPERHERO CAMP

Jun. 9-13 | Ages 6-10 | \$325/week

Get ready for a camp of heroic proportions! At Superhero Camp, participants will go through a fun and challenging superhero training course and design their individual superhero identities with customized masks, logos, and capes.

TINKERERS CAMP

Jun. 23-27 | Ages 6-8 | \$335/week

In this project-based camp, tinkerers will learn about the properties of various materials — paper, cardboard, wood, plastic, electronics, and more — to experiment and make innovative, useful, interesting, and unique inventions. Concepts include aerodynamics, elasticity, and mechanical properties.

SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

GROUP SWIM LESSONS

Two-week Sessions: Jun. 9-18; Jun. 23 – Jul. 3; Jul. 7-17; Jul. 21-31 | Ages 3-12 | \$116/session

All campers are invited to our designated group swim lesson sessions! Rather than participating in our standard group lessons, make them part of your camper's day — no additional parental sign-in and sign-out required.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CAMP

Jul. 14-18 | Ages 11-14 | \$200/week

Have what it takes to be a lifeguard — or want to learn? Junior Lifeguard Camp teaches the basics of enforcing pool safety, building a foundation of knowledge, attitudes, and skills for future lifeguards. Campers will learn the basic knowledge and skills required to participate in the American Red Cross Lifeguarding course.

SPORTS SPECIALTY CAMP

Jun. 30 – Aug. 15 | Ages 6-12 | \$295/week

Sports Specialty Camp focuses on a different sport (or sports!) each session in a supportive, non-competitive environment. Offerings include basketball, soccer, flag football, pickleball, volleyball, baseball/softball, multi-sport (Sports of All Sorts), and more.

- **Basketball | Jun. 30 – Jul. 3; Aug. 4-8**
- **Glow in the Dark Sports | Jul. 21-25**
- **Going for Gold Olympics | Jul. 7-11**
- **Racquet Sports | Jul. 14-18**
- **Sports of All Sorts | Jul. 28 – Aug. 1; Aug. 11-15**

HALF-DAY SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

BACKYARD GAMES CAMP

Jun. 23-27 | Ages 6-13 | \$154/week

Bring your backyard to the Y! Activities will on kickball, whiffleball, capture the flag, dodgeball, and flag football.

BASKETBALL CAMP

Jun. 4-6; Jun. 30 - Jul.3; Aug. 4-8 | Ages 6-13 | \$154/week (5 days) or \$100/week (3 days)

Dribble. Shoot. Score! Young ballers will develop basketball skills, learn game rules, and work on game strategy.

GLOW IN THE DARK SPORTS CAMP

Jul. 21-25 | Ages 6-13 | \$154/week

Each day features a new sport: flag football, basketball, badminton, soccer, and volleyball. For the last hour of the session, we'll play using glow sticks!

GOING FOR THE GOLD CAMP

Jul. 7-11 | Ages 6-13 | \$154/week

Get ready to compete for gold, because the summer games are here! At the end of our session, we will crown our champions!

NOTHING BUT NET SPORTS CAMP

Jun. 16-20 | Ages 6-13 | \$154/week

We're playing all of your favorite net sports, including volleyball, badminton, floor hockey, and soccer.

RACQUET SPORTS CAMP

Jul. 14-18 | Ages 6-13 | \$154/week

It's a week full of matches, drills, and practice mastering your swing! Sports and activities will include tennis, pickleball, and badminton.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS CAMP

Jun. 9-13; Jul. 28 - Aug. 1 | Ages 6-13 | \$154/week (5 days) or \$100/week (3 days)

It's a new sport each day! Youth will learn the basics of various sports including flag football, basketball, badminton, soccer, and volleyball.



Some Fry Family YMCA Summer Camps operate offsite. Specific locations will be announced throughout registration.

HASTINGS LAKE YMCA

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 2 – Aug. 15 | Ages 5–10 | \$250/week (5 days) or \$170/week (3 days)

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.

TEEN CAMP

Jun. 2 – Aug. 15 | Ages 11–13 | \$250/week (5 days) or \$170/week (3 days)

Teen campers will have fun exploring the best of their communities by traveling to local attractions, participating in different community service projects, and developing leadership skills throughout the summer. Teen Camp is a great way for your teen to gain new skills, build relationships, and get a richer experience out of summer camp!

SPECIALTY CAMPS

ADVENTURE SEEKERS CAMP

Jul. 28, 29, 31, Aug. 1 | Ages 8–13 | \$315/week (partial days; 4 days)

If it's adventure you seek, look no further! We're taking campers to some of our most favorite (and fantastic!) field trip spots, such as mini golf, water parks, arcades, and more!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING CAMP

Jun. 16, 17, 20 | Ages 11–14 | \$135/week (partial days; 3 days)

At Babysitting Camp, youth will learn the skills necessary to care for infants and children, including recognizing an emergency and identifying safety-related problems and resolutions.

CODING & ROBOTICS CAMP

Jul. 14–17 | Ages 9–13 | \$315/week

Coding & Robotics Camp is designed to engage campers in hands-on activities that stimulate interest in computer science and lay a foundation for careers in STEAM disciplines. With a focus on the Vex IQ robotics system, campers will be introduced to basic concepts in mechanical engineering, computer logic and circuitry, and programming. They will then collaborate to create their own robots that can play games, complete challenges, and compete in low-stakes robotics competitions.

DIY CRAFTING CAMP

Jun. 23–27 | Ages 6–8 | \$315/week

Calling all creative types! In our "do it yourself" (DIY) program, campers will use materials, tools, and media of all kinds to create projects in an environment where imagination knows no bounds, and artistic expression is celebrated!

LEGO IMAGINATION CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 6–8 | \$315/week

Love all things LEGO? At LEGO Imagination Camp, campers will be challenged to create creatures, cityscapes, mechanical inventions, and more! They will engage in LEGO activities designed to strengthen their creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills while applying useful and fun science and engineering concepts.

STAGE & SCREEN CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 9–13 | \$315/week

Hollywood bound? At Stage & Screen Camp, budding actors, directors, and producers will engage with storytelling through acting, improvisation, and introductory filmmaking. Activities include story planning, setting, and character development, as youth dream up and direct projects!

SURVIVOR CAMP

Jun. 9, 10, 12, 13 | Ages 9-13 | \$135/week (partial days; 4 days)

Overcome obstacles and learn navigation, wilderness survival skills, shelter building, first-aid, and teamwork. Through exciting daily challenges and scavenger hunts, campers work together to put their skills to the test!

SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

GROUP SWIM LESSONS

Weekly Sessions, No Wednesdays: Jun. 9 – Aug. 15 | Ages 5-13 | \$35/session

All campers are invited to our designated group swim lesson sessions! Rather than participating in our standard group lessons, make them part of your camper's day — no additional parental sign-in and sign-out needed.

SPORTS SPECIALTY CAMP: ARCHERY

Jun. 23, 24, 26, 27 | Ages 8-13 | \$135/week (partial days; 4 days)

Campers will learn proper archery techniques, safety, and equipment use, and will be taught by a certified archery instructor. Your camper is bound to find success and have fun!



Some Hastings Lake YMCA Summer Camps operate offsite. Specific locations will be announced throughout registration.

INDIAN BOUNDARY YMCA

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 2 – Aug. 15 | Ages 6–10 | \$295/week (5 days) or \$246/week (3 days)

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.

TEEN CAMP

Jun. 2 – Aug. 15 | Ages 11–14 | \$295/week (5 days) or \$246/week (3 days)

Teen campers will have fun exploring the best of their communities by traveling to local attractions, participating in different community service projects, and developing leadership skills throughout the summer. Teen Camp is a great way for your teen to gain new skills, build relationships, and get a richer experience out of summer camp!

SPECIALTY CAMPS

ART STUDIO CAMP

Jul. 14–18 | Ages 6–8 | \$310/week

Let's create! At Art Studio Camp, participants will ignite their imaginations via a variety of media. Campers will engage in creativity-driven activities that encourage them to collaborate, communicate, and imagine new things as they express what art means for themselves and others!

DIGITAL CREATORS CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 6–8 | \$310/week

Welcome to Digital Creators Camp, where future graphic designers, music producers, and content creators will explore the exciting world of digital media! Campers will have hands-on experiences in graphic design, audio production, video editing, and more, empowering young creators to unleash their talents and bring their visions to life.

DIY CRAFTING CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6–8 | \$310/week

Calling all creative types! In our “do it yourself” (DIY) program, campers will use materials, tools, and media of all kinds to create projects in an environment where imagination knows no bounds, and artistic expression is celebrated!

ECO EXPLORERS CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 6–8 | \$310/week

Campers will explore sustainable living practices, dive into the basics of botany and gardening, and collaborate on projects that emphasize community engagement and innovative ways to give back to our environment and create a brighter, greener future!

LEGO CIRCUITRY CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 6–8 | \$310/week

It's electrifying! In LEGO Circuitry Camp, campers will use real circuitry components — and LEGO bricks, of course — to make and code creations that glow, spin, make sound, and move around.

LEGO IMAGINATION CAMP

Jun. 23-27 | Ages 6-8 | \$310/week

Love all things LEGO? At LEGO Imagination Camp, campers will be challenged to create creatures, cityscapes, mechanical inventions, and more! They will engage in LEGO activities designed to strengthen their creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills while applying useful and fun science and engineering concepts.

TINKERERS CAMP

Jun. 16-20 | Ages 6-8 | \$310/week

In this project-based camp, tinkerers will learn about the properties of various materials — paper, cardboard, wood, plastic, electronics, and more — to experiment and make innovative, useful, interesting, and unique inventions. Concepts include aerodynamics, elasticity, and mechanical properties.

SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

GROUP SWIM LESSONS

Mondays: Jun. 2-30; Wednesdays: Jun. 4 – Jul. 2 | Ages 6-12 | \$85/session

All campers are invited to our designated group swim lesson sessions! Rather than participating in our standard group lessons, make them part of your camper's day — no additional parental sign-in and sign-out needed.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CAMP

Jun. 9-13; Aug. 4-8 | Ages 8-16 | \$154/week

Have what it takes to be a lifeguard — or want to learn? Junior Lifeguard Camp teaches the basics of enforcing pool safety, building a foundation of knowledge, attitudes, and skills for future lifeguards. Campers will learn the basic knowledge and skills required to participate in the American Red Cross Lifeguarding course.



HALF-DAY SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

FISHING CAMP

Jun. 23-27; Jul. 7-11; Aug. 4-8 | Ages 8-12 | \$154/week

This program is a real catch! In addition to learning all of the basics about fishing, participants may enjoy adventures to local nature centers and bodies of water.

INTRO TO SWIM TEAM CAMP

Jul. 14-18; Aug. 11-15 | Ages 8-12 | \$154/week

Take your swimming skills to the next level, as you explore what a competitive swim environment looks like. Swimmers will work on all four competitive strokes, starts, and turns.

LAND & WATER SPORTS CAMP

Jun. 16-20; Jul. 7-11 | Ages 8-12 | \$154/week

We've combined the best of water and land activities! Participants will start their day in the pool and then dry off for some land-based sports and activities.

SNORKEL CAMP

Jun. 23-27; Jul. 21-25 | Ages 8-12 | \$154/week

Discover a whole new world beneath the water's surface! Participants will learn skills and also play games.

SPLASHBALL CAMP

Jun. 30 - Jul. 3; Jul. 28 - Aug. 1 | Ages 8-12 | \$154/week

Our splashball session will introduce the sport of water polo to participants in a safe, easy-to-learn environment that will motivate players to swim and stay fit.

IRVING PARK YMCA

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 16 – Aug. 15 | Ages 5-11 | \$255/week

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.

TEEN CAMP

Jun. 16 – Aug. 15 | Ages 12-15 | \$255/week

Teen campers will have fun exploring the best of their communities by traveling to local attractions, participating in different community service projects, and developing leadership skills throughout the summer. Teen Camp is a great way for your teen to gain new skills, build relationships, and get a richer experience out of summer camp!

SPECIALTY CAMPS

ART STUDIO CAMP

Aug. 4-8 | Ages 7-10 | \$335/week

Let's create! At Art Studio Camp, participants will ignite their imaginations via a variety of media. Campers will engage in creativity-driven activities that encourage them to collaborate, communicate, and imagine new things as they express what art means for themselves and others!

CULINARY CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 8-12 | \$335/week

Campers will spend the week exploring all things culinary. From cooking-skills to expanding their palates to learning about global cuisines, participants' tastebuds will be tingling! This camp is perfect for budding chefs who love to cook and play, all while learning the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

ESPORTS CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 8-12 | \$335/week

At Esports camp, campers will play their favorite video games and learn about game design, strategy, and teamwork. To balance screen time, the camp includes plenty of physical activities and outdoor games to keep everyone active and energized.

LOCAL TRAVELERS CAMP

Jul. 14-18 | Ages 8-12 | \$335/week

Ready for a field trip or two? Campers in Local Travelers Camp will go on field trips to see notable sites in our community. We might not be going far, but we're having some real adventures!

SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

GROUP SWIM LESSONS

Jun. 16 – Aug. 22 | Ages 5-12 | \$15/week (add-on only)

All campers are invited to our add-on swim lesson sessions! Rather than participating in our standard group lessons, make them part of your camper's day — no additional parental sign-in and sign-out needed.

LAND & WATER SPORTS CAMP

Jun. 23-37; Aug. 4-8 | Ages 9-12 | \$300/week

It's the best of both worlds! At Land & Water Sports Camp, campers will spend half the day in the pool, and the other half — you guessed it! — on solid ground, exploring a variety of sports, activities, and skills in both settings!

Some Irving Park YMCA Summer Camps operate offsite. Specific locations will be announced throughout registration.

HALF-DAY SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

BASKETBALL CAMP

Jul. 21-25; Aug. 18-22 | Ages 9-12 | \$175/week

Dribble. Shoot. Score! Young ballers will develop basketball skills, learn game rules, and work on game strategy.

FLOOR HOCKEY CAMP

Jul. 14-18; Aug. 11-15 | Ages 9-12 | \$175/week

No ice, no problem! Youth can expect to learn the fundamentals and positions of floor hockey while playing, running drills, and working as a team.

SOCCER CAMP

Jul. 7-11; Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 9-12 | \$175/week

We're setting goals — and scoring them! — while we practice our footwork and hone our skills in the world's most popular sport! In addition to skills and drills, activities include game play and a tournament.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS CAMP

Jun. 16-18; Jun. 30 – Jul. 2 | Ages 9-12 | \$105/week (3 days)

It's a new sport each day! Youth will learn the basics of various sports including flag football, basketball, badminton, soccer, and volleyball.



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KELLY HALL YMCA

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 24 – Aug. 9 | Ages 5-14 | \$275/week

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.



LAKE VIEW YMCA

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 16 – Aug. 15 | Ages 5–13 | \$355/week

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.

SPECIALTY CAMPS

CAN YOU BUILD IT? CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 6–8 | \$378/week

Join us for an unforgettable experience that combines fun, creativity, and skill-building as campers learn to use basic tools and build simple projects.

CODING & ROBOTICS CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 2 | Ages 6–8 | \$378/week

Coding & Robotics Camp is designed to engage campers in hands-on activities that stimulate interest in computer science and lay a foundation for careers in STEAM disciplines. With a focus on the Vex IQ robotics system, campers will be introduced to basic concepts in mechanical engineering, computer logic and circuitry, and programming. They will then collaborate to create their own robots that can play games, complete challenges, and compete in low-stakes robotics competitions.

DETECTIVE CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 6–8 | \$378/week

Detectives wanted! Your Y needs a force of detectives to uncover the mysteries of the YMCA. Campers will crack codes, engage in scientific problem solving, and close cases in the process.

MESSY CAMP

Aug. 4–8 | Ages 6–8 | \$378/week

Spend the week doing what kids do best — making a mess! Throughout the week, campers will participate in the messiest of projects and games, such as tie-dye tag, shaving cream painting, and making fluffy slime. Campers should wear clothes and shoes that can get messy. Both a STEAM Messy Camp session and an Art Messy Camp session run Aug. 4–8.

SPACE CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6–8 | \$378/week

Blast off and explore the wonders of the universe in this program that introduces youth to basic concepts in astronomy, aerospace engineering, and space travel in a hands-on and imaginative way!

STEAM SAMPLER CAMP

Jun. 16 – Aug. 8 | Ages 9–11 | \$378/week

For campers who absolutely love STEAM, you're in the right place! We've got STEAM opportunities all summer long, and no two weeks are the same. As the name suggests, each week of STEAM Sampler Camp will have a variety of activities — including a little from column S... a little from column T... you get the picture!

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STEAM SPECIALTY CAMP

Jun. 16 – Aug. 8 | Ages 6–8 | \$378/week

STEAM Specialty Camp focuses on a different STEAM topic, theme, or specialty each session. Offerings include Magic & Mystery, Time Travelers, Comics & Cartoons, STEAM Sampler, and more.

- Architecture Around the World | Jun. 16–20
- Art Around the World | Jun. 16–20
- Can You Build It? | Jul. 7–11
- Coding and Robotics | Jun. 30 – Jul. 2
- Comics and Cartoons | Jul. 28 – Aug. 1
- Detective Camp | Jul. 21–25
- DIY | Jul. 7–11
- Eco-Art | Jul. 21–25
- Magic and Mystery | Jun. 23–27
- Messy Art Camp | Aug. 4–8
- Messy STEAM Camp | Aug. 4–8
- Music and Movement | Jun. 30 – Jul. 2
- Slime Time | Jun. 23–27
- Space Week | Jul. 28 – Aug. 1
- Time Travelers | Jul. 14–18

SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CAMP

Aug. 4–8 | Ages 12–15 | \$320/week

Have what it takes to be a lifeguard — or want to learn? Junior Lifeguard Camp teaches the basics of enforcing pool safety, building a foundation of knowledge, attitudes, and skills for future lifeguards. Campers will learn the basic knowledge and skills required to participate in the American Red Cross Lifeguarding course.

LAND & WATER SPORTS CAMP

Jul. 14–18 | Ages 9–12 | \$355/week

It's the best of both worlds! At Land & Water Sports Camp, campers will spend half the day in the pool, and the other half — you guessed it! — on solid ground, exploring a variety of sports, activities, and skills in both settings!

MARINE CONSERVATION CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 8–12 | \$320/week

Marine Conservation Camp is every aspiring marine biologist's chance to learn about marine ecosystems and the planet's water cycle, including endangered marine animals, marine habitat conservation, the future of water on Earth, and more. Plus, we'll get a whole lot of swimming in.

SPORTS SPECIALTY CAMP

Jun. 16 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6–11 | \$378/week

Sports Specialty Camp focuses on a different sport (or sports!) each session in a supportive, non-competitive environment. Offerings include basketball, soccer, flag football, pickleball, volleyball, baseball/softball, multi-sport (Sports of All Sorts), and more.

- College Week | Jul. 14–18
- Moving and Grooving | Jun. 23–27
- Pro Week | Jul. 21–25
- Splash and Dash | Jul. 28 – Aug. 1
- Sports Extravaganza | Jun. 16–20
- Sports of All Sorts | Jul. 7–11
- Wide World of Sports | Jun. 30 – Jul. 2

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HALF-DAY SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

BASKETBALL CAMP

Jul. 7-11; Aug. 4-8 | Ages 6-11 | \$225/week

Dribble. Shoot. Score! Young ballers will develop basketball skills, learn game rules, and work on game strategy.

FLOOR HOCKEY CAMP

Aug. 11-15 | Ages 6-11 | \$225/week

No ice, no problem! Youth can expect to learn the fundamentals and positions of floor hockey while playing, running drills, and working as a team.

LEARN TO SWIM CAMP

Jun. 16-20; Jul. 7-11; Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 5-12 | \$200-230/week

Dive into the wonderful world of aquatics! This session focuses on water safety and the basics of swimming.

PICKLEBALL CAMP

Jun. 23-27; Jul. 21-25 | Ages 6-11 | \$225/week

Youth will spend the week training through pickleball skills, drills, and activities. Teams will put their training to work and compete in a tournament against other participants.

SOCCER CAMP

Jun. 16-20; Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6-11 | \$185-225/week

We're setting goals — and scoring them! — while we practice our footwork and hone our skills in the world's most popular sport! In addition to skills and drills, activities include game play and a tournament.

SPLASHBALL CAMP

Jun. 23-27; Aug. 11-15 | Ages 8-12 | \$230/week

Our splashball session will introduce the sport of water polo to participants in a safe, easy-to-learn environment that will motivate players to swim and stay fit.

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MCCORMICK YMCA

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 16 – Aug. 15 | Ages 5–11 | \$255/week

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.

SPECIALTY CAMPS

ART STUDIO CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 6–13 | \$335/week

Let's create! At Art Studio Camp, participants will ignite their imaginations via a variety of media. Campers will engage in creativity-driven activities that encourage them to collaborate, communicate, and imagine new things as they express what art means for themselves and others!

CODING & ROBOTICS CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 9–13 | \$335/week

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CULINARY CAMP

Aug. 11–15 | Ages 8–12 | \$335/week

Campers will spend the week exploring all things culinary. From cooking-skills to expanding their palates to learning about global cuisines, participants' tastebuds will be tingling! This camp is perfect for budding chefs who love to cook and play, all while learning the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

DIGITAL CREATORS CAMP

Jun. 23–27 | Ages 6–13 | \$335/week

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DIY CRAFTING CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 6–13 | \$335/week

Calling all creative types! In our "do it yourself" (DIY) program, campers will use materials, tools, and media of all kinds to create projects in an environment where imagination knows no bounds, and artistic expression is celebrated!

ECO EXPLORERS CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6–13 | \$335/week

Campers will explore sustainable living practices, dive into the basics of botany and gardening, and collaborate on projects that emphasize community engagement and innovative ways to give back to our environment and create a brighter, greener future!

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ESPORTS CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 8–12 | \$335/week

At Esports camp, campers will play their favorite video games and learn about game design, strategy, and teamwork. To balance screen time, the camp includes plenty of physical activities and outdoor games to keep everyone active and energized.

INVENTION & IMAGINATION CAMP

Jul. 14–18 | Ages 9–13 | \$335/week

At Invention & Imagination Camp, young inventors will engage their creative and technical minds to experiment with mechanical and electrical engineering concepts, solve problems, and design incredible inventions using littleBits and other STEAM educational tools.

LEGO CIRCUITRY CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 6–8 | \$335/week

It's electrifying! In LEGO Circuitry Camp, campers will use real circuitry components — and LEGO bricks, of course — to make and code creations that glow, spin, make sound, and move around.

LEGO IMAGINATION CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3; Jul. 21–25 | Ages 6–8 | \$335/week

Love all things LEGO? At LEGO Imagination Camp, campers will be challenged to create creatures, cityscapes, mechanical inventions, and more! They will engage in LEGO activities designed to strengthen their creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills while applying useful and fun science and engineering concepts.

LEGO MECHANICS CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 6–8 | \$335/week

LEGO Mechanics campers will engage in hands-on LEGO projects and challenges, building up their engineering knowledge and skills, brick by brick! Campers will work collaboratively to investigate simple machines, energy forms, and mechanical processes while designing and building awesome LEGO creations in the process.

LOCAL TRAVELERS CAMP

Jun. 23–27 | Ages 8–12 | \$335/week

Ready for a field trip or two? Campers in Local Travelers Camp will go on field trips to see notable sites in our community. We might not be going far, but we're having some real adventures!

SPACE CAMP

Jun. 23–27 | Ages 6–8 | \$335/week

Blast off and explore the wonders of the universe in this program that introduces youth to basic concepts in astronomy, aerospace engineering, and space travel in a hands-on and imaginative way!

STAGE & SCREEN CAMP

Jul. 14–18 | Ages 6–13 | \$335/week

Hollywood bound? At Stage & Screen Camp, budding actors, directors, and producers will engage with storytelling through acting, improvisation, and introductory filmmaking. Activities include story planning, setting, and character development, as youth dream up and direct projects!

TINKERERS CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6–8 | \$335/week

In this project-based camp, tinkerers will learn about the properties of various materials — paper, cardboard, wood, plastic, electronics, and more — to experiment and make innovative, useful, interesting, and unique inventions. Concepts include aerodynamics, elasticity, and mechanical properties.

Some McCormick YMCA Summer Camps operate offsite. Specific locations will be announced throughout registration.

SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

GROUP SWIM LESSONS

Jun. 24; Jul. 8; Jul. 15; Jul. 22; Jul. 29; Aug. 5; Aug. 12 |
Ages 9-12 | \$15

Jun. 26; Jul. 10; Jul. 17; Jul. 24; Jul. 31; Aug. 7; Aug. 14 |
Ages 5-8 | \$15

All campers are invited to our designated group swim lesson sessions! Rather than participating in our standard group lessons, make them part of your camper's day — no additional parental sign-in and sign-out required.

LAND & WATER SPORTS CAMP

Jun. 16-20; Jun. 23-27; Jul. 7-11; Jul. 14-18;

Jul. 28 - Aug. 1; Aug. 4-8 | Ages 7-12 | \$280/week

It's the best of both worlds! At Land & Water Sports Camp, campers will spend half the day in the pool, and the other half — you guessed it! — on solid ground, exploring a variety of sports, activities, and skills in both settings!

SPORTS CAMP

Jul. 7-11; Jul. 14-18; Jul. 21-25; Jul. 28 - Aug. 1; Aug. 11-15 |
Ages 6-12 | \$255/week

It's a new sport each day! Youth will learn the basics of various sports including flag football, basketball, badminton, soccer, and volleyball.



Some McCormick YMCA Summer Camps operate offsite. Specific locations will be announced throughout registration.

RAUNER FAMILY YMCA

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 16 – Aug. 15 | Ages 5–13 | \$250/week

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.

SPECIALTY CAMPS

ART STUDIO CAMP

Jun. 23–27 | Ages 6–8 | \$260/week

Let's create! At Art Studio Camp, participants will ignite their imaginations via a variety of media. Campers will engage in creativity-driven activities that encourage them to collaborate, communicate, and imagine new things as they express what art means for themselves and others!

DIGITAL CREATORS CAMP

Jun. 16–20 | Ages 6–8 | \$260/week

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DIY CRAFTING CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 6–8 | \$260/week

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ECO EXPLORERS CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 6–8 | \$260/week

Campers will explore sustainable living practices, dive into the basics of botany and gardening, and collaborate on projects that emphasize community engagement and innovative ways to give back to our environment and create a brighter, greener future!

INVENTION & IMAGINATION CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 9–13 | \$260/week

At Invention & Imagination Camp, young inventors will engage their creative and technical minds to experiment with mechanical and electrical engineering concepts, solve problems, and design incredible inventions using littleBits and other STEAM educational tools.

LEGO CIRCUITRY CAMP

Jul. 14–18 | Ages 6–8 | \$260/week

It's electrifying! In LEGO Circuitry Camp, campers will use real circuitry components — and LEGO bricks, of course — to make and code creations that glow, spin, make sound, and move around.

TINKERERS CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6–8 | \$260/week

In this project-based camp, tinkerers will learn about the properties of various materials — paper, cardboard, wood, plastic, electronics, and more — to experiment and make innovative, useful, interesting, and unique inventions. Concepts include aerodynamics, elasticity, and mechanical properties.

SAGE YMCA

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 9 – Aug. 6 | Ages 6–13 | \$315/week (5 days) or \$260/week (3 days)

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.

SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

GROUP SWIM LESSONS

Jun. 2–12; Jun. 16–27; Jun. 30 – Jul. 10; Jul. 14–24 | Ages 5–11 | \$105–120/week

All campers are invited to our designated group swim lesson sessions! Rather than participating in our standard group lessons, make them part of your camper's day — no additional parental sign-in and sign-out required.

HALF-DAY SPORTS CAMPS

BASKETBALL CAMP

Dribble. Shoot. Score! Young ballers will develop basketball skills, learn game rules, and work on game strategy.

Jun. 2–6; Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6–12 | \$160/week

BOWLING CAMP

Jun. 9–13; Jul. 7–11 | Ages 6–12 | \$225/week

This one is sure to be right up your alley! Youth will learn bowling basics in their pursuit of a perfect 300!

FISHING CAMP

Jul. 14–18 | Ages 7–13 | \$225/week

This program is a real catch! In addition to learning all of the basics about fishing, participants may enjoy adventures to local nature centers and bodies of water.

FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP

Jun. 2–6; Jul. 21–25 | Ages 6–12 | \$160/week

Huddle up for fun! The focus of this no-contact football program is education, participation, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

MINI GOLF CAMP

Jun. 23–27 | Ages 6–12 | \$225/week

Get ready to brush up on your putting skills — because everyone knows the short game is the most important aspect of golf!

PICKLEBALL CAMP

Jun. 16–20 | Ages 7–12 | \$160/week

Youth will spend the week training through pickleball skills, drills, and activities. Teams will put their training to work and compete in a tournament against other participants.

ROCK CLIMBING CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 7–12 | \$225/week

Some walls are meant to be climbed. Our adventure staff will teach climbers about climbing technique, knot tying, and more.

SOCCER CAMP

Jun. 23-27; Jul. 14-18 | Ages 6-12 | \$160/week

We're setting goals — and scoring them! — while we practice our footwork and hone our skills in the world's most popular sport! In addition to skills and drills, activities include game play and a tournament.

TENNIS CAMP

Jun. 9-13; Jul. 14-18 | Ages 7-13 | \$160/week

We have nothing but “love” for this tennis-focused session. Participants will learn basic skills and rules for game play. See you on the court!

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Jul. 28 - Aug. 1 | Ages 6-12 | \$160/week

Bump, set, and spike your way into fun! In this session, youth will learn individual and team volleyball skills before participating in scrimmages and games.



SOUTH SIDE YMCA

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 16 – Aug. 15 | Ages 5–13 | \$260/week

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.

SPECIALTY CAMPS

ART STUDIO CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 6–8 | \$325/week

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DIGITAL CREATORS CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 6–8 | \$325/week

Aug. 4–8 | Ages 9–13 | \$325/week

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DIY CRAFTING CAMP

Jul. 14–18 | Ages 6–8 | \$325/week

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ECO EXPLORERS CAMP

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LEGO CIRCUITRY CAMP

Jun. 16–20 | Ages 6–8 | \$325/week

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LEGO IMAGINATION CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6–8 | \$325/week

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SPACE CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 6–8 | \$325/week

Blast off and explore the wonders of the universe in this program that introduces youth to basic concepts in astronomy, aerospace engineering, and space travel in a hands-on and imaginative way!

SPORTS & AQUATICS CAMPS

AQUATICS CAMP

Jun. 16 – Aug. 15 | Ages 6-12 | \$260-325/week

It's a whole week of water sports, water safety, and water fun! Campers will keep cool in the pool with water sports and games, daily swim lessons, and traditional camp activities!

LAND & WATER SPORTS CAMP

Jul. 14 – Aug. 15 | Ages 6-12 | \$325/week

It's the best of both worlds! At Land & Water Sports Camp, campers will spend half the day in the pool, and the other half — you guessed it! — on solid ground, exploring a variety of sports, activities, and skills in both settings!

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS CAMP

Jun. 16 – Jul. 11 | Ages 6-13 | \$260/week

It's a new sport each day! Youth will learn the basics of various sports including flag football, basketball, badminton, soccer, and volleyball.



YMCA SAFE 'N SOUND

**YMCA SAFE 'N SOUND SUMMER ADVENTURE
CAMP AT JUDD KENDALL VFW POST 3873**
908 W. JACKSON AVE., NAPERVILLE, IL 60540

TRADITIONAL CAMP

**Jun. 2 – Aug. 8 | Ages 5-13 | \$285/week (5 days) or
\$225/week (3 days)**

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING CAMP

Jun. 4-27; Jul. 7 – Aug. 1 | Ages 14-17 | \$395/session

The Counselors in Training (CIT) Camp is a training program for teen leaders that focuses on preparing to become a YMCA Camp Counselor. In addition to their own training, CITs will work with assigned campers and lead camp activities. CITs may also plan special activities and participate in scheduled field trips. Requirements vary by site and may include a letter of recommendation and orientation accompanied by a parent or guardian, where behavior expectations and other details will be discussed.

DIY CRAFTING CAMP

Jul. 7-11 | Ages 6-10 | \$325/week

Calling all creative types! In our “do it yourself” (DIY) program, campers will use materials, tools, and media of all kinds to create projects in an environment where imagination knows no bounds, and artistic expression is celebrated!

SUPERHERO CAMP

Jun. 23-27 | Ages 6-10 | \$325/week

Get ready for a camp of heroic proportions! At Superhero Camp, participants will go through a fun and challenging superhero training course and design their individual superhero identities with customized masks, logos, and capes.

SPORTS SPECIALTY CAMP: NET SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

Jun. 9-13 | Ages 6-10 | \$325/week

Sports Specialty Camp focuses on a different sport (or sports!) each session. For this session, campers will learn specific skills and strategies for various sports that use nets.

**YMCA SAFE 'N SOUND SUMMER CAMP AURORA
AT COWLISHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
1212 SANCTUARY LN., NAPERVILLE, IL 60540

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YMCA CAMP DUNCAN

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 2 – Aug. 8 | Rising Kindergartners (Age 5)–Rising 8th Graders | \$285/week (full-time) or \$230/week (part-time)

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include swimming, experiential learning time, physical activity, intentional choice time, and closing circle. This is a great way for campers to experience Camp Duncan without the commitment of spending the night!

POST-CAMP SUMMER CAMP

Aug. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 | Rising Kindergartners (Age 5)–Rising 8th Graders | \$60/day

After the YMCA Camp Duncan season is over but before school's back in session, campers can still participate in full-time daytime Summer Camp at Camp Duncan!

SUMMER CAMP ADD-ONS

LEGOMANIA

Jun. 15–21; Jul. 7–11 | Rising Kindergartners (Age 5)–Rising 8th Graders | \$65/week

Add-on. Is your camper a LEGO maniac? Join us for the ultimate LEGO camp and learn LEGO building from some of the best!

RISE & SWIM

Jun. 9–13; Jun. 16–20; Jun. 23–27; Jul. 7–1; Jul. 14–18; Jul. 21–25 | Rising Kindergartners (Age 5)–Rising 8th Graders | \$65/week

Add-On. Campers interested in fine-tuning their swimming skills can participate in morning swim practice before the rest of the day's activities!

SUPER SCIENCE CAMP

Jun. 16–20; Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Rising Kindergartners (Age 5)–Rising 8th Graders | \$65/week

Add-on. Don't miss out on this hands-on week for experiments, space, and more!

SURVIVOR CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Rising Kindergartners (Age 5)–Rising 8th Graders | \$65/week

Add-on. Overcome obstacles and learn wilderness survival skills and teamwork. Through adventurous activities, campers work together to put their skills to the test!

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMMING

LITTLE EXPLORERS NATURE PRESCHOOL

Four-week sessions for morning (9–11:30 a.m.) and afternoon (1–3:30 p.m.) begin Jun. 2* | Ages 3–5 | \$433/month (5 days/week); \$300/month (3 days/week); \$213/month (2 days/week)

The Little Explorers program is designed to provide preschoolers with a fully immersive outdoor experience, fostering a deep connection with nature while promoting holistic development. Program highlights include outdoor learning, nature-based curriculum, seasonal activities, creative play, mindfulness and wellbeing, and community and social skills. Registration is open now at community.ymcachicago.org!

*Summer Session Dates:

Jun. 2–27
Jul. 7 – Aug 1
Aug. 4–29

Additional Session Dates:

Sept. 8 – Oct. 3
Oct. 6–31

YMCA SUMMER CAMP PARTNER SITES

YMCA SUMMER CAMP AT NEW FIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1707 W. MORSE AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60626

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 16 – Aug. 8 | Ages 5–12 | \$260/week

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.

YMCA SUMMER CAMP AT PETERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

5510 N. CHRISTIANA AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60625

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Jun. 16 – Aug. 8 | Ages 5–12 | \$260/week

Campers will participate in an array of educational and recreational activities that develop social skills, self-confidence, sportsmanship, character, and a healthy lifestyle. Activities may include creative and performing arts, sports, and group games.

YMCA SUMMER CAMP ON CHICAGO'S NORTH SIDE SPECIFIC ADDRESS TBD

ART STUDIO CAMP

Jul. 21–25 | Ages 6–13 | \$378/week

Let's create! At Art Studio Camp, participants will ignite their imaginations via a variety of media. Campers will engage in creativity-driven activities that encourage them to collaborate, communicate, and imagine new things as they express what art means for themselves and others!

DIGITAL CREATORS CAMP

Jul. 14–18 | Ages 6–13 | \$378/week

Welcome to Digital Creators Camp, where future graphic designers, music producers, and content creators will explore the exciting world of digital media! Campers will have hands-on experiences in graphic design, audio production, video editing, and more, empowering young creators to unleash their talents and bring their visions to life.

DIY CRAFTING CAMP

Jul. 28 – Aug. 1 | Ages 6–13 | \$378/week

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 6–8 | \$378/week

Calling all creative types! In our "do it yourself" (DIY) program, campers will use materials, tools, and media of all kinds to create projects in an environment where imagination knows no bounds, and artistic expression is celebrated!

ECO EXPLORERS CAMP

Jul. 7–11 | Ages 6–13 | \$378/week

Campers will explore sustainable living practices, dive into the basics of botany and gardening, and collaborate on projects that emphasize community engagement and innovative ways to give back to our environment and create a brighter, greener future!

LEGO CIRCUITRY CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 6–8 | \$378/week

It's electrifying! In LEGO Circuitry Camp, campers will use real circuitry components — and LEGO bricks, of course — to make and code creations that glow, spin, make sound, and move around.

LEGO MECHANICS CAMP

Jun. 30 – Jul. 3 | Ages 9–13 | \$378/week

LEGO Mechanics campers will engage in hands-on LEGO projects and challenges, building up their engineering knowledge and skills, brick by brick! Campers will work collaboratively to investigate simple machines, energy forms, and mechanical processes while designing and building awesome LEGO creations in the process.

STAGE & SCREEN CAMP

Jun. 23–27 | Ages 6–13 | \$378/week

Hollywood bound? At Stage & Screen Camp, budding actors, directors, and producers will engage with storytelling through acting, improvisation, and introductory filmmaking. Activities include story planning, setting, and character development, as youth dream up and direct projects!



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

Registration can be completed online, at your local Y, or via phone. If you have questions, please call the Customer Care team at 773-905-5115.

If you are interested in Summer Camp at YMCA Camp Duncan, registration can only be completed online.

All campers participating in Traditional Summer Camp and Specialty Camp are required to put down a non-refundable deposit per week of camp. If you are using the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) and have a copay under \$100 or have siblings with \$0 copay, no deposit is needed.

All campers must be fully registered and paid in full by the Wednesday prior to attending the week of camp. A \$15 late fee will be added for registrations and payments made after the Wednesday before the week of camp, which is due before the first day of the camp week. Campers cannot attend camp until the week's balance is paid in full.

INSURANCE

The YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago does not cover program participants for medical, accident, or loss of personal property. Please review your family's insurance policies to be certain that proper coverage is in place.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

At the Y, we firmly believe that everyone should have the opportunity to participate in our programs, services, and offerings, including Summer Camp. The YMCA accepts Child Care Assistance (CCAP) Funds, a child care financial assistance program provided by the Illinois Department of Human Service for families with parents that are employed or attending school. Applications are available on the YMCA website, through your Camp Director, or at the front desk. If you plan to take advantage of CCAP, please plan to meet with your Camp Director to complete the application or for review to make the process as smooth as possible.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The process for applying can take up to 45 days for new applicants to receive approval. Families will need to provide their household income to qualify, and the Y requires an approval letter before the first week of camp. After you are accepted in the program, you are responsible for paying the parent assigned monthly copay each month. If you qualify, your assistance can be applied for all of your weeks of camp. Financial aid is available for the difference between what CCAP covers and the cost of camp.
- If you do not qualify for CCAP, you will receive a denial letter. Please submit the denial letter to the Y and you can apply for Financial Assistance through the YMCA of Metro Chicago. YMCA assistance is available for those needing help to pay for camp. Assistance is based on annual income and family size. Funds are limited and are available on a first come first serve timeline.
- A deposit is required to hold your child's spot in camp, even if you have applied for financial assistance through the Y or a third-party organization.
- Waivers and reduction of fees are available, subject to facility and demonstrated need. Applications are available via your camp director, enrollment coordinator, or at the Y membership desk during regular business hours at your local Y. Additional information and requirements may apply.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER CAMP?

The Y's typical Summer Camp schedule includes a welcome activity, opening circle/check-in, experiential learning time, snack time, physical activity, lunch, literacy, intentional choice time, closing circle, and checkout/goal review. Weekly activities may also include swimming and/or offsite field trips — and your Camp Director will have additional information on special activities as the summer approaches!

Before-camp care typically runs from 7 to 9 a.m., followed by camp programming from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and then after-camp care from 4 to 6 p.m. Please check with your camp location for specific program times. Before-camp and after-camp care are included with your registration at no additional cost.

WHAT SHOULD I SEND WITH MY CAMPER DAILY?

- Active, comfortable clothing (anything you don't mind getting dirty)
- Close-toed shoes
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Swimsuit & towel/life jacket if required for swim level
- Lunch and snack*
- A positive attitude and desire to have fun!

*To find out if your camp will provide a pre-packaged meal or snack for your child, please contact your Camp Director.

WHAT SPECIALTY PROGRAMMING DOES MY LOCATION OFFER?

Whether you want to step into the shoes of a master tinkerer, a robotics engineer, a chef, or a detective, we have Specialty Camps for each camper in your life! Campers will explore topics in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM), which are sure to delight, challenge, and inspire. Find the right Specialty Summer Camp program and burn off some STEAM!

WHAT ARE THE SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR SUMMER CAMP?

The health, safety, and wellbeing of our campers, staff, and communities is the YMCA of Metro Chicago's highest priority.

Sign-in and sign-out procedures at pick-up and drop-off will occur curbside, or outside of the building/camp area.

Handwashing procedures are reinforced and integrated into activities throughout the day.

Campers should bring a labeled water bottle with them every day. Water filling stations will be made available to campers and staff.

Staff are trained in CPR, AED, and First Aid procedures.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR SUMMER CAMP?

Registration can be completed online, at your local Y, or via phone. If you prefer to contact our Customer Care team, please call 773-905-5115.

If you are interested in Summer Camp at YMCA Camp Duncan, registration can only be completed online.

WHAT IF MY CAMPER REQUIRES AN INCLUSION AIDE WHILE AT CAMP?

The YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago works to create a positive environment for everyone including those with disabilities. If your camper requires accommodation due to a disability, our Inclusion team is happy to work with you to create a plan for support. Look for and select the accommodation request on our registration platforms online, in-person, and on paper enrollment forms. For more information, please visit our [Inclusion Services webpage](#).

ARE DEPOSITS REQUIRED OR DO YOU PAY AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION?

All campers participating in Traditional Summer Camp and Specialty Camp are required to put down a non-refundable deposit per week of camp. If you are using the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) and have a copay under \$100 or have siblings with \$0 copay, no deposit is needed.

All campers must be paid in full by the Wednesday prior to attending the week of camp. A \$15 late fee will be added for payments made after the Wednesday before the week of camp, which is due before the first day of the camp week. Vouchers on the account will be applied to childcare balances.

WHAT YMCA OF METRO CHICAGO LOCATIONS OFFER SUMMER CAMP?

The YMCA of Metro Chicago offers Summer Camp at or near fourteen — YES, FOURTEEN — Community Hub locations across Chicagoland, and at several partner sites in our service areas!

These locations include:

- [Buehler YMCA](#)
- [Elmhurst YMCA](#)
- [Foglia YMCA](#)
- [Fry Family YMCA](#)
- [Hastings Lake YMCA](#)
- [Indian Boundary YMCA](#)
- [Irving Park YMCA](#)
- [Kelly Hall YMCA](#)
- [Lake View YMCA*](#)
- [McCormick YMCA](#)
- [Rauner Family YMCA](#)
- [Sage YMCA](#)
- [South Side YMCA](#)
- [YMCA Camp Duncan](#)

*Summer Camp programming is held at neighboring schools throughout the summer. More information will be available as part of the registration process.

WHAT IS YOUR CANCELLATION OR REFUND POLICY?

- Camp deposits for all camps are non-refundable.
- Camp deposits for all camps are non-transferable.
- All cancellations must be in writing 14 business days prior to the start of registered camp week and will be issued as a voucher for use toward other Y fees. The deposit will be forfeited.
- All cancellations made less than 14 business days prior to the start of registered camp week will be non refundable and non transferable.
- Camp deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

In the event the YMCA cancels a camp week, all money paid, including the deposit, is refunded.

Refunds required due to third-party approval will be processed two weeks after the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) approval letter arrives at the center. CCAP balances will be the financial responsibility of the parent/guardian.

WHEN ARE FORMS AND MATERIALS DUE?

All paperwork, including the emergency packet, is due the Wednesday before your child attends camp. Campers will not be permitted into their Summer Camp without receipt of these documents. Documents are provided to you when you register your child(ren).

If your camper has a medical need requiring medication during camp (routine or emergency medication), the Permission to Dispense Medication form must be completed and turned into your Camp Director. Additionally, any camper with an allergy requiring emergency medication must have a Severe Allergy & Anaphylaxis form on file as well.

DO I HAVE TO BE A Y MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER CAMP?

No! The Y is for everyone, and you do not have to be a member to participate in Summer Camp.

ABOUT THE Y

ABOUT THE YMCA OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

In line with our mission to strengthen community by connecting all people to their purpose, potential, and each other, the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago serves more than 300,000 individuals each year through an association of 25 Community Hubs — including five overnight camps — and 100 extension sites across Chicagoland and the Midwest.

Our camps are accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA), and that's your assurance that our Summer Camps are committed to the highest standards established for the camping industry. Accredited camps have their operations scrutinized and reviewed by camping professionals who know and value quality camping.

With more than 40 hours in training prior to the start of camp, our Counselors are trained in CPR, first aid, child abuse prevention, emergency procedures, water safety, and other health and safety protocols. We also ensure campers have the attention and intimate experience they deserve, and we follow the ACA guidelines for counselors-to-campers ratios: 1:6 (3 to 5 years of age), 1:8 (6 to 8 years of age), and 1:10 (9 to 15 years of age).

OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The Y recognizes equity, diversity, and inclusion as core components that are critical success factors in achieving our mission to strengthen the community by connecting all people to their purpose, potential, and each other. We are committed to curating and cultivating an inclusive culture.

At the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, we believe that everyone, regardless of ability, race, gender, income, faith, or sexual orientation has the right to live life to the fullest and enjoy the Y's programs and facilities.

OVERNIGHT & FAMILY CAMP

OVERNIGHT, MEDICAL & FAMILY CAMP

Pack your bags for the adventure of a lifetime!

At the YMCA of Metro Chicago's Overnight, Medical, and Family Camps, youth, families, and groups have the opportunity to connect with nature, build relationships, develop their character and independence, and create long-lasting memories and friendships!

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

A place where youth can enjoy a beautiful home away from home, the Y's Overnight Camps offer opportunities to explore the great outdoors with adventurous activities that will leave your camper fulfilled! (And quite likely exhausted!)

MEDICAL CAMPS

YMCA Camp Duncan hosts various medical camps throughout the year, in partnership with the American Diabetes Association, Camp Quality, Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, National Kidney Foundation, Tourette Syndrome USA, and Camp FASD Community. We also offer a camp experience at YMCA Camp Independence for youth and adults with spina bifida. Special activities include ropes courses, climbing tower, zip line, archery, boating, and a state-of-the-art playground with water features!

FAMILY CAMP

A unique experience for your entire family or group, these camps offer activities that everyone will enjoy! Playing together and creating lasting memories is the true magic that lies in the Y's Family Camps.

OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (BOLD/GOLD)

Outdoor Leadership Development is a transformative program where teens develop leadership skills through immersive experiences in a wilderness environment. Commonly called "BOLD/GOLD" (Boys/Girls Outdoor Leadership Development), the program brings together culturally diverse campers, ages 13-17, to engage in physical, cognitive, and social-emotional challenges through outdoor activities, adventure, and teamwork.

ADVENTURE CAMP

Designed specifically for teens ready to push themselves beyond their comfort zone, Adventure Camp will develop confidence and self-esteem, while learning to build trust with peers and counselors. This week-long experience challenges campers with 2 unique activities, including a forest ropes course, climbing up Mt. MacLean Skyway, and zip lining.



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