



GREAT SUMMERS START AT THE Y!

YMCA O'Brien Center
Day Camp | 2024

June 3 - August 9
7:30 AM-6:00 PM

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WELCOME 2024 TO SUMMER DAY CAMP!

Camp Begins
June 3

Camp Ends
August 9

Welcome to the YMCA Summer Day Camp – a place where the warmth of friendship meets the thrill of adventure! At our camp, we prioritize more than just outdoor fun, arts and crafts, and exciting programming; we prioritize building meaningful relationships, nurturing a strong sense of belonging, and fostering a profound sense of achievement in every child.

Our dedicated team is here to create an environment where your child not only experiences the joy of outdoor activities and creative arts, but also forms lasting connections, feels a true sense of belonging, and takes pride in their accomplishments. Get ready for a summer filled with laughter, learning, and the joy of watching your child blossom in a community that feels like home.

Our Core Values

- **CARING:** Being considerate to the needs and feelings of others.
- **HONESTY:** Being trustworthy and truthful.
- **RESPECT:** Treating others, the environment, and yourself with dignity.
- **RESPONSIBILITY:** Accepting accountability for your actions and role in the community.

Sincerely,

Maycie Wise
Youth Development Director
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DAILY SCHEDULE

WHAT TO EXPECT AT CAMP

One of the questions parents ask most is, "What will my child do this summer?" The answer is... A LOT! As soon as your child arrives, we pack the day with activities based around that week's theme. The program follows a rotation schedule so every child gets the opportunity to try new experiences and activities. Below is a sample schedule:

DAY CAMP – SCHOOL AGED

7:30–8:45 AM	Drop Off and Breakfast
9:00–11:45 AM	Programs
12:00–1:00 PM	Lunch & Recess
1:15–3:45 PM	Huddle Time, Splash Pad, Special Activities
4:00–4:30 PM	Snack Time
4:45–5:15 PM	All Camp Game
5:30–6:00 PM	Free Choice Centers

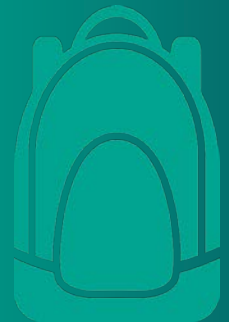
KINDER CAMP – PRESCHOOL/K

7:30–8:45 AM	Drop Off and Breakfast
9:00–11:45 AM	Huddle Time, Splash Pad, Special Activities
12:00–1:00 PM	Lunch & Recess
1:15–2:15 PM	Rest Period
2:30–3:45 PM	Programs
4:00–4:30 PM	Snack Time
4:45–5:15 PM	All Camp Game
5:30–6:00 PM	Free Choice Centers



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP EACH DAY

Please add your child's name to everything they bring to camp. In addition, please send your camper in clothing that is okay for getting dirty.



- Backpack
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Weather appropriate apparel - including closed toe shoes, hats, sunglasses, sweatshirts

WHAT TO LEAVE HOME

All electronics, cell phones, watches with texting or calling abilities, and toys (stuffed animals, Pokemon cards, LEGOs, etc.) The YMCA is not responsible for any lost or broken items.



PROGRAMS

All campers get to participate in programs during Summer Day Camp. Campers that are in Preschool through Kindergarten will get to sample each of our programs as they rotate through the week.

Campers that are First Grade and up will get to choose their programs at the beginning of the week. Our trained staff will lead campers through activities that are inspired by the themes of the week. Each day will be a new activity within that program.

Arts and Crafts | Campers will experience weekly themed activities to tap into their inner artist. Campers will have an opportunity to earn awards in beading, weaving, drawing, and painting.

Landsports | Campers will experience different sports to expand their knowledge on the game, increase their physical activity, and develop teamwork.

STEAM | Campers will participate in activities centered around Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

Drama | Campers will get to create, produce, and perform in their own productions. Learn to act, improve, and create sets and scripts.



Camp Readers | Campers will explore learning through books. Not just reading different works, but completing literacy theme projects, while becoming authors and illustrators.

Archery | Campers will learn the fundamentals and safety of Archery.

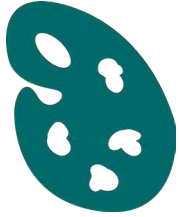
Outdoor Ed. | Campers will learn about the outdoors, by gardening, plant identification, weather tracking, and survival.

Climbing | Campers will learn and expand their skills in Rockwall and Bouldering. They will practice routing paths and growing their climbing abilities, all while focused on safety and best practices. *(Campers must be between 25-310 lbs to participate).*

AWARDS – Our progressive-based awards system at Summer Day Camp is designed to recognize and celebrate the diverse talents, growth, and achievements of our campers throughout their journey with us. As your child engages in our wide range of programs, from outdoor adventures to arts and crafts, they will have the opportunity to earn awards and special recognitions at our Award Ceremony. These awards go beyond traditional measures, focusing on personal development, teamwork, creativity, and resilience. Whether it's mastering a new outdoor skill, creating a masterpiece in arts and crafts, or demonstrating exceptional teamwork, each achievement is a stepping stone toward a greater sense of accomplishment and self-discovery. Our goal is to inspire and motivate every camper to reach new heights, fostering a positive and encouraging environment where success is celebrated at every turn.



WEEKLY THEMES



Crafty Creators | June 3-7

Unleash your child's creativity at Crafty Creators, where every day is an artistic adventure! From painting and sculpting to bead-work and paper crafts, our Crafty Creators camp is designed to inspire and nurture your child's artistic talents. Campers will explore a world of colors, textures, and imagination as they create unique masterpieces to take home.

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: Favorite Color



Jurassic Park | June 10-14

ROAR your way into a week of dinosaur-inspired activities. Discover your inner archaeologist and dig for fossils. Let's travel back in time and spend a week with the dinos.

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: Camo Day



Let's Get Messy | June 17-21

Embark on a week of joyful chaos with 'Let's Get Messy Week.' Campers dive into a world of colorful splatters, sensory experiences, and imaginative mess-making, fostering a playful environment that sparks creativity and laughter, creating lasting summer memories.

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: Pajama Day



Pirates & Mermaids | June 24-28

Climb aboard and set sail to the high seas and discover your inner pirate or mermaid. Enjoy a week of swash-buckling fun and explore the reef below the ocean.

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: Pirates and Mermaids



Stars & Stripes | July 1-3

Campers will immerse themselves in a red, white, and blue wonderland, engaging in games, crafts, and activities inspired by the great American spirit. From flag-making to patriotic parades, join us for a week filled with all things stars and stripes as we honor the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: Red, White & Blue

WEEKLY THEMES



A Galaxy Far, Far, Away | July 8-12

Future astronauts, engineers, and scientists unite this week as we take to the stars for an out-of-this-world adventure. Campers will look to the sky as we discover constellations, follow the moon, and explore the Milky Way.

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: Tie-Dye



Magic Academy | July 15-19

Dear Camper,

We are pleased to inform you that you have been accepted into this session of Magic Academy. Campers will be required to report to the sorting opening ceremony on the first day of camp. Come to camp ready to learn about mythical creatures, flying 101, and training your owls.

Sincerely, Your Headmaster

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: You're a Wizard, Camper!



Welcome to the Jungle | July 22-26

Step into the wild! Campers will embark on an adventurous journey filled with jungle-themed activities, team challenges, and creative exploration, immersing themselves in a world of fun and discovery while building friendships in the heart of the jungle.

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: Favorite Animal



Under the Sea | July 29-August 2

Under the sea! Under the sea! Camps getting wetter. It will be better. Take it from me! Your grown-ups, they work all day. Out at camp, we play away! This week is hotter, Hop in the water under the sea!

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: Glitter, Glow and Sparkle



Mad Scientist | August 5-9

Young minds will don lab coats and goggles, as they dive into exciting experiments, discovering the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Hands-on exploration, explosive fun, and the chance to unleash the mad scientist within!

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: Backwards Day

PAYMENT/REGISTRATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



Member: \$175/week

Community: \$245/week

Week 5 Pricing Change: \$105 for members, \$150 for community

Visit ymcagm.org/summer to register online!

Registration & Payment Information

- A \$50 non-refundable deposit for each registered week must be paid to retain your child’s place unless you pay in full at the time of sign-up. Deposit goes toward weekly fee. Deposits can not be transferred to other weeks.
- Final payment must be paid two Fridays prior to the start of care. If final payment is not made, the available spot will be filled by a child on the waitlist.
- Camp is a licensed child care program. Please fill out and return the necessary forms after completing online registration. All paperwork can be found here.
- Families will receive a "What to Expect" email before the start of each week.
- Any billing questions or changes, stop by Member Services or call the YMCA O’Brien Center at 574-299-3482.

Cancelation Policy

- A week notice is required to receive a full refund (excluding deposit).
- Less than a week’s notice, 50% system credit will be issued (excluding deposit).
- Notices given on or after the first day of programming, no refund will be issued.

Financial Assistance

We recognize that access and affordability to child care can be challenging. Please see your options below for financial assistance.

- Child Care Assistance is available to help you to access our licensed programs through financial assistance for those who qualify. Learn more on their website Early Ed Connect (in.gov).
- The Y offers financial assistance to those who qualify. Please fill out our financial assistance application, found here, and email Natalie Cooper, Member Administrator, at ncooper@ymcagm.org.
- In order to qualify for a scholarship from the YMCA, you must first apply to FSSA Child Care Assistance.

WEEK	DATE	DRAFT DATES
1	June 3-7	May 24
2	June 10-14	May 31
3	June 17-21	June 7
4	June 24-28	June 14
5	July 1-3	June 21
6	July 8-12	June 28
7	July 15-19	July 5
8	July 22-26	July 12
9	July 29-August 2	July 19
10	August 5-9	xxx

Please note that CCDF Vouchers are accepted for care. To obtain a provider form, please contact Maycie Wise at mwise@ymcagm.org



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SPRING BREAK CAMP

YMCA O'Brien Center
April 1-5, 2024 • 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Bring your kids to the YMCA O'Brien Center over Spring Break for fun, games, and physical activity in a safe environment! Campers will explore arts and crafts, group games, STEAM, rock wall, archery, and more. Activities will be outside weather permitting. Campers will need a lunch and refillable water bottle everyday.



\$45/day