



GREAT SUMMERS START AT THE Y!

YMCA O'Brien Center
Day Camp | 2025

June 4 – August 8
7:30 AM–5:30 PM

Ages 4–14

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WELCOME 2025 TO SUMMER DAY CAMP!

Camp Begins
June 4

Camp Ends
August 8

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 experience your child will cherish. 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.

Happy Camping,

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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
9:00–11:30 AM	Programs
11:30–12:30 PM	Lunch & Recess
1:00–4:00 PM	Huddle Time, Splash Pad, Special Activities
4:00–4:30 PM	Snack Time
4:30–5:00 PM	All Camp Game
5:00–5:30 PM	Free Choice Centers

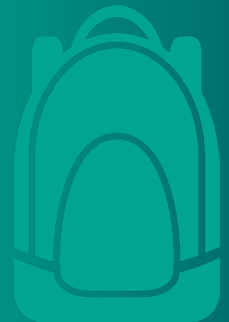
KINDER CAMP – PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

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

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



Aloha Summer | June 4-6 (3 days)

Aloha! Get ready for an unforgettable week of tropical fun, sunshine, and adventure as we celebrate all things Hawaiian at our Aloha Summer Week! Campers will be transported to an island paradise, where they'll enjoy a perfect blend of arts, sports, nature, and cultural experiences inspired by the beautiful islands of Hawaii.

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: It's a Luau



Jurassic Park | June 9-13

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



Superheros | June 16-20

Calling all heroes-in-training! It's time to unleash your superpowers and join us for an action-packed week at Superhero Week! Whether you dream of flying high like a caped crusader or having the strength to move mountains, this week is all about discovering your inner superhero while having a blast with friends.

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: Superhero



Pirates & Mermaids | June 23-27

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 | June 30- July 3 (No camp July 4)

Get ready to wave the red, white, and blue in celebration of everything awesome about the USA! This week, we're going all-American with a fun-filled, action-packed Stars & Stripes Week, where campers will explore the history, culture, and spirit of our great nation through exciting games, crafts, and activities.

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: Red, White & Blue

WEEKLY THEMES



Space is the Place | July 7-11

Campers will travel light-years away from Earth as they engage in space-themed activities, fun challenges, and hands-on experiments that bring the mysteries of space to life. From creating rocket ships to building alien worlds, every day is filled with cosmic creativity and discovery.

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: Tie-Dye



Magic Academy | July 14-18

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 creators, flying 101, and training your owls.

Sincerely, Your Headmaster

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



Creative Campers | July 21-25

Get ready to unleash your creativity at Crafty Creators Week—the ultimate week of hands-on fun, DIY projects, and artistic exploration! If you love to build, design, and craft with your hands, this is the week for you!

Thursday Dress-Up Theme: Crazy Hair Day



Under the Sea | July 28-August 1

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

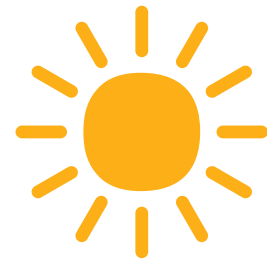


Welcome to the Jungle | August 4-8

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

PAYMENT/REGISTRATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



Member: \$190/week

Community: \$250/week

Week 1 Pricing Change: \$115 for members, \$150 for community

Week 5 Pricing Change: \$155 for members, \$200 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](#). All forms must be on file before the child attends.
- Families will receive a "What to Expect" email before the start of each week.
- For any billing questions or changes, stop by Member Services or call the YMCA O’Brien Center at 574-299-3482 or the Downtown South Bend YMCA at 574-245-7677

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 4-6	May 23
2	June 9-13	May 30
3	June 16-20	June 6
4	June 23-27	June 13
5	June 30-July 3	June 20
6	July 7-11	June 27
7	July 14-18	July 4
8	July 21-25	July 11
9	July 28-August 1	July 18
10	August 4-8	July 25

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 7-11, 2024 • 7:30 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.



\$50/day