



SUMMER AROUND THE WORLD

PASSPORT TO FUN!

YMCA OF YOUNGSTOWN 2023



# YMCA of Youngstown SUMMER DAY CAMP 2023 CENTRAL YMCA





# HELLO!

Thank you for choosing the Central YMCA of Youngstown Summer Day Camp! On behalf of all the counselors and coordinators I'm so excited to welcome your child(ren) to our facility for what we're promising will be the best summer ever. To help you plan for camp and get a clear idea of what your child's experience will be, we've put together this brochure. The following information is critical to ensuring your child's camp experience is a positive one, so please take the time to read through the entire brochure and the registration packet carefully.

At the YMCA we are here to make your kids feel welcome. Our number one mission at camp is to cultivate an environment where they can make new friends, feel safe and that they belong, and have a sense of achievement. We'll place your child in a group of similar-aged children, provide developmentally appropriate activities, and introduce them to new experiences, including swim lessons, free swim, outdoor time, arts and crafts, education and reading to help address summer learning loss, sport skill development, and more! Throughout the week, your child will develop a presentation (skit or dance) alongside their group to perform on Fridays for Spirit Games. Spirit Games celebrate the camper of the week, counselor of the week, and the winner of the presentation. Kids might be a little nervous the first time they have to do a skit, but the sense of pride they get being cheered by the whole room is a feeling they won't forget. At Day Camp, we have created a culture of inclusivity where all campers are welcome. Campers are valued and celebrated for who they are.

Safety is our top priority, and we will make sure your child(ren) is protected while they are with us this summer. Our camp is accredited with the American Camping Association through rigorous bylaws and examinations, and we are one of a select few Y's across the country accredited with our Child Safety Partner – Praesidium. Our staff take part in 30 hours of onsite training. We have a 1:12 ratio of children to staff members, and always keep an eye on the most up-to-date CDC guidelines should anything happen with global health concerns.

We're beyond honored to get to know your child(ren) this summer as we help instill in them the values of respect, responsibility, honesty, and caring into them.

**See you at camp!**



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# WE INSPIRE HEALTHY Youth Development

When school's out, it's time to relax, decompress, and have fun with friends. Yet, taking a break from school does not mean kids' development is on vacation. Summertime at the YMCA focuses on the three key drivers of impact that inspire healthy youth development: Friendship, Achievement, and Belonging. At camp, we are here to make your kids feel welcome; to help them realize this is a place where they belong and can be a part of something great!

## FRIENDSHIP



We're here to inspire kids to work and play together, creating friendships that last a lifetime!

## ACHIEVEMENT



We're here to surround kids with fantastic opportunities to try new experiences and show them all they can do when they believe in themselves!

## BELONGING



We're here to make kids feel welcome, to help them quickly realize this is a place where they belong and can be themselves!





# FOR ALL

The YMCA of Youngstown believes that every child should have the opportunity to attend camp and make great summer memories.

## Financial Assistance Two Ways

1



Support from the YMCA Annual Campaign allows us to provide financial assistance up to 50% off to those who qualify. Forms are available at [YMCAyo.org](http://YMCAyo.org) or picked up at the Central Y Service Desk. Deadline for applications is two weeks prior to start of the camper's first day of camp. **The form needs to be completed at least two weeks prior to camp!**

2



Think you could qualify for a bigger discount? **We have partnered with the Department of Jobs and Family Services** this summer to provide assistance to those who would qualify for up to 100% off with the TANF application. This form needs to be completed at least one month before your child's start date of camp! The form is available in our registration packet and on our website. **Must apply by May 1st.**



**NOTE:** There is no financial assistance for late fees. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Day Camp Director Nick Gliha at [ngliha@youngstownymca.org](mailto:ngliha@youngstownymca.org) or 330-744-8411 ext. 153. Parent Handbooks, Registration paperwork, and Camp Financial Assistance Applications can be downloaded online at [YMCAyo.org](http://YMCAyo.org) or at the Central Service Desk.

**ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED PRIOR TO FIRST DAY OF CAMP.** Registration fee must be paid at the time papers are turned in. No paperwork, no camp. No exceptions! Registration deadline is 9:00 p.m. the Friday before the week attending camp, otherwise a \$20 late fee per child will be applied to those registering after that time.



# THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE DAY CAMP...

A home away from home where kids laugh, learn, explore, and grow in the outdoors while creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime. Kids discover not just the wonders of day camp, but the joy of exploring their unique traits, talents, interests, and the power of sharing their strengths and skills to benefit the group. That's why the best place for your child this summer is to attend the YMCA's Summer Day Camp to make friends, achieve, and belong.



As a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community through youth development, the YMCA nurtures the potential of children and teens from birth to career, to help them achieve in school and in life. All YMCA programs are rooted with the YMCA's core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. Through Day Camp, and other youth development programs, the YMCA is working to keep kids active, and address gaps in learning when school is not in session. Summer Day Camp offers swimming, arts & humanities, education, reading and writing help, cooking, sports, and much more.

## FIELD TRIPS

Each week we'll be exploring somewhere new to help your camper broaden their horizon! Field trip fees are already incorporated into the cost of camp and is averaged out to \$30 per trip. Trips take place every Thursday, with the exception of one week on a Wednesday for the Pirates vs Guardians baseball game. Field trips are planned to be all-day experiences this year so punctuality on field trip days is essential. We will depart by 9:30am on Thursday and return by 3:30pm unless otherwise contacted ahead of time.

## GETTING OUT

We believe in the importance of play and physical activity as an important part of a healthy development for a child. To accomplish this we'll be spending a majority of camp outside at the Davis Family Y, Austintown Township Park, visiting the Youngstown Public Library for special events, and playing many games of gaga ball in outdoor lot.





**YMCA Camp activities** create a foundation for building emotional intelligence and problem solving skills in your camper.

**YMCA Camps** are led by caring and trained youth developers who are dedicated to bringing out what is special and unique about your camper.

**At YMCA Camp**, you feel a welcoming and inclusive environment in everything that we do.

**At YMCA Camp**, integrating activity with nature is a priority that allows your camper to experience how great it feels to disconnect from electronics and connect with the great outdoors.

**At YMCA Camp**, your camper will gain independence and confidence, and develop a sense of responsibility for themselves.





# CAMP DETAILS

Join us for a summer that will have your campers traveling the world with a passport to fun and exploring new cultures, while learning about new foods and going on exciting field trips!

**This camp is designed for ages 6–13** and is held from 9:00 – 4:00pm. We offer before and after care for a small fee for early drop offs and late pickups (7:00am – 9:00am and/or 4:00pm – 6:00pm) Central Y Day Camp capacity is 80 campers per week. Campers may bring their own lunches that do not require refrigeration or heating but a free lunch option will always be available through our partnership with Heartreach Neighborhood Ministries.

**Camp is charged by the week** and registration for the following week must be done by 9:00pm the Friday before the week begins. **A \$20 late fee per child will be applied to those that register after that time.**



**REGULAR CAMP HOURS:** 9:00 – 4:00pm

**EXTENDED HOURS:** 7:00 – 9:00am & 4:00 – 6:00pm (\$25/week)

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$30 one-time only fee, non-refundable! Registration packet **MUST** be turned in with payment. No exceptions.








**CAMP FEE:** \$170/week for members or \$200/week for non-members. Camp fees include weekly care costs (staffing), supplies, food supplies, and field trips.

**NOTE:** Weekly fees hold the spot at camp for your child that week. There are no discounts or refunds for days not attended.

**CHECK OUT OUR TRIPS, THEMES AND FEES ON THE NEXT PAGE!**



# CENTRAL Y Trips & Themes

DATES	THEME	TRIP	WEEKLY FEE	COOKING
 June 12-16	Mexico	Beech Creek Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve	\$170/\$200	Chips & Dips
 June 19-23	Canada	Cleveland Zoo	\$170/\$200	Pancakes & Maple Syrup
 June 26-30	Kenya	Splash Lagoon	\$170/\$200	Bhajias (Chips)
 July 3-7	USA	Mill Creek Park	\$170/\$200	Hot Dogs
 July 10-14	Italy	Kennywood	\$170/\$200	Pasta
 July 17-21	Ireland	Pirates Game Movie Theater	\$170/\$200	Potato Soup
 July 24-28	Egypt	Urban Air	\$170/\$200	Ghorayeba (Egyptian butter cookie)
 July 31-August 4	Germany	Movie Theatre	\$170/\$200	Brats & Applesauce
 August 7-11	Japan	Fun N Stuff	\$170/\$200	Poke (Rice bowl)
 August 14-18	Brazil	Camp Fitch YMCA	\$170/\$200	Brigadeiro
 August 21-25	India	Oh Wow!	\$170/\$200	Samosas

## DAILY SCHEDULE

**7:00-9:00 a.m.** Extended Hours/Early Dropoff

**9:00-9:30 a.m.** Drop Off/Sign In/Breakfast

**9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Rotations (Education, Sports, Lu Interactive Gym, Board Games, Art, Reading, Gaga ball)

**4:00-4:15 p.m.** Sign Out/Pick Up

**4:15-6:00 p.m.** Extended Hours/Late Pick Up

### PLEASE NOTE:

- Spirit Games happen on Friday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Field trips are on Thursdays with the exception of the Pirates vs Guardians game. We travel to the Davis Family YMCA on Tuesdays for outdoor play and swimming. On Wednesdays we go to Austintown Township Park for outdoor play.

## CAMP PARENTS MEETING

**June 8th, 5-7 p.m. • June 10th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Families will meet the staff, learn about the camp in greater detail, take a tour of the facility and rooms we will utilize, get answers to all of their questions. Future campers are welcome to attend!

