

# SUN, FUN, AND FRIENDSHIP

In addition to summer day camp, the YMCA offers a wide variety of sports, preschool, and specialty camps each summer.



## TEAMWORK HAPPENS HERE

### Summer Sports Camps

When kids play sports they get more than just exercise. Besides being physically active, they develop higher self-esteem, perform better in school, and work better in groups. YMCA sports camps teach kids the fundamentals of the game while emphasizing the importance of teamwork.

The Y will be offering a variety of sports camps this summer, including:

- Basketball
- Flag Football
- Volleyball
- Cheerleading
- Poms
- Wrestling
- Softball
- Fishing
- Tennis
- Baseball
- Golf
- Dodgeball
- Preschool Sports
- Soccer
- Bowling
- Ultimate Frisbee

## KEEP GROWING AND EXPLORING

### Summer Preschool and Specialty Camps

We offer a variety of preschool and specialty camps for children with specific interests or hobbies.

Please contact your local branch for sports, preschool, and specialty camp offerings, schedules, and pricing.

Sports, preschool, and specialty camps vary by location.



# BEST SUMMER EVER™



## LETTING KIDS BE KIDS

With summer camp locations throughout Will and Grundy Counties, the Y is your family's source for fun this summer! For camp locations, pricing, and field trip schedules, please contact your local YMCA branch.



Scan the QR Code to learn more:

## GREATER JOLIET AREA YMCA 2026 Summer Camps

### SAVE ON CAMP

Did you know that Y Facility Members pay lower rates and receive priority registration for summer camp?

JOIN THE Y TODAY!

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# WHERE THE FUN NEVER ENDS

## SUMMER DAY CAMP

REGISTER EARLY!  
SPACE IS LIMITED.

### REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

Register for summer day camp by March 30, and pay a \$0 registration fee – a savings of \$50.



### REGISTRATION

Registration begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 14 for YMCA Facility Members.  
Registration begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 21 for Community Members.



YMCA summer day camps offer action-packed fun where kids make new friends, explore new interests, and create lasting memories. In a safe, nurturing environment, campers build skills, confidence, and independence—while laughing, learning, and growing all summer long.

### OUR MISSION

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

### OUR DAY CAMP PHILOSOPHY

Fostering friendships is vital to the camp experience. To ensure campers develop meaningful relationships, they are grouped by age and each group participates in frequent teambuilding and leadership activities. We are committed to creating a camp community that promotes healthy friendships amongst all campers and staff.



### OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

We believe that the values and skills learned early on are vital building blocks for life. At the Y, children and teens learn values and positive behaviors, and can explore their unique talents and interests, helping them realize their potential. That makes for confident kids today and contributing and engaged adults tomorrow.

Each day, parents look to the YMCA to provide a safe and secure environment where children can learn practical social skills and develop positive values. Our **low staff-to-child** ratio also allows our team to give each camper the attention and guidance necessary to create a positive and safe environment.

Our reputation for consistency and safety, as well as our focus on youth development, gives parents the confidence they need to trust us with their children.

### OUR STAFF TEAM

At YMCA camp, caring and professional role models are committed to helping kids build confidence and character. The dedication and professionalism of our highly trained staff is extraordinary. All YMCA Day Camp staff are 16+ years of age or older and have been trained or certified in the following:

- CPR
- AED
- First Aid
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Prevention/Recognition of Child Abuse
- Sexual Harassment Prevention
- Camp Safety

\*Certain eligibility requirements must be met for 16 and 17-year-old candidates.



### DAY CAMP HOURS

7 a.m.–6 p.m.

### WHAT TO BRING EACH DAY TO DAY CAMP

Children should wear simple, non-restrictive clothing and gym shoes. Campers should dress for the weather, as most camp activities are held outside.

#### EVERY CAMPER GETS A FREE T-SHIRT AND BACKPACK.



Please remember to label all items. Unclaimed lost items will be donated to a local charity at the conclusion of camp.

### AMAZING LEARNING EXPERIENCES

#### Safety Around Water Program

The YMCA has been teaching kids how to swim for more than a century, providing lessons about water safety in a fun and safe environment. As part of the Y's Safety Around Water Program, children will have the opportunity to develop this essential lifeskill while enrolled in YMCA summer camp.

Each week, summer day campers must participate in a swim test before entering the pool. Based on their swimming abilities, campers are given a red, yellow, or blue wristband. To earn a blue wristband, swimmers must have enough strength, skill, and confidence to jump into the deep end of the pool, tread water, and swim the length of the pool using a front crawl stroke without stopping.

To improve their swimming skills, all red and yellow wristband campers will participate in 15-minute swim lessons several times a week. Our goal is to help all non-swimmers and intermediate swimmers "Go Blue" by the end of summer.

#### Counselor in Training (CIT) Leadership Program

The summer camp environment provides a unique opportunity for youth to build leadership skills by gaining hands-on experience assisting our fantastic team of camp counselors with our younger campers. Open to registered summer day campers entering grades 7–8, the goal of the YMCA's Counselor in Training (CIT) Program is to teach teens leadership skills that can be used at school, home, and in the community. Interested campers must fill out an application.

#### Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers play an important role in the success and quality of YMCA programs. Area high school students, entering grades 9–12, are invited to volunteer in a variety of capacities during summer camp. Prospective volunteers must submit a volunteer application.

Programs vary by location. To learn more about these opportunities, please contact the Camp Director at your local YMCA branch.



### A TYPICAL DAY AT YMCA DAY CAMP

- Campers Arrive
- Opening Ceremonies
- Group Activities—Including teambuilding, arts and crafts, active play, and STEAM activities
- Lunch
- Swimming (at select locations)
- Reading Time
- Closing Ceremonies
- Group Activities

For weekly themes and field trip schedules, please contact your local YMCA branch.



### KEEPING YOU INFORMED

To keep parents/guardians informed throughout the summer camp season, the YMCA will be using ParentSquare to share important updates throughout the summer. Once enrolled, you'll receive all summer camp information in one place and translated into your language of choice via email, text, web, or on the ParentSquare App.



### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

At the Y, no one is turned away due to the inability to pay. In keeping with our mission, the Greater Joliet Area YMCA provides financial assistance, as funds are available, to those who qualify, based on a sliding fee scale. DHS funds are also accepted. To learn more about the Y's Financial Assistance Program, please visit [www.jolietymca.org](http://www.jolietymca.org) or stop by your local branch today.

# SAY HELLO TO SUMMER

## Summer Day Camp



**REGISTRATION BEGINS**  
at 8 a.m. on  
Saturday  
March 14

### PROVIDING ONSITE CARE AT TWO VALLEY VIEW SCHOOLS

At the YMCA, we provide a safe, affordable and fun summer day camp program for youth and teens. YMCA Summer Day Camp offers kids a chance to have fun and develop new friendships while building a healthy spirit, mind, and body. Campers will enjoy up to eight weeks of summer fun full of outdoor exploration, teambuilding, arts and crafts, and more.

#### DAY CAMP LOCATIONS:

Two convenient locations to choose from:

- 1** Oak View Elementary  
150 Schmidt Road, Bolingbrook, IL 60440
- 2** Kenneth L Hermansen Elementary School  
101 Wesglen Parkway, Romeoville, IL 60446

#### DAY CAMP DATES:

June 1- July 24, 2026

#### DAY CAMP HOURS:

7 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### WEEKLY RATES:

\$240 per child each week

Plus a one time \$50 non-refundable registration fee per family

#### AGES:

Grades K-8\*

#### DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS

\*Campers entering grades 7-8 will be provided leadership opportunities by assisting our team of camp counselors with our younger campers.

Please see reverse side for income-based pricing and financial assistance information

Every camper gets a t-shirt and backpack.



#### WEEKLY DAY CAMP THEMES:

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Week 1: June 1-5         | Celebration of the Decades  |
| Week 2: June 8-12        | Rockin' Around the World    |
| Week 3: June 15-19*      | Ringmasters and Ringleaders |
| Week 4: June 22-26       | H2-Whoa!                    |
| Week 5: June 29-July 3** | Stars, Stripes, and Summer  |
| Week 6: July 6-10        | Wild About the Outdoors     |
| Week 7: July 13-17       | Game On!                    |
| Week 8: July 20-24       | Camp Countdown              |

\*No camp on Friday, June 19. Week will be prorated to \$192

\*\*No camp on Friday, July 3. Week will be prorated to \$192

#### SUMMER CAMP KICK-OFF Virtual Family Camp Night

Thursday, May 14 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Plan to join us for a Summer Camp Q&A session. This is also a great opportunity for your camper to meet our camp team and counselors. A zoom link will be sent via email to all registered camp families.

#### To learn more about Summer Day Camp, please contact:

Kassandra Lepe, Child Care Director

Phone: (815) 782-0509

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Jenna Nelson, Child Care Manager

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# ALWAYS HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

## Child Care Financial Assistance

At the Y, we believe that no one should be denied access to YMCA child care programs based on their inability to pay. Ensuring access for all, Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) funds are accepted and financial assistance is also available.

### APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TODAY

1. Check your eligibility for IDHS assistance by viewing the tables below:

2.

| Family Size 2  |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Monthly Income | Monthly Co-Pay |
| 0 - 1763       | 1.00           |
| 1764 - 1939    | 18.00          |
| 1940 - 2115    | 39.00          |
| 2116 - 2291    | 63.00          |
| 2292 - 2468    | 92.00          |
| 2469 - 2644    | 123.00         |
| 2645 - 2820    | 159.00         |
| 2821 - 2996    | 197.00         |
| 2997 - 3173    | 210.00         |
| 3174 - 3349    | 222.00         |
| 3350 - 3525    | 235.00         |
| 3526 - 3701    | 247.00         |
| 3702 - 3878    | 259.00         |
| 3879 - 3966    | 272.00         |

| Family Size 3  |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Monthly Income | Monthly Co-Pay |
| 0 - 2221       | 1.00           |
| 2222 - 2443    | 22.00          |
| 2444 - 2665    | 49.00          |
| 2666 - 2887    | 80.00          |
| 2888 - 3109    | 116.00         |
| 3110 - 3331    | 156.00         |
| 3332 - 3553    | 200.00         |
| 3554 - 3775    | 249.00         |
| 3776 - 3998    | 264.00         |
| 3999 - 4220    | 280.00         |
| 4221 - 4442    | 295.00         |
| 4443 - 4664    | 311.00         |
| 4665 - 4886    | 327.00         |
| 4887 - 4997    | 342.00         |

| Family Size 4  |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Monthly Income | Monthly Co-Pay |
| 0 - 2679       | 1.00           |
| 2680 - 2947    | 27.00          |
| 2948 - 3215    | 59.00          |
| 3216 - 3483    | 96.00          |
| 3484 - 3751    | 139.00         |
| 3752 - 4019    | 188.00         |
| 4020 - 4287    | 241.00         |
| 4288 - 4555    | 300.00         |
| 4556 - 4823    | 319.00         |
| 4824 - 5090    | 338.00         |
| 5091 - 5358    | 356.00         |
| 5359 - 5626    | 375.00         |
| 5627 - 5894    | 394.00         |
| 5895 - 6028    | 413.00         |

| Family Size 5  |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Monthly Income | Monthly Co-Pay |
| 0 - 3138       | 1.00           |
| 3139 - 3451    | 31.00          |
| 3452 - 3765    | 69.00          |
| 3766 - 4079    | 113.00         |
| 4080 - 4393    | 163.00         |
| 4394 - 4706    | 220.00         |
| 4707 - 5020    | 282.00         |
| 5021 - 5334    | 351.00         |
| 5335 - 5648    | 373.00         |
| 5649 - 5961    | 395.00         |
| 5962 - 6275    | 417.00         |
| 6276 - 6589    | 439.00         |
| 6590 - 6903    | 461.00         |
| 6904 - 7059    | 483.00         |

To be eligible, you must live in Illinois, be employed or in school, have children under 13 that need care, and fall within the household income levels listed.

Tables last updated, July 2025

If your family size is larger than five, you can check your eligibility for assistance through IDHS by visiting: [www.dhs.state.il.us/applications/childcareeligcalc/eligcalc.html](http://www.dhs.state.il.us/applications/childcareeligcalc/eligcalc.html)

3. Families that qualify for assistance through IDHS will be directed to visit [www.childcarehelp.com](http://www.childcarehelp.com) to download a Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) application. Please bring your completed application to the YMCA to have it signed before submitting it your local Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Agency.

Completed applications may be submitted via email at [assistance@childcarehelp.com](mailto:assistance@childcarehelp.com), by mail, or in person:  
 Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Administrative Office  
 801 North Larkin Avenue, Suite 202  
 Joliet, Illinois 60435

Applications can be left in the blue drop box located outside of the CCR&R building.

4. Upon being approved for assistance, you will receive an approval letter from IDHS. Please bring that letter to the Y when registering your children for a YMCA child care program.

**Please note:** If your family is not approved for funding through IDHS, assistance may be available through the YMCA's financial assistance fund. To learn more, please contact the Child Care Director at your local YMCA branch. Families will be required to submit a copy of their IDHS denial letter when applying for assistance through the YMCA.