

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.



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:

BEST SUMMER EVER™



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!

Generously sponsored by:



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 or stop by your local branch today.

SAY HELLO TO SUMMER

Summer Day Camp



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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SIEMPRE AQUÍ PARA NUESTRA COMUNIDAD

Asistencia financiera para el cuidado de los niños

En el Y, creemos que a nadie se le debe negar el acceso a los programas de cuidado de niños del YMCA por su incapacidad de pagar. Asegurando el acceso para todos, los fondos del Departamento de Servicios Humanos de Illinois (IDHS) son aceptados y la ayuda financiera también está disponible.

SOLICITE ASISTENCIA FINANCIERA HOY

1. Verifique su elegibilidad para la asistencia de IDHS a ver las tablas a continuación:

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

Si el tamaño de su familia es mayor de cinco, puede comprobar su elegibilidad para recibir asistencia a través del IDHS visitando: www.dhs.state.il.us/applications/childcareeligcalc/eligcalc.html

3. Las familias que califiquen para recibir asistencia a través del IDHS serán dirigidas a visitar www.childcarehelp.com para descargar una solicitud del Programa de Asistencia para el Cuidado de Niños (CCAP). Por favor traiga su solicitud completa a la YMCA para que la firmen antes de presentarla a su agencia local de Recursos y Referencias para el Cuidado de Niños (CCR&R).

Cas solicitudes completas pueden ser presentadas por correo electrónico en assistance@childcarehelp.com o por correo o en persona: Oficina administrativa de Recursos y Referencias para el Cuidado de Niños (CCR&R)
801 North Larkin Avenue, Suite 202
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Las solicitudes pueden dejarse en el buzón azul situado fuera del edificio del CCR&R

4. Una vez aprobada la asistencia, recibirá una carta de aprobación del IDHS. Por favor traiga esa carta a el Y cuando registre a sus hijos para un programa de cuidado de niños del YMCA.

Por favor note: Si su familia no es aprobada para recibir fondos a través del IDHS, la asistencia puede estar disponible a través del fondo de asistencia financiera de el YMCA. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con el Director de Cuidado de Niños en la sucursal de el YMCA de su localidad. Se requerirá que las familias presenten una copia de su carta de rechazo del IDHS cuando soliciten asistencia a través de el YMCA.