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THE BEST SUMMER EVER

DAY CAMP 2017
BERWICK AREA YMCA

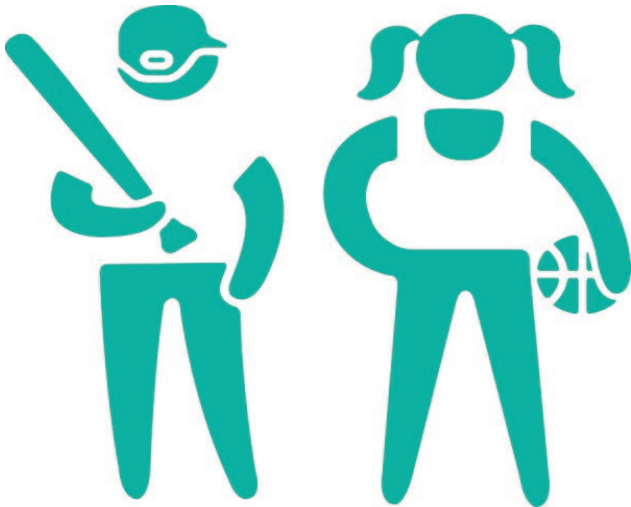


WELCOME TO YMCA CAMP

At Y Summer Camps, you get the opportunity to create your story every summer! We are here to provide the fundamentals of an atmosphere that enriches the life of your child: Friendship, Achievement, and Belonging. Day campers are able to explore creativity, teamwork and leadership in a wide range of physically active programs that influence lifelong healthy living. They have the opportunity to enjoy an outdoor environment where they develop an appreciation of nature. A variety of activities insure children build on current interests while expanding upon new pursuits. Through Y summer programs, the social-emotional, cognitive, and physical development of all youth are nurtured and celebrated, resulting in the **BEST SUMMER EVER.**

Camp Staff:

Safety and fun are main priorities at camp. For this reason, our camp staffers are put through a 40 hour training before the start of camp. All staff are CPR/First aid certified, trained in water safety, and come with the highest recommendation. Camp staff also specialize in building relationships with campers and encouraging them to try new things everyday.



Camp Activities:

Our Day Camp program is designed to inspire children in things such as outdoor education and team building. We have built into our daily programming time for our campers to express their creative side as well as learn new activities. This year's YMCA staff are trained in entertainment and recreation activities that are sure to entertain children all day long. Our activities are age-appropriate and exciting for all campers; whether they are entering kindergarten or eighth grade. This years themes give campers a chance to explore and discover more than ever before.

Age Groups:

There are four age groups for our Day Camp program; age groups are determined by the grade a child will be entering in the upcoming school year:

Explorers: K and 1st grade

Travelers: 2nd and 3rd grade

Discoverers: 4th and 5th grade

Adventurers: 6th, 7th, and 8th grade

Daily Schedule:

Monday: Park/Pool

Tuesday: Play Day at the Y

Wednesday: Field trip

Thursday: Park/Pool

Friday: YMCA pool/park

Camp Attire:

Please keep in mind the nature of our summer day camp program when sending children to camp. We will be doing many activities where campers will be expected to get wet or dirty so old clothes are advised. We will be swimming daily, so children will need a bathing suit and a towel everyday.

To ensure that a camper is able to take part in all activities, we recommend that sneakers are worn at all times.

Why do parents choose YMCA Day Camp?

Well-Trained and Energetic Staff: We take your child's safety seriously. Our counselors, camp staff and lifeguards are required to complete 30 hours of pre-camp training including CPR, First Aid, AED and Child Abuse Prevention. We conduct background checks and drug screenings on all camp staff and employees. Our counselors also learn child development best practices as well as techniques to encourage all campers to be inclusive and celebrate our differences.

Variety of Activities and Experiences: We focus on age-appropriate enrichment activities, including games, arts and crafts and more. In order to meet the growing diversity of our campers, each YMCA offers a broad variety of experiences to meet their interests. From traditional camps to sports camps to an assortment of themed camps, there is something sure to spark your child's excitement and interest this summer!

Reputation in Community: At the Y, you're not just a member of a facility; you're part of a cause, with a shared commitment to nurture the potential of youth, improve health and well-being, to give back and support our neighbors. YMCA members enjoy special pricing on programs and receive priority registration.

WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT A Y SUMMER?

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 Y focuses on the three key drivers of impact that inspire healthy youth development journeys: achievement, relationships and belonging.

Kids Love Us:

A variety of activities insure children build upon current interests while expanding new pursuits. At YMCA Day Camp children get to:

- Make new friends
- Play sports and games
- Learn about the outdoors, archery and boating
- Get messy
- Do arts and crafts
- Learn funny songs and skits
- Be a KID



PROFESSIONAL ROLE MODELS

Our counselors are selected based on their experience, attitude, skills, and their ability to demonstrate YMCA values. Our "Professional Role Models" attend extensive training covering topics like safety, CPR and First Aid, behavior management, child abuse prevention, games, skits and songs, nature crafts, and team building. Camp staff are trained to highlight teachable moments and emphasize accomplishments and success in all campers. At YMCA Camp, caring role models are committed to helping kids build skills, confidence, character and community. We maintain a staff-camper ratio of 1:12 to ensure the safety of everyone in our program.

Camp Hours:

Regular camp hours run Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Children should be dropped off and picked up at the Berwick Area YMCA.

For your convenience we offer extended care:

6:30–8:45 am and 4:15–5:30 pm

Cost: \$15 per week for AM care

\$10 per week for PM care

*Please note that some Wednesday trips have late return times. Exact times will be announced in the weekly newsletter.

Day Camp Rates:

A \$25 deposit per child per week is required upon registration for camp. The balance of fees are due on the Friday before each week of care. All deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

YMCA Members: \$139/week

Non-Members: \$159/week

If your child is a non-member and is attending for longer than 6 weeks, it is to your advantage to purchase a membership. You'll save money, and your child can enjoy the benefits of a YMCA membership for an entire year.

The YMCA believes that every child should have the opportunity to attend camp and make great summer memories. Financial support from the United Way, as well as Child Care Information Services of Columbia and Luzerne Counties help make the YMCA camp possible for all. Ask about the types of support that can be provided.

Camp Candy:

This year we will once again be offering Gertrude Hawk candy bars as a fundraiser to help defer the costs of Day Camp. Each box contains 48 candy bars, sold for \$1.25 a piece. Once sold, a \$24.00 credit will be applied to children's camp balances. There will be a limited number of boxes offered so it is important to pick up your fundraiser early. Please contact the Youth Director, with any questions you may have regarding the Day Camp Candy.



Camp T-Shirts:

For safety and identification purposes, each camper must purchase and wear this summer's camp t-shirt for Wednesday field trips. Shirts are \$9 each and will be given to campers upon registration.

Parents Night:

Want to be able to see what your camper has been up to all summer? Parents night is an opportunity to get to do just that. On Thursday August 17th parents and campers are invited to a cookout, to look back on some of the highlights of the summer and what the campers were up to all summer.



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ONE CAMPER PER FORM, PLEASE. ADDITIONAL FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE YMCA.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

Parent Email: _____

Grade your child will be in next school year: _____

T-shirt size (circle one): YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

May the YMCA take pictures of your child for programmatic use only?

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Please check the sessions you are registering for and the extended hours needed, if any.


A \$25, non-refundable deposit is required for each week.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Special Activity</u>	<u>Before Care</u>	<u>After Care</u>
1 _____	Gear up	_____	_____
2 _____	Knoebel's Park	_____	_____
3 _____	Camp Kresge	_____	_____
4 _____	Skateaway	_____	_____
5 _____	Da Vinci Science Center	_____	_____
6 _____	Skatetown	_____	_____
7 _____	DelGrosso's	_____	_____
8 _____	Lake Tobias	_____	_____
9 _____	Skateaway	_____	_____
10 _____	Wide down	_____	_____


WEEKLY ACTIVITY AND THEME SCHEDULE

SESSION	DATES	THEME	SPECIAL ACTIVITY
Week 1	June 19-23	Gear up	
Week 2	June 26-30	Camp Spirit	Knoebels
Week 3	July 3-7	Aargh Matey	Camp Kresge
Week 4	July 10-14	Space Station Vacation	Skateaway
Week 5	July 17-21	Mad Scientist	Da Vinci Science Center
Week 6	July 24-28	Invention	Skatetown
Week 7	July 31- Aug 4	Water, Water Everywhere	DelGrosso's
Week 8	August 7-11	Animal Planet	Lake Tobias
Week 9	August 14-18	Superheros	Skateaway
Week 10	August 21-25	Wind down	

* First and last weeks of camp subject to change, based on Berwick Area School District. The first day of camp will be the districts first day of summer.



Please contact the YMCA at
570-752-5981
or youth@berwicky.org
with any questions.





THERE'S NOTHING LIKE YMCA CAMP

When you count on us, you can count on the best summer ever for your kids.

FRIENDSHIP

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

ACCOMPLISHMENT

We are here to surround your kids with fantastic chances to try new experiences. Show them all they can do when they believe in themselves.

BELONGING

We're here to make kids feel welcome, feel comfortable being themselves and know they're a part of something great.

The Y. So Much More™

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