



**FIND YOUR FUN .  
FIND YOUR Y.**

**Ottawa YMCA  
2024**

**Summer Day Camp**

**REGISTRATION  
BEGINS  
MARCH 18th**

# WELCOME FAMILIES!

Thank you for choosing YMCA Summer Day Camp! Our goal is to provide every day camper with a fantastic camp experience. We strive to create opportunities for personal growth and new friendships while always keeping physical and emotional safety a priority. At YMCA Summer Day Camp, we build relationships through camp activities while teaching and practicing the YMCA Christian Principles of love, respect, honesty, responsibility and service. On the following pages you will find information about your day camper's week with us. Thank you for your attention to these important details. We look forward to seeing you and your day camper this summer!

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Youth and Family Director



# FULL DAY CAMP

6:30 am–5:30 pm Daily

## SCOUTS

Traditional day camp offers theme-based enrichment activities, group games, sports and fitness activities, hands-on experiments, arts and crafts and swimming. Your child will belong to an age-appropriate group that will help foster team building, friendship and a sense of belonging.

4 & 5 Year olds, Not yet in Kindergarten

## TREKKERS, EXPLORERS AND ROVERS

### TREKKERS:

K-1st grade (Must have completed K)

### EXPLORERS:

Entering 2nd & 3rd grade

### ROVERS:

Entering 4th-5th grade

## YOUNG LEADERS CLUB

Teens will have the opportunity to meet new people, build new relationships, learn valuable skills, will participate in traditional camp activities daily and have a positive impact on our younger campers.

Entering 6th - 8th grade

**Remember Wednesdays are field trip days.**

**Please remember to wear  
your camp shirt EVERY Wednesday!**



# SUMMER DAY CAMP THEMES AND FIELD TRIPS

**Camp Runs June 3- August 16**

**Week 1- June 3-7**

**"LEGO" To Summer Fun**

**Field Trip – Dettore's Bowling**

**Week 2- June 10-14**

**Little Green Thumbs**

**Field Trip – Kane Farms**

**Week 3 - June 17-21**

**Out Of This World**

**Field Trip – Paramount Roller Rink**

**Week 4 – June 24-28**

**Don't Judge a Book By It's Cover**

**Field Trip – Echo Lanes**

**Week 5 – July 1-5 (No July 4)**

**City Heroes are our Super Heroes**

**Field Trip –Roxy Theatre**

**Week 6 – July 8-12**

**Play On Beyond Board Games**

**Field Trip - Miller Park Zoo – Normal, IL**

**Week 7 – July 15-19**

**Decades of Fun**

**Field Trip – Lincoln Douglas Park/Riordan Pool**

**Week 8 – July 22-26**

**Walk of Fame to your Disney Destination Field**

**Trip – YMCA Carnival**

**Week 9 - July 29-Aug. 2**

**Blowing Off STEAM**

**Field Trip- Children's Museum –Normal, IL**

**Week 10-Aug. 5-9**

**Fun in The Sun**

**Field Trip – Camp Tuck**

**Week 11 –Aug. 12-16**

**Bummer End Of Summer.....**

**Field Trip - Roxy Movie**



# IMPORTANT DETAILS

## FIELD TRIP DAYS

Campers will go on exciting field trips to different locations each week. Campers will receive a t-shirt before their first field trip.

Campers are required to wear their **Y t-shirts** on **ALL field trips** (every Wednesday) for safety purposes.

Field trips may be canceled or rescheduled without prior notice due to inclement weather.

**All campers must be dropped off by 8:30 am on field trip days.**



## PICK UP DROP OFF

### PICK UP & DROP OFF

**Before and After Care** is available at no extra cost.

#### HOURS

Drop Off 6:30AM-8:30AM  
Pick Up: 4:00PM-5:30PM

Identification will be required for release of campers to adult at pick up time



# GENERAL GUIDELINES

## 1. WHAT TO BRING & WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

### BRING TO CAMP:

- 50 SPF Spray sunscreen ONLY (please apply on your child before camp)
- Gym shoes (NO SANDALS)
- Weather appropriate clothing/hat
- Refillable water bottle (labeled with first & last name)
- Book

### DO NOT BRING TO CAMP:

- Glass containers or bottles
- Knives, guns, other weapons (Or look alike toys)
- Personal Items
- Electronics (including cell phones)

**The YMCA is not responsible for any items lost, stolen, misplaced, soiled or damaged. Any personal items brought from home will be collected and returned to the parent at the end of the day.**

## 2. LUNCH & SNACKS

Breakfast, Lunch and snacks are provided by the Ottawa Elementary School Lunch Program. Soda is highly discouraged because the children will need to remain hydrated throughout the day, especially on hot summer days. Please send your child with a refillable water bottle. Kids will take frequent water breaks and we will refill water bottles throughout the day.

## 3. CLOTHING & DRESS

All campers should dress accordingly for the weather. On cold days/mornings, sweatshirts or light jackets may be necessary. YMCA Day Camps are based on the traditional "outdoor camp" experience, and your child will spend a lot of time outdoors. Camp is very active and good quality footwear is recommended.



# DAY CAMP FEES

DAY CAMP GROUPS  
 SCOUTS: Ages 4 & 5 Pre K  
 TREKKERS: Entering K-1st Grade  
 EXPLORERS: Entering 2nd - 3rd Grade  
 ROVERS: Entering 4th-5th Grade  
 YOUNG LEADERS: Entering 6th-8th Grade

## Cancellations / Refunds:

No refunds or Credits will be given unless the Ottawa YMCA has to cancel camp.

## Payment Information:

Registration Fee per Child \$40-One Time non-refundable Fee  
 Weekly Rate \$140 Member/\$180 Program Participant  
 Rate for each additional child  
 Weekly Rate \$120 Member/\$160 Program Participant  
 Daily Rate \$40 Member/\$50 Program Participant

Hours 6:30-5:30 pm  
 Breakfast, Lunch and Snack  
 provided By Ottawa  
 Elementary  
 School Summer Food  
 Program

Parents Meeting is Thursday 5:30 pm, May 30th in the YMCA Meeting Room

# WAYS TO PAY

You can pay online at [www.ottawaymca.org](http://www.ottawaymca.org)  
 or by credit card by calling our Welcome Desk  
 at 815-433-2395

Week	Payment Due	Week	Payment Due
1 June 3rd-7th	May 31st	6 July 8th-12th	July 5th
2 June 10th-14th	June 7th	7 July 15th-19th	July 12th
3 June 17th-21st	June 14th	8 July 22nd-26th	July 19th
4 June 24th-28th	June 21st	9 July 29th-Aug. 2nd	July 26th
5 July 1st-5th	June 28th	10 Aug. 5th-9th	Aug. 2nd
No Program July 4th		11 Aug. 12th-16th	Aug. 9th

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Reduced rates are available through the Ottawa YMCA Scholarship program. Please visit [www.ottawaymca.org](http://www.ottawaymca.org) or call 815-433-2395 for more information.

## TUITION PAYMENTS AND DUE DATES:

It is expected that payment in full for each week is made by the Friday before each week starts. Late sign ups will incur a \$5 late fee per child per day.

## FORMS OF PAYMENT:

Payments by cash, check or credit card can be made at the Service Desk If payment is returned a \$30 fee will be added to the account that must be paid by responsible person. Any outstanding balances must be taken care of before the child can enroll or attend any YMCA program. Credit/Debit cards on file are preferred for easy, efficient payments.

# BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT POLICY

Our policy is designed to promote self-control, self-respect, consideration of others, and to maintain socially acceptable behaviors. It is a learning process for children. The YMCA promotes a warm, welcoming and friendly environment for all to ensure that every child receives a positive self-image.

**The YMCA has a ZERO TOLERANCE for bullying.**

## EXPECTED Behaviors include:

- Ability to interact appropriately in group settings
- Hands and feet to yourself
- Use inside voices (soft/normal tone)
- Follow directions
- Respect the staff and others
- Respect other people, their belongings, and personal space
- No name calling
- No throwing rocks, sticks, dirt, etc.

## UNACCEPTABLE Behaviors include:

- Being disruptive
- Runners (children who run away from camp)
- Endangering the health or safety of children and staff
- Continuous refusal to follow rules of behavior
- Habitual use of profanity, obscenity, or racially directed comments
- Theft or damage of private property
- Leaving the site premises without permission
- Inappropriate sexual comments | verbal harassment
- Possession of any weapons
- Possession or use of illegal substances or medications (prescription or over the counter)
- Requiring consistent one-on-one care due to unacceptable behavior choices

## Discipline Procedures include:

**YMCA Staff will take the steps listed below when a child displays inappropriate behavior.**

1. Encourage positive behaviors and clearly identify the inappropriate behavior. A **VERBAL WARNING** will be given. Making better choices will be discussed with the child. **NO** physical contact will be used.
  2. Incidents will be professionally documented by the staff (type of behavior, what provoked the behavior, what the staff did to modify the behavior).
  3. Other alternatives may include: Cool-off time (lasting no longer than one minute per year of age) and certain privileges may be modified.
  4. If the behavior continues, a **SECOND VERBAL WARNING** will be given with similar consequences.
  5. If the behavior continues with a **THIRD WARNING**, staff shall discuss the problem with managing director and parent.
  6. Parents and staff will create a **WRITTEN BEHAVIOR PLAN**.
  7. Ongoing behavioral issues will result in **SUSPENSION OR DIS-ENROLLMENT**.
  8. **RUNNERS** (children who run away from camp, or purposely run out of the building) will be **DIS-ENROLLED**.
- If your child has this issue in group activities/programs, the YMCA camp is not the best fit for those who require one-on-one care.