

DAILY UPDATES

If you aren't receiving **Tadpoles Updates**, you are missing out on important Summer Camp communication! Download the "Tadpoles Parent" App and sign in using the email address used at registration to receive daily reports, photos and teacher communications regarding your Berwick YMCA camper!

It is very important that you download and receive access to the Tadpoles App. This is our communication system, where you will receive trip updates, weekly newsletters, as well as schedule changes. This will be the only form of communication for schedule changes.

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2024 SUMMER DAY CAMP BERWICK AREA YMCA

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WELCOME TO OUR YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMP

At Y Summer Day Camps, your child gets the opportunity to create their story every summer! We are here to provide the fundamentals of an atmosphere that enriches the life of your child:

FRIENDSHIP

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

ACHIEVEMENT

We provide kids opportunities to try new experiences. Show them all they can do when they believe in themselves.

BELONGING

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

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 ensure 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

WHY DO PARENTS CHOOSE YMCA DAY CAMP?

WELL-TRAINED AND ENERGETIC STAFF

We take your child's safety seriously. We conduct background checks on all camp staff and employees. Our counselors, camp staff and lifeguards are required to complete 40 hours of pre-camp training including the following topics:

- CPR, AED and First Aid
- Child Abuse Prevention
- Behavior Management
- Team building
- Games, Skits, Songs and Nature Crafts
- Child Development Best Practices
- Encouragement Techniques

ROLE MODELS

Our counselors are selected based on their experience, attitude, skills, and their ability to demonstrate YMCA values. 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 to camper ratio of 1:12 to ensure the safety of everyone in our program.

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 kid's 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.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

Our Day Camp program is designed to inspire children in things such as outdoor education and team building. This year's YMCA staff are trained in entertainment and recreation activities that are sure to entertain children all day long. 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!

At our YMCA Day Camp children get to:

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

We work to create intentional communities for our Day Camp program, which are chosen according to staff-student ratios as well as areas of interest so that students feel engaged and connected to their camp community, wherever we travel.

Camp Communities may include:

- Sports and Recreation
- Outdoor Exploration
- Innovation and Creation
- Social-Emotional Learning and Mindfulness... and more!

CAMP HOURS

Regular camp hours run Monday through Friday from 9:00AM until 4:00PM. Extended care before and after camp is now included at no additional charge from 6:30-8:45AM and 4:15-5:30PM, but you must indicate that you need this service so we can be sure to have adequate staff on hand to insure your child's safety.

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. Swim suits and towels are needed on swim days; please pay close attention to the weekly newsletter. Please insure your child is wearing sneakers. If your child is not wearing sneakers, they may not be able to participate in all the activities we have planned. For safety and identification purposes, each camper must wear this summer's camp t-shirt for Wednesday field trips. Shirts are mandatory and will be given to campers before first field trip. Additional shirts can be purchased for \$10. ***(Camp T-shirt must be worn for each field trip)**

MEALS

As part of your summer camp experience, we provide breakfast and a snack at the end of the day! Parents are responsible for providing a lunch each day. To ensure safety, YMCA staff will pack lunches into our coolers each day and lunches are transported to our site. On some field trips it may be possible for your child to purchase their lunch. Again, be sure to check Tadpoles for field trip schedules and whether or not our destination will allow for lunches to be purchased on the trip.

PARENT'S NIGHT

Want to be able to see what your camper has been up to all summer? Parent's night is an opportunity to get to do just that. Parents and campers will be invited to a fun get together. We will look back on some camp highlights and you'll have the opportunity to see all the fun stuff campers participated in all summer.



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

SUMMER CAMP SESSION DATES

Join us at the Berwick Area YMCA and make memories that last a lifetime! Enjoy weekly field trips and special events as well as daily swimming, crafts, sports and games.

WEEK DATES

1	JUNE 10-14
2	JUNE 17-21
3	JUNE 24-28
4	JULY 1-5 (*OFF FOR 4TH OF JULY)
5	JULY 8-12
6	JULY 15-19
7	JULY 22-26
8	JULY 29-AUG 2
9	AUG 5-9
10	AUG 12-16
11	AUG 19-23

TYPICAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- MONDAY:**
Play at the YMCA
- TUESDAY:**
Ber-Vaughn Park/Pool
- WEDNESDAY:**
Field trip
- THURSDAY:**
Ber-Vaughn Park/Pool
- FRIDAY:**
Ber-Vaughn Park/Pool

INTRODUCING KINDER CAMP AT THE YMCA!

Designed for children entering Kindergarten in the Fall our counselors will focus on age-appropriate educational and enrichment activities including games, arts & crafts and more. We will build on your child's independence and social and emotional skills in a way that prepares them for the upcoming school year while having fun!

Kinder Campers will be integrated in select Summer Camp field trips and activities which are determined safe and appropriate for their age group.

DAY CAMP AND KINDER CAMP RATES

A \$25 registration fee per child is required upon registration for camp and includes their required camp t-shirt. The balance of camp fees are due on the Friday before each week of care. Fees are non refundable and non-transferable. Registration packets can be picked up at our front desk.

DAY CAMP:

- YMCA Members: \$200 per week
- Non-Members: \$225 per week

KINDER CAMP:

- YMCA Members: \$175 per week
- Non-Members: \$195 per week



If your child is attending 6 weeks or more of camp, it is to your advantage to purchase them a membership. You'll save money and your child can enjoy the benefits of Y membership for the whole year. Many families don't understand they are eligible for assistance with day camp fees. We help families through the process. Please contact us about obtaining help with paying your camp fees through subsidized child care and our financial assistance program.