

YMCA



# SUMMER CAMP



**THE** Unplug and *Connect* **PLACE**

Summer Camp 2026  
YMCA of Dane County

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# ALL SUMMER CAMPS

*Camps run 7:30 am-5:30 pm, Monday-Friday [No camp July 3]*

	Y Member	Y Member & Limited Member	Non-Member
Registration Opens	January 2 at Noon	February 1 at Noon	March 1 at Noon
Registration Fee	\$50/child	\$50/child	\$50/child
Deposit (non-refundable)	\$35/week	\$35/week	\$35/week

## WEEKLY CAMP PRICING

*\* Excluding Club Cardinal, for more information and Club Cardinal Camp Pricing please see page 12  
Each week's camp fee (minus deposit) are due eight weeks before the start of camp.*

Member	\$315
Limited Member	\$355
Non-Member	\$415

## Camp Information

### Payment and Fee Information

- Camp fees (minus deposit) are due eight weeks before the start of camp and payable via bank draft from a savings or checking account or with credit card. Full payment is required for children to attend camp.
- Registration fee is per child and per program. Deposits are forfeited when a week is canceled.
- Registration fees and deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE and due at registration.

### Refunds and Schedule Changes

- Schedule changes may be honored if space permits; schedule change requests are not guaranteed.
- Weekly Camp fees may be refunded or credited if the request is made MORE than four weeks before the start of the camp week.
- No refunds or credits will be issued within four weeks of the start of the camp week.

### Scholarship Opportunities

- YMCA camps accept the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy.
- Y scholarships are available to eligible applicants; an application must be approved before registration. Applications can be found at ymcadane.org.

## Typical Day at Y Camp



## Daily Backpack Items



### Reminders

The Y provides a healthy morning and afternoon snack. Menus will be posted at each camp. Please send a healthy lunch with your child. Refrigeration and microwave cooking are not available.

### Please do not bring:

- Money
- Sharp objects/weapons
- Personal electronic devices
- Toys from home

*East*

# DISCOVERY DAY CAMP

*Ages 5-13*

We're forecasting an entire summer of fun on the East Side! Our camp becomes a hub of activity, and kids stay active and engaged. Every day, campers rotate through games on our field, creative activity tents, tetherball, the Ga Ga pit, sports and more. We take regular trips to a nearby park, swim at least once a week at the East YMCA and go on weekly field trips. Kindergarten completion required.

## Location: East YMCA Activity Field

### Dinos, Dinos, Dinos

**June 15-19**

We'll learn about mysterious dinosaurs and prehistoric, extinct creatures, dig for fossils and try a variety of activities steeped in the age-old joy of dino imagination.

### Heroes and Villains

**June 22-26**

It's a week loaded with good gals and bad guys, crimefighters and evil geniuses lots of activities themed around the eternal struggle of good and evil in pop culture.

### Gameshow

**June 29-July 2**

Try our guessing games, feats of strength and battles of wits! Go all-in for the win, and prove whether you can hang with gameshow competitors past and present. **No Camp July 3**

### The Great Outdoors

**July 6-10**

Are you ready to touch grass (and leaves and mud and bugs!) with a week of outdoorsy, woodsy adventures that even Ron Swanson might approve of?

### Summer-ween

**July 13-17**

Campers will celebrate halloween in summer with our annual creepy week. Think costumes, watermello jack-o-lanterns and trying to scare one another with frightful stories and gross art projects!

### Carnival of Carnivals

**July 20-24**

Be ready to play games inspired by a variety of carnival themes, from local county fairs to the World's Fair! We'll travel around the world and create a carnival atmosphere with cosmopolitan flair.

### Zodiac Astrology

**July 27-31**

Be ready for mystical shenanigans from reading palms to researching how various magics work to learning how to find fantastical meaning in the mundane.

### Pokémon Legends: GT

**August 3-7**

Catch them all in a week full of Pokémon activities inspired by the latest Mega Evolution fun of Legends: ZA – but with our annual Golden Toilet twist!

### Flying Trash Panda Olympics

**August 10-14**

Campers will chase Olympic gold through projects and activities that keep campers physically challenged as well as world-community-minded.

### Comic Book Closeout

**August 17-21**

We will read, doodle and brainstorm adventures both grand and small as we learn to appreciate illustrated tales from Manga to Dogman.





*East*

# ACTIVE SPECIALTY CAMP

*Ages 7-13*

Active Specialty Camps are designed for kids who want to build skills in the activities they enjoy most! These camps are designed as introductions to each weekly theme. Due to limited availability, if your child chooses not to participate on a regular basis, we will move them to Discovery Day Camp. Kindergarten completion required.

## Location: East YMCA Activity Field

### Track & Field

**June 15–19**

Do you love to run, jump, race and compete in triathlon- and olympic-inspired games? Campers will practice and push themselves and each other for personal and team gold-medal glory.

### Soccer

**June 22–26**

Athletes will learn traditional soccer techniques, practice skills and drills and play 3-on-3 and mini soccer games.

### Fitness 101

**June 29–July 2**

Campers interested in weight and fitness training will learn the basics of how to lift and care for their bodies, building habits for successfully active and healthy lifestyles. **This week is for campers aged 9–13. No Camp July 3**

### Basketball

**July 6–10**

Beginner and intermediate basketball lovers will work on basketball techniques and skills through drills and basic gameplay.

### Football

**July 13–17**

Beginner and intermediate football lovers will work on fundamentals and techniques through drills and non-tackle gameplay.

### Volleyball

**July 20–24**

Beginner and intermediate volleyball lovers will practice volleyball techniques and fundamentals using drills and gameplay on short nets.

### Dodgeball

**July 27–31**

Our campers will learn and play a variety of dodgeball games including traditional, scatter, doctor, trench and more!

### Pickleball & Racquet Sports

**August 3–7**

Learn the hot and growing game of pickleball in our gym and other racquet games outside on the activity field.

### Jr. Lifeguarding

**August 10–14**

Strong swimmers looking to develop possible future job skills and/or check off merit badge credits will follow the Red Cross Junior Lifeguarding Course curriculum, preparing them for easier certification in the future. **This week is for campers aged 9–13.**

### Cheer

**August 17–21**

Kids will study and practice competitive cheerleading skills throughout the week, culminating in a fantastic group performance on the final day!



# *East*

# **CREATIVE SPECIALTY CAMP**

*Ages 7-13*

Creative Specialty Camp is designed for kids that want to build skills in the activities they enjoy most! These camps are designed as introductions to each weekly theme. Due to limited availability, if your child chooses not to participate on a regular basis, we will move them to Discovery Day Camp. Kindergarten completion required.

## Location: East YMCA

### Stitching

**June 15–19**

Patient campers will learn and practice cross-stitching alongside some basic stitching skills that they can build upon in the future. **This week is for campers aged 9–13.**

### Escape Room Session 1

**June 22–26**

Campers who love solving puzzles and thinking outside the box will be challenged by games, puzzles and mini escape rooms that test their logic. **This week will be repeated August 17–21; kids should enroll in only one session.**

### Cooking

**June 29–July 2**

Food nerds and snacking goblins assemble! We'll dive into an assortment of cooking and food projects using minimal equipment and ideas they can replicate at home. No nuts will be used; please contact us for other allergy questions. **This week is for campers aged 9–13. No Camp July 3**

### Game Creation

**July 6–10**

You make the rules when you design and create your own games (we'll play some existing games for inspiration)!

### Film Club: Horror 4 Kids

**July 13–17**

Calling all budding filmmakers and connoisseurs of the spooky! Campers will build their media analysis skills as they watch a curated list of PG horror movies and create a short, stop-motion and/or animated film. **This week is for campers aged 9–13.**

### DnDnD Week 1 of 2

**July 20–24**

For those who love to use their imagination, we'll learn and put into action tabletop gameplay and storytelling, preparing for a unique campaign that will continue through the end of the second week. **This week is for campers aged 9–13.**

### DnDnD Week 2 of 2

**July 27–31**

Continuing from week one, kids will guide their characters through the eldritch-filled "Reach for the Stars," this year's new, Lovecraftian spooky mansion-based one-shot. **This week is for campers aged 9–13.**

### Paint Pros

**August 3–7**

Practice your painting skills and express your creativity using a variety of paint bases and canvases.

### Harry Potter

**August 10–14**

Send your children to Hogwarts for the week! Campers will be sorted into houses and spend the week learning about the magical world of wizarding from Professor Akizzle.

### Escape Room Session 2

**August 17–21**

Campers who love solving puzzles and thinking outside the box will be challenged by games, puzzles and mini escape rooms that test their logic. **This is the same content as June 22–26; no repeats, please!**



# *East* **KINDERGARTEN CAMP**

*Ages 4-5*

Our campers have unique experiences and adventures while building self esteem, developing critical interpersonal skills and making lasting friendships and memories. We explore a fun, new theme every week. Must enter Kindergarten in Fall of 2026 and be independent at toileting.

## Location: East YMCA

### Kick Off to Summer

**June 8–12**

Join us as we kick off summer by getting to know each other, playing fun games and making new friends!

### Gardening

**June 15–19**

Discover the magic of plants! We'll learn about different plant parts, what they need to grow and start planting our very own YMCA garden. We'll even plant pumpkins for a fall harvest!

### Science

**August 22–26**

Join us where curiosity comes alive! From creative inventions to hands-on discoveries about the world around us, campers will become real scientists for a week of fun, learning and excitement.

### Red, White and Blue

**June 29–July 2**

Explore the history of the USA and the significance of Independence Day. We'll delve into the story of the American flag and create our own!  
**No Camp July 3**

### Shark Week

**July 6–10**

Did you know there are over 500 species of sharks? Dive in as we learn about a few of them, from what they eat to where they live to how many teeth they have and much more!

### Water/Beach

**July 13–17**

Let's make a splash! We'll explore all of the ways to enjoy water, from sports to bringing the beach to the YMCA with sandcastle-building. Get ready for sprinkler fun!

### Wisconsin Dairy

**July 20–24**

What is dairy, and where does it come from? We'll explore these questions and even get to make our own dairy treats such as turning cream into butter and making our own delicious ice cream.

### Bugs

**July 27–31**

Summer is buzzing with bugs! We'll embark on a bug hunt, learn about beneficial insects and those that aren't so great for the environment and even create our own bugs to take home.

### Characters

**August 3–7**

Who's your favorite character? We'll take a closer look at beloved characters and discuss why we love them. We'll walk to the library to read books about them, so come dressed as your favorite!

### Zoo Animals

**August 10–14**

What's your favorite animal at the zoo? We'll learn all about the incredible creatures during and take a field trip to the Henry Vilas Zoo.

### Art Week

**August 17–21**

Unleash your inner artist! Campers will get creative making their own masterpieces, exploring various art media and even creating some unique outdoor art.

West

# DISCOVERY DAY CAMP

*Ages 5-13*

Give your child a true outdoor experience this summer as they explore all that nature has to offer. Discovery Day Camp is all about learning new skills as we develop the Y's five core values of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Caring and Fun. Rain or shine, campers will test their skills in sports, explore nature, create imaginative art projects, meet new friends and most importantly, have fun! Of course, we will also play games, sing songs, go swimming and take field trips to fun and memorable places. Kindergarten completion required.

**Location: Savannah Oaks Middle School, 5890 Lacy Rd, Fitchburg**

## Story Book

June 15–19

Step into the pages of your favorite tales as campers bring classic and modern stories to life! Each day features adventures inspired by magical worlds, brave heroes and clever creatures. From creating your own storybook to acting out scenes, imagination rules the week!

## Out of This World

June 22–26

Blast off into a week of intergalactic fun by exploring planets, designing rockets and discovering the mysteries of the cosmos. We will learn, create and navigate the universe together.

## Red, White and Fright!

June 29–July 2

Who says holidays only happen once a year? Celebrate the best of every season with spooky Halloween crafts, festive winter games, patriotic Fourth of July fun and a splash of St. Patty's Day magic during this week of holiday cheer and laughter! **No Camp July 3**

## Legends in Training

July 6–10

Unleash your inner hero, and design your own super suit and powers! Campers will team up for missions, obstacle courses and challenges that test strength, creativity and teamwork. Whether you fly, run fast or think quick, there's a hero in everyone!

## Into the Wild

July 13–17

From furry friends to feathered flyers, it's time to go wild! Campers will learn about different animals through crafts, games and natural adventures. Each day celebrates the amazing creatures that share our world—and maybe even a few mysterious ones!

## Timewarp!

July 20–24

Hop in the time machine and explore different eras, from dinosaurs to the distant future. Campers will play ancient games, craft futuristic inventions and solve challenges from every age. Who knows where (or when!) we'll end up next?

## Castaway

July 27–31

Cool off with a splash-tastic week of aquatic adventures! From water relays and sponge tag to slip 'n slides and wacky challenges, get soaked in fun.

## DDC Studios

August 3–7

Bring your drawings and characters to life! Campers will create mini movies, flipbooks and stop-motion masterpieces straight from their imaginations.

## Under New Management

August 10–14

The campers are in charge! From planning activities to "electing" counselors for a day, kids take the lead in running camp. It's a fun and empowering week of teamwork, leadership and creativity.

## DDC Olympics

August 17–21

Let the games begin! Campers compete in friendly challenges, relays, and creative competitions that test skill, speed, and spirit. Everyone's a winner when teamwork, sportsmanship, and camp pride take center stage.



West

# KINDERGARTEN CAMP

*Ages 4-5*

Our campers have unique experiences and adventures while building self esteem, developing critical interpersonal skills and making lasting friendships and memories. We explore a fun, new theme every week. Must enter Kindergarten in Fall of 2026 and be independent in toileting.

## Location: West YMCA

### Animal Planet

June 8–12

We'll use themed crafts, experiments, games, and even live animals to learn about animals, natural habitats and environmental stewardship.

### Sports Mania

June 15–19

Our sports-focused week offers a variety of athletic activities, from classic sports like kickball and soccer to less familiar ones like Tchoukball and relay races. We'll also build in some arts and crafts, special guests and outdoor exploration!

### Super Heroes

June 22–26

Our campers create their own superhero identities, design costumes and go on adventures using teamwork and problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. We'll develop our "superpowers" as we navigate obstacle courses, building projects, role-playing and more.

### Mad Scientists

June 29–July 2

This interactive, hands-on week has our kiddos exploring science through activities and experiments like making slime, building robots, launching rockets and creating bubbles. It's a fun and engaging way to dive into STEM!  
**No Camp July 3**

### Legos

July 6–10

We love LEGOS, and we'll use them to focus on STEM concepts like engineering, robotics and coding. Campers work individually and in teams to design, build, and program LEGO creations.

### Beach Bash

July 13–17

Enjoy the beach from anywhere! Campers will enjoy a variety of creative, athletic and exploratory activities in a fun-filled week packed with themed events and hands-on projects.

### Jurassic Park

July 20–24

This adventure-themed week is dino-riffic! We'll go on fossil digs, play dino-themed games and explore STEM-based projects such as 3D printing and operating park systems.

### Games, Games, Games!

July 27–31

Get ready for active games (obstacle courses, relay races, freeze dance), creative projects (crafts, fort-building) and strategic challenges (board games, scavenger hunts) to keep campers engaged and active.

### Space Expedition

August 3–7

It's an immersive STEM experience focused on space exploration as campers build and launch rockets, design habitats and learn about astronomy and aerospace careers.

### Bugs, Bugs, Bugs

August 10–14

We love bugs! Kids will study insects through crafts, nature walks and scientific experiments. We'll explore insect habitats, learn about the importance of pollinators, collect insects and more.

### Secret Agent Spy Mission

August 17–21

We'll hone our spy skills by decoding messages, creating disguises and using gadgets! Agility training and target practice will help our spy team solve puzzles and complete challenges to "graduate" as secret agents!

# DISCOVERY DAY CAMP

*Ages 5-13*

Give your child a true outdoor experience this summer as they explore all that nature has to offer. Rain or shine, campers hike, catch crayfish in our creek, build forts in their territories, enjoy s'mores around the campfire and create awesome art projects! Of course we'll play games, make new friends, learn new skills and work on character development, too. Kindergarten completion required.

**Location: Sun Prairie Lion's Club Clubhouse, 7080 Elder Lane, Sun Prairie**  
(Camp moves to Royal Oaks Elementary in bad weather)

### Welcome to the Creek Show!

**June 15-19**

Step right up for an amazing summer! The games begin with our annual DDC carnival and continue with fun in the creek, roasting smores, exploring territories and meeting new friends!

### Going for Gold!

**June 22-26**

Bring out the eternal campfire, and raise the DDC flag: it's Olympics week. We'll test our mettle in competitions of strength, speed and endurance. Glory and gold are within our sights!

### Party Like It's 1776!

**June 29-July 2**

Let freedom ring with explosions of fun! Campers will enjoy hot dog roasting, crafty firework-making, baseball watching and other good ol' American fun! It's gonna' be a red, white, and blue party! **No Camp July 3**

### Gonna Need a Bigger Creek!

**July 6-10**

**STAY OUT OF THE WATER!** Just kidding, jump on in! No great whites; only crawfish and good times in our creek. Water games and tubing highlight our week, so open your JAWS wide with excitement!

### Full STEM Ahead

**July 13-17**

Got robotics? It's STEM week, and the scientific method and trial and error will guide our crafts and activities. We will put our brains to the test and discover what makes things work.

### Another One Bites the Crust

**July 20-24**

Is that sound the rumbling of hungry tummies or the stampeding of feet to the campfire? Spoiler: It's both! Food week uses crafts to expand the palettes of our campers, or at the very least, fills them with more treats than they need.

### DDC: Destination Deep Cosmos

**July 27-31**

Let's become the first camp to send a camper to space! Okay, we may not be able to accomplish that within a week, but we will build out-of-this-world crafts and have intergalactic fun!

### Stand Off at the Ol' Gaga Pit

**August 3-7**

Saddle up campers, and get ready for the rootinest' tootinest' crafts and activities since camp was knee-high to a grasshopper. Cattle ropin' and train robbin may not be on the agenda but fun and exploration definitely are.

### Reinventing the Color Wheel

**August 10-14**

Can you feel it? Our passion for fun is burning red. Limitless amounts of blue sky above. Other camps are green with envy. Ready yourself for this amazing week. We can feel it. Everyone brings their best bright selves. Exploring color through crafts and games. Know that we are beaming with colorful energy. Now read the first letter of every sentence.

### Holy Day Camp Batman!

**August 17-21**

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a DDC camper! Suit up for our last week of camp. It's time to shed your secret identities and help save camp from the back-to-school monster one last time! Join us for a week of super-sized fun as we end the summer superbly!



# Sun Prairie

## New **CAMP WANNAGO**

*Ages 5-13*

Want a great camp experience but with less sunscreen, bug spray and mud? Our newest camp brings the same fun and adventure as Discovery Day Camp but with more time spent indoors! The flurry of activity that is YMCA Summer Camp remains: hours upon hours of healthy activity through sports and games, opportunities to create arts & crafts, scientific exploration & discovery and much, much more FUN for all. Additionally, kiddos can look forward to regular field trips and opportunities to swim. Kindergarten completion required.

**Location: A Sun Prairie elementary school to be determined**

### Never Give Up, Never Surrender!

**June 15–19**

Welcome to Camp! Join us as we complete quests that help build friendships and teamwork. Look forward to scavenger hunts, relay races, Jeopardy and more. Grab your camp buddy, and let's go!

### Barnyard Palooza

**June 22–26**

Old McDonald had a farm, but so do we! Get ready for a week of animals that you would find at Haven's Petting Farm! Goats, horses, pigs, camels, llamas and more galore!

### Red, White & Goopy

**June 29–July 2**

Get ready for slime, oobleck, and edible goo! We will explore various patriotic types of hands-on, sensory crafts and games. It will be a perfect week for curious kiddos who like to get their hands dirty! **No Camp July 3.**

### Once Upon a Page

**July 6–10**

Our campers will step into the pages of a different story every day and experience all the wonder and magic through various activities.

### With Great Fun Comes Great Friendships

**July 13–17**

Calling all superheroes! Campers will tap into their superpowers, create their own hero identities and team up with friends for action-packed adventures. Get ready to save the day together!

### Bricks, Fun and Everything Awesome

**July 20–24**

Build it, create it and then do it again. Campers will be inspired to be creative, use their imaginations and collaborate with other builders.

### Global Road Trip

**July 27–31**

Prepare to embark on a journey around the world. Campers will explore the rich traditions, art, food and music of different cultures from every corner of the globe. We'll have an exciting, educational adventure that celebrates the beauty and diversity of our world, offering campers a chance to connect with cultures far and wide!

### Mini Music Mayhem

**August 3–7**

Welcome to the 5th Annual Battle of the Bands. Develop and demonstrate your Mini Music Mayhem skills while building instruments, stage props and more.

### It's On the Periodic Table, but Can We Lick it?

**August 10–14**

Have you ever wondered if you could lick your science experiment? Then do we have the camp week for you! We will discover periodic elements that are edible and learn about some that are NOT! Strap on those goggles and gloves, and let's EXPERIMENT!

### Merry Happy Holiday

**August 17–21**

It's the most wonderful time of year at camp! All of our favorite holidays are packed into this week-long celebration. Whether it's spooky or sparkly, joyful or jolly, you'll have a blast celebrating each day with your camp friends!

# Sun Prairie KINDERGARTEN CAMP

*Ages 4-5*

Summer is a time for fun and adventure, but it can be hard to keep your kids engaged. Kindergarten Camp is busy every day, from outdoor play to messy art and wow-worthy science experiments. Summer camp activities make each day the most memorable one yet! This camp is designed for children entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2026, and be independent in toileting.

## Location: Sun Prairie YMCA

### Camp, Camp, Camp

*June 8–12*

The first week focuses on introductions to the rules of camp, getting to know everyone's names and working together to get into the flow of summer.

### Rainbow Explorers

*June 15–19*

What are rainbows made of? How can you make new colors? Campers will learn how to mix colors and make patterns, then find them in nature and have a color parade!

### Astronaut Adventures

*June 22–26*

We will have an out-of-this world time when we blast off to explore the solar system. Kiddos will create galaxy artwork and build rocket ships and more during this extraterrestrial experience.

### Red, White and Blue

*June 29–July 2*

Celebrate the spirit of summer with patriotic crafts, activities and games full of stars, stripes and fun.

**No Camp July 3.**

### Outdoor Explorers

*July 6–10*

The great outdoors is what summer should be! We'll explore the fun and freedom of the outdoors while learning new skills and making great friends!

### You've GOAT to Be Kidding

*July 13–17*

Campers love the farm, and we'll learn about farm animals, take a look at how plants grow and get up close to big farm equipment.

### All About Animals

*July 20–24*

Dinosaurs, sharks and praying mantises—oh my! We'll learn all about teeth, claws, beaks and unexpected animals from around the world.

### Seas the Day

*July 27–31*

Let's take a deep dive into ocean dwelling creatures, set sail with water games and let the fun bubble to the surface with oceanic art.

### Splish Splash

*August 3–7*

Being able to play in the water is one of the best things about summer! Whether you're making your own water table or getting outside in the summer sun, water play is a fun way to keep kids engaged and cool.

### Artist's Studio

*August 10–14*

ARTRAGEOUS! Unleash your creative spirit! From crayons and pencils to paints and chalks, from 2D to 3D, there will be all kinds of art happening throughout the week.

### Just for Fun

*August 17–21*

Summer is full of fun: beaches, vacations, lemonade and of course the POOL. We'll take a look at all things summer during our final week of camp!





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