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# WHERE ADVENTURE BEGINS

SUMMER CAMP 2018  
THE GATEWAY FAMILY YMCA  
FIVE POINTS BRANCH



# SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

## Dear Camp Families,

Summer Camp is a special time in a child's life. It is when memories are made. Children will learn to swim, they will make new friends that will last a lifetime and make huge messy art projects. We are ready for another exciting summer and are thrilled that your children will be spending it with us. Whether they want a different experience every day at our traditional summer day camp or prefer to focus on a specialty or sport, we have a little something for everyone. The Five Points Branch has a great summer day camp experience ready for them!



### Financial Assistance:

At the Y, we believe every child deserves a camp experience. Through the ANNUAL CAMPAIGN, we raise money for camp scholarships. Please call the camp director more information or pick up an application at the Welcome Center or on our website.

### Multi-Sibling Rate

We offer a multi-sibling rate for camp and child care participants. The oldest child(ren) will receive 10% off of the weekly rate. This rate applies to private pay participants.

### How to Register:

1. Fill out and complete the registration form. All original registration forms must be submitted at the Welcome Center by the parent. Registration forms cannot be faxed or emailed.
2. Campers are required to be a member of the Five Points Branch, throughout the length of their camp participation. For memberships applications and/or questions please contact the Welcome Center Desk.
3. All fees paid to the YMCA are non-refundable.
4. Space is available for each camp and week on a first come, first serve basis. All campers must be registered by 6:30 pm for the following week of camp. Any parent who has already registered and left a deposit must pay the balance by Friday for the upcoming week. To guarantee your child's spot in the camp they are attending, a \$30 deposit per camper per week is required. This deposit is deducted from the total balance for the week. **If a deposit is not left, space is not guaranteed.**

### Pre and Post Camp:

Early and extended hours are available for all age groups and camps. For this option, registration can be done a weekly basis or for multiple weeks. Payment is due at the time of registration. Pre Camp starts at 7:00am until 8:30am and Post Camp begins at the end of the regular camp day (5:00pm) and runs until 6:30pm. Pre and Post Camp is held at your child's camp site unless otherwise noted in the camp description. During Post Camp a variety of activities such as organized games and crafts are provided for the campers.

### Field Trips and Special Events:

Camp trips are not open to preschool campers. Please note the designated date for camp trips based on the child's grade/camp. Camp trips are optional; any child not attending will have a traditional day at camp with fun-filled activities! Trips are an additional \$15 per trip, registration is required. For each trip, there will a maximum capacity based on what can be accommodated for the trip location. **In order to register for a field trip, your child must be registered for that week of camp with the balance paid in full.** Once the field trip slots are filled, we cannot add on additional spaces or hold a spot on a field trip. **If your child is attending our field trips, he/she must wear the camp shirt and bring a bagged lunch.**

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## Camper Checklist

- Wear comfortable, weather appropriate clothing.
- Lunch, 2 snacks, plenty of water & refillable water bottle.
- Drawstring or backpack to hold belongings.
- Label everything with your child's name.
- 3's, Buccaneers & Discovery campers should wear their bathing to camp in the morning.
- No microwavable lunches, please.

## Camp Changes

A Camp Change Request form must be filled out if you would like to change the weeks your child will be attending or the number of days your child will be attending. Forms are available at the Welcome Center Desk and must be returned prior to the week you are requesting the change.

## Our Staff

At The Gateway Family YMCA Five Points Branch, your child is our top priority. We hire the best staff, many of whom have grown up with the Y or are staff in our school age child care programs during the school year. Many of our camp counselors have grown up with the Y, or are staff that work in our before-after care programs during the school year. They know the program, traditions, and values that our camps offer.

At the YMCA, we carefully select and screen caring role models who demonstrate a passion for developing confidence and good character in youth. Our camp staff attends trainings and must pass a rigorous background check and interview process before joining our team. Training includes CPR, First Aid, bullying and child abuse prevention and bus safety. We are dedicated to helping our campers learn, grow and play all within the pillars of our core values: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.



# PRESCHOOL CAMP

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### Summer Fun Threes and Buccaneers

#### Our Camp

Make your child's first camp experience a positive one! Our preschool camp is for children wishing to go to camp, but not yet ready for a full day of outdoor camp. Summer Fun for Threes and Buccaneer Camp features age-appropriate activities, designed to encourage physical and social development, along with character development. Throughout the day children will participate in hands-on and engaging activities including instructional swim lessons, arts & crafts, sports and games, music and movement, story time, science/nature and cooking. Each week a new theme is introduced. This camp is for campers ages 3 and 4. All campers must be toilet-trained. Nap time is available, please send bedding if you wish for your child to nap. We are a peanut free center, please make sure to not send anything containing peanuts.



#### Preschool Camp Schedule

Time	Activity
8:30 – 9:00 Arrival	Arrival of children Outdoor Play
9:00 – 9:15	Toileting & Changing for Swim
9:30 – 10:00	SWIMMING
10:00 – 10:15	Changing
10:15 – 10:45	Morning Snack
10:45 – 11:30	Arts & Crafts/ Group Game
11:30 – 12:00	Gross Motor Play / Dancing Playground Time (weather permitting)
12 noon – 1:00	Lunch & Transition to Quiet Time
1:00 – 3:00	Quiet Time Activities: Reading Puzzles Coloring
3:00 – 3:30	Afternoon Snack
3:30 – 4:00	Story time Activities
4:00 – 4:45	Outdoor Gross Motor Play Indoor Movement Activities
4:45 – 5:00 Departure	Activity Centers



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## Traditional Summer Camp:

Who wouldn't want to spend their summer meeting new friends, having fun, and making cool discoveries about themselves and the world they live in? Camp offers all of these things and more in a structured environment that also encourages free play, creativity and the development of positive self-esteem and confidence. Each day will start with a morning circle to get campers energized and excited for the day! Children will be placed in small groups for activities that include sports of all sorts, arts and crafts, discovering nature and science and much more. Campers will also participate in a daily swim time and each Friday they will participate in a fun-filled special event and a field trip on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (optional). To top it all off we give you the option of signing up for 5 days of the week or you can choose any 3 days of the week to come have fun with us!!

### Traditional summer camp is 8:30 5pm.

The fee for **5 days a week** is full members is \$211.00, the fee for Basic Members is \$221.00

The fee for **3 days a week** is full member \$156.00 and basic member \$166.00

We offer **pre camp** which is a weekly fee of \$25.00, **post camp** with a weekly fee of \$25.00, **pre and post camp** with a weekly fee of \$45.00, and **weekly trips** are an additional fee of \$15.00, the **bbq's** are \$10.00 each.

Parents can visit our webpage at [www.tgfymca.org](http://www.tgfymca.org) or visit our welcome center for the registration packet



We offer a summer camp for children with special needs! Contact Jessica Samolewicz to schedule an individual appointment to determine if this is the right camp program for your child. Limited spaces available. Funded in part by the Lisa Beth Gerstman Foundation.



## Camp H2O (Entering 1st-5th Grade)

Splash camp is dedicated to swim lessons, open swim, and aquatic safety. During Camp H2O, campers will enjoy a minimum of two hours of swimming each day. It will be offered weeks 4 and 8 with a fee of \$251. Friday is fun water day!

## Mad Science Camp (Entering 2nd-6th Grade)

In our new Mad Science summer camps offered on two separate weeks during the summer, children will have the opportunity to learn about science through interactive and hands-on science activities.

- Offered on weeks 3 and 7.
- Fee: \$301.
- Additional Fee applies
- 4Cs subsidy: parent is responsible for the difference in fee.

**Brixology: Engineering with LEGO®** Your children will learn about different types of engineering and then team up to construct a different engineering-themed project using LEGO® bricks! Projects will include building a space station, boats and vehicles.

### Eureka! The Investors' Camp:

Your children will enjoy creating catapults and forts, construct working lights sticks to take home and assemble a set of circuits with batteries and light bulbs!

# SPORTS CAMPS

Campers will have the opportunity to spend extra time doing what they love. Program ages vary depending on sport. Camps are based on grade level the camper is entering in the Fall.

\*Specialty Camps are welcome to sign up for the weekly trip. Fees for Sports Camp \$251.

## Sports Camp Checklist

- Bathing suit/towel (Full day campers)
- Sneakers & comfortable clothing
- 2 snacks and lunch
- Plenty of water
- Refillable water bottle

### Basketball Camp (Entering Grades 1st-5th)

This camp is designed for your child to have fun while gaining knowledge in the rules and skills of basketball. Players will work with an experienced coach specializing in the sport to improve on skills like: dribbling, passing, shooting and defense.



### Soccer Camp (Entering Grades 1st-5th)

Campers will focus on building on skills such as dribbling, passing, and shooting. Players will learn team work and sportsmanship as well as gain confidence. Your child will come home happy, tired, and ready for more the next day.

### Superhero Fitness (Entering Grades 1st-5th)

This Camp focuses on physical strength, speed, agility, and coordination in a fun manner. Campers will use their imagination to turn themselves into Superheroes! Campers will also learn the importance of being caring, honest, respectful, and responsible.

### Baseball/Softball Camp (Entering Grades 3rd-6th)

Camp is designed to develop each players skills by teaching them the fundamentals of the game. Players will have the opportunity to work with YMCA coaching staff on hitting, fielding, and base running.

### Youth Strength Training Camp (Entering Grades 6th-8th)

In addition to Pioneer Camp a YMCA Personal Trainer will bring the campers to the Fitness Center where they will learn proper use of strength and cardio equipment, workout layouts, gym safety and etiquette.

### All Sports Camp (Entering Grades 1st-5th and 6th-8th)

Campers will be introduced to various sports each day throughout the week. Campers will learn new skills of each sport while learning the importance of teamwork. This is a good opportunity for both children who enjoy all sports or those who are looking to try new sports.



# CHEER, GYMNASTICS, & DANCE CAMP

Campers will work with certified instructors that will introduce them to the basics of dance, gymnastics, and cheer. Campers will learn new skills, gain confidence, and make new friends while having fun at the Y! Fees for Camp \$251.00

## Cheer Camp

This camp is designed for the aspiring young athlete who wants to develop cheer skills in an exciting, creative and fun atmosphere. Campers will learn cheers, proper hand and body movements, choreography, as well as jumping techniques all while working as a team. There is no stunting involved.

- Two snack and lunch
- Bathin suit and towel
- No cheer experience needed
- Bring plenty of water.

## Gymnastics Camp Checklist

- No Gymnastic experience required
- Wear comfortable clothing (Leotards optional)
- Bring plenty of water
- Two snacks and a lunch (Full Day camp)
- Bathing suit/towel (Full Day camp)

\* Children will develop coordination, balance, strength, and flexibility.

## Dance Camp Checklist

- No Dance experience required
- Dancers should wear comfortable clothing
- Dance shoes are optional
- Bring plenty of water
- Two snacks and a lunch (Full Day camp)
- Bathing suit/towel (Full Day camp)

\* Grades vary based on the week, check the registration page for more details.





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## Upcoming Open House Dates

Come meet the Camp Directors, learn more about camp, take a tour and get all your questions answered. You can also register at anytime!

- **Wednesday March 21 6-8pm**
- **Saturday April 21 12-3pm**
- **Tuesday May 15 6-8pm**

## Contact Information:

### Pre-School Camps

Natalie Cribeiro  
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### School-Age Traditional Camps

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### Sports/Dance/Cheer/Gymnastics

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## Financial Assistance

The Y is a non-profit organization committed to strengthening the foundations of community. We believe all children should have the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

In addition, the Y partners with and accept 4 C's & Programs for Parents.

For more information, contact Camp Director at (908) 688-9622