EVERY SUMMER HAS A STORY

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 Rahway Branch has a great summer day camp experience ready for them!

Upcoming Open House Dates

- Thursday, March 21 6–8pm
- Saturday, April 27 12–3pm
- Wednesday, May 15 6–8pm
SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

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 for more information or pick up an application at the Welcome Center or on our website.

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 and must be returned prior to the week you are requesting the change.

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. Complete the registration form. All original registration forms must be submitted at the Welcome Center by the parent/guardian. Registration forms cannot be faxed or emailed.
2. Campers are required to be a member of the Rahway Branch, throughout the length of their camp participation. For memberships applications and/or questions please contact the Welcome Center.
3. Unfortunately we are not able to process refunds.
4. Space is available for each camp and week on a first come, first serve basis. The only way to guarantee a spot is to leave a deposit of $30 for each week your child will be attending camp. This deposit is deducted from the total balance for the week. If a deposit is not left, space is not guaranteed.
4. All campers must be registered by 6:00pm on Friday for the following week of camp.

Field Trips and Special Events:
For all campers attending Explorer, Adventure and Pioneer Camps there will be optional field trips offered throughout the summer on Fridays. There is a $25 registration fee for each field trip your child attends. When registering for a field trip, your camp balance must be paid in full for the week your child attends the trip. Field trip registration is on a first come, first serve basis. There are limited spaces available for field trips, please keep this in mind when registering for camp. For campers that choose to not go on the field trip, they will stay at the Y and participate in traditional camp activities. For campers attending Buccaneer and Discovery Camp, special events will be planned on Fridays throughout the summer for no additional fee.

Our Staff
The Rahway Branch makes taking care of your child our top priority. The best way to do that is to hire the best staff. 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.

Pre and Post Camp:
Extended hours are available for all age groups and camps. For this option, registration can be done on a weekly basis or for multiple weeks. Payment is due at the time of registration. Pre Camp starts at 7:00am until 8:30am. Post camp will begin at 5:00pm for our traditional campers. During Post Camp a variety of activities such as organized games and crafts are provided for the campers.
Campers will need to bring the following items labeled with their name:

- Lunch
- Drinks
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Swim Suit
- Towel
- Snack
- Sunscreen

Our campers spend their day **outdoors**. Sunscreen should be applied before camp and brought to camp as well. Children must wear **appropriate clothing** and **footwear**. Sandals and flip flops are not permitted.

**IMMUNIZATION RECORDS AND MEDICAL FORMS**
No child will be allowed to attend camp without IMMUNIZATION RECORDS and a complete and signed medical health history.

**COMMUNICATION**
Important notifications will be sent out via email or a phone call.

**ABSENCES**
If a camper will be absent, please contact the camp director prior to the beginning of camp.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**
During days with inclement and/or dangerous weather, campers will be moved inside of the building.

**CLOTHING**
Everyday clothing at camp includes CAMP SHIRT, SNEAKERS as well as bathing suit and towel. Flip-flops, sandals, crocs etc. are not permitted at camp. Additional clothing (raincoats) as weather permits. Please LABEL everything.

**SUNSCREEN & BUG SPRAY**
Please apply sunscreen or bug repellent BEFORE camp and remind your child to reapply the same throughout the day. The YMCA does not provide sunscreen or bug repellent nor will we apply it to your child. We will teach your child how to self-apply the products you send with them as well as remind them and allow time for this important camp safety element.

**FOOD AND BEVERAGE**
For all campers, breakfast will be provided M-F and lunch will be provided M-Th. On Fridays, families will need to pack a lunch for their camper(s). Snacks will not be provided, please send an afternoon snack to camp with your child each day. Also, in a commitment to healthy living, we ask that you do not pack candy or soda. And for the safety of all our campers, we ask you to refrain from sending nut-based products.

**TOYS AND ELECTRONICS**
Children are advised not to bring anything of monetary or sentimental value to camp. Toys, game cards, electronic devices are best left at home. We will not be responsible if such items are lost, stolen or broken.

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**
Please address all health concerns with the camp director. Care will be administered at camp for all minor incidents. Should an injury require emergency medical treatments, we will notify parent/guardians.

**MEDICATION AT CAMP**
Medication prescribed for campers and brought from home will only be administered if it is in the original container with a label. Parent/Guardian must sign written permission to have the medication be administered (PLEASE SEE PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR APPROPRIATE FORM).

**CANCELLATION POLICY**
Cancellations are accepted at any time. All deposits are non-refundable.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHTS:**
May 10th 7-9pm
Mother’s Day Event: Sip & Paint

June 14th 7-9pm
Father’s Day Event: Sports & Games

July 12th 7-9pm
Stars & Stripes: Family BBQ

**KIDS NIGHT OUT:**
May 30th 6:45-9:45pm
Space & Stars Night

June 27th 6:45-9:45pm
Summer Fun Kickoff

July 25th 6:45-9:45pm
Let the Games Begin

Aug 29th 6:45-9:45pm
The Summer Doesn’t Stop Here
Hello Summer! The YMCA invites your child to be a part of our exciting Summer Camp Program. Campers will be provided a welcoming environment where they will be able to express themselves, try new activities, be creative, and make lasting friendships!

Full Member: $215 per week • Program Member: $240 per week
Full Member: 3 days $165 per week • Program Member: 3 days $190 per week

**Summer Camp 2019:**

**WEEK 1: Y SPIRIT WEEK**  
JUNE 24-28

**WEEK 2: STARS AND STRIPES**  
JULY 1-5

**WEEK 3: DECADES OF FUN**  
JULY 8-12

**WEEK 4: EXPLORING NATURE**  
JULY 15-19

**WEEK 5: WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE**  
JULY 22-26

**WEEK 6: CAMP CARNIVAL**  
JULY 29-AUGUST 2

**WEEK 7: RAHWAY’S GOT TALENT**  
AUGUST 5-9

**WEEK 8: MAD SCIENCE**  
AUGUST 12-16

**WEEK 9: CAMP OLYMPICS**  
AUGUST 19-23

**WEEK 10: SEE YOU LATER. SUMMER, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!**  
AUGUST 26-30

**CAMP OPTIONS BUCCANEERS CAMP**  
Ages 3-5 (not entering kindergarten) enjoy age-appropriate activities where they thrive, play & learn!

**DISCOVERY CAMP**  
continues the fun with entering kindergarten and 1st graders! Campers will discover new friends daily swim lessons & activities.

**EXPLORER CAMP**  
fosters each 2nd & 3rd grader’s sense of imagination! Through Healthy U projects & activities, each camper’s day will be full of new discoveries.

**ADVENTURE CAMP**  
is for 4th-5th graders who crave adventure. Each week is filled with team building activities, trips & age-appropriate activities.

**PIONEER CAMP**  
helps to develop leadership skills amongst 6th through 8th graders. Campers will design and execute a social responsibility project for their community.

**PRE & POST CAMP** – Extended hours are available for an additional cost. Extended hours start at 7:00 am until the beginning of camp and extend the camp day until 6:30 pm.

**NEW DISCOVERIES FOR EVERY CAMPER**

At The Gateway Family YMCA, summer camp is an exciting time for every camper! The impact of summer camp lasts a lifetime. Memories made, friendships built and learning to swim are all a part of the process! It’s time to register for another exciting summer. We work to create a safe, fun summer camp experience for all campers.

**SAMPLE DAY CAMP SCHEDULE**

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*ACTIVITIES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**ENRICHMENT PERIODS**  
give campers the opportunity to try something new. Whether its basketball, arts & crafts or music, enrichment periods will foster a camper’s development at camp.

**SUMMER LEARNING ACTIVITIES**  
provide time for campers to engage in activities which will better prepare them for school.