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ONCE UPON A SUMMER.

SUMMER CAMP 2017
THE GATEWAY FAMILY YMCA
RAHWAY 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 Rahway 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 for 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. 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 Rahway Branch, throughout the length of their camp participation. For memberships applications and/or questions please contact the front desk.
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.**

Pre and Post Camp:

Early and 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 and Post Camp begins at the end of the regular camp day (5pm) 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.

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.

Field Trips and Special Events:

For camp weeks noted on the registration form, there is a scheduled field trip for 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 be 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.**

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.

PRESCHOOL CAMPS

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NEW for Summer 2017!

PreSchool Camp

Weeks 3, 4, 5 & 6

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Ages 3, 4 and 5 year olds not entering Kindergarten

9:00am-1:00pm

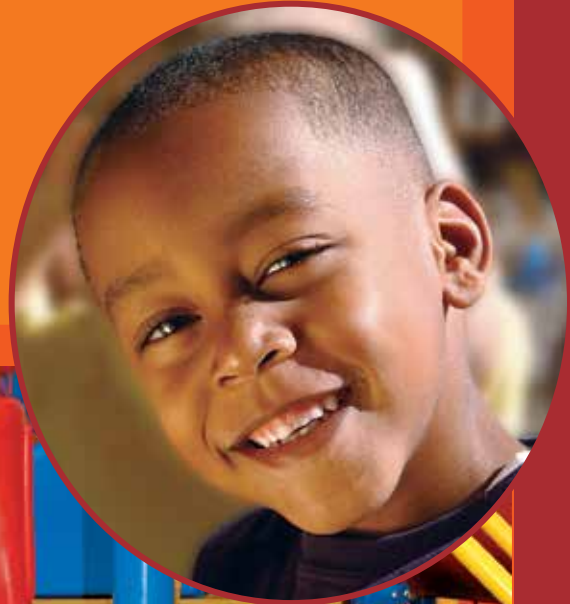
Full Member \$90 per week

Basic Member \$110 per week

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. Summer Fun for threes, fours and fives, age-appropriate activities, designed to encourage physical and social development, along with character development. Throughout the morning 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, 4 & 5 (not yet entering Kindergarten). All campers must be toilet-trained.

PreSchool Camp Schedule

9:00- 9:30am	Meet & Greet – Free Play
9:30- 10:45am	Swim Lessons/Snack
10:45- 11:45am	Arts & Crafts/Cooking/Science & Nature
11:45am- 12:15pm	Lunch/Free Play
12:15- 12:55pm	Sports & Games/Music/Story Time
12:55- 1:00pm	Dismissal



SCHOOL-AGE TRADITIONAL CAMP

The summer is a time to let your child do what they love and to try new things! Choose one or all of the summer camps weeks below.

Full Member: \$211 per week • Program Member: \$221 per week

Summer Camp Themes:

WEEK 1: GOOD VIBRATIONS!

Campers will experience how games and music go hand-in-hand with indoor and outdoor activities. Campers will partake in the first ever camp theme song which they will write, compose and perform - feel the vibrations!

WEEK 2: HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

The campers are coming! The campers are coming! Let's celebrate America's birthday while playing games and learning fun facts about our country.

WEEK 3: WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Cool off with a week filled with water activities! From relay races to water balloon tosses to water games in the pool.

WEEK 4: SPORTASTIC

Channel your inner sports star while utilizing everything the YMCA has to offer. This week will be about coming together as a team and developing new skills in a variety of sports swimming, soccer, basketball, kickball and more.

WEEK 5: CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Chinese New Year, the Great Bull Run, Diwali and more. Campers will celebrate every day focusing on the arts, the culture, and even food from special places around the world. We will finish this week with our own camp celebration.

WEEK 6: STAR WARS

May the force be with you.... whether you decide to be a Jedi or be on the dark side this week campers will take a ride into space exploring astronomy and the intergalactic battle of Good vs Evil. If you're a Star Wars fan or you've never experienced it before this week will be the chance of a lifetime to see how special effects and even droids shape the universe.

WEEK 7: COLOR WAR

Camp will be divided into two teams; RED & BLUE. Teams will battle all week long earning points for physical challenges, trivia competitions and bizarre games. May the best color win!

WEEK 8: CIRCUS, CIRCUS

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls the YMCA presents Circus, Circus. We will wow and dazzle you with high flying adventure and have plenty of time to "clown around" under the big top.

WEEK 9: ISLANDS AWAY

Sit right back and hear a tale, a tale of a faithful trip. Treasures hunts to the mermaid lagoon to the fountain of youth as we discover many water adventures.

WEEK 10: CAMP REWIND.

Did you love all the water games during the summer? Did you want one more chance to make and play with slime? Then you are in luck, we are putting the entire summer on rewind!



SUMMER SPECIALTY CAMPS

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Specialty Camp Fees:

Full Day Camper: \$50 per week • Specialty Camp only: \$80 per week

Arts Camps

Spend your summer morning in our sun filled, air conditioned art studio, creating beautiful works of art. Please send your child with a healthy snack and water bottle. All materials are included.

Art a la Carte (Week 3 & 6)

Each day is filled with unique imaginative fun. Different types of art making will be explored throughout the week. Each day campers will work with a different medium. Mondays: Painting, Tuesdays: Drawing, Thursdays: Clay and Friday: Graphic Design with iPads. Grades 1-5

Simple Sweet Sewing (Week 9)

This is a great place for your child to begin the basics of sewing. Class includes instruction in basic needle threading and basic stitches. A variety of hand sewn crafts will be explored throughout the week. Each camper will come home with 2 completed sewing projects. Grades: 2-5



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Water Exploration Specialty Camp (Weeks 6 & 8)

Come cool off this summer in our pool! This specialty camp will encourage your camper to become a stronger swimmer through instructed lessons and organized games. All swim abilities are welcomed since campers will be separated according to skill. The week will wrap up on Friday with races and relays! Campers can use noodles or flotation if needed. Grades 1-5.



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Sports Camp

is for anyone looking to develop or enhance their skills. Campers will expand on their knowledge and abilities while learning the value of sportsmanship. Each morning will include drills, skill development, learning the rules of the game and actual play.

Slam Dunk Basketball Camp

Weeks 1 & 5

Grades 1-5

Everybody plays, everybody wins! Each day will focus on various skills and team building activities. Our basketball camp is coached by a seasoned player intent on bringing the best training to the campers through fun games, drills and team building. Please pack a water bottle for hydration!

Equipment needed:
sneakers

Sensational Soccer

Week 3

Grades 1-5

Grow as an individual and a team! Daily lessons include foot skills, technical drills, strategy practices, small-sided games, coached scrimmages, and daily games to promote teamwork. Our coaches believe that FUN comes first and are dedicated to teaching both soccer skills and life skills. Please pack a water bottle for hydration.

Equipment needed:
sneakers/cleats & shinguards

Flag Football

Week 4

Grades 1-5

Lace up your shoes and get ready to move! After teaching ball handling skills, tossing, catching, running, strategy and more skills each day, our coaches will set up daily games. Using gained strategy and technical skills, campers will put themselves to the test and have an outrageously good time on the field! Please pack a water bottle for hydration.

Equipment needed:
sneakers/cleats

Tennis

Weeks 6 & 7

Grades 1-5

Your child will receive coaching and instruction in the development of tennis skills. This is a fun and engaging program to teach beginning and progressive tennis skills including: hand-eye coordination, back and forehand strokes, serving, rules, scoring, strategy, and match play.

Hip Hop Dance

Week 8

Grades 1-5

Led by our dance specialists, the Y offers fun-filled hip hop classes. Campers will learn how to dance hip hop by learning modern moves

Multi-Sports

Week 9

Grades 1-5

We offer an atmosphere of fun and fitness for your maturing athletes to learn to love the game and grow in confidence through skill development, small sided games and team building activities.

Leaders in Training Camp (Grades 9-11)

-hosted at the Five Points Branch
For teens interested in working with children in a structured camp setting this is the camp for you. Participants will develop leadership skills through group work, team building and daily activities. Teens will spend half of the day working with the children in our younger camps.

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Mad Science presents My First Chemistry Lab

Week 7

Grades K- 2nd

Shake up a flask of fun in the lab and become a junior chemist! Learn to recognize chemical reactions and mix up a few reactive ingredients for some sensational results

Mad Science presents Let's Get Growing

Week 8

Grades K-2nd

In this fun hands-on camp week, children will discover how, why, and where things grow, how weather affects our gardens and the basic science of seeds. They will also get acquainted with the many "creepy crawly" inhabitants of the garden & how those insects help make gardens so beautiful!

Mad Science presents Schoolhouse Chess

Week 9

Grades 2nd-6th

Our Schoolhouse Chess program makes chess fun! We bring pieces to life using creative personalities. Our imaginative characters accelerate the learning process and fascinate children. Play with our giant chess set – the biggest you've ever seen! This camp is appropriate for beginners through intermediate players. It covers all rules, strategies and tactics. Find out why chess is the most popular game in the world!

Bricks 4 Kidz® presents Up, Up, and Away

Week 4

Ages 3-5

Bricks 4 Kidz® reinforces essential preschool skills with a fun, new approach based on the time-tested popularity of LEGO® bricks! The Bricks 4 Kidz® Preschool curriculum introduces developmentally-appropriate concepts such as counting and patterning, recognizing colors and shapes, ordering, positional words and fine motor skills. The camp provides the spark for imagination and creativity using DUPLO® bricks allowing them to build in a scale designed for their little hands. What kinds of things go up or fly? Each day Campers will be learning something new and exciting that goes up and away along with a lot of fun activities and take-home crafts. Introduce your preschoolers to the fun of learning, building and playing the Bricks 4 Kidz® way!

Bricks 4 Kidz® presents Space Adventure Camp

Week 6

Grades 1st-5th

Inspired by NASA and Star Wars™, our Space Adventures Camp is packed full of models that will make your imagination blast off! Campers will learn about real-life space exploration and build models related to the NASA space program. Each day also includes LEGO® Star Wars™ themed models, group games, challenges and more. Bricks 4 Kidz Space Adventure camp provides the spark for imagination and creativity to take off on an adventure that's out of this world! All Campers take home a custom mini-figure.





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Upcoming Open House Dates

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

- **Wednesday, March 22** 6-8pm
- **Saturday, April 29** 12-3pm
- **Tuesday, May 16** 6-8pm



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 4Cs and Programs for Parents.