



FRESH DAILY SUMMER SMILES

2025 SUMMER DAY CAMPS
Ages 2-16
Registration opens Feb 4-6

YMCA OF MONTCLAIR
montclairymca.org/camps



YMCA'S FOUR CORE VALUES

CARING

Show a sincere concern for others

HONESTY

Be truthful in what you say and do

RESPECT

Treat each other as we'd all like to be treated

RESPONSIBILITY

Be accountable for your promises and actions



At the YMCA of Montclair, our camps offer children and teens — ages 2 to 16— a safe, exciting and memory-making experience.

Camp, like many Y programs, is about learning skills, developing character and making friends. But few environments are as special as camp, where kids become a community as they learn both how to be more independent and how to contribute to a group as they engage in physical, social, and educational activities.

Our camps teach self-reliance and the development of attitudes and practices that build character and leadership, amidst the fun of sports, art, games, outdoor adventure, water activities and meaningful relationships. YMCA of Montclair counselors are dedicated to making sure camp is an amazing experience for every camper.

Financial assistance is available for those with limited financial resources who desire to send kids to our camps. To be eligible, campers must reside within our service area: Bloomfield, Bloomingdale, Clifton, Cedar Grove, Glen Ridge, Haskell, Hewitt, Montclair, Verona, Wanaque, and West Milford.

HELP SEND A CHILD TO CAMP

Camping with the Y is a time for discovery, fun, and friendship. Help cover the cost of camp for a young adventurer. Your gift will provide an unforgettable summer experience at one of our Y camps. Any dollar amount given helps children develop core values, learn new skills, make new friends, and have loads of fun in the process!

If you are interested in making a pledge, please state dollar amount in the SEND A CHILD TO CAMP box on the registration form. Your contribution is tax-deductible.



The YMCA of Montclair is proud to be a Praesidium Accredited Organization
Learn more about Child Protection at the Y at montclairymca.org/child-protection/

POWERED BY DISCOVERY



SAMPLE SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:30 am	Free Play/Table Activities
9:45 am	Snack
10:00 am	Circle Time
10:15 am	Arts and Crafts/Centers
10:45 am	Story Time
11:00 am	Outdoor Play

"Love this program so much, have had both kids in it and so grateful for all it has done to prepare them for preschool. Ms. Tracey is the most amazing teacher and we will forever be thankful for her impact on our kids."

TIME FOR TWOS

Age 2 (Children must be 2 years old by July 1)

Registration Feb 4 at 10am

For most children this is the first introduction to the camp experience. We focus on socialization, verbal communication skills, and positive social behavior. Children participate in group free play, art, music, story time, and physical activities, including weekly water play.

Dates	June 23–August 22	
	1-week sessions	
Hours	9:30–11:30am	
Location	Geyer Family YMCA 159 Glenridge Ave., Montclair	
	Prorated Week of July 4	
Family	\$165/week	\$132
Youth	\$180/week	\$144

Camp Contact Justine Perillo, Executive Director Geyer
jperillo@montclairymca.org
973-415-6116

POSITIVE INTERACTIONS



NEW ADVENTURES

Ages 3-6 (Must be 3 & potty trained by June 1)

Registration Feb 4 at 10am

New Adventures offers children ages 3-Kindergarten a safe, fun, and creative first time camp experience. Children grow in self-reliance, confidence, and self-esteem, while building lots of new skills. Children are grouped according to their age, and move through the program center to different activities and adventures throughout the day. All special events and activities are created around the theme for the week. Whether it's through singing, swimming*, or art, our camp staff lead children in developing strong YMCA values: Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. Must be potty trained.

Dates June 30-August 15
1-week sessions
Hours 9am-3:00pm
Location Our Lady of the Lake
26 Lakeside Ave, Verona, NJ 07044

Parking is available along Lakeside Avenue and in the back parking lot on Montrose Avenue. *All campers are bussed with their group to swim at our Geyer Family YMCA.

Family \$390/week
Youth \$405/week

Before Care 7:45-9:00am
\$110/week
After Care 3:00-6:00pm
\$135/week

Camp Contact Joelle Murphy, Senior Camp Director
jmurphy@montclairymca.org
973-415-6118



"My son loves New Adventures camp! From the program activities, to the counselors and his old and new friends! Last year he went to 2 different camps and asked to return only to New Adventures! The staff is always present and available while also keeping our kids entertained and happy!"

MOTIVATED BY PLAYTIME



"We had a fantastic summer at New Discoveries! The counselors and staff were all friendly, approachable and really enjoy being there with the kids. Everyone was very welcoming and accommodating to special requests. The activities kept my children engaged and having fun. All of my children met new friends and really blossomed this summer. Thank you for everything!"



NEW DISCOVERIES

Ages 4-9

Registration Feb 6 at 10am

At New Discoveries Camp our staff believes it is important to meet every child's physical, creative, and emotional needs. Children are given the opportunity to play with and meet new friends. They learn new games and skills during specialty activities, which include sports, STEM, nature, science, Healthy U nutrition, cooperative games, creative arts, drama, and instructional swim*. Lastly, they grow both emotionally and physically throughout the summer, allowing them to develop confidence and build self-esteem while creating new memories.

Dates June 30 - August 15
1-week sessions
Hours 9:00am-3:15pm
Location Montclair Community Pre-K
49 Orange Road, Montclair

This child-friendly, fully secured facility offers indoor and outdoor spaces for our fun-filled activities.
*Children either walk or are bussed for swim to our Park Street YMCA.

Family \$390/week
Youth \$405/week

Before Care 7:45-9:00am
\$110/week
After Care 3:00-6:00pm
\$135/week

Camp Contact Joelle Murphy, Senior Camp Director
jmurphy@montclairymca.org
973-415-6118

REGISTER ONLINE: montclairymca.org/camps

POWERED BY NATURE



CAMP AT THE LAKE

Ages 5-14

Registration Feb 5 at 10am

This American Camp Association accredited camp provides children with exciting adventures, cooperative learning, and tons of fun! The day consists of activities in smaller groups that may include arts and crafts, playing sports, catching a fish, paddling a boat, working as a team, archery, exploring nature and science, and more! Instructional swim lessons are offered 3x per week. Campers express their creativity, unleash their boundless energy, learn new skills, and develop meaningful relationships.

Dates	Traditional Camp	June 30–August 29
	Specialty Camps*	1-week sessions July 7–August 15 2-week sessions
Hours	8:00am–4:00pm (Bus stop drop-off available starting at 8:00am)	
Location	YMCA Outdoor Education Center 131 Germantown Road, West Milford	

Traditional Camp

Family \$470/week **Youth** \$485/week • Aftercare \$140/week

Nature Navigators (Outdoor Education Camp)

Family \$1000/session **Youth** \$1030/session • Aftercare \$280/session
(Tuition is for 2-week period)

Sports Stars (Sports Camp)

Family \$950/session **Youth** \$980/session • Aftercare \$280/session
(Tuition is for 2-week period)

Camp Contact: Lindsey Savoie, Camp at the Lake Director
lsavoie@montclairymca.org
973-415-6119

POWERED BY NATURE



TRADITIONAL DAY CAMP

Experience everything we have to offer by signing up for one or more of our weekly sessions. Because of our themes, every week at Traditional Camp is completely different, so join us for the entire summer! Campers are grouped as follows:

JUNIOR VILLAGE Ages 5-7
Entering K-2nd Grade

MIDDLE VILLAGE Ages 8-10
Entering 3rd-5th Grade

SENIOR VILLAGE Ages 11 - 14
Entering 6th-8th Grade

Lake Swimming and Fun Water Activities

Your summer camp experience wouldn't be complete without taking a dip in our beautiful freshwater lake. Campers get to cool off by enjoying lots of lake time. Water safety is the Y's #1 priority, so campers are scheduled for swim lessons Tuesday through Thursday, with free swim on Friday. Our American Red Cross Certified Lifeguards test every camper's swim ability before they hop in the lake, placing them at the correct swim level. Our group lessons are inspired by the National YMCA Progressive Swim Lesson Program. Our lake is the 'central hub' of the excitement, action, and learning. Kayaks, canoes, pedal boats, and paddle boards are campers' favorites, with 'walking on water' on the much loved Wibit® being the biggest hit. Spending time in and around our lake adds great value, and helps build confidence and life skills in campers, one splash at a time!

CAMP AT THE LAKE SPECIALTY CAMPS

These camps are held at the same location as Traditional Camp and campers travel on their regular bus. Specialty Camps are designed to provide a singular exposure to one program area and are a great way for our 10-14 year old campers to add even more variety to their summer experience. It is very important that campers have a passion and strong desire to explore this program area. All Specialty Campers receive swim lessons and participate in Special Event Fridays.

Nature Navigators: Outdoor Education Camp

Has your child expressed a love or interest for nature and the outdoors? If so, Nature Navigators is the perfect camp for them! This specialty camp is designed to offer your camper the outdoor experience while teaching them basic outdoor education and survival skills.

Session 1 (July 7 – July 18):
Outdoor Odyssey

Session 2 (July 21 – August 1):
Tasty Trails

Session 3 (August 4 – August 15):
Wet and Wild

Sports Stars: Sports Camp

If your child loves the outdoors but prefers a day filled with playing their favorite sports and games, sports stars is the place to be! This specialty camp is designed to offer your camper the outdoor benefits of Camp at the Lake while honing their athletic skills through various sports and friendly competition.

Session 1 (July 7 – July 18):
Soccer Stars

Session 2 (July 21 – August 1):
Basketball Bandits

Session 3 (August 4 – August 15):
Sports of all Sorts

"My son enjoyed every minute of his experience at Camp at the Lake. While some days were hot and swimming in a lake was a new experience, he felt proud to have so much to share about what he did and achieved. The kids and counselors are great and supportive and fun. Staff are responsive and communication about camp activities is clear and frequent. Thank you all for a great summer!!"

THEME WEEKS

SESSION	THEME
1	Red, White, & Que
2	Wild West
3	Circus Fun
4	Color Wars
5	Survivor
6	Camp Stock
7	Medieval, Mythical, & Magical
8	Sports Mania
9	Beach Bash



BUS STOPS AVAILABLE

BLOOMFIELD
CLIFTON
MONTCLAIR
UPPER MONTCLAIR
VERONA
WEST ORANGE

FAMILY DAY DATES: **10:30AM**
SATURDAY JULY 19 **TO**
SATURDAY AUGUST 9 **2:00PM**



MOTIVATED BY EXPLORATION



SAMPLE TRIPS

- Liberty Science Center
- Splashplex Waterpark
- Turtleback Zoo
- Arena STEM

"My daughter had a wonderful experience with the Explorers Camp. The variety of trips was great, and she has discovered new interests because of this! We will definitely do this again next year."

REGISTER ONLINE: montclairymca.org/camps

EXPLORERS

Ages 9-12

Registration Feb 4 at 10am

Explorers is designed to spark your child's imagination, grow new friendships, and assist in discovering new talents each and every day. With creatively planned activities, campers enjoy their summer to the fullest and look forward to returning each year. Every week at Explorers is filled with fun, age-appropriate activities and trips to local destinations. Trips will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In our small camp culture, everyone gets to know each other and have a personalized experience. Our goal is to provide a high-quality, safe, fun, and exciting summer camp while promoting the Y's focus areas of youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

Dates	June 30 - August 15 1-week sessions
Hours	8:45am-3:30pm
Location	Location Hillside School 54 Orange Road, Montclair
Family	\$425/week
Youth	\$440/week
Before Care	7:45-8:45am \$105/week
After Care	3:30-6:00pm \$130/week

Camp Contact Rob Casale, Executive Director of Camps
rcasale@montclairymca.org
973-415-6117

REACHING NEW GOALS



"My child had a wonderful time! I love the format which also allows the YBA campers to swim and use the bouncy house / water play. The Head Coach was AMAZING! Thank you for everything."

YOUTH BASKETBALL ALL-STARS (Y.B.A.)

Ages 8-13

Registration Feb 4 at 10am

The YMCA invented the game of basketball! The YMCA of Montclair invented Y.B.A. to nurture basketball enthusiasts. We provide all-day programming for campers to further develop skills, learn game strategies, and achieve goals on and off the court. Each day is spent improving fundamentals, performing interactive drills, building offensive and defensive skills, playing in-house tournaments, and getting in shape. Campers may register for as many weeks of the program as they like—however note—each week fills up quickly. This camp is also a great option for youth who wish to try out for our travel team in the Fall.

Dates	June 30–August 15 1-week sessions
Hours	8:45am–3:30pm
Location	Our Lady of the Lake 26 Lakeside Ave, Verona, NJ 07044
Family	\$355/week
Youth	\$370/week
Before Care	7:45–8:45am \$110/week
After Care	3:30–6:00pm \$135/week
Camp Contact	Rob Casale, Executive Director of Camps rcasale@montclairymca.org 973-415-6117

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS



- Teamwork
- Communication
- Cooperation
- Attitude
- Motivation

"My daughter enrolled in the YMCA Quest Summer Program of 2024. There she established key essential leadership skills. The staff were the best providing guidance, motivation, and self confidence. My daughter was properly prepared to venture out and obtain her first job as a swim instructor. I can't say enough about the YMCA Quest Program."

-Laura Stein/Parent

SUMMER QUEST

Ages 14-16

Registration Feb 4 at 10am

For Required Orientation Session; RSVP only; No payment required at this time

The Quest Summer Program is a 2-week experience designed to guide teens ages 14-16 to become future camp counselors. Teens will learn essential leadership skills and build self-confidence for life and the workforce. Teens will receive the following topics in their preparation: Introduction to the Y, History, Mission, and Core Values, Camp Program Expectations, Camp Program Scenarios Teamwork, Communication, Cooperation, Attitude, and Motivation.

Week 1 will focus on developing knowledge and skills.
Week 2 will be an internship at either Camp at the Lake or New Discoveries.

Dates	July 7-July 18 July 21-August 1 August 4-August 15 2-week sessions
Hours	9am-4pm
Location	Week 1: Park Street YMCA 25 Park Street, Montclair Week 2: Camp at the Lake or New Discoveries
Family Teen Deposit	\$465 \$150 deposit
Camp Contact	Naomi Wallace, Teen & Quest Director nwallace@montclairymca.org 973-415-6124

HOW TO REGISTER

Go to montclairymca.org/camps
Choose Your Camp and click on the register button. A credit card is required to register online.

MEMBERSHIP

A current YMCA of Montclair Youth/Teen/Family Membership is required to register. If you do not have a family membership and will register multiple children for camp using youth or teen memberships, please contact the Y at 973-744-3400 so the accounts can be merged ensuring a smooth registration process.

DEPOSITS/PAYMENTS

A \$75 deposit is due for each camp session, and a \$35 deposit is due for each Before Care and After Care session selected at the time of registration. Please note that camp session deposits and After Care deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

SIBLING DISCOUNT:

A 10% sibling discount will be applied to the child with the lowest camp tuition. If you are eligible for this discount, please contact us at campregistrar@montclairymca.org after you have completed the registration process.

BALANCE: All accounts must be void of outstanding balances.

CHANGES/CANCELATIONS:

In order to discontinue scheduled payments and receive a full refund (MINUS the deposit), families must notify the YMCA of Montclair in writing of any cancelations 2 weeks prior to the beginning of the canceled camp session. Any cancelation notification later than 2 weeks prior to the beginning of the canceled camp session will NOT be refunded. Submit request to campregistrar@montclairymca.org.

FRIEND REQUESTS:

At the YMCA, we dedicate ourselves to youth development. Our camps help build confident, resilient, and happy campers by helping them foster new bonds throughout the summer months. In order to foster new authentic friendships and for the safety of all children to ensure our camper-to-staff supervision ratios, we will not accept friend requests for the 2025 camp season. Thank you for your understanding.



YMCA OF
MONTCLAIR
montclairymca.org



Park Street Branch
25 Park Street
Montclair, NJ 07042
973-744-3400

Geyer Family Branch
159 Glenridge Ave.
Montclair, NJ 07042
973-783-7640

Outdoor Education Center
131 Germantown Road
West Milford, NJ 07480
973-697-2929

