

IMPORTANT DAY CAMP INFORMATION

Payment & Registration

Member Registration: Opens March 31

Non-Member Registration: Opens April 14

A \$25 non-refundable deposit per session is required to reserve a camper's spot. Deposit is applied to the balance.

When is Payment Due?

Full camp payment is due on the 15th of the month prior to the month of camp. For example, if your camper is signed up for camp(s) in June, full payment of all June camps would be due May 15th.

Summer Camp Drop Policy & Refunds

Those who wish to withdraw their registration for a camp must do so no later than two (2) full weeks before the camp is scheduled to start. The initial \$25 deposit used to register for a camp session is non-refundable and non-transferable. No refunds will be given after the two (2) week policy prior to the start of camp.

What should my camper bring everyday?

Campers should come dressed in clothes they can easily move around in, closed toe shoes, a water bottle, bug spray, and sunscreen. They should also bring a swimsuit and towel on scheduled swim days. Camp staff will help your camper keep track of his or her belongings, but they are NOT responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal items.

Does my camper need to bring lunch/snacks to camp?

The YMCA participates in the District 518 Summer Lunch program. If your camper does not want to participate in the program, they will need to bring a cold lunch from home. Please note: refrigerators and microwaves are not available for camper use. The YMCA also provides a morning and afternoon snack to all campers.

How do I stay informed about camp?

We have Facebook page called Worthington Area YMCA and a Instagram account (@wgtnymca) for promotional purposes.

We will use the REMIND app to communicate with parents during camp. A REMIND code will be provided once registration is complete.

What are camp check in/out procedures?

Check-In: Parents/Guardians are expected to park their vehicle and check-in/check-out campers with camp staff at the Front Door of the YMCA or alternative camp site location between the hours of 7:00-8:30am.

Check-Out: Campers must be signed out each day by parent/guardian or authorized adults with a photo I.D. Campers will not be released to someone other than the parent/guardian. Notify camp staff if an additional person needs to be added as an authorized adult. Check-Out is between the hours of 4:00-5:00pm.

What should my camper bring on field trips?

Specific field trip information will be provided to parents/guardians prior to the scheduled field trip. Each camp is assigned to a designated field trip day. Campers may travel up to 90 miles away.

- Campers must wear their provided YMCA summer camp field trip shirt.
- Campers must bring a lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray, and may bring an individual activity to do on the bus (books, fidget toys, etc.) however, the YMCA is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.
- There isn't alternate camp programming on field trip days; no refunds for campers who do not attend.

What should I do if my camper will be absent or late?

If campers are arriving late to their camp location (after 8:30am) and the camp has already departed, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to get their camper to the location of the camp.

If a camper needs to be picked up prior to end of day (before 4:00pm), it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to meet the camper at the location in which their camper is located.

Communicate with camp staff via REMIND

What is the procedure for inclement weather?

Camps will operate outdoors for the majority of the time. In the event of inclement weather (lightning, thunder, high winds and high heat index) during outdoor activities, campers will be brought indoors or to the nearest shelter until it is safe to return to the scheduled camp activity. The Camp staff will send out communication if there is an emergency.



CAMP FEES & REGISTRATION

All camp registration is done online. If you do not already have a YMCA online account, we recommend getting one set up before camp registration opens. Camp Registration for YMCA Members opens on March 31st. Registration for Non-Members is April 14th. A non-refundable & non-transferable deposit of \$25 is required for each week your camper plans to attend. This deposit will be deducted from the overall weekly fee. Full camp payment is due on the 15th of the month prior to the month of camp. For example, if your camper is signed up for camp(s) in June, full payment for all June camps is due May 15.

- Camp Fees: \$150/week for Tier 1 (true cost of camp).
- \$125/week for Tier 2 with promo code: 2025tier2
- \$100/week for Tier 3 with promo code: 2025tier3

2025 FEES & TIERED PRICING

Realizing families have different abilities to pay, the Worthington Area YMCA has adopted a voluntary tier pricing structure. Tier pricing is not income-based but is based on what your family is able to pay. No additional paperwork is required*

Tier 1: \$150.00 / week
(The TRUE cost of camp)
This covers the cost of your camper, equitable salaries for our counselors, and the continued growth of new camp programs and opportunities.

Tier 2: \$125.00 / week
(Partially subsidized, \$25 off)

Tier 3: \$100.00 / week
(A higher subsidy, \$50 off)

The choice of what price you pay is completely yours and remains confidential. Regardless of which option you choose, your child receives the same camp experience with the same high-quality programming. Funding available through the WRHCF match.

*If additional assistance is needed to make Summer Day Camp possible, please visit ww.ymcaworthington.org or contact 507-376-6197 or visit us at 1501 Collegeway Worthington, MN 56187

KINDERGARTEN CLUBHOUSE

Designed for youth entering Kindergarten fall 2025.

Camp hours: 7am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

Lunch and snack are included on weeks 2-4 & 6-10.



	DATES:	THEMES:	DESCRIPTION:
*1	June 2-6	Tiny Tides & Ocean Rides	Little campers will splash into a world of ocean fun, exploring sea creatures, waves, and sandy shores through hands-on activities and playful adventures!
2	June 9-13	Little Picassos	Tiny hands will create big masterpieces! Campers will explore colors, textures, and artistic techniques while making their own creative works.
3	June 16-20	Blast Off to Fun!	Tiny astronauts will explore planets, stars, and rockets through hands-on space activities, crafts, and pretend play!
4	June 23-27	Ahoy, Little Pirates!	Set sail for adventure as little campers explore treasure maps, pirate games, and island fun!
*5	June 30 - July 3	Stars & Stripes Celebration	Little campers will wave their flags, sing patriotic songs, and celebrate America through fun crafts and games!
6	July 7-11	Around the World in 5 Days	Little campers will travel the globe through stories, songs, and crafts from different cultures!
7	July 14-18	Little Scientists	Bubbling potions, fizzing reactions, and hands-on experiments will introduce little learners to the magic of science!
8	July 21-25	Fairy Tale Fun	Little campers will step into their favorite fairy tales, meeting princesses, heroes, and talking animals through magical activities!
9	July 28-Aug 1	Beats & Creative Vibes	Campers will get their groove on by making their own instruments, creating funky soundscapes, and dancing to fun rhythms. With lively storytelling and artistic projects, they'll explore how music and creativity come together in the most fun ways!
10	August 4-8	Magic and Mystery	Campers will dive into a world of magic and mystery, crafting their own enchanted wands, decoding secret messages, and going on treasure hunts around camp. Fun puzzles and magical adventures will spark their curiosity and sense of wonder!
*11	August 11-15	Little Nature Adventures	Campers will explore the wonders of nature through tactile activities like mud painting, nature scavenger hunts, and creating nature-inspired crafts. They'll discover the beauty around them by observing and interacting with the environment through hands-on experiences.

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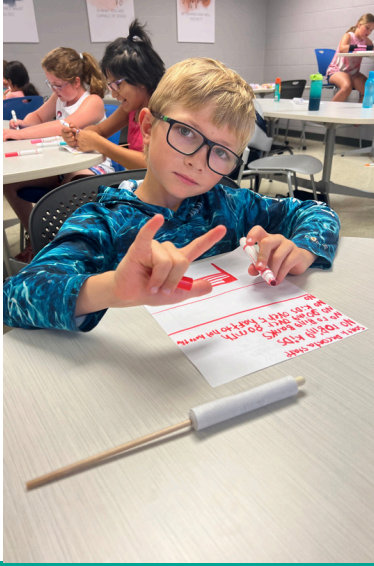
EXPLORERS

Designed for youth entering 1st & 2nd grade fall 2025.
 Camp hours: 7am-5pm, Monday-Friday.
 Lunch and snack are included on weeks 2-4 & 6-10.

	DATES:	THEMES:	DESCRIPTION:
*1	June 2-6	Deep Sea Discovery	Get ready to dive into the wonders of the deep blue! Explorers will uncover ocean secrets, learning about fascinating marine life and ecosystems like coral reefs, kelp forests, and underwater caves while embarking on exciting challenges.
2	June 9-13	Creative Journeys	Explorers will travel through different art styles and cultures, trying out painting, sculpting, and more in a week full of creativity!
3	June 16-20	Mission to the Moon	Join the space crew! Explorers will take a journey through the galaxy, learning about planets, astronauts, and rocket launches.
4	June 23-27	Treasure Hunters	Explorers will decode hidden clues, navigate scavenger hunts, and uncover secrets of lost ships and buried treasure!
*5	June 30 - July 3	Red, White & Blue Adventures	Explorers will dive into American history, famous landmarks, and fun-filled patriotic activities!
6	July 7-11	Global Explorers	Explorers will embark on a cultural adventure, learning about traditions, languages, and games from around the world!
7	July 14-18	Lab Coats & Curiosity	Explorers will dive into chemistry, physics, and biology through engaging experiments and hands-on discovery!
8	July 21-25	Disney Adventure Quest	Explorers will embark on Disney-inspired quests, from pirate adventures to enchanted castle challenges!
9	July 28-Aug 1	Funky Art Explosion	Campers will dive into the world of abstract art, using bright colors and funky patterns to create unique masterpieces. Through fun paint splatters, clay sculptures, and collaborative mural projects, they'll get inspired by the freedom of creative expression!
10	August 4-8	Puzzle Masters	Campers will work together to solve puzzles, riddles, and escape room challenges that lead them on a wild adventure through the world of mystery. They'll learn how to think critically and work as a team while unraveling the biggest mysteries at camp.
*11	August 11-15	Wildlife Investigators	Campers will become wildlife investigators, studying animal tracks, learning about local wildlife, and conducting field experiments to discover how animals live and adapt to their habitats. They'll explore nature's mysteries while tracking animals and learning about ecosystems.

VOYAGERS

Designed for youth entering 3rd - 5th grade fall 2025.
 Camp hours: 7am-5pm, Monday-Friday.
 Lunch and snack are included on weeks 2-4 & 6-10.



	DATES:	THEMES:	DESCRIPTION:
*1	June 2-6	Mysteries of the Ocean	Voyagers will navigate the depths of the ocean, from coral reefs to shipwrecks, through exciting experiments, ocean crafts, and marine explorations!
2	June 9-13	Masterpieces in Motion	From murals to mosaics, Voyagers will dive into the world of art, experimenting with different materials to bring their masterpieces to life.
3	June 16-20	Galactic Explorers	Voyagers will map the solar system, create constellations, and dive into the mysteries of space through exciting experiments and challenges!
4	June 23-27	Lost at Sea	Stranded on an island? Voyagers will work together to build shelters, crack secret codes, and survive shipwrecked adventures!
*5	June 30 - July 3	Road Trip Across America	Voyagers will take a virtual journey through the 50 states, exploring cultures, inventions, and historical moments along the way!
6	July 7-11	Passport to Adventure	Voyagers will "visit" different countries each day, experiencing music, food, and customs from various parts of the world!
7	July 14-18	STEM Explorers	Voyagers will explore robotics, engineering, and problem-solving in fun, interactive ways!
8	July 21-25	Heroes & Villains	Voyagers will dive into the worlds of their favorite Disney heroes and villains, facing exciting challenges and creating their own stories!
9	July 28-Aug 1	Rockstar Science	Campers will become rockstars of science, exploring the world of sound waves, vibrations, and the science behind musical instruments. They'll conduct experiments, build their own instruments, and perform science-inspired challenges to unleash their inner mad scientist!
10	August 4-8	Spy vs. Spy	Campers will enter a world of espionage, decoding secret messages, navigating spy missions, and uncovering hidden clues through high-tech spy gadgets and obstacle courses. The week is full of intrigue as they step into the shoes of secret agents on thrilling missions!
*11	August 11-15	Eco Engineers	Campers will tackle environmental challenges by designing sustainable projects and solutions, such as building mini greenhouses or creating recycling systems. They'll learn about renewable energy, the importance of conservation, and how to protect our planet through hands-on eco-engineering projects.

PRE-TEEN PATHFINDERS

Designed for youth entering 6th - 8th grade fall 2025.

Camp hours: 7am-5pm, Monday-Friday.
Lunch and snack are included on weeks 2-4 & 6-10.



	DATES:	THEMES:	DESCRIPTION:
*1	June 2-6	Survivor: Island Edition	Stranded on a deserted island? Pathfinders will face ocean-inspired survival challenges, building shelters, navigating island games, and learning vital skills to survive in the wild blue yonder!
2	June 9-13	Beyond the Canvas	Art meets innovation as Pathfinders explore digital design, street art, and interactive installations that combine technology and traditional techniques to push the boundaries of creative expression!
3	June 16-20	Mars or Bust!	Pathfinders will take on the challenge of space travel, designing their own Mars colonies, building spacecraft prototypes, and testing their survival skills in simulated Martian environments.
4	June 23-27	Legends of the Deep	From mythical sea monsters to real-life shipwreck stories, Pathfinders will dive into the lore of the ocean and test their survival skills in thrilling oceanic adventures!
*5	June 30 - July 3	The Great American Challenge	Pathfinders will test their knowledge, teamwork, and problem-solving skills with history-based challenges and exciting competitions!
6	July 7-11	World Wonders & Traditions	Pathfinders will dive into world history, famous landmarks, and international traditions through immersive activities and projects!
7	July 14-18	Mad Scientists & Inventors	Pathfinders will tackle real-world STEM challenges, inventing new creations, conducting mind-blowing experiments, and testing their designs in hands-on innovation labs.
8	July 21-25	Imagineering Magic	Pathfinders will explore the world of Disney Imagineering, designing theme parks, inventing rides, and bringing Disney dreams to life!
9	July 28-Aug 1	Groovy Innovation Lab	Campers will innovate funky inventions, combining creativity and technology to design gadgets and artwork that come to life. From building mechanical sculptures to exploring art with tech, they'll push the boundaries of what creativity can achieve.
10	August 4-8	The Detective Academy	Campers will join the Detective Academy, solving intricate mysteries, crafting their own detective kits, and unraveling complex cases through role-playing and critical thinking during thrilling murder mystery scenarios.
*11	August 11-15	Survival Skills Challenge	Campers will test their survival instincts by learning essential outdoor skills, including shelter building, fire-starting, and navigation. They'll gain confidence in the wilderness while taking on challenges that teach them how to thrive in the great outdoors.

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Welcome to Summer Camp at the Y!

Summer at the Y is a time for adventure, exploration, and personal growth. Our camp is designed to provide an exciting, safe, and inclusive environment where every child can thrive. Each week, campers will participate in a variety of activities that encourage creativity, teamwork, and self-confidence. From outdoor games and hands-on projects to themed adventures and engaging field trips, every day brings new opportunities for learning and fun.

At the heart of our camp experience is a commitment to helping kids build lasting friendships, develop a sense of independence, and discover new passions. Our dedicated staff works hard to create a welcoming atmosphere where all campers feel valued and encouraged to be themselves. We believe that summer camp is more than just a place to spend the season—it's a place where lifelong memories are made, where kids can step out of their comfort zones, and where they gain skills that will benefit them far beyond the summer months.

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Day Camp hours are 7a.m. - 5p.m. Monday -Friday.

Lunch and snack ARE provided on weeks 2-4 & 6-10. Lunch will NOT be provided on weeks 1, 5 & 11



Worthington Area YMCA DEGROOT FAMILY CENTER Day Camps are designed for youth who are entering Kindergarten through 8th grade in the fall of 2025.

Camps are separated per the following categories:

Kindergarten Clubhouse (entering kindergarten)

Explorers Day Camp (entering grades: 1 & 2)

Voyagers Day Camp (entering grades: 3, 4 & 5)

Pre-teen Pathfinders (entering grades: 6, 7 & 8)

We're excited to welcome new and returning campers to another incredible summer at the Y. Whether it's a camper's first time joining us or they've been part of our community for years, we can't wait to share in the laughter, adventure, and unforgettable moments that make Y summer camp such a special experience. Get ready for a summer full of fun, friendships, and adventure—we'll see you soon!



Questions?

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