



**WE ARE
THE Y!**

BEST SUMMER EVER



**Kankakee Area YMCA
2020 Summer
Camp Guide**

**Registration available
now!**



Welcome to Kankakee Area YMCA Day Camp!



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We can't wait to spend the summer with your child! The YMCA offers a summer camp that is like no other, with a focus on relationships, achievement and belonging! Your child will make new friends, be active and healthy, learn new skills, and above all, have fun.

Our camp counselors and directors look forward to working with your child this summer. All camp staff are certified in CPR and first aid. Our counselors also complete training which focuses on keeping children safe, helping children achieve, and giving children opportunities to belong. Counselors get to know each camper and help campers build strong bonds both with their peers and counselors. Our camp also offers water safety lessons to non-swimmers. If you feel your child would benefit from swimming and water safety instruction, please tell us on your child's camp registration form. We want all of our campers to be safe around the water!

Communication with families is important to us! Weekly newsletters help you stay up-to-date with activities, field trips, and snack and lunch menus.

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Camp Discover

Camp Discover is our camp for children ages 5 - 12 to experience a well-rounded, fun time at the Y. Each week will have a new theme, from sports to pirates to LEGOs and movies. Our campers will take part in activities throughout the week that are related to the theme, along with other camp activities like swimming, lunch, and games.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 guidelines, we are unable to offer our weekly field trips this year, but we will be doing additional activities at the Y to make up for it.

During the week, campers can be dropped off from 6:30 - 9:00 AM and enjoy a breakfast as we start our day. After the morning activities, we will have a healthy lunch and finish the rest of the day's activities. Pick up from camp will be from 3:30 - 6:00 PM.

Preschool Camp

The Kankakee Area YMCA offers a great preschool option for children ages 3 - 5. Children 5 years old may be enrolled in either Preschool Camp or Camp Discover; the Camp Director may decide whether the child is ready for a full day in Camp Discover.

	Camp Discover	Preschool Camp
Prices (weekly)	Members: \$100 Prospective: \$120	Members: \$120 Prospective: \$140

*All camps will have a \$10 registration fee for the first three children of each family.

Hooray for Hollywood

It's finally summer! Time for fun in the sun, swimming, sports, games, and fun with friends. We are rolling out the red carpet for our campers. Some of this week's events include Meeting the Cast, Karaoke Contest, Dance Off, and performing Hollywood stunts.



WEEK TWO: June 15 – 19

Pirates and Mermaids

Join our captain and crew as we spend a week with the pirates and mermaids. Campers will learn all about pirates and mermaids and engage in themed crafts, activities, and games. Come explore the hidden secrets of the sea!



WEEK THREE: June 22 – 26

ALL Ball

Campers can kick it all week, learning about all sports involving balls. From baseball to football, soccer, basketball, kickball and many more, your campers will learn all the ball basics. Don't miss out on this fun-filled week of all ball sports!



Stars and Stripes Forever



Happy Fourth of July! Celebrate America's stars and stripes in this action-packed week. Campers will learn about teamwork through our water Olympic games, patriotic games, and stars and stripes art.

WEEK FIVE: July 6 – 10

Dino-SOAR



Campers will learn about pre-historic times and what kind of creatures roamed the earth millions of years ago. Campers will also discover what creatures soared in the night sky!

WEEK SIX: July 13 – 17

Discover Nature



Are you curious about nature? Did you ever wonder why the sky is blue? What insect is this? What sort of birds live here? These are just a few of the questions your camper will find answers to in this one-of-a-kind nature camp!

Animal Planet

Campers will learn about all kinds of animals from reptiles to mammals. Join us as we learn about local animal life, explore exotic animals from distant lands, learn what animals eat, learn about their habitats, and so much more!



WEEK EIGHT: July 27 – 31

We Love LEGOs

Are you a LEGO lover? You will love this week's theme! Kids will have a blast with LEGO-themed activities and working together to build a city. Each age group will have their own area of the city to build. At the end of the week, campers will merge their creations to complete



WEEK NINE: Aug. 3 – 7

Extreme S.T.E.A.M.

Full S.T.E.A.M. ahead! This week's camp will provide an extraordinary atmosphere for kids to build unique creations, explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math.



Knights of the Round Table

Campers will end the summer with a fun week learning about knights, kings, queens, castles, dragons, and more. Campers will participate in themed activities and learn about medieval times.



LIT/Additional Details

Leaders in Training

Are you looking for an opportunity to develop your leadership skills? Try becoming a volunteer "Leader In Training" (LIT). Throughout the summer we will focus on developing communication skills and helping you become a true leader. Fill out an application at our Member Service Desk. You will then get a call from the director to schedule an interview. LIT selection is based on both the application and interview. As a LIT, you are expected to model the four core values of the YMCA: Honesty, Respect, Caring, and Responsibility. The campers will look up to you and you need to take your position as a role model seriously. You are expected to perform unsupervised tasks around camp such as: setting up and taking down activities, preparing and serving snacks, and assisting counselors during activities. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, we are limiting the LIT program to 10 participants this summer.

LIT PRICING

Members
\$50/week

Prospective Members
\$60/week

How do I sign up for camp?

Signing up for any of the Y's Summer Camp options requires proper forms and documentation given to the Welcome Center prior to the camp's start. The appropriate forms in the registration packet can be found online on our Summer Day Camp page or in person at the Welcome Center. Please review the checklist below for a breakdown of where to find each required registration component.

All forms must be filled out and turned in before the Welcome Center can sign your child up for camp.

Checklist Breakdown

In registration packet

- Registration Form
- Bank Draft Authorization
- Summary of Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers

Sign electronically at Welcome Center during registration

- Parent Handbook Acknowledgment
- Liability Waiver
- Attendance, Late Fee & Pick-up Policy

Bring in from home

- Original Birth Certificate (Y can copy)
- Health Information (most recent school physical, even if older than 6 months, including doctor's signature and up-to-date shot records)

Optional

- Custody Agreement/Court Order (if applicable)
- Medication Authorization (available upon request)

Safety

Your child's safety is our number one priority. Our well-trained staff provide a high-quality camp experience day after day. All staff are certified in CPR/ AED and First Aid. For your child's safety, we require an authorized list of approved relatives and friends that may pick up your child. Anyone picking up a child must present photo ID and be on the authorized list for that child.

Our pool is currently closed due to COVID-19 regulations, but once it reopens, Camp Discover will swim every day. Life-guards are always on duty and we provide flotation devices. Each week a group of non-swimmers will receive 20 minutes of daily swim lessons and water safety.

CCR&R

If a participant receives Child Care Resource & Referral, an approval letter and parent co-payment are due prior to the month the camper attends. If a parent does not have an approval letter with the YMCA as the provider, the parent must pay the full camp fees until their approval letter is received. The CCR&R subsidy covers Camp Discover only. Parents must pay the difference if interested in a Specialty Camp.

Refund Policy

Refunds and credits will not be issued once camp begins on Monday morning. Your payment in full reserves a spot in camp and late changes may prevent another camper from being able to participate. If you have a medical note for absence, please see the Camp Director.

Cancellation Policy

The YMCA reserves the right to cancel any camp due to low enrollment. A full refund will be made if this occurs. If you would prefer to transfer your child to another camp, the difference will be refunded or additional fees may apply.