

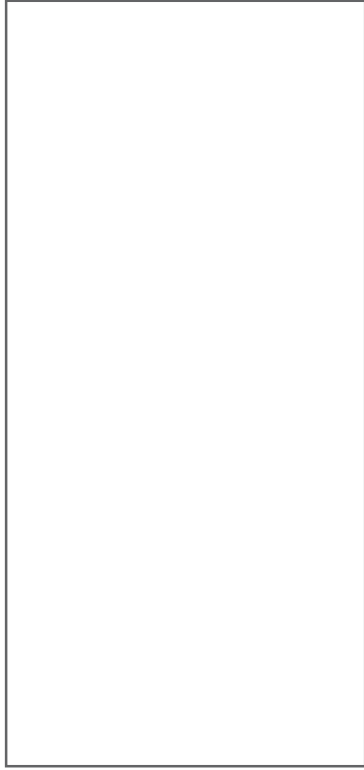


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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
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YMCA of Metropolitan Hartford, Inc.
WEST HARTFORD YMCA BRANCH

12 North Main Street, W. Hartford, CT 06107

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2017



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SAY HELLO TO SUMMER ADVENTURES

FRIENDSHIP, BELONGING, DISCOVERY

WEST HARTFORD SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP

A branch of the YMCA of Greater Hartford



This is going to be the BEST SUMMER EVER!



SUMMER DAY CAMP 2017 at St. Thomas Seminary

a letter to you from the West Hartford Camp Director

Hey there Campers,

Can you believe it's already time for Summer Adventure Camp 2017! It feels like just yesterday we were finishing up summer 2016. For those of you who I have not met yet, my name is Bernadette, and I am the Program Director for the West Hartford YMCA. I am so excited to be back for another summer here in West Hartford!

The staff team and I have been working hard getting camp ready, and we are excited for you guys to see all the cool new things we have planned for you this summer! We have planned some awesome field trips, and we added new specialty camps!

As the school year ends, and you are preparing for this summer please feel free to send me an email or give me a call with any questions that I can help you with.

See you soon,
-Bern



GIVE YOUR KIDS THE BEST SUMMER EVER!

Week long or summer long, kids experience friendships, accomplishments and belonging. In our one week day camps they will explore a new adventure every week through field trips, crafts, games, and more! Your child will create new memories, make new friends, and have fun in an environment based on the Y's core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.

WHEN DOES THE CAMP DAY BEGIN?

AM and PM extended care programs are included as part of your camp fees. AM care begins at 7:00am and PM care is available until 6:00pm. Camp staff will supervise campers while they participate in small group games and are provided the unstructured opportunity to adjust before camp and unwind after camp each day. Camp activities begin at 9am.

WHERE TO GO...

Campus is located at 467 Bloomfield Ave, on the West Hartford/Bloomfield line. Take the driveway at the back entrance for the parking lot—head toward the building past the parking lot next to the field. Campers must be signed in and out daily by a parent or guardian.

WHAT TO BRING

- Refillable water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Close-toed Shoes (NO sandals!)
- Bathing suit and towel
- Non-heatable lunches and snacks in paper lunch bags or soft containers. Drinks should only be in plastic containers, no glass.

Please label all of your child's things, from the backpack to the water bottle!

check us out online at
westhartfordYMCA.org

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Day Camp 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Before Camp 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
After Camp 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR INFO

EMAIL bernadette.raum@ghymca.org
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The YMCA Summer Trail to your Camper's Development

CARING
social diversity

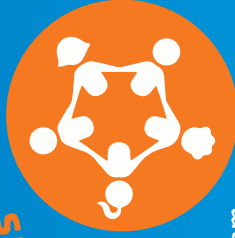


Ages 2-4

Preschool Campers
Enter our half-day camp program.
Start socializing with other kids.
Explore nature, bugs, and the arts.
\$150/week



RESPECT
making friends

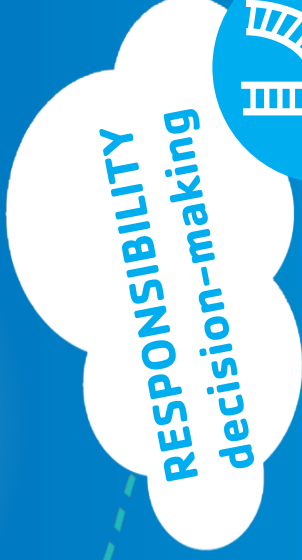


Ages 5-9

Adventure Campers
Enter our full-day camp program.
Create friendships with other campers.
Discover new interests outdoors.
3 day option: \$170/week
full week option: \$240/week



FUTURE
COUNSELOR



RESPONSIBILITY
decision-making

Ages 13-15

Teen Campers (CITs and LITs)
Eligible for our two-week camp programs.
Develop leadership skills.
Take responsibility for fellow campers.
Leaders in Training: \$440/session
Counselors in Training: \$310/session



HONESTY
character development

Ages 10-12

Specialty Campers
Eligible for our specialty camp programs.
Gain respect for friends and nature.
A major period of self-discovery.
\$300/week

NEW SPECIALTY CAMPS!

Wilderness Warriors (all girls).

Archery, nature survival, adventure!

Real Life Minecraft (coed).

Build anything in real life that you can in the game!
Tripping Week (coed).

Take a different hiking trip each day!





SCHOOL'S OUT CAMP BEGINS

SESSION 1
June 26–June 30
IGNITE YOUR SUMMER



SESSION 2
July 3–July 7
RED, WHITE & BLUE

SESSION 3
July 10–July 14
COLOR GAMES



SESSION 4
July 17–July 21
JURASSIC PARK

SESSION 5
July 24–July 28
SUPERHERO

SESSION 6
July 31–Aug 4
HARRY POTTER

SESSION 7
Aug 7–Aug 11
NATURE



SESSION 8
Aug 14–Aug 18
OLYMPIC WEEK

SESSION 9
Aug 21–Aug 25
SPIRIT WEEK



BACK TO SCHOOL

parents' summer camp planner and checklist

PRE-WEEK Mon. 6/19, Tues. 6/20, Wed. 6/21,
CAMP Thurs. 6/22, Fri. 6/23
Register for any of these days, \$50/day

making lifelong friendships

AGE GROUPS

Rascals: (K – 1st Grade) Rangers: (5th – 6th Grade)
Scouts: (2nd Grade) LITs: (7th – 8th Grade)
Pioneers: (3rd – 4th Grade) CITs: (9th – 10th Grade)

Check out our Preschool camp programs at St. Brigid School!

open houses

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAMP!

When: First Friday of every month • 2/3, 3/3, 4/7

Where: St. Thomas Seminary • Time: 6:00–8:00pm

registration checklist

Please follow the steps below to make your registration process easier!

- 1. RESERVE YOUR SPOT**
Reserve your child's spot in summer day camp on our website. Sign up for all the weeks you want to attend and pay a 20% deposit at that time. The deposit holds your spot.
- 2. FILL OUT YOUR PACKET**
Fill out every page of the summer camp registration packet. Your child cannot attend camp without this information.
- 3. GET A PHYSICAL**
Medical forms must include a physical exam that has been completed within the past two years (September 2, 2015). There is no guarantee your child will have a spot if you register last minute each week. Completing your registration after the deadline will result in a late fee, no matter which part of the registration is late.
- 4. SUBMIT YOUR FORMS**
Submit your registration packet. Return all medical forms and waivers to the West Hartford YMCA.
- 5. APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
Registration for our scholarship families is a slightly different process. If you are applying for assistance, please know that your child will not have a spot held for them until your application is submitted, awarded, signed, and payments are made.
- 6. MAKE YOUR PAYMENT**
Full payment is due by the 15th of the month prior to when your summer camp sessions takes place. (Example: Sign up for Session 1, which is held in June, and pay in full by May 15th.) You are not officially registered for camp until this payment is made.

2017 adventure camp

grades K-5

Fee: \$240 for 1 full week
or \$170 for 3 days a week

ST. THOMAS SEMINARY

467 Bloomfield Avenue

See our camp themes on the right!

2017 specialty camps

ages 10-12

Fee: \$300/week

TRIPPING WEEK—July 17-July 21

Take a different hiking trip each day!

WILDERNESS GIRLS—August 7-August 11

Archery, nature survival, adventure!

REAL LIFE MINECRAFT—July 24-July 28

Build anything in real life that you can in the game!



camp for teens

LEADERS AND COUNSELORS IN TRAINING

Fees: Leaders in Training (grades 7-8) - \$440/two week session
Counselors in Training (grades 9-10) - \$310/two week session

CIT's and LIT's learn team building and hard skills, constructing useful projects that we use during the camp year. Their mornings will be spent learning leadership skills and their afternoons will put those lessons to practice side by side with the camp counselors. Each session is two weeks long.

field trips

June 30- YMCA Camp Jewel

July 7- Auer Farm

July 14- Color Games at St. Thomas

July 21- Peabody Park

July 28- Local Hero's come to St. Thomas

August 4- Field Trip to St. Brigid for a Magician

August 11- Wickham Park

August 18- YMCA Camp Chase for Olympic games

August 25- Surprise Field Trip



vacation camp

all ages

Fee: \$50 per day

No matter how many snow days there are this year, the Y has that tricky time at the end of the school year covered. From the last day of school until camp officially starts, you can send the kids to our vacation camp program all day, knowing that they will be in the hands of safe and caring staff. They'll make friends before the summer even starts!



You know how much your child enjoys Day Camp, Imagine how much they would love Overnight Camp!

For over 100 years Camp Jewel and Camp Woodstock YMCA's have focused on building confident leaders in a supportive environment. YMCA overnight camps offer something for everyone! Your child can choose from over 30 different activities; traditional, specialty horseback riding, and teen leadership programs.

Camp Jewel YMCA and Camp Woodstock YMCA are both ACA Accredited.

For more information contact

CAMP JEWELL YMCA

888.412.2267 • campjewell.org

CAMP WOODSTOCK

800.782.2344 • campwoodstock.org



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TRADITIONS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND MEMORIES

important numbers you should know

WHY SEND MY CHILD TO CAMP?

Camping, like many Y programs, is about learning skills, developing character and making friends. At Summer Adventure Camp, campers will learn from the great outdoors every day and go on great field trips. Our fun and exciting themes will give the campers new ways to connect with friends, meet new kids, and develop socially. Your campers will never realize it, but they'll be learning, too! We explore themes found in STEM lessons so that kids who attend summer camp are more prepared for the following school year. This is how camp helps kids Hop The Gap over summer learning loss.

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The Y has camps for all ages, from exciting adventures for preschoolers to leadership training for teens.

Ratios

Fun In The Sun have 6 campers to 1 counselor

Grades K-1 have 6 campers to 1 counselor

Grade 2 has 8 campers to 1 counselor

Grades 3-6 have 10 campers to 1 counselor



WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

West Hartford Summer Adventure Camp is a State of CT licensed and American Camp Association certified summer day camp. Our standards are high and we work hard every day to meet them.

All Previous YMCA accounts must be paid up to date.

- Registration forms must be completed in their entirety.
- 20% deposit per session per camper is for the purpose of securing a spot and such is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Cancellations after May 15th are eligible for a 50% refund of total session fees paid (less deposit).

Refunds will be considered only after a written request.

- Cancellations after June 1st are not eligible for any refund.
- Automatic Payment Available, Call for details 860-521-5830 ask for Office Manager.
- All requests or changes must be made in writing.

1885



Camping became a cornerstone of YMCA programming in 1885 when the YMCA started Camp Dudley, America's first known summer camp program, at Orange Lake, N.Y.

WHEN ARE PAYMENTS DUE?

• Payment Due Dates:

If the camping session begins in June the session fee is due in full no later than May 15. (wk. 1)

If the camping session begins in July the session fee is due in full no later than June 15. (wk. 2-5)

If the camping session begins in August the session fee is due in full no later than July 15. (wk. 6-9)

1500



Because of your support through our Annual Campaign, the Greater Hartford YMCA was able to send 1500 kids to summer camp in 2016!

As a charity, we are able to provide teens with leadership training at our summer camp. They build skills and confidence, become role models, and have the chance to become counselors.

WHO IS WATCHING MY CHILD?

Staff

Our staff team is the most important ingredient in the success of our program. Skilled staff and counselors are chosen for their maturity, leadership skills, personal warmth and experience. They represent positive role models for children and are trained in accordance with the philosophy and objectives of the mission of the West Hartford YMCA. Staff receive 40 hours of training, including First Aid, CPR and Leadership.

Some of our campers become our staff!



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The Y has nearly 60 different camp activities to nurture kids interests—all are ACA accredited.

WHERE DO I GO TO CAMP?

Camp is located at 467 Bloomfield Ave, on the West Hartford/ Bloomfield line. Take the driveway at the back entrance for the parking lot—head toward the building past the parking lot, next to the fields. Sign in each morning will be at the blue tent.

2017

YOU—

What we really want this year:
For YOU to join us!

Find us on your favorite
social media site!