

YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMP

A SUMMER TO IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES



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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

ANN ARBOR YMCA
SUMMER 2026 GUIDE

Welcome to the Ann Arbor YMCA's Summer Day Camp Programs!

The Y is a place where everyone belongs and can be themselves while engaging in new experiences, strengthening character, building new skills and making new friends.

The Y has served as a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community for [more than 175 years](#). We are committed to providing youth with a positive and nurturing environment that prioritizes safety and building healthy relationships with peers and counselors.

Our well-rounded summer day camp programs are rooted in the YMCA core values outlined in our mission. We are intentional in our programming to support youth by fostering friendships, a sense of accomplishment, and belonging for all.



OUR MISSION

The Ann Arbor YMCA's mission is to put our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility into action through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

OUR PURPOSE

The Y is a leading non-profit committed to strengthening community by connecting all people to their potential, purpose, and each other.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING

The Ann Arbor YMCA is made up of people of all ages and from every walk of life, working side by side to strengthen communities. Together we strive to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, race, gender, gender expression, gender identity, income, faith, sexual orientation or cultural background has the opportunity to live life to its fullest.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

The Ann Arbor YMCA is deeply committed to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all children. We work diligently to protect the children in our care through comprehensive child abuse prevention training, safety policies, and a culture of vigilance and care.

OUR CAMPS

The Ann Arbor YMCA hosts day camps throughout Washtenaw County and Livingston County where we provide enriching and engaging experiences for youth during out-of-school time (OST). Many of our camp sessions have unique themes rooted in STEM (science, technology, engineering & mathematics), arts, and character development to inspire imagination and create lasting memories through hands-on learning experiences.

Several of our camp locations offer youth leadership opportunities for ages 12-14 through the Leaders In Training (LIT) program and Youth Volunteer Corps. See page 23 for details.



CAMP BIRKETT

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📍 PINCKNEY, MI

Camp Birkett is a traditional day camping program that provides a full day of enriching experiences that promote skill development, self-confidence and fun. With over 100 years of history, Camp Birkett has continued to offer a summer outdoors, immersing youth in a natural environment on the shores of Silver Lake in Pinckney, MI.

Each week, campers participate in traditional camp activities including canoeing, archery, swimming, arts and crafts, theatre, sports, and outdoor education. Facilities include a lake-view lodge, athletic field, gaga-pit, archery range, nature cabin, boat launch, waterfront swimming area, and canoeing.

CAMP NEW HEIGHTS

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📍 YPSILANTI, MI

Camp New Heights is a YMCA day camp program located in East Washtenaw County where each week is packed with opportunities for exploration and active fun. Each session, campers participate in themed activities, arts & crafts, science experiments, sports, team building, silent reading time, enrichment activities and more.

Throughout the summer campers have the opportunity participate in swim outings at local pools under the supervision of a YMCA trained lifeguard.

CAMP TREETOWN

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📍 ANN ARBOR, MI

Camp Treetown, located in downtown Ann Arbor is home to a variety of traditional and specialty camp programs. Campers can pursue their interests with new friends and learn new skills in a welcoming and engaging environment.

Each week campers have the opportunity to delve into the world of gymnastics, participate in themed activities, arts & crafts, sports, travel camp, babysitter training and more. Camp Treetown offers full day camps for ages 5-17.



GOALS FOR Y CAMPERS

- Engage in activities that inspire curiosity and creativity
- Create new friendships and experience a sense of belonging
- Develop meaningful relationships with caring adults
- Set and achieve personal goals
- Be part of a team

FIVE REASONS TO ATTEND Y DAY CAMP PROGRAMS

- Enhance physical, social-emotional, and cognitive abilities
- Expand and develop skills by trying new activities
- Have fun staying active while playing games
- Engage with caring staff and volunteers
- Make new friends

MEMBERSHIP AT THE Y

Feel good, do good as a member of the Y community. Get access to discounted programs, free group exercise classes, our wonderful downtown Wellness Facility, and more!

Additional Benefits

- Early online registration and discounted rates for day camps and overnight YMCA Camp AGQ.
- FREE two-hour Child Watch - a first-come, first-served two-hour childcare for children ages 4 months to 11 years.
- Nationwide Access Membership gives you free access to all participating YMCA locations in the USA.
- And More!

In order to qualify for member rates, you must be a member at the time of registration and your camp session.

To learn more or to sign-up today, visit www.annarborymca.org/membership

Financial assistance is available.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SESSION DATES

- Session 1: June 8 – 12
- Session 2: June 15 – 18*
- Session 3: June 22 – 26
- Session 4: June 29 – July 3
- Session 5: July 6 – 10
- Session 6: July 13 – 17
- Session 7: July 20 – 24
- Session 8: July 27 – 31
- Session 9: August 3 – 7
- Session 10: August 10 – 14
- Session 11: August 17 – 21

*There is no camp June 19th



SESSION REGISTRATION

MEMBERS, RETURNING CAMPER & SIBLINGS:

Opens Sunday, February 15th at 11:00 AM

ALL OTHER REGISTRANTS:

Opens Thursday, February 19th at 6:00 PM for new, non-member participants

CAMP BIRKETT BUS REGISTRATION

OPENS FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH AT 6PM

The Ann Arbor YMCA provides transportation to and from YMCA Camp Birkett. The departure/return location (typically an Ann Arbor elementary school), will be available in the Family Handbook in May 2026.





REGISTERING YOUR CAMPER

HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE

If you have registered for camps in the past, please use the email address associated with your CampInTouch account to begin your camp registration for summer 2026.

If you do not have an account, follow the steps below:

- **Step 1:** Go to the Ann Arbor YMCA web page and click the dark green 'Camp Registration' button located at the top of the web page or [CLICK HERE](#).
NOTE: Do not select the red 'Register' button at the top of the page.
- **Step 2:** Enter your first name, last name, email address, and your relationship to the camper(s).
- **Step 3:** Create a password for your account.
- **Step 4:** Enter your camper's information (e.g., name, date of birth, address, etc.) and any additional adults you would like to give access to the account.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENT PLANS

Deposits are \$25 for members and non-members, and \$10 for scholarship applicants regardless of membership status. Deposits are paid per camp for each session. Below are payment plan options for day camps and summer programs. Deposit fees for the Birkett bus and Pre & Post Care for members and non-members are \$10 and \$5 for scholarship applicants.

OPTIONS

- **All Camps – Monthly Payment Plan**

By selecting this option, you agree to have the Ann Arbor YMCA charge your credit card in equal installments on the following dates: March 16th, April 15th, May 15th, June 15th, July 15th, and August 17th. Balance statements will be sent one week prior to your card being charged in case the card on file needs to be updated. This option would include your combined balance for Camp AGQ, Camp Birkett, Camp Treetown, and Camp New Heights including Out of School Time Camps.

- **All Camps – Charge on May 15th**

By selecting this option, you agree to have the Ann Arbor YMCA charge your credit card for your entire camp balance on May 15th, 2026. You can make payments towards your balance at any time leading up to this date. This option would include your combined balance for Camp AGQ, Camp Birkett, Camp Treetown and Camp New Heights (including Out of School Time Camps).

REFUND AND TRANSFER POLICY

Deposits are non-refundable under any circumstances. At the time of registration, a deposit is due for each session for which the camper is registering.

Up to four weeks before the beginning of the specific camp session, all funds, less the deposit, are refundable and transferable within other day camp programs as space allows. This includes camp balance dues. Within four weeks of the beginning of the specific camp session, all funds are non-refundable and non-transferable to a balance due or to a new registration. This process allows us to provide a waitlisted camper with enough time to accept space in the newly opened camp session.

If a camper, without notice, does not attend a session for which they are registered, there will be no refund issued. In cases of homesickness, dismissal or voluntary withdrawal, there will be no refund of any fees.

To request a cancellation, please complete the following form linked [HERE](#).

In the event a camp session's enrollment is too low to adequately provide an enriching day camp experience, the session may be cancelled. Camp families will receive notice prior to the cancelled session and spaces will be offered in another camp as space allows to those whose original bookings have been cancelled. Camp families will be refunded the full balance of the cancelled session if their session is not able to be rebooked to another camp during the original session.

For all inquiries regarding registration, payments, and waitlists please contact the Day Camp Registrar.
Email Address: daycamps@annarborymca.org

Para información en español, contacte daycamps@annarborymca.org

DAY CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

We believe that every person who would like to should have the opportunity to participate in our programs. Through generous contributions to the Annual Campaign, the Ann Arbor YMCA provides financial scholarships which enable all members of the community to enjoy YMCA programs, regardless of financial capacity.

If your camper is in need of financial assistance, visit www.annarborymca.org/day-camp-assistance. Reach out to a member of our team directly by contacting Kathryn (KT) Doud at kdoud@annarborymca.org to learn more about applying for a day camp scholarship.

The deadline for day camp scholarship applications is February 27th.

Important Dates:

Friday, February 27th: All income documentation for scholarship applicants is due

Friday, March 20th: Awards, instructions for acceptance, and payment options will be provided

Friday, April 3rd: Final day for scholarship offers to be accepted

Tuesday, April 15th: First payment is due

GIVE THE GIFT OF CAMP

We envision a summer where all kids have equitable access to welcoming spaces to belong, make new friends and fun activities that help build lifelong memories. YMCA camps focus on the social-emotional learning of kids and teens to help them find a true sense of belonging.

At the Y, we believe in creating a more just and inclusive community for all. We're working to increase opportunities for kids to safely have the best summer ever...and we need your help. We count on the generosity of our donors to help. Every dollar donated stays local and helps address our community's most critical needs.

We can't do it alone. Please consider making a tax-deductible charitable donation to our Annual Campaign to help send a child to camp! [To donate, click here or donate at the time of registration.](#)

OVERNIGHT CAMP

YMCA Camp AGQ, situated on beautiful Burt Lake, MI is home to 1300 campers ages 8-16 each summer. AGQ's mission is to put the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility into action through facilities and programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Campers bunk in semi-rustic cabins with role model counselors who facilitate a transformative camp experience focused on youth development principles. Learn more or register your camper at www.annarborymca.org/campagg.

STAFFING

All staff members are selected for their dedication, enthusiasm and desire to help children to reach their fullest potential. We are committed to hiring diverse and welcoming staff who represent our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Our camp staff are CPR and First Aid-certified and participate in an intensive training program which covers safety, supervision and camp procedures. Ann Arbor YMCA counselor-to-camper ratios abide by state guidelines to ensure that your child receives the best care and attention possible. If you, or someone you know, would like to work with the Y this summer, please contact daycamps@annarborymca.org for more information or visit www.annarborymca.org/employment to apply today!

FAMILY HANDBOOK

A Family Handbook will be emailed to all registered participants in May 2026 and will be available for download at www.annarborymca.org. This handbook will contain detailed information on specific day camps.





SESSION KEY



Leaders in Training (LIT)

Ages: 12-14



Bus Transportation

All Ages

8:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m. & 5:00-5:15 p.m.

Session 2: June 15-18* No camp June 19th



All-Camp Theme: Wilderness Welcome

Ages: 5-11

Kick off the summer with outdoor adventure and fun! Campers explore nature through hands-on activities, outdoor games, and creative crafts. Build community and learn Camp Birkett traditions like the Birkett Flag, opening ceremony, camp songs, and all-camp games.

Session 3: June 22-26



All-Camp Theme: Wacky Water

Ages: 5-11

Stay cool and have fun on Silver Lake! Campers will enjoy water-filled games and waterfront activities including water squirters, water balloons, sprinklers, slip n' slides, and the counselor dunk tank.

Session 4: June 29-July 3



All-Camp Theme: Party in the USA

Ages: 5-11

Celebrate summer with red, white, and blue-themed games and activities! Campers enjoy classic outdoor fun, music, and free-play stations while building friendships and camp spirit in a festive, camp atmosphere.

Session 5: July 6-10



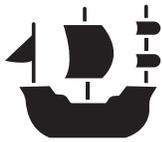
All-Camp Theme: Time Travelers

Ages: 5-11

Campers zoom through time—from the dinosaurs into the future! With immersive games, creative challenges, and lots of imagination, campers will jump through the ages while laughing, playing, and making epic camp memories.



Session 6: July 13-17



All-Camp Theme: Pirates of Silver Lake

Ages: 5-11

This week, campers transform into swashbuckling adventurers! From treasure hunts to canoe games, pirate crews use teamwork, creativity, and imagination to make new friends and explore the outdoors.

Session 7: July 20-24



All-Camp Theme: The Camp Birkett Olympics

Ages: 5-11

Campers embrace their skills and talents in a variety of ways. Campers will be introduced to camp-themed games and activities in some friendly camp competition while focusing on teamwork, participation, and fun.

Session 8: July 27-31



All-Camp Theme: Mythical Creatures & Magical Forests

Ages: 5-11

Spark your camper's imagination with adventure! Campers explore enchanted forests, encounter magical creatures, and enjoy themed games and creative activities that bring a world of fantasy to life.





Session 9: August 3-7



All-Camp Theme: Camp Birkett's Got Talent

Ages: 5-11

This week focuses on trying new activities, discovering hidden talents, and building confidence while making new friends together. The end of the week culminates in a fun-filled talent show where everyone shines—campers and staff alike!

Session 10: August 10-14



All-Camp Theme: Spirit Week

Ages: 5-11

Themed dress up days, creative skits, and one last hoorah! Spirit Week is how we end camp on a high note. This week emphasizes the friendships we've made, the songs we've learned, and all the fun we have had at camp this summer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bus Transportation

Bus Registration will open Friday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Bus transportation from Ann Arbor is available to and from Camp Birkett. The specific Ann Arbor departure/return location, typically an Ann Arbor elementary school and NOT the Ann Arbor YMCA, will be printed in the Family Handbook. The Family Handbook will be released in May 2026.

- Campers may be dropped off at the Ann Arbor departure/return location between 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. and picked up between 5:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.
- Campers may also be dropped off at Camp Birkett, 9141 all Road, between 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and picked up and 4:45 p.m.
- Weekly bus fees will be **\$40** for members and **\$55** non-members.
- All times are subject to change. Families will be notified times change.

**PRE-ORDER YOUR
CAMP BIRKETT TEE!**

Add on your camper's t-shirt with registration, and pick it up at your first camp session!
Additional Camp Store items will become available throughout the summer.



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SESSION KEY



Leaders in Training (LIT)

Ages: 12-14



Post-Care

Ages: 5-14

4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Session 1: June 8-12



All-Camp Theme: Ready, Set, Summer!

Ages: 5-11

Kick off the summer with a week full of sunshine, friendship, and classic camp fun! Campers will dive into outdoor games, creative projects, team-building activities, and plenty of laughter as we celebrate the start of an exciting season together.

Session 2: June 15-18* No camp June 19th



All-Camp Theme: Community Helpers

Ages: 5-11

This week is all about the everyday heroes who make our world a better place. Explore roles like firefighters, nurses, teachers, and more through hands-on activities, visits from special guests, and projects that highlight kindness and helping others.

Session 3: June 22-26



All-Camp Theme: Creative Wonderland

Ages: 5-11

Let imagination take center stage! Campers will paint, build, design, and dream as they explore the colorful world of creativity. From art challenges to storytelling and maker projects. Perfect for young creators of all kind!.

Session 4: June 29-July 3



All-Camp Theme: Water Carnival

Ages: 5-11

Get ready for a splash-tastic week filled with water games, wet-and-wild challenges, and refreshing summertime fun! Campers will enjoy water relays, sprinkler obstacle courses, water balloon activities, and exciting outdoor adventures to keep cool all week long.

CAMP NEW HEIGHTS

YPSILANTI, MI



Session 5: July 6-10



All-Camp Theme: Animal Planet

Ages: 5-11

From creatures big to small, campers will go on an adventure discovering animals from all over the world. Through themed crafts, games, nature exploration, and opportunities to learn about wildlife conservation.

Session 6: July 13-17



All-Camp Theme: Science Explorers

Ages: 5-11

Step into the camp laboratory for exciting experiments and STEM fun! Explore chemistry, physics, engineering, and more through hands-on investigations that spark curiosity and creativity. Prepare for discovery, innovation, and a little controlled chaos!



CAMP NEW HEIGHTS

YPSILANTI, MI



Session 7: July 20-24



All-Camp Theme: Superhero Showdown

Ages: 5-11

Calling all heroes! Campers will discover their strengths, build teamwork, and design their own superhero identities. Join us for a week of action-packed challenges, obstacle courses, and character-building activities!

Session 8: July 27-31



All-Camp Theme: Around the World

Ages: 5-11

Pack your (pretend) passports; it's time for a global adventure! Campers will explore cultures, games, music, and traditions from countries around the world.

Session 9: August 3-7



All-Camp Theme: Fairytale Fun

Ages: 5-11

Castles, dragons, magic, and more! Campers will step into a storybook world filled with imaginative play, creative crafts, and enchanted adventures. Whether they're designing crowns, building fairy houses, or solving magical quests, this week is full of wonder.



Session 10: August 10-14



All-Camp Theme: Spirit Week

Ages: 5-11

End the summer with a high-energy celebration of camp pride! Each day will feature fun dress-up themes, friendly competitions, team challenges, and activities that bring the whole camp together.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Post-Care (Ages 5-14)

Available from Monday-Friday, 4:30 p.m-6:00 p.m.

Post Care gives families the option of extended care at the The Collaborative (111 South Wallace Boulevard, Ypsilanti, MI) facility. Children are supervised while they play a variety of self-directed games and activities. Post Care is only available to campers attending programs at Camp New Heights.





SESSION KEY



Leaders in Training (LIT)

Ages: 12-14



Pre-Care

Ages: 5-16

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.



Post-Care

Ages: 5-16

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Session 1: June 10-12* No Camp June 8-9 (Mini Camp)



All-Camp Theme: Friendship Quest

Campers embark on a three-day-long adventure to make new friends! Through interactive games, group projects, and exciting activities, campers will explore teamwork, kindness, and the magic of making new connections.



Gymnastics

Ages: 5-11



Kidventure

Ages: 5-11

Session 2: June 15-18* No camp June 19th



All-Camp Theme: Camp Safari

Campers will journey through the animal kingdom! We'll explore different habitats, learn about amazing creatures, and get hands-on with themed crafts, games, and outdoor adventures.



Art Explorers

Ages: 8-11



Kidventure

Ages: 5-11



Basketball

Ages: 5-11



The Teen Experience

Ages: 12-16



Extreme Sports

Ages: 8-11



Youth Volunteer Corps

Ages: 11-17



Gymnastics

Ages: 5-11



Session 3: June 22-26



All-Camp Theme: Garden & Grow

Dig into nature and plant life. Campers help care for plants, learn about pollinators, make nature-based crafts, and discover how things grow through hands-on exploration.

 <p>Babysitter Boot Camp Ages: 12-16 9:00a.m.-3:00 p.m.</p>	 <p>Gymnastics Ages: 5-11</p>
 <p>Basketball Ages: 5-11</p>	 <p>Kidventure Ages: 5-11</p>
 <p>Extreme Sports Ages: 8-11</p>	 <p>Theater Ages: 8-11</p>

Session 4: June 29-July 3



All-Camp Theme: Around the World Adventure

Learn about different cultures through music, art, games, and stories. Campers “travel” to new places each day, building curiosity and appreciation for the world around them.

 <p>Art Explorers Ages: 8-11</p>	 <p>Team Sports: Flag Football Ages: 8-11</p>
 <p>Extreme Sports Ages: 8-11</p>	 <p>The Teen Experience Ages: 12-16</p>
 <p>Gymnastics Ages: 5-11</p>	 <p>Youth Volunteer Corps Ages: 11-17</p>
 <p>Kidventure Ages: 5-11</p>	



Session 5: July 6-10



All-Camp Theme: Under the Sea

Dive into ocean life through art, movement, and discovery. Campers explore marine animals, colorful coral reefs, and underwater ecosystems while engaging in fun and active group play.

 <p>Basketball Ages: 5-11</p>	 <p>Kidventure Ages: 5-11</p>
 <p>Extreme Sports Ages: 8-11</p>	 <p>Theater Ages: 8-11</p>
 <p>Gymnastics Ages: 5-11</p>	 <p>The Teen Experience Ages: 12-16</p>

Session 6: July 13-17



All-Camp Theme: Builders & Inventors

This week is all about creativity and problem-solving. Campers will plan, design, and build with a variety of materials as they work together to create new inventions and playful structures.

 <p>Art Explorers Ages: 8-11</p>	 <p>Kidventure Ages: 5-11</p>
 <p>Basketball Ages: 5-11</p>	 <p>Team Sports: Soccer Ages: 8-11</p>
 <p>Extreme Sports Ages: 8-11</p>	 <p>The Teen Experience Ages: 12-16</p>
 <p>Gymnastics Ages: 5-11</p>	 <p>Youth Volunteer Corps Ages: 11-17</p>



Session 7: July 20-24



All-Camp Theme: Camp Olympics /Spirit Week

A spirited week of friendly competition. Campers form teams, create flags, and take part in fun, age-appropriate games that highlight teamwork, encouragement, and camp pride and friendly competition.

 <p>Babysitter Boot Camp Ages: 12-16 9:00a.m.-3:00 p.m.</p>	 <p>Gymnastics Ages: 5-11</p>
 <p>Basketball Ages: 5-11</p>	 <p>Kidventure Ages: 5-11</p>
 <p>Extreme Sports Ages: 8-11</p>	 <p>The Teen Experience Ages: 12-16</p>

Session 8: July 27-31



All-Camp Theme: The Great Art Studio

Campers become artists as we work with paint, sculpture, collage, and group murals. This creative week encourages expression, experimentation, and celebrating each camper's unique style.

 <p>Art Explorers Ages: 8-11</p>	 <p>Team Sports: Floortball Ages: 8-11</p>
 <p>Basketball Ages: 5-11</p>	 <p>Theater Ages: 8-11</p>
 <p>Extreme Sports Ages: 8-11</p>	 <p>The Teen Experience Ages: 12-16</p>
 <p>Gymnastics Ages: 5-11</p>	 <p>Youth Volunteer Corps Ages: 11-17</p>
 <p>Kidventure Ages: 5-11</p>	



Session 9: August 3-7



All-Camp Theme: Music Makers

This week focuses on rhythm, sound, and creativity. Campers explore music through movement, instrument making, group songs, and expressive performance activities.



Basketball
Ages: 5-11



Kidventure
Ages: 5-11



Extreme Sports
Ages: 8-11



The Teen Experience
Ages: 12-16



Gymnastics
Ages: 5-11

Session 10: August 10-14



All-Camp Theme: All-Star Adventures

We'll try a variety of sports and group games each day, focusing on teamwork, skill-building, friendly competition, and most importantly, fun.



Basketball
Ages: 5-11



Gymnastics
Ages: 5-11



Extreme Sports
Ages: 8-11



Kidventure
Ages: 5-11





Session 11: August 17–21



All-Camp Theme: Time Travelers

Campers will “visit” different eras in history through themed games, crafts, and imagination play. From dinosaurs to castles to the future, every day brings a new adventure.



Basketball
Ages: 5-11



Kidventure
Ages: 5-11



Gymnastics
Ages: 5-11

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Art Explorers (Ages 8 – 11)

Cut, paste, create! Join us as we explore different themes and artists. Learn to sketch, paint with watercolors, make a nature collage and get covered in papier-mâché. Campers will be introduced to a variety of art media including drawing, painting, clay creations, and more. Campers will also participate in traditional camp activities based on the all-camp theme throughout the week.

Babysitter Boot Camp (Ages 12 – 16)

Monday & Tuesday

This two-day training will equip teens with the necessary skills to keep children of all ages safe, happy and engaged, to identify and guard against common safety hazards, as well as what to do in an emergency. They will learn how to care for an infant, including techniques for diapering, feeding and calming a baby as well as entertaining children at every stage. Additionally, participants will learn about the entrepreneurial aspect of babysitting and develop skills and strategies to turn this certification into a business. All participants who successfully complete the program will receive a Red Cross Child and Babysitting Safety Certification. Babysitter Bootcamp does NOT include First Aid/CPR certification. See the [Teen Programming webpage](#) for CPR Certification opportunities.

Basketball (Ages 5 – 11)

Basketball Camp welcomes children of all skill levels. Campers will have the opportunity to develop their basketball skills and scrimmage. Basketball activities are supplemented with other large and small group games that are based on the all-camp theme. Campers spend time with our experienced coaches and enjoy basketball on the YMCA courts. Most importantly, campers will develop a sense of teamwork and respect for their teammates. Campers will also participate in traditional day camp activities.

Extreme Sports (Ages 8 – 11)

This is a travel-based camp offers the opportunity to explore high energy activities. Activities may include tubing the Argo Cascades, skating, laser tag, field trips as weather allows and more. Extreme Sports trips are complemented with other team sports and traditional camp activities throughout the week. Some trips require waivers that must be completed 14 days in advance of the first day of camp.

Gymnastics (Ages 5 – 11)

Gymnastics camp combines instruction with camp songs, fun group games and activities. All sessions are one-week long and all skill levels are welcome. Instruction is designed to support a wide range of abilities in a encouraging environment. In addition, campers will spend half the day participating in traditional camp activities for a well-rounded camp experience.

Kidventure (Ages 5 – 11)

Kids have fun making new friends, developing new skills, learning core values, building self-confidence, appreciating teamwork and growing in self-reliance. Campers will participate in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities based on weekly themes. Each week may include either an all-camp field trip, a visit from a guest presenter, swimming, or a trip to a local park.

Pre-Care and Post-Care (Ages 5-16)

7:30 a.m-8:30 a.m & 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Pre and Post Care gives families the option of extended care at the Ann Arbor YMCA downtown facility. Children are supervised while they play a variety of self-directed games and activities. Pre-Care and Post Care are only available to campers attending programs at Camp Treetown.

Theater (Ages 8 – 11)

Theater camp will concentrate on character development, voice projection, stage presence, and other theater basics. In addition to playing theater-based games, the troupe will present a short one-act play for families and friends on the final day of the camp week. Campers will also participate in traditional day camp activities based on the all-camp theme. Families are invited to watch the theater performance on Fridays. More information will be available in the Family Handbook.

Team Sports (Ages 8 – 11)

Keep your child active with a variety of sports including flag football, floorball, soccer and more! Throughout the day, campers will experience a variety of active large group games and individual drills focused on improving basic techniques. Campers will also participate in traditional day camp activities based on the all-camp theme.

The Teen Experience (Ages 12 – 16)

The Teen Experience is a traditional full-day camp for teens to discover their passions while having fun and creating friendships. Activities range from high energy games to creative arts and fun challenges that promote teen empowerment. Each week teens will travel and embark on new adventures, near and far.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program (Entering Grades 10–12)

The Counselor-in-Training program provides teens with valuable opportunities to interact with children, lead activities and participate in camp programs. CITs fulfill many different roles throughout the course of the summer while learning the skills required to become a counselor. CITs are volunteers who have a sincere desire to work with children, a wish to give back to the camp community, a strong work ethic, lots of energy and creativity, a positive attitude and the ability to put children’s needs ahead of their own. The objective of the CIT program is to better prepare the participants for future work with children in or out of the camp setting. This is done through hands-on-experience, guidance from staff members and pre-camp training.

*Participating teens are eligible to receive community service hours for active participation and full completion of program.

Apply through the link [HERE](#)

For details on how to apply, visit www.annarborymca.org. Applications are due Friday, May 8th.

Leaders-in-Training (LIT) Program (Ages 12 - 14)

The Leader-in-Training program allows older campers to build leadership skills and assume some counselor responsibilities while still participating in their favorite camp activities. Camp LITs will get the chance to choose specialized tracks that expose them to their favorite aspect of summer. LIT curriculum includes leadership skills, social and emotional learning, the development of the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. The LIT program follows the same schedule and themes as the general sessions but offering varies per session at each location.

Youth Volunteer Corps (Ages 11 - 17)

Youth Volunteer Corps is a youth-driven program that strives to meet the needs of our



community and works in collaboration with local organizations to create social change and positive community impact. Through facilitated service-learning projects, workshops, personal development training, and interactive dialogue.

Youth Volunteer Corps runs Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



2026 Day Camp Dates & Prices

Camp Birkett bus registration opens Friday, March 6th

☐ Offered in Session ■ Not Offered in Session

*Please note, there is no camp June 19th Prices for this sessions are pro-rated.
**Camp Treetown Session 1 (Mini Camp) prices have been pro-rated

Camp Birkett		Sessions												Y Member	Session Rate
Program	Age	1	2*	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
Camp Birkett	5 - 11		\$220 \$280											\$320	\$360
Camp Birkett Bus	5 - 14		\$30 \$45											\$40	\$55
Leaders in Training	12 - 14		\$220 \$280											\$320	\$360
Camp New Heights		Sessions												Y Member	Session Rate
Program	Age	1	2*	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
Camp New Heights	5 - 11		\$225 \$225											\$250	\$250
Leaders in Training	12 - 14		\$225 \$225											\$250	\$250
Post-Care	5-14		\$40 \$40											\$50	\$50
Camp Treetown		Sessions												Y Member	Session Rate
Program	Age	1**	2*	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
Art Explorers	8-11		\$230 \$270											\$290	\$330
Babysitter Boot Camp	12 - 16													\$110	\$150
Basketball	5 - 11		\$230 \$270											\$290	\$330
Extreme Sports	8 - 11		\$240 \$280											\$310	\$350
Gymnastics	5 - 11	\$180 \$220	\$230 \$270											\$290	\$330
Kidventure	5 - 11	\$180 \$220	\$230 \$270											\$290	\$330
Team Sports	8-11													\$290	\$330
Theater	8-11													\$290	\$330
The Teen Experience	12 - 16		\$230 \$270											\$290	\$330
Youth Volunteer Corps	11 - 17		\$160 \$195											\$200	\$240
Leaders in Training	12-14													\$290	\$330
Pre-Care	5 - 16	\$20 \$35	\$30 \$45											\$35	\$50
Post-Care	5 - 16	\$35 \$50	\$40 \$55											\$50	\$65

Those registering within seven or fewer days before the selected day camp session will be charged an additional fee of \$15 per camper(s), regardless of membership status. Fee is only charged once per late camp booking that falls within the seven day period. No fee is applied if campers are being removed from waitlist.

SESSION DATES

Session 1: June 8 -12
Session 2: June 15-18*
Session 3: June 22 - 26
Session 4: June 29 - July 3

Session 5: July 6 - 10
Session 6: July 13 - 17
Session 7: July 20 - 24
Session 8: July 27 - 31

Session 9: August 3 - 7
Session 10: August 10 - 14
Session 11: August 17 - 21

*There is no camp June 19th

*Scholarships are available for all camp locations and sessions. Contact us about the Open Arms Financial Assistance Program at ktdoud@annarborymca.org

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CAMP LOCATIONS & CONTACT INFORMATION



Camp Birkett Outdoor Center
9141 Dexter-Townhall Road
Pinckney, MI 48169

Camp Treetown
400 West Washington Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48103



Camp New Heights
111 South Wallace Boulevard
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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*Summer phone number will be available in 2026 Family Handbook.