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# BEST SUMMER EVER™

2019 Summer Camp Guide  
YMCA OF DANE COUNTY

[www.ymcadanecounty.org](http://www.ymcadanecounty.org)

# FUN, FRIENDS, FIELD TRIPS!

School's out. Help your kids thrive with the Best Summer Ever at the YMCA! Our camps are:

## LICENSED AND SAFE

- All YMCA camps (except Adventure Club and Sports Spectacular) accept the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy
- Staff are at least 18 years old; certified in CPR, AED and first aid; and trained in behavioral guidance and socialization strategies
- Groups limited to 12–17 campers

## ACTIVE & FUN

- Our camps reinforce the importance of healthy lifestyles
- Learning is awesome! We emphasize reading, decision-making and problem-solving skills
- Weekly field trips, group games and team-building activities
- Diversity & inclusion—there's a culture of involvement, respect and community for everyone

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## AFFORDABLE & CONVENIENT

- **NEW** 10% sibling discount
- YMCA members pay discounted rate
- State, City of Madison or YMCA financial assistance may be available to eligible participants
- Weekly field trips and two daily snacks included at no extra cost (Adventure Club excluded)
- Flexible drop-off and pick-up times

# CAMP IS BETTER WITH YOUR SIBLING

## 10% Sibling Discount

**NEW FOR 2019!** Keeping your kids together in summer camp is not only convenient, now it's more affordable at the Y. All YMCA Summer Camps include a 10% discount when brothers and sisters are enrolled together. Get the fun, healthy activity, summer learning and licensed child care of Y camps for less.



# WHAT'S IN A DAY?

## DROP-OFF 6:30/7:00–9:00 AM

Campers are dropped at the Y and have their choice of fun activities and a snack until opening ceremonies kick off the camp day. (Sun Prairie Discovery Day Camp and all West campers are transported to their off-site camps.)



## OPENING CEREMONIES 9:00–9:30 AM

At opening ceremonies, we reinforce our core values, talk about the day ahead, sing our hearts out, play games, laugh at goofy staff skits and test our brains. It's the formal-but-fun start to our day at camp.



## PLAY & LEARN! 9:30 AM–3:30 PM

After opening ceremonies, campers begin activities built around the theme for the week. One to two times a week, your camper will cool off with a swim (times and days differ by site). We even find time to halt the frenetic pace of camp! In addition to lunch, we take breaks and have quiet, cool-down time where campers can read a book, play board games, work on art projects or find other ways to engage their spirits, minds and bodies.



## CLOSING CEREMONIES 3:30–4:00 PM

After a fun-filled day, we gather for an afternoon snack, have closing ceremonies and review how our core values were used during the day. At 4:00 pm, Sun Prairie Discovery Day Camp and all West campers travel back to their Ys for pick-up.



## PICK-UP 4:00–6:00 PM

Because caregivers have varied pick-up schedules, a variety of activities are available to keep campers busy during this period. Campers can catch up with friends, play games or just relax before they head home to rest up for another great day!

# DISCOVERY DAY CAMP

AGES 5–13\* 6:30 AM–6:00 PM

We're forecasting an entire summer of fun on the East Side! Kids stay active and engaged at this camp that literally becomes a hub of constant activity. Every day, campers rotate through games on our field, creative activity tents, tetherball, the GaGa pit, on-site splash pad, sports and more. We take regular trips to a nearby park, swim at least once a week at the East Y and go on weekly field trips. **Camp site, drop-off and pick-up at the East Y Activity Field.**

**Program Price: \$250/week**

**Discounted Member Price: \$195/week**

\$25 registration fee per child; \$10 deposit per week

\*Kindergarten completion required to attend Discovery Day Camp



## WEEK 1 | JUNE 17-21

### ANIMAL KINGDOM

Learn about the fascinating creatures that inhabit our world and the impact that they can have on the circle of life.

Hakuna matata!

## WEEK 2 | JUNE 24-28

### DRAGON TRAINING

Beware as we journey through the magical, mystical world of dragons! We'll discover the stories and adaptations of these mythical beasts all week long.

## WEEK 3 | JULY 1-5 (NO CAMP JULY 4)

### STEAM-WORK

Our campers won't just study Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics; we'll innovate and create. This will be a very hands-on week that's geared toward inspiration and development.

## WEEK 4 | JULY 8-12

### WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Watch as we beat the summer heat with wet, wild and wacky games! Campers will enjoy JackSplash, the East Y's outdoor splash park, swimming, water relays, slip-and-slides and more.

## WEEK 5 | JULY 15-19

### JUNIOR CHEFS

Remember: We're here for the food! This week, we'll tap into our inner chef as we indulge in delicious dishes, learn about food groups, create recipes and make some of our own snacks.

## WEEK 6 | JULY 22-26

### ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET

Lights! Camera! Action! Campers will be in the spotlight as we portray musicians, actors, athletes and artists. A talent show will end our week because the show must go on!

## WEEK 7 | JULY 29- AUGUST 2

### BRAIN GAMES

Get your thinking caps on! Imagination, experimentation and curiosity rule this week as we invent new games and test our creations with other groups.

## WEEK 8 | AUGUST 5-9

### AMAZING AVENGERS

We'll unlock our super powers during an adventure-filled week and discover the hero that's inside all of us.

## WEEK 9 | AUGUST 12-16

### WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Campers will experience new cultures and customs through art, food, sports, games and more as we find adventure across the globe.

## WEEK 10 | AUGUST 19-23

### GAME ON!

It's a challenge. Are you ready? In our closing week, campers are invited to give everything one more try. We'll revisit our favorite activities from the summer.

# SPORTS DAY CAMP

AGES 7-13 6:30 AM-6:00 PM

Learn about all sorts of sports! We'll teach basic fundamentals, teamwork, rules and have lots of opportunities to play and keep it fun. Please note that this is not a specialized sports clinic; our goals are having fun and exposing campers to a variety of games at a high level. (Due to a limited number of spots, if your child chooses not to participate on a regular basis, we will move them to Discovery Day Camp.) [Camp site, drop-off and pick-up at the East YMCA Activity Field.](#)

**Program Price: \$250/week**

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- 1 FOOTBALL June 17-21
- 2 SOCCER June 24-28
- 3 BASKETBALL July 1-5
- 4 CHEERLEADING July 8-12
- 5 SPORTS OF ALL SORTS July 15-18
- 6 BASEBALL July 22-26
- 7 FOOTBALL July 29-August 2
- 8 SOCCER August 5-9
- 9 BASKETBALL August 12-16
- 10 SPORTS OF ALL SORTS August 19-23

# ART DAY CAMP

AGES 7-13 JULY 1-5 • JULY 29-AUGUST 2

We get hands-on every day and exercise our passion for making messes and masterpieces! Designed for aspiring artists, each day is a new adventure in painting, drawing or sculpting as campers explore their creativity and develop new artistic skills. Plus, it's a Y day camp, so you know that there's fun, friends, learning and lots of new experiences. (Due to a limited number of spots, if your child chooses not to participate on a regular basis, we will move them to Discovery Day Camp.) [Camp site, drop-off and pick-up at the East YMCA Activity Field.](#)

**Program Price: \$250/week**

**Discounted Member Price: \$195/week**

\$25 registration fee per child; \$10 deposit per week



# SPORTS SPECTACULAR!

AGES 7-12 AUGUST 26-30

After Discovery Day Camp at the East Y ends on August 23, campers are invited to finish their summer camp experience with a flurry of sports activity! This fun-filled program features sports activities and games each day along with a daily field trip. Sign up for one day or the whole week. Please bring a lunch, drink and athletic shoes/clothing each day. Note: Sorry, Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy and Madison Child Care Assistance are not accepted; YMCA financial assistance is available. [Drop off is 7:00-9:00 AM, and pick up is 3:30-5:30 PM, both at the East YMCA Activity Field.](#)

**Program Price: \$45/day, \$200/week**

**Discounted Member Price: \$35/day, \$150/week**

# DISCOVERY DAY CAMP

AGES 5–13\* 7:00 AM–6:00 PM

Our camp is a fun mix of exploring the natural world, healthy activity and learning to be responsible members of our community. Campers get a true outdoor experience every day. We construct imaginative art projects; we play tennis, basketball, baseball and kickball; we discover nature all around us on regular hikes; and we take advantage of multiple playgrounds, all within Fitchburg's McGaw Park. There's a field trip every week, we swim at the West Y twice a week and everything is led by art, sports and nature specialists who stress independence, responsibility, environmental respect and being passionate about life. Drop-off and pick-up at West YMCA; campers are transported daily to McGaw Park in Fitchburg for camp.

**Program Price: \$269/week**

**Discounted Member Price: \$217/week**

\$25 registration fee per child; \$10 deposit per week

\*Kindergarten completion required to attend Discovery Day Camp

## WEEK 1 | JUNE 17–21

### COLOR WARS

In our start-of-summer celebration, camp groups will come up with names, design their flags and create a chant or song. Groups will show their camp spirit in a battle of wits, physical skills and silliness!

## WEEK 2 | JUNE 24–28

### CAVE DWELLERS

Campers will imagine living amongst woolly mammoths and saber tooth tigers as they learn basic survival skills used by prehistoric humans including cooking, building shelters and telling stories via pictograph.

## WEEK 3 | JULY 1–5 (NO CAMP JULY 4)

### CELEBRATE!

In this short week, we'll party all week with a different holiday celebration each day. Get ready for mid-summer Valentine's Day, Halloween costumes and a Thanksgiving lunch.

## WEEK 4 | JULY 8–12

### ZOOTOPIA\*\*

Lions, tigers and bears, oh my! We'll study animal behavior, habitats and conservation from our community and around the world. We'll create masks, habitats, our own creatures and take a trip to the Milwaukee Zoo (\$10 field trip fee)!

## WEEK 5 | JULY 15–19

### AROUND THE WORLD

Our campers will travel the world to learn games, crafts and traditions common in other countries.

## WEEK 6 | JULY 22–26

### SUPERHERO TRAINING CAMP

Villains have taken over camp and set up their evil lair! We will use all of our strength, wit, daring and creativity to save the day!

## WEEK 7 | JULY 29–AUG 2

### TROPICAL ISLAND

3,000 years ago, sailors navigated the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean and settled in what is now known as the Polynesian Triangle. This week, we'll celebrate the cultures and ecology of Polynesian places like New Zealand, Easter Island and Hawaii.



## WEEK 8 | AUGUST 5–9

### CAMP OLYMPICS

We'll form five teams representing the five Olympic rings and have our own opening and closing ceremonies, an Olympic torch and more. Plan on summer and winter Olympic sports and other silly camp activities.

## WEEK 9 | AUGUST 12–16

### THROUGH THE AGES

From dinosaurs to discos, hop in our time machine and travel through the ages in a week! We'll explore ancient civilizations, medieval madrigals, pioneer days, 60's flower power and the distant future!

## WEEK 10 | AUGUST 19–23

### DOWN ON THE FARM

Dust off your cowboy boots, and bust out your overalls! We will explore what it takes to run a farm by practicing farmhand skills, planting our own vegetables and learning to line dance! Yee-haw!

# LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

AGES 11–13\* 7:00 AM–6:00 PM

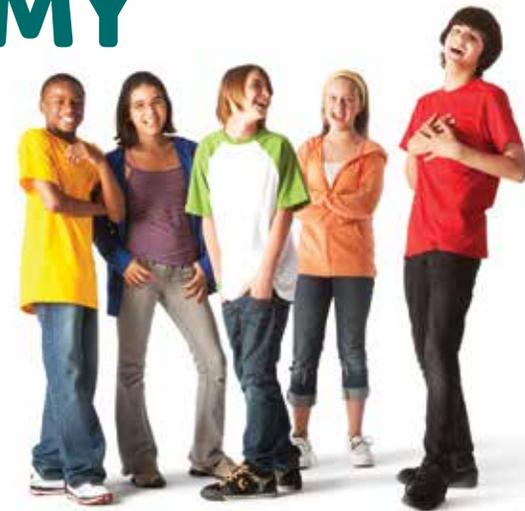
This unique, two-week program teaches leadership skills that participants can use at home, at school and in the community. We use discussions, team-building challenges and hands-on leadership opportunities to develop communication, decision-making and conflict-resolution skills. Our leaders-in-training will also complete the session with First Aid and CPR certifications. Drop-off and pick-up at West YMCA; campers are transported daily to McGaw Park in Fitchburg for camp.

**Program Price: \$235/session**

**Discounted Member Price: \$185/session**

\$25 registration fee per child; \$10 deposit per session

\*Must be 11 years old by June 11, 2019. Program does not operate on weekends.



SESSION 1 | JULY 8-19

SESSION 2 | JULY 22-AUGUST 2

SESSION 3 | AUGUST 5-16



## Y SUMMER CAMP IS BUILT ON OUR FOUR CORE VALUES:



### CARING

Consider the needs and feelings of others



### HONESTY

Be trustworthy and truthful



### RESPECT

Treat others, the environment and yourself with dignity



### RESPONSIBILITY

Accept accountability for your actions and your role in the community

# DISCOVERY DAY CAMP

AGES 5-13 6:30 AM-6:00 PM

Give your child a true outdoor experience this summer as they explore all that nature has to offer. Rain or shine, campers hike, catch crayfish in our beautiful creek, build forts in their territories throughout our forest, enjoy s'mores around the campfire and create awesome art projects! Of course we'll swim, play games, make new friends, learn new skills and work on character development, too; it's what Y Summer Camp is all about! Drop-off and pick-up at Sun Prairie YMCA; children are transported daily to the Sun Prairie Lion's Club Clubhouse for camp. The Y can transport children from summer school to camp; call 608 478 4310 for details!

**Program Price: \$269/week**

**Discounted Member Price: \$217/week**

**Summer School Rate: \$185/week (Must call to have adjusted)**

\$25 registration fee per child; \$10 deposit per week

## WEEK 1 | JUNE 17-21

### LET THE FUN BEGIN

Welcome to summer 2019! We'll kick things off by getting to know each other and prepping for a summer jam-packed with adventures!

## WEEK 2 | JUNE 24-28

### OOEY GOOEY

Ooey, gooey and nasty too! Campers will need their old clothes and be prepared to get messy, sticky and grossed out!

## WEEK 3 | JULY 1-5 (NO CAMP JULY 4)

### PARTY IN THE USA

It's our camp celebration of America during this red, white and blue-packed week. Campers will enjoy food contests, Olympic inspired games and fun crafts while learning about the USA and what makes us amazing!

## WEEK 4 | JULY 8-12

### CREATION STATION

We'll tap into our engineering brains and our creativity through a variety of STEM-based challenges. Campers will enjoy paper airplane construction projects, bridge-building, structure design and much more!

## WEEK 5 | JULY 15-19

### SPLISH, SPLASH

It's time to get soaked as we splish and splash through a water-filled week. Summer is hot, but campers will stay cool with water balloon games, water relays, lots of swimming and more.

## WEEK 6 | JULY 22-26

### THE GREAT DDC CARNIVAL

Join us for the 2nd Annual Discovery Day Camp Carnival! We will spend the week learning traditional carnival activities like balloon animal-making, juggling and face painting. It all leads up to our own carnival with games, a bounce house, cotton candy, a dunk tank and more.

## WEEK 7 | JULY 29-AUGUST 2

### PLANET EARTH

It's our home, and this week we'll study the awe-inspiring planet that is Earth. We'll surround campers with the sights and sounds of the world and its natural beauty and use a variety of activities to inspire, excite and instill respect for the world around us.

## WEEK 8 | AUGUST 5-9

### IN IT TO WIN IT

Campers will divide into teams and create their flags. Our teams will earn points through fun competitions, silly activities and physical and brain power challenges based on the Y's core values.

## WEEK 9 | AUGUST 12-16

### TINY CHEFS

Calling all junior chefs! This week, our campfire transforms into a kitchen as we learn to cook foods over the fire.

## WEEK 10 | AUGUST 19-23

### WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

They're loose! Our campers will escape to the wild as we explore amazing animals from bugs to bears to reptiles.

## WEEK 11 | AUGUST 26-30

### UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!

Summer's nearly over, and school starts soon, but that doesn't mean we can't go out with a big HOO-RAH! In our final week of camp, we'll celebrate with our favorite games and say goodbye to a fun summer with a hearty, "See you next year!"



# ADVENTURE CLUB

AGES 11-14 7:30 AM-5:30 PM

At Adventure Club, we engage and motivate teens and pre-teens through weekly themes and fun activities that meet the diverse interests of this age group. Our campers will make new friends and build self esteem through team-building games, fun challenges, lots of swimming and outdoor activity plus multiple field trips every week (at no additional cost!). **Drop-off and pick-up at Sun Prairie YMCA.**

**Program Price: \$250/week**

**Discounted Member Price: \$195/week**

\$25 registration fee per child; \$10 deposit per week

## WEEK 1 | JUNE 17-21

### ADVENTURE AWAITS

Our teens quickly discover that Adventure Club is a family. In our opening week, we'll get to know each other and practice teamwork by playing fun and active group games.

## WEEK 2 | JUNE 24-28

### SUPER HERO ACADEMY

Campers will meet and salute real life superheroes, take the superhero character challenge, dress as their favorite superheroes and try superhero games and craft projects. We'll also lend a hand as we pay it forward through community service to bring out the hero in all of us.

## WEEK 3 | JULY 1-5 (NO CAMP JULY 4)

### GAME SHOW MANIA

We're bringing Hollywood to camp as we spend the week playing game show greats. Campers will get to spend their "winnings" at our week-ending auction.

## WEEK 4 | JULY 8-12

### NO FEAR FACTOR

This promises to be a week of fun team challenges like trying crazy foods, navigating an obstacle course blindfolded and other "daring" activities and games. Do you dare?

## WEEK 5 | JULY 15-19

### SUPER SOAK IT

We'll submerge ourselves in the wonderful world of water all week long by playing our favorite water games as we beat the heat!

## WEEK 6 | JULY 22-26

### GAME ON!

Campers will live out their favorite board games, video games and more in life size fun. We'll play both new and classic games alike and create our own with friends at camp.

## WEEK 7 | JULY 29-AUGUST 2

### TOP CHEF

Our teen chefs will split into teams then plan and execute a breakfast, lunch and dinner menu in a "Top Chef"-style competition. Campers will also tour a local restaurant and a creamery to get inspiration for their meal preparation.

## WEEK 8 | AUGUST 5-9

### COLOR WARS

We'll divide into teams and compete throughout the week in challenges and twisted sports games like Balloon Baseball, Monkey Soccer, Noodle Monster, Slip n Slide Kickball and Water Balloon Volleyball. We'll make our own team flags and tie-dye team t-shirts, too!

## WEEK 9 | AUGUST 12-16

### MYSTERY EXPEDITION

Losing things is frustrating for anyone. This week, we'll find things in one of the most amazing scavenger hunts ever!

## WEEK 10 | AUGUST 19-23

### GREATEST HITS OF SUMMER

As camp comes to a close, we'll send summer off with a blast by revisiting our most-popular games and activities.





# NO SCHOOL, NO WORRIES!

AGES 5-13 | JUNE 12-14\* | SUN PRAIRIE ONLY

## DISCOVERY DAY CAMP SCHOOLS OUT

With the school year ending midweek, transition your children from school to camp in our School's Out child care program. Our full-day program runs from 6:30 am-6:00 pm at the Sun Prairie YMCA and is available to children ages 5-13. It's a safe and exciting environment with enrichment activities, field trips, arts and crafts, creative dramatics, literacy and science projects and cooperative games that promote healthy living. Lots of energy and a nutritious lunch are required; excitement and healthy morning and afternoon snacks are included! Space is limited so register early.

Program Price \$60

Discounted Member Price \$45

\*Days subject to change based on when the school year ends. \$10 deposit per week

## MEET YOUR DIRECTORS



### EAST MADISON

Aaron Krigbaum | 608 906 8656  
aaron.krigbaum@ymcadanecounty.org



### SUN PRAIRIE

Seth Brody | 608 478 4310  
seth.brody@ymcadanecounty.org



### WEST MADISON

Cacia Tipple | 608 906 8811  
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# SIGN ME UP!

REGISTER ONLINE



MARCH 1

- ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 1!
- For your convenience, pay weekly via bank draft from a savings or checking account or through Discover®, American Express®, Visa® or Master Card®.
- Each week of camp must be paid in full two weeks prior to start date.
- There is a \$25 registration fee per child per program.
- A \$10 per week deposit is applied to the weekly fee. Deposits are forfeited when a week is canceled.
- Registration fees and deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE and due at registration.
- There is a \$20 charge for schedule changes.
- Registrants with outstanding YMCA balances due will not be accepted. Please pay outstanding balances immediately, or contact our child care administrative team to make arrangements. Failure to pay on time may jeopardize your child's camp enrollment. Full payment is required for children to attend camp.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- All YMCA camps (except Adventure Club and Sports Spectacular) accept the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy.
- Camps licensed at the East and West YMCAs accept City of Madison funding.
- Y financial assistance is available to eligible applicants; a YMCA financial assistance application must be approved before registration.

# HELPFUL TIPS

## WHAT TO WEAR

- Athletic shoes or hiking boots with socks
- No sandals or open-toed shoes

## REMINDERS

- Please send a healthy lunch with your child. Our days are filled with great activities, and children need lots of energy to play and grow.
- Refrigeration and microwave cooking are not available.
- The Y provides a healthy morning and afternoon snack. Menus will be posted at each camp.

## DAILY BACKPACK ITEMS

- **Please label items with a permanent marker!**
- Extra clothing
- Water bottle
- Healthy sack lunch
- Swimsuit and towel
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Optional items: plastic bag for wet swimsuit and towel; comb/brush; goggles; ear/nose plugs

## PLEASE DO NOT BRING

- Money
- Sharp objects/weapons
- Personal electronic devices
- Toys from home

## RAINY DAYS

- There are shelters at each camp, but rain ponchos are suggested. We go to camp unless severe weather is a threat. Rainy day hikes and activities are fun when dressed appropriately!





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**REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1**  
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**LUSSIER FAMILY EAST YMCA**  
711 Cottage Grove Road  
Madison, WI 53716  
608 221 1571

**SUN PRAIRIE YMCA**  
1470 Don Simon Drive  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590  
608 837 8221

**LUSSIER FAMILY WEST YMCA**  
5515 Medical Circle  
Madison, WI 53719  
608 276 6606

# EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

**FREE** Community Easter Egg Hunt and Open House  
**EAST YMCA**

**Sunday, April 13 | 12:00 pm rain, snow or shine**

Join us for a FREE community egg hunt and FREE day at the Y. Dress appropriately and bring a basket and your camera for photos with the bunny. Then, enjoy a FREE YMCA open house for the rest of the day.

## **BUNNY BREAKFAST**

Sun Prairie YMCA | West YMCA  
April 13 | 9:00-10:30 am

Program Price                      \$5/family  
Discounted Member Price      FREE

**FREE OPEN HOUSE TO FOLLOW**

