



DISCOVER YOUR Y

FALL 1

2026 PROGRAM GUIDE

August 31 – October 25

REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 8

BRIDGEPORT YMCA

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CENTRAL CONNECTICUT COAST YMCA



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WHY THE Y

Where there's a Y, there's a way — to achieving your goals, supporting your family, and strengthening your community. Our programs empower members to learn, grow, and reach their full potential. At the YMCA, we're here for all — to nurture youth, improve health, and build stronger communities, extending our impact far beyond our walls.

2026 WINTER 2 SESSION & REGISTRATION DATES

SESSION DATES: August 31 – October 25

REGISTRATION DATES

Facility Member: August 8
Program Participant: August 15

FACILITY HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:30AM – 5:30PM
Saturday 9:00AM – 4:30PM

HOLIDAY HOURS

Labor Day Closed

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Class times and fees are subject to change. If a class is scheduled to meet for fewer than the 8 weeks, the price will be adjusted at the time of registration. Program Refund Policy: Refunds or credits for program fees will only be approved in the following instances:

1. The YMCA cancels a program or class
2. Request form must be received prior to the start of the program session*
3. After the start of the program session, only for medically documented reason*
4. Membership Y facility membership allows usage of the Main Facility, reduced rates and priority registration for programs. Community members may also register for programs at the full rate. If you are interested in taking out a membership at the time you register your child, the membership must last from the time of registration to the last day of your child's enrollment in the program. The membership will continue until you submit a termination request in writing with 72 hour notice and only after your child completes their time at program. Please contact the Y for further details on membership prices, hours and programs offered.

*A \$10 administrative fee for each will be added for each credit or refund.

OUR Y TEAM

Maria Valentin, Executive Director
Jadette Rivera, Senior Child Care Director
Veronica Vallejo, Community Outreach Partner

The Bridgeport YMCA is governed by our Board of Managers that consists of volunteers throughout Bridgeport.

- Caesar Irby
- Kellie Taylor
- Lissette Colon
- Heather Lange
- Kovac Marcella
- Crystal Engram
- James Rollinson
- Katherine Rosario
- Blanca Kazmierczak

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT COAST YMCA

FOR A BETTER US®

We help everyone build and maintain healthy habits for spirit, mind and body in their everyday lives. By helping kids, adults, families and seniors from all walks of life improve their health and well-being, we build a stronger community.

More people than ever need financial assistance to take part in Y programs. Please give to our Annual Campaign. All contributions to the YMCA provide direct financial assistance for ALL who need it.

MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL

Membership rates are based on a sliding scale according to household income. Please contact the Bridgeport Y for more information.

DONATE FOR A BETTER US

Connect with Maria Valentin,
Executive Director,
mvalentin@cccymca.org
to learn more.





The Bridgeport YMCA provides a range of aquatics, childcare and camp programs that will help get you feeling great! Connect with your inner-health! We have a wonderful community of people here at the Y! It's a positive, supportive environment where you and your family can feel comfortable while pursuing the activities that interest you the most.

When you join the Y, you become part of a family of members who support the Y's philosophy of healthy lifestyles, mutual respect, community spirit, youth leadership, and character development. Our staff is dedicated to providing the best in member service. People from several local communities belong to the Bridgeport Y, creating a diverse and energetic environment we think you will really enjoy!

You'll also get to know people in the community at large, as the Y partners with other charitable organizations in our surrounding towns on projects that benefit the common good. And, as a community service organization, the Y thrives on the camaraderie of people who help out by volunteering for events throughout the year.

We hope you will decide to join the Bridgeport YMCA – We all need a place to belong!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Today, **1 in 4 children, teens and families need financial assistance** to be a part of the Y. A core priority for us as a charitable non-profit organization is providing access to the extraordinary opportunities and programs offered at the Y to anyone who wishes to participate. Membership dues don't include funding for scholarships; it is your gift that makes this possible. Your contributions to the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA provide direct financial assistance for children, families and individuals to participate in their YMCA.

Membership Category	Monthly Rate	Joiner Fee
Youth 3-17* (or through the end of high school)	\$45	\$25

Membership rates are based on a sliding scale according to household income.
Please contact the Bridgeport Y for more information

YOUR MEMBERSHIP GOES FURTHER

As a member of the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA, your membership opens the doors to **every branch in our Association**. If your home branch doesn't offer a specific program or class you're interested in, you can visit another location and enjoy it at the member rate.

Each branch offers its own unique mix of programs designed to strengthen our communities and help individuals of all ages thrive.

From child care and youth development to fitness, swimming, and family activities, there's truly something for everyone at the Y – **more choices, more convenience, and more opportunities** to belong.



ALPHA COMMUNITY SERVICES Y	BRIDGEPORT Y	FAIRFIELD Y	HAMDEN/NORTH HAVEN Y	LAKESIDE-TRUMBULL Y	NEW HAVEN Y YOUTH CENTER	SOUNDVIEW FAMILY Y	STRAFORD Y	VALLEY Y	WOODRUFF FAMILY Y	YMCA CAMP HI-ROCK
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AMENITIES										
Athletic Fields						X			X	X
Wellness Center (Cardio)		X		X		X	X		X	
Wellness Center (Strength Training)		X		X		X	X		X	
Gymnasium	X			X	X					
Indoor Pool	X	X			X	X	X		X	
Outdoor Pool			X	X						
Childwatch		X		X		X	X		X	
Locker Rooms (Adult)		X		X		X	X		X	
Locker Rooms (Youth)					X	X				
Locker Rooms-Family/Special Needs						X			X	
CHILD CARE & OUTREACH										
Before and/or Afterschool Programs-Inquire w/branch		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Early Learning & Child Care		X	X			X		X	X	
Summer Day Camp		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Housing/Shelter/Case Management	X									
Resident Camp/Family Camp										X
PROGRAMS										
Active Older Adults Classes		X		X		X	X		X	
Birthdays Parties	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
Group Exercise-Land and/or Water		X		X		X	X		X	
Lifeguard Certification	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Personal Training		X		X		X	X		X	
Chronic Disease Programs-Offerings vary by branch				X		X			X	
Yoga & Pilates		X		X		X	X		X	
Group Cycling		X		X		X			X	
ACTIVITIES & SPORTS										
Gymnastics				X						
Swim Lessons	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Swim Team		X				X	X			
Basketball	X			X	X	X			X	
Dance	X		X	X					X	
Soccer	X									
Martial Arts			X		X					



FACILITY USE FOR ALL

RENTALS

CELEBRATE YOUR SPECIAL EVENT AT THE BRIDGEPORT YMCA!

Looking for the perfect space to host a birthday party, meeting, training, family gathering, or special event? The Bridgeport YMCA has you covered!

Why Choose the Bridgeport YMCA?

The Bridgeport YMCA (850 Park Avenue) offers an amazing facility with a variety of options to celebrate any event. Our friendly and experienced staff will guide you from start to finish, ensuring memories that last a lifetime. We can accommodate short-term, full-day, or extended events.

To schedule a tour, learn more about the facilities, or inquire about pricing and availability, please contact the Member Services Desk at 203-334-5551.

- **Indoor & Outdoor Spaces:** Flexible for any season
- **Customizable Experiences:** Our enthusiastic staff will help plan and tailor activities to make your event unforgettable
- **Year-Round Rentals:** Celebrate anytime with our versatile facilities

I AM READY TO PARTY, NOW WHAT?

How to Book:

1. Choose your preferred date and time.
2. Contact Veronica at vvallejo@cccymca.org
3. Complete a rental agreement and submit a \$25 deposit at the program center
4. Secure your date and time!



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

Open year-round, **Monday–Friday, 7:30am–5:30pm**, with full-time options available. Our relationship-based program partners with parents, teachers, and children to support social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and creative growth. Safety is our top priority, and all programs follow Early Start CT, CT Office of Early Childhood, NAEYC, Y-USA, and other guidelines. Affordable tuition, CACFP program participant, Care4Kids accepted. Call the Y to schedule a tour.

AGES 8 WEEKS–5 YEARS

KOLBE EDUCATION CENTER
401 KOSSUTH STREET
BRIDGEPORT, CT 06608
203-332-6447

Kolbe Infant: Tummy time, stories, music, arts, instructional movement, and exploration. State licensed; 1:4 staff-to-child ratio.

Kolbe Toddler: Independent and group play, stories, arts and crafts, gym, creative movement, and music. Must be age two by December 31. State licensed; 1:4 staff-to-child ratio.

Kolbe Preschool: Independent and group play, stories, arts and crafts, gym, creative movement, math, science, and music. State licensed; 1:10 staff-to-child ratio.

AGES 3 YEARS–5 YEARS

BRIDGEPORT YMCA
850 PARK AVENUE
BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604
203-334-5551

PALS V: Independent and group play, stories, arts and crafts, gym, creative movement, math, science, and music. State licensed; 1:10 staff-to-child ratio. Swim lessons are available at our Park Avenue location.



Have questions about our early education programs?

Contact Jadette Rivera,
Senior Child Care Director
at jrivera@cccymca.org



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

What are your kids doing after school? At the YMCA, our comprehensive, state certified After School Program supports youth in kindergarten through 8th grade. Kids build confidence, leadership skills, and positive values in a safe, supportive environment with trained teachers and site directors guiding them.

Our program aligns with the school day and encourages growth in literacy, science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM), while also incorporating physical activity, recreation, and fun. Children enjoy supervised activities, homework support, games, and a healthy snack—giving them a productive alternative to the TV or the street corner.

Through engaging activities, role models, and social enrichment, children increase self-expression, social skills, and self-esteem, helping them thrive not only in school but in life. Programs run throughout the school year, with vacation day care available. For details regarding early care services, please contact us.

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Offered at the Bridgeport YMCA & Ralphola Taylor Community Center.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 2:30PM – 6:00PM

Member Rate: \$320/Month
Non-Member Rate: \$420/Month

Annual Registration Fee: \$50 per child

Affordable prices based on OEC Sliding Scale

Half Days	\$15/day	12:00PM – 6:00PM
Vacation Days	\$20/day \$80/week	9:00AM – 6:00PM



SWIM PROGRAMS

STRONG SWIMMERS = CONFIDENT KIDS

For more than 160 years, the YMCA has nurtured potential and united communities across America to create lasting, meaningful change. Everything the Y does is in service of building a better us. One of the most effective ways to accomplish this is to teach youth, teens, and adults to swim, so they can stay safe around water and learn the skills they need to make swimming a lifelong pursuit for staying healthy. Our Y swim instructors are nationally certified. Their training includes CPR, AED, First Aid and Oxygen Administration. **Swim Starters and Swim Basics classes require one parent* to participate in the pool and on the pool deck.**

Swim lessons provide important life skills that could save a life and will benefit students for a lifetime. All ages – from infants to seniors – can learn to swim at the Y. Check out our class offerings to find one that fits your family’s busy schedule.

POOL GUIDELINES/OBSERVATION POLICY

Parents and children are required to follow all Central Connecticut Coast YMCA Pool Guidelines and Safety Protocol. Parents are asked not to disrupt the children or instructor while the class is in session. *At the Y, we know families take a variety of forms. As a result, we define parents broadly to include all adults with primary responsibility for raising children, including biological parents, adoptive parents, stepparents, grandparents or any type of parenting relationship.

AGE GROUP:	STAGE:	
6 months – 4 years Parent* & Child	SWIM STARTERS	Stages A-B
3 years – 5 years Preschool	SWIM BASICS	Stages 1-3
6 years – 13 years School Age	SWIM BASICS SWIM STROKES	Stages 1-6
18+ years	ADULT FIT	All

Please contact the Bridgeport YMCA, Fairfield YMCA, Woodruff Family YMCA, Stratford YMCA or Soundview Family YMCA for swim lessons during the school year.

SWIM STARTERS		SWIM BASICS			SWIM STROKES		
A WATER DISCOVERY	B WATER EXPLORATION	1 WATER ACCLIMATION	2 WATER MOVEMENT	3 WATER STAMINA	4 STROKE INTRODUCTION	5 STROKE DEVELOPMENT	6 STROKE MECHANICS
Student can respond to verbal cues.	Student can comfortably submerge his or her nose and mouth with assistance.	Student can go underwater voluntarily.	Student can do a front and back float on his or her own.	Student can swim 10-15 yards on his or her front and back.	Student can swim 15 yards of front and back crawl.	Student can swim front crawl, back crawl, and breaststroke across the pool.	Student can swim front crawl, back crawl, and breaststroke across the pool and back.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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AT THE RALPHOLA TAYLOR COMMUNITY CENTER, WE PROUDLY OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF ENRICHING EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING:



ARTS & CRAFTS

Arts and Crafts helps to enhance the fine motor skills, hand to eye coordination and building levels of manual dexterity, as well as, identification of shapes, colors, textures, and working with materials. Encouraging and enhancing the natural creativity within the mind is the main goal!



VIDEO GAME CENTER

The Video Game Center is a fun and safe environment for youth to connect with like-minded peers and enjoy gaming together. We offer a few different gaming systems to ensure that there is a variety of choices for the youth. Join us!



GAME ROOM

Our Game Room is the perfect hangout spot, featuring a pool table, foosball, air hockey, and more. It's a fun place for teens to relax, connect with friends, and enjoy some friendly competition.



COMPUTER LAB

Our Computer Lab is open for youth to have access to technology in a safe environment while building valuable skills. Our computers are equipped with high-speed internet service, as well as Microsoft and Adobe software. Our staff will be on hand to assist with projects and open computer use.

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WORK READINESS CLUB

This club teaches youth essential job skills such as applications, resumes, interviewing, and more. Teens who complete the program may be hired and receive a stipend. Participants must be registered in school.



SKILLS & DRILLS BASKETBALL

Do you have a young hooper who is ready to take their skills to the next level? Bring them to the Bridgeport YMCA for Basketball Skills and Drills, where children will develop their basketball skills in an environment that provides individualized guidance and positive reinforcement. We will provide a variety of drills that are fun and exciting, focusing on self-improvement and teamwork, too!



OPEN GYM

Our Open Gym provides a welcoming space for all types of recreational activities, allowing participants of all ages to stay active, socialize, and enjoy unstructured play. The program encourages physical fitness, teamwork, and fun by offering a flexible environment where individuals can choose activities that match their interests and abilities.

HELP US HELP THEM

The Alpha Community Services YMCA has served the Bridgeport area since 1992, providing dedicated services for individuals experiencing homelessness. Now a branch of the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA, Alpha goes beyond temporary shelter—offering supportive services to more than 400 clients each year and helping create pathways to stability and a better life.

Alpha Community Services YMCA serves clients referred through Connecticut's Coordinated Access Network (CAN), providing family navigation, family-focused emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, and supportive services for veterans. Alpha also plays a key role in the Bridgeport Housing First Collaborative, with all services supported by comprehensive case management, strong community partnerships, and full compliance with state and federal privacy standards.



CENTRAL CONNECTICUT COAST YMCA

FOOD PANTRY LOCATIONS



STRATFORD YMCA
3045 Main Street
Stratford, CT 06614



VALLEY YMCA
32 Howard Avenue
Ansonia, CT 06401



WOODRUFF FAMILY YMCA
631 Orange Avenue
Milford, CT 06461



SOUNDVIEW FAMILY YMCA
628 East Main Street
Branford, CT 06405



NEW HAVEN YMCA YOUTH CENTER
50 Howe Street
New Haven, CT 06511



AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE LIVES



➤ LEARN TO BECOME A YMCA PROFESSIONAL

Are you looking for a job that can change your life? If you're between the ages of 16–21 and searching for a great part-time job or a challenging, in-demand career, the YMCA is one of the best places to start. Students gain the opportunity to explore exciting career paths while working as part of a team in a supportive environment. You'll discover new ways to connect with your community, find your purpose, and fuel your passion every day—while building skills that truly matter. You could even save a life.

Learning is fun and accessible through a mix of videos, group discussions, and hands-on practice. Participants will learn:

- Rescue skills for use in the water and on land
- First aid and professional rescuer CPR/AED training to prepare for emergencies
- Professional lifeguard roles and responsibilities
- Surveillance techniques to recognize and prevent injuries
- Customer service and communication skills
- Swim instruction and foundational swim skills

Looking to earn community service hours or interested in volunteering? Start as a swim instructor and gain the training and experience needed to work your way up to becoming a lifeguard.

SAFETY AROUND WATER, CERTIFIED LIFEGUARD, SWIM INSTRUCTOR!

LOCATION:
Bridgeport YMCA
850 Park Ave.

For more information, please call
Maria Valentin at
203-334-5551 x2502 or
via email at mvalentin@cccymca.org



ENROLL TODAY

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WORK FOR A CAUSE IN BRIDGEPORT

**NOW HIRING FOR CHILD CARE PROGRAMS
THROUGH EARLY START CT**

We're hiring for:

- Early Childhood Education Teachers
- After School Program Staff
- Full-time child care roles available
- Immediate openings in Bridgeport

Why work for the Y:

- Free Y membership
- Program discounts
- Training and professional development
- Tuition support opportunities
- Full-time benefits package
- YMCA Retirement Fund contribution

Why this work matters:

- Support children and families in Bridgeport
- Help expand access to high-quality child care
- Be part of a mission-driven team

APPLY TODAY

- Email jrivera@cccymca.org with questions
- Visit our web site: cccymca.org/careers
- Scan the QR code for job openings



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