2022 SUMMER DAY CAMP

Camp Mountain Laurel
Classic and Specialty Camp Programs
SUMMER IS A TIME FOR KIDS TO BE KIDS.
Y Day Camp is the place to make every precious summer day a great one!

The CENTRAL CONNECTICUT COAST YMCA believes all kids have great potential and deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve.

The HAMDEN/NORTH HAVEN YMCA CAMP MOUNTAIN LAUREL day camp provides kids with a safe, healthy, familiar, and fun-filled environment for them to explore, build confidence, develop skills, make lasting friendships and memories so they can grow as individuals and leaders. For families, day camp offers a peace of mind knowing that your child is in a safe and enriching place.

Y camps have always strived to provide a physically safe environment for all Y campers, our team and our volunteers. Our camp will maintain the highest standards, safety protocols and sanitization procedures.

Campers will be in small groups, surrounded by positive role models and peers that are crucial to their social–emotional growth and a healthy youth development journey.

As a leading nonprofit committed to nurturing the potential of youth, the Y has been a leader in providing summer camp for over 130 years. The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA continues to give youth an enriching and safe experience. Our experienced and caring staff and volunteers model the positive core Y values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility that help build character.

Everyone belongs at the Y. To ensure that all youth have the chance to experience summer camp, the Y offers financial assistance to those in need. Please talk with us to learn more. If you’d like to help send a child to camp, you can donate easily on our website or at our Y.

OUR MISSION: To put Judeo–Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

VISIT cccymca.org FOR ALL Y SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS
CAMP MOUNTAIN LAUREL

Camp Mountain Laurel is located on 2705 Downes Road in Hamden. Twenty acres of wooded space with an open shelter, outdoor swimming pool, archery station, gaga pit, ropes course and climbing wall. Dirt paths lead you easily to our Main Building where we have arts & crafts, a summer library for reading, bathrooms, changing rooms and the first aid office. In the morning you can hear the birds chirping and children laughing throughout the camp as the sun begins to peak through the leaves – and you’ll see the tallest trees ever amongst our new larger than life backyard game stations. Come explore nature’s outdoor classroom with us! We offer a breadth of activities for campers ranging from 3-15 years old. No one sits still at Camp Mountain Laurel! Weekly activities at camp include swim lessons & recreational swim, archery, STEAM activities, hiking, active games & sports; arts & crafts; while spending time with friends. If your child wants something more focused – try one of our Specialty or Swim Camps!

At the Y, we make kids feel welcome and supported. Our counselors are specially chosen using in-person interviews, reference checks and training. They are educators, recreation specialists, future teachers and local students with a genuine interest in working with children. Your children may already know them from other Y programs and after school care. At least eighty percent, are 18 years old and older. After receiving an average of 40 hours of training in safety, positive behavior management and activity planning, they are ready to help campers make new friends and do everything possible to ensure a fun summer.

Camp is available to all children. The Y will work with children of all abilities. If your child requires special accommodations (social, behavioral, medical) please contact the Camp Director. The Y strives to provide each camper with an optimal summer experience but can not guarantee a specific counselor or camp group.

The Y has child care programs available from the day school ends until it begins again! Ask about Y Vacation Club, Y Fun Club, Before and After school programs and Preschool (for the little ones.)

YMCA CAMP HI-ROCK

We also offer an overnight camp experience, a ‘home-away-from-home’ where campers will grow as individuals. Campers can learn to sail and water ski on a beautiful private lake in the Berkshires. Attend an info session at the Y or visit camphirock.org for more information.

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CAMP MOUNTAIN LAUREL SPECIALTY CAMPS

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING
Ages 14–15
At the Y, we build leaders. Camp Mountain Laurel camper alumni interested in this program are encouraged to apply. CIT’s will be mentored by YMCA staff who will help foster independence and self-confidence in a secure environment. Hands-on experience working with young campers gives CIT’s the opportunity to cultivate their skills in a camp setting. A CIT Application, Reference Forms, and Registration Packet must be submitted and completed to the Y to be considered for this program. Applicants must complete a practice interview to be chosen to participate in our CIT Program.

BEGINNER SWIM CAMP
Grades 1–9
Learn the survival float, how to tread water and all the other essential steps it takes to learn how to swim! Focus on the freestyle stroke and maybe the backstroke! Build confidence and learn how to be safe in and around the water.

INTERMEDIATE SWIM CAMP
Grades 1–9
Swimmers will have to pass a skills assessment to participate. They will learn how to enhance their weaker strokes and make their best strokes even stronger. Endurance will be built, so they can tread water longer and maintain the survival float.

AQUATIC LEADERS PROGRAM
Ages 13–15
Ideal for campers who have an expressed interested in learning to become a swim instructor and/or lifeguard when they graduate from camp. Participants are required to have strong swim abilities and be able to swim laps in the pool without stopping.

BASKETBALL CAMP
Grades 4–7
Recreational fun and skill development in a progressive goal-oriented program that also focuses on friendship, teamwork and sportsmanship.

ROOKIE SPORT
Grades 1–4
Enjoy a variety of sports activities and games with a focus on fun, sportsmanship, and skill development! Modified rules and smaller fields/courts allow campers to participate with confidence and capability.

KARATE CAMP
Grades 1–5
Immerse yourself into the world of martial arts. Learn form, fitness, fun, and discipline throughout the week’s activities in this camp.

FORT BUILDING
Grades 2–7
Immerse yourself in the great outdoors while constructing one of the greatest forts! As a group, campers design and plan their fort with guidance from our skilled staff. This program exemplifies the power of team work!

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GET CRAFTY
Grades 1-5
Grab your creativity and unleash your inner artist! Our Arts & Crafts guru will lead fun activities that can be brought home at the end of the week.

CREATIVE COOKING
Grades 1-5
Let’s get creative and cook camp-style. We’re cooking up eats and treats all week! Recipes will be kid friendly and fun.

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY
Grades 1-5
Through hands on exploration and fun, campers will participate in STEM activities while discovering the world around them.

LEGO CAMP
Grades 1-7
Campers participate in building awesome creations out of Legos and other materials. Let your future Engineer learn more through STEM activities offered through Lego Camp! This program also helps build strong math, reading, and social-emotional skills.

ANIMAL MANIA
Grades 1-3
Let the wild adventure begin! Broaden your horizons with a variety of animals and their natural habitats. Virtual field trips will be taken along with exploration of our surroundings on the camp property.

THEATER CAMP
Grades 3-9
New this summer, open call for all interested campers. Learn group performance, harmonizing techniques, dance routines and choreography, and acting methods leading up to an end of the week performance for the entire camp.

FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP
Grades 6-9
New this summer! Recreational fun and skill development in a progressive goal-oriented program that also focuses on friendship, teamwork and sportsmanship.

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL
Grades 2-6
Camp Mountain Laurel Survivor Challenge! Campers will partake in various activities throughout the week that will challenge and build skills while develop a sense of self-confidence and esteem.

TRANSPORTATION
Bus Transportation is offered on a first come, first serve basis each week. There will be a $10.00 fee per week for bus transportation this summer. As a new session begins, changes to the bus rosters will not be made. Parents/guardians must sign their child in and out from the program daily with the Bus staff with picture identification. If a parent/guardian is late picking up their child from the bus stop, the camper will remain on the bus until the final stop on the route. Late fees apply. Bus routes, pick-up/drop-off times, and registration options are included in the summer camp enrollment packet.

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WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!
The Y camp day begins at 9:00am and ends at 4:00pm. The Pre Care Program starts at 7:30am and the Post Care Program runs from 4:00–6:00pm. The Pre Care and the Post Care Programs will take place at camp.

Bus transportation: For Hamden, North Haven and New Haven on a first come, first serve basis. There will be a $10.00 fee per week for bus transportation this summer.

Medical forms: Families must submit a current health and medication authorization forms at least two weeks prior to their child’s start date of camp. Campers will not be able to begin camp until all required paperwork and medication has been received by the camp.

Open house meet and greet events are on:
- Saturday March 12 10 am – 1 pm
- Saturday April 30 10 am – 1 pm
- Saturday May 14 10 am – 1 pm
- Saturday June 4 10 am – 1 pm

Please visit camp and meet the staff. Ask specific questions and prepare for a positive experience. Call for information 203 248 1792 or visit www.hnhymca.org.

Hamden/North Haven YMCA Camp Mountain Laurel, a licensed day camp with the CT Office of Early Childhood and is accredited by the American Camp Association.

The American Camp Association sets standards that, when followed by a camping program, help to ensure the program is at its best. To learn more about the ACA visit: www.acacamps.org

BECOME A Y MEMBER
Join the Y and gain access to all of our full-facility Y Branches. Enjoy free child watch, group exercise classes, reduced rates for swim lessons and camp. Be social, connect, and get healthier together. Call the Y for more information. Financial Assistance may be available.

2022 CAMP FEES

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REGISTRATION FEES
$25 non-refundable, non-transferrable registration fee per camper is required.
$50 non-refundable, non-transferrable deposit per camper per week required upon registration. EZ Pay Options are available. Financial Assistance may be available. Financial Aid forms are due no later than May 1, 2022.

REGISTRATION STEPS
Step 1: Download, pickup, or have us mail you the registration packet. Download at www.hnhymca.org
Step 2: Fill out the registration forms.
Step 3: Calculate the deposit.
Step 4: Write out your check and either mail or drop off forms at the Y.