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WELCOME TO SUMMER DAY CAMP!

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. At the **HAMDEN/NORTH HAVEN YMCA CAMP MOUNTAIN LAUREL** day camp kids and teens can develop skills, self-confidence, new friendships and a sense of belonging – all while having tons of fun.

In order to have fun and thrive, kids of all ages need to feel both physically and emotionally safe. When you drop your child off at Hamden/North Haven YMCA Camp Mountain Laurel, you can rest assured that their total well-being will be supported. Safety is always our number one priority! We keep kids healthy and safe while providing enriching experiences.

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. Our experienced and caring staff and volunteers model the positive core Y values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility that help build character.

Financial assistance is available for families who need it to ensure that all kids in our community can have enriching summer experiences. If you'd like to help send a child to camp, you can donate easily on our website or at our Y.

Our camp programs fill up fast, so make plans to reserve your spot today! Visit www.cccymca.org to learn more about all our Summer Camp programs including **YMCA Camp Hi-Rock** an overnight experience on a beautiful lake in the Berkshires.

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



YMCA 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.

Weekly activities at camp include swim lessons and 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!

Our counselors are specially chosen using in-person interviews, reference checks and training. They are educators, future teachers and local students with a genuine interest in working with children. Your children may already know them from other Y programs. At least 80% are 8 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.

The Y works 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.

WEEKLY THEMES			
June 17-21	Aloha/Summer Luau		
June 24-28	Super Hero/Disney		
July 1-5 Closed July 4	Out of This World		
July 8-12	Sports Galore		
July 15-19	Full STEAM Ahead		
July 22-26	Around the World		
July 29-August 2	Splashtopia		
August 5-9	Color Wars		
August 12-16	Carnival		
August 19-23	Bon Voyage		

ENTERING GRADE	CAMP GROUP	
Pre K Ages 3, 4, 5	Discovery	
Kindergarten-1st	Greenhorns	
2nd-3rd	Explorers	
4th-6th	Pioneers	
7th-9th	Adventurers	
14-15 year olds	CIT - Counselor In Training	



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.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING CAMP AGE 15

Join us for the week and train to become a certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. Over the course of the week, participants will participate in the skills and drills needed to become a certified lifeguard. The week will culminate with a written/practical skills assessment which will need to be passed to achieve current lifeguard certification. Participants are required to have strong swim abilities and be able to swim laps in the pool without stopping.



FORT BUILDING CAMP 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!

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 SPORTS 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.

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL GRADE 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.

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.

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.



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.

RISING STARS 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.

WORLD OF ENGINEERING WITH LEGOS 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.

DANCE CAMP

Grades 2-5

Movement, motion, dance, fun! Dance camp will be packed full of fun and learning!

FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP GRADE 6-9

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

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Transportation is offered on a first come, first serve basis each week. There will be a \$10.00 fee per way (AM & PM) 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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CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR CREDITIALS

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.

NEED ADDITIONAL CARE?

The Y camp day begins at 9:00am and ends at 4:00pm. The Pre Care Program starts at 7:30-9:00am and the Post Care Program runs from 4:00-6:00pm. The Pre Care and the Post Care Programs will take place at camp.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Call us for a tour or join us for an Open House meet and greet on:

Saturday March 9 10 am -1 pm Saturday April 20 10 am -1 pm Saturday May 11 10 am -1 pm Saturday June 1 10 am -1 pm

Please visit camp and meet the staff. Ask specific questions and prepare for a positive experience.

REGISTRATION FEES

\$25 (\$50 Early Bird) non-refundable, non-transferrable registration fee per camper. \$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, 2024.

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

2024 CAMP FEES				
Camp Choice	Weeks Offered	Member	Program Partici- pant	
Youth Membership	Monthly	\$34	N/A	
Classic Camp	All	\$204	\$302	
Swim Camp	All	\$235	\$285	
Counselor in Training	All	\$85	\$126	
Creative Cooking	7/1-5,7/22-26,8/5-9, 8/12-16	\$230	\$270	
Get Crafty	6/24-28, 7/15-19	\$230	\$270	
World of Engineering	6/24-28, 8/12-16	\$245	\$285	
Fort Building	7/29-8/1	\$230	\$270	
Animal Mania	7/22-26	\$235	\$275	
Rising Star Theater	7/15-19	\$230	\$270	
Rookie Sports	7/8-12	\$230	\$270	
Basketball Camp	7/24-28, 8/12-16	\$230	\$270	
Aquatic Leaders	7/8-12	\$230	\$270	
Minds in Motion Science	7/1-5, 7/29-8/2	\$240	\$280	
Dance Camp	7/1-5, 7/29-8/2, 8/5-9	\$230	\$270	
Lifeguard Training/Cert	7/22-26	\$250	\$350	
Wilderness Survival	7/8-12	\$230	\$270	
Flag Football Camp	7/15-19, 8/5-9	\$230	\$270	

REGISTRATION STEPS

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Pre/Post Care

Bus Transportation AM/

Download at www.hnhymca.org, pickup, or have us mail you our registration packet / Fill out all the forms / Calculate the deposit / Write out your check and either mail forms to PO Box 6555, Hamden, CT 06517 or drop off at the Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine Street, Hamden, CT 06514.

\$46/\$46

\$10/\$10

\$75/\$75

\$20/\$20

WE CAN BE OF MORE HELP! Call 203 535 2569 or visit w.hnhymca.org