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YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMP, YEAH!

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 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 a 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.

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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 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.

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 21-25	Aloha Summer
June 28-July 2	Go For the Gold
July 5-9	Ninja Warriors
July 12-16	Global Sports
July 19-23	Marvel Mania
July 26-30	Water Wizrds & Mystical Potions
August 2-6	Color Wars
August 9-13	Carnival Week
August 16-20	Jungle Advenutres
August 23-27	H2O Week

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



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 through hands-on experience. A complete CIT Application and Registration Packet must be submitted May 1.

POTTERY EXPLOSION
GRADES 4-9

Clay, pottery wheels, paint, and more! This camp is new for 2026 and it's going to be so much fun!

FORT BUILDING
GRADES 4-7

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!

GEOLOGY & EXCAVATION CAMP
GRADES 2-5

Unearth the mysteries of the Earth in this hands-on, outdoor geology and excavation adventure! Campers will step into the shoes of real field scientists as they explore local rock formations, hunt for hidden minerals, and master the tools of the trade.

SPECIALTY CAMPS

Specialty Camps are offered throughout the summer in one week increments. The descriptions for each option can be found below as well as the grades of the campers that are eligible to participate in each specific program. The grade listed is the grade each camper will be attending during the 2027-28 school year.

BEGINNER SWIM CAMP
GRADES 1-9

Learn the survival float, how to tread water and all the other essential steps it takes to learn to swim! Focus on the freestyle stroke and maybe the backstroke! Build confidence and learn how to be safe in and around water. Offered weekly throughout the summer.

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. Offered weekly throughout the summer.

AQUATIC LEADER PROGRAM
GRADES 7-9

Ideal for campers who have an expressed interest 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.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
GRADES 5-8

Join us for something new this summer with Digital Photography Camp! Under the guidance of media gurus, campers will learn all about digital photography and the skills needed to be successful.

BASKETBALL CAMP, FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP
GRADES 4-7

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

BEYBLADE CAMP
GRADES 1-4

Try something new this summer with Beyblade Camp on the mountain. Building upon camper interest, we're turning this once a summer activity into a week's worth of fun

DANCE CAMP
GRADES 3-6

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

TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation is offered on a first come/first serve basis each week. There will be a $40 (AM & PM combined) 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 of program daily with bus staff with photo 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. Additional information can also be found in the Camp Mountain Laurel Frequently Asked Questions document.

ROOKIE SPORTS
GRADES 1-4

Enjoy a variety of activities and games with a focus on fun, sportsmanship, and skill development!

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL
GRADES 3-6

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

CREATIVE COOKING
GRADES 3-7

Let's get creative and cook camp-style. We're cooking up eats and treats all week! Recipes will be kid friendly and fun.



MUSIC MANIA
GRADES 6-9

Gain practical knowledge and hands on experience creating music in this new and exciting camp!

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.

SUPER HERO CAMP
GRADES 1-5

New this summer! Super heroes are among us everywhere! Join us this summer for a week full of fun, super hero activities at camp. From costume making to super hero challenges, there's something for everyone!

RUNWAY CAMP
GRADES 3-7

Learn the basics of fashion design, how to use seamstress tools to create projects, culminating in a fashion show on Friday!

RISING STARS THEATER CAMP
GRADES 3-8

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 week performance for the entire camp.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR CREDENTIALS

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. Before Care and after care information should be in the space also. Pre/Post care will take place at camp.
Before Care, 7:30AM-9:00AM
After / Extended Care, 4:00PM-6:00PM

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Call us for a tour or join us for an Open House meet and greet on:
Saturday January 3rd*, 10:00AM - 1:00PM
Saturday, February 7th*, 10:00AM - 1:00PM
Saturday, March 14th*, 10:00AM - 1:00PM
Saturday April 4th, 10:00AM - 1:00PM
Saturday, April 18th, 10:00AM - 1:00PM (HKD)
Saturday May 16th, 10:00AM - 1:00PM
Saturday June 6th, 10:00AM - 1:00PM
Please visit camp and meet the staff. Ask specific questions and prepare for a positive experience.
*Open houses held at New Haven YMCA Youth Center during January, February, and March.

REGISTRATION FEES

$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, 2027.**

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 childcare 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.

2026 CAMP FEES

Camp Choice	Weeks Offered	Member	Program Participant
Youth Membership	Monthly	$45	N/A
Classic Camp	All	$235	$340
Swim Camp	All	$265	$315
CIT Program	All	$105	$150
Pre/Post Care	All	$60/$90	$64/$94
Bus	All	$40	$80
Super Hero	7/26-7/30	$255	$365
Arts Camps	Various	$250	$385
Music Mania	8/2-8/6	$260	$370
Fort Building	Various	$255	$365
Creative Cook	Various	$275	$385
Sports Camps	Various	$255	$365
Geo/Excav	Various	$265	$375
Aquatic Leader	Various	$255	$365

REGISTRATION STEPS

Download at www.hnhymca.org, pickup, or have us email/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. Completed packets can also be emailed to Campmtlaurel@cccymca.org.



Photo: YMCA Camp Hi-Rock

ADDITIONAL CAMP LOCATIONS

DAY CAMP LOCATIONS:

Fairfield YMCA
841 Old Post Road Fairfield, CT 06824

Lakewood Trumbull YMCA-Camp Tepee
204 Stanley Road, Monroe, CT 06468

Bridgeport YMCA
850 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Stratford YMCA
3045 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06614

Valley YMCA
32 Howard Avenue, Ansonia, CT 06401

Woodruff Family YMCA-Camp Wepawaug
631 Orange Avenue, Milford, CT 06461

Soundview Family YMCA-Camp Nonoma
628 East Main Street, Branford, CT 06405

Hamden/North Haven YMCA-Camp Mountain Laurel
2705 Downes Road, Hamden, CT 06514

New Haven Youth Center YMCA
50 Howe Street, New Haven, CT 06511

OVERNIGHT CAMP LOCATION:

Camp Hi-Rock
544 East Street, Mount Washington, MA 01258



SUMMER CAMP DATES:
June 14th -August 27st



3 years - 17 years
*DEPENDING ON WHICH CAMP YOU CHOOSE



Registration begins Jan 4th

**Financial Assistance available for those who qualify

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