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FAIRFIELD YMCA
2019 Summer Day Camp Brochure





GREAT SUMMERS START HERE!

We provide a happy, healthy environment for children to learn and grow. At YMCA Summer Day Camp, participants gain a sense of accomplishment, build relationships and find their sense of belonging. It's a opportunity for physical, social, emotional and cognitive learning experiences. For families, camp offers a peace of mind knowing that your child is in a safe and enriching place.

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We can't wait to see you at **Camp Badakookala, Camp Discovery, or Sunshine Club!** We've planned an awesome, activity-packed summer with tons to learn, play and explore. **The Best Summer Ever!**

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 web site or at our Y.

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

NEW FOR 2019

The center of day camp is the campers. There are few environments as special as summer camp. Kids unite to become their own community as they learn to be more independent and how to contribute through group interaction during physical, social, and educational activities.

Day Camp will offer camper's new experiences mixed with old camp favorites each week. Campers thrive during various daily activities including organized games, arts and craft projects, exciting field trips and swimming.

Many activities will focus on the YMCA character values of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Caring and Faith. Each week our Greenhorns, Explorers, and Adventurers groups will get to experience one of our great local beaches right here in Fairfield! We really want to get every child comfortable around the water, whether it be a pool or the ocean! With these trips and also our Safety Around Water program, we hope to achieve this!

For the aquatic-loving child, we offer two additional programs. No matter which program you choose, the summer is filled with fun, special visitors, music and the outdoors! Whether Camp Bada, Beach Club, or Preschool Camp - there is a unique summer experience here for every child. We are committed to helping your child have **The Best Summer Ever.**



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THE BEST SUMMER EVER, FOR EVERY AGE

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 **The Best Summer Ever**.

We focus on the Y's core values of **caring, honesty, respect** and **responsibility**, in all of our activities, from camper-chosen sessions, to swimming, to arts and crafts and games. We provide fun filled activities that allow for physical involvement, social interaction, educational opportunities, leadership building, personal growth and creativity.

Join us for a week or for the entire summer of fun! Campers are divided into groups, by the grade level they'll enter in the fall, with activities appropriate to the interests and needs of each group.

Camp is open 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.

Summer camp will not be in session on Thursday, July 4. Our weekly themes and field trips may change as detail plans are finalized.

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.

YMCA CAMP HI-ROCK



We also offer an overnight camp experience, a 'home-away-from-home' where campers will grow as individuals, 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.



GRADE LEVEL GROUPS	
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

WEEKLY THEMES	
June 17-21	Show Us Camp Spirit
June 24-28	Super Hero Academy
July 1-5 (No July 4)	Stars & Stripes
July 8-12	Time Wrap
July 15-19	Mission Impossible
July 22-26	Color Wars
July 29-August 2	Celebrate the Good Times (Holiday Theme Week)
August 5-9	A Galaxy Far, Far Away
August 12-16	Wacky Water Week
August 19-23	Best of the Best

BEACH CLUB

We are on our way to **The Best Summer Ever!** Through our comprehensive program designed for youth ages 10-15, participants can gain skills and confidence each week while having fun and exploring the great outdoors.

There is never a dull moment as we swim in the sound, fish, clam, kayak and paddleboard on all of the five beautiful Fairfield beaches.

Led by certified, fun, dedicated and talented aquatic staff, participants will feel the excitement of making new friends and learning about the beach environment and estuaries in their own backyard.

Throughout the week participants will visit the Fairfield shoreline and take field trips on rainy days to the Maritime Center in Norwalk or other aquatic ecological venues.

Participants will also have the opportunity to use kayaks, paddle boards and play beach games like volleyball and explore the coast line. They even get to meet with the Adventurers from Camp Bada from time to time!

Watch as your child's confidence grows and as they form new friendships that could last a lifetime.



HALF DAY SWIM

Make it the safest and **The Best Summer Ever!** Learn to swim and be safe in and around the water.

As a beach community, we know the importance of enjoying the water. This program is designed for youth ages 3 to 10 years. Participants can gain skills and confidence each week while having fun. We teach swimming and water safety thru skill development, games and storytelling.

For over 50 years, the Fairfield YMCA Aquatics program has been a proud leader in the community, providing aquatic programs for all!

Led by certified, dedicated, fun and talented aquatic staff, participants will feel the excitement of learning how to swim and be safe in and around water.

Throughout the week participants will participate in two 45 minute swim lessons each day, enjoy a healthy snack and play outside, weather permitting.

To register online, go to fairfielddy.org or call the Fairfield Y's Welcome Center Desk at 203 255 2834.





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GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

All Camp days begin at 9:00am. Sunshine Club ends at noon, Discovery ends at 1pm and Badakookala and Sun in Fun Club end at 3pm.

Discovery Camp and Sunshine Club are held at the Y. Sunshine Club campers can pick from 2 to 5 days per week. Discovery PM care ends at 4pm.

Camp Badakookala AM Care program begins at 7:30am and PM Care ends at 6:00pm. Campers begin their day at Jennings School from 6/17/19 to 8/23/19. (Parents drop off and pick up at 3pm) PM Care campers will be bussed to the Y for pick up by 6pm. Swimming takes place at the Y.



State regulations require that a fully completed and signed health form must be on file in the camp office for each camper. Health forms are due no later than one week prior to the first day of camp. No camper will be allowed to attend camp without a current, complete form. A physical within the past two years is required with this years signature and date from your child's physician.

Staff will host open house events prior to camp on:

Saturday March 16 10 am - 1 pm
 Saturday April 27 10 am - 1 pm
 Saturday May 18 10 am - 1 pm
 Saturday June 1 10 am - 1 pm

Please visit camp and meet the staff! We will show you the camp and answer any questions that you may have about camp, the upcoming summer and Y Membership.

Fairfield YMCA Camps are licensed day camps with the State of CT Office of Early Childhood.



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 Branch for more information. Financial Assistance may be available.



2019 CAMP FEES

Camp Choice	Weeks Offered	Member	Community Member
Youth Membership	Monthly	\$29.00	N/A
Sunshine Club	All	\$73	\$91
Sunshine Club	All	\$108	\$133
Sunshine Club	All	\$175	\$200
Discovery	All	\$175	\$260
Discovery	All	\$65	\$75
Badakookola K-9 Grade	All	\$225	\$360
Badakookola PM Care	All	\$90	\$110
Beach Club	All	\$225	\$360

\$25.00 non-refundable, non-transferrable registration fee per camper is required. \$50.00 non-refundable, non-transferrable deposit per camper per week required upon registration. EZ Pay Options are available. Payments can be made monthly, weekly, or biweekly prior to your child's start date of camp once deposits and fees have been paid. Final payments for each session are due the Wednesday prior to the start date of sessions of camp. Financial Assistance forms are due no later than May 1, 2019.

REGISTRATION STEPS

- Step 1:** Download, pickup, or have us mail you the registration packet. Download at fairfieldy.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.