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HAMDEN/NORTH HAVEN YMCA
Camp Mountain Laurel
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 **HAMDEN/NORTH HAVEN YMCA CAMP MOUNTAIN LAUREL!** 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.

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! A standard week at camp includes swim lessons followed by recreational swim, archery, weekly STEM activities, hiking, a game of foursquare, soccer or flag football; arts & crafts; quiet reading time, with a little down time to just hanging out with friends. If your child wants something more focused – try one of our Specialty or Swim Camps! Join us for **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

CAMP MOUNTAIN LAUREL SPECIALTY CAMPS



JR. SWIM INSTRUCTOR Grades 5-9

Junior Swim Instructors learn how to teach lessons under the supervision of an experienced Camp Mountain Laurel instructor/lifeguard. Participants have passion for the water and want to help make a difference for campers. Swim test required for this program.



SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY Grades 1-5

Through hands on exploration and fun, campers will participate in STEM activities while discovering the world around them.

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

At the Y, we build leaders. Our Counselor in Training program is ideal for 14-15 year old campers. 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, Registration Packet and practice interview must be submitted and completed to the Y to be considered for this program.

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.



BEGINNER SWIM CAMP

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

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.

GUARD START Grades 5-9

The Guard Start program has a strong focus on developing swimming skills to help participants meet the Lifeguarding course prerequisite. The course also introduces participants to lifesaving skills, such as in-water rescues, use of a rescue tube, and first aid, CPR and AED. Participants will be mentored by the lifeguard staff at camp throughout the week.

NEW JR. ADVENTURES Grades 1-4

Jr Adventures will climb to new heights and engage in new challenges daily. Participants will experience fun and exciting activities while learning the importance of teamwork. They will skill build over the course of the week to reach new heights.

BASKETBALL CAMP Grades 4-7

Basketball Camp will be a clinic style week that is designed to develop fundamental basketball skills while learning teamwork, strategy, and sportsmanship. Campers will learn rules, shooting, passing and dribbling from experienced staff daily.



CAMP MOUNTAIN LAUREL SPECIALTY CAMPS



ULTIMATE ADVENTURES Grades 5-8

Like fun and challenging activities? Full speed ahead! Take daily field trips engaging in challenging, safe activities with a focus on team building and communication. Participants should also be strong swimmers and will be required to pass a swim test at 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.

DESTINATION FUN Grades 1-6

Explore and travel Connecticut and enjoy many attractions. Each day will be fun-filled and a new adventure. Discover the best our region has to offer!

ANIMAL MANIA SEA/LAND Grades 1-5

Let the wild adventure begin! Broaden your horizons with a variety of animals and their natural habitats. Visit local wildlife centers, aquariums, and wetlands. This summer we are offering land and sea weeks. Animal Mania Camp fills quickly, register today!

ALL STAR SPORTS Grades 4-7

Get in the game! Play a different sport each day with other campers. Build new skills and progress each day with plenty of time for practice and play.

ROOKIE SPORTS Grades 1-3

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.

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!



OUTDOOR EXPLORERS Grades 2-6

From deep in the dirt to high in the sky, learn about nature! We explore our natural surroundings through hiking, exploration, learning about animals and their natural habitats, and more.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Transportation is offered on a first come, first serve basis each week. Once a new session begins, we will not be able to make changes to the bus rosters. 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.

TIME	Bus 1
7:30/5:20-5:25	Dunkin Donuts-State & Ridge Rd
8:00/4:40-4:45	Hill House High School
8:20/4:25-4:30	Helen Street School
TIME	Bus 2
7:45/5:00-5:05	Clintonville School
8:00/4:40-4:45	Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church
8:15/4:25-4:30	Spring Glen School
TIME	Bus 3
8:00/4:45-4:50	New Haven YMCA Youth Center



SNACK BAR

Your children can purchase cold water, juice, and a healthy snack during the camp day. Store accounts are available for purchase so that your child does not have to carry cash with them at camp. Unused funds will go to help our Annual Campaign which provides direct financial assistance for children, families and individuals to participate in their Y.



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GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

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 run at Hamden and the New Haven YMCA Youth Center.

Bus transportation: For Hamden, North Haven and New Haven on a first come, first serve basis.

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 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. Ask specific questions and prepare for a positive experience. Call for information 203 248 6361 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 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
Day Camp	All	\$175	\$260
Swim Camp	All	\$210	\$250
Pre/Post Care	All	\$38	\$40
Ultimate Adventures	6/24-6/28, 8/5-8/9	\$240	\$280
Outdoor Explorers	7/15-7/19, 8/12-8/16	\$215	\$255
Animal Mania	7/8-7/12, 7/22-7/26	\$230	\$275
Destination Fun	8/19-8/23	\$235	\$275
Get Crafty	7/1-7/5, 8/12-8/16	\$176, \$220	\$208, \$260
Guard Start	7/8-7/12, 7/29-8/2	\$220	\$260
Jr Swim Instructor	7/22-7/26, 8/12-8/16	\$220	\$260
LEGO Camp	6/24-6/28, 7/15-7/19, 8/5-8/9, 8/19-8/23	\$240	\$280
Fort Building	7/8-7/12, 8/5-8/9	\$220	\$260
Multi-Sport	7/22-7/26	\$210	\$250
Jr Adventure	7/1-7/5	\$178	\$206
Rookie Sports	7/15-7/19, 7/29-8/2	\$210	\$250
Scientific Discovery	7/29-8/2	\$220	\$260
Basketball Camp	7/1-7/5, 8/19-8/23	\$210	\$250
Counselor in Training	All	\$55	\$65

\$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 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.