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SUMMER CAMP 2026
PARENT QUICK GUIDE



Dear

Summer Camp Family,

Welcome to Denver YMCA Summer Camp 2026! We're excited to welcome your camper and your whole family to a summer of exploration, friends and fun. You're joining thousands of families across the Denver metro area who trust the Denver Y Summer Camp to provide the care-free summer experience every child deserves.

With the Denver Y, your child benefits from our 150 years' experience in lifting up kids to their full potential. At the Y, your child will thrive in a welcoming, inclusive environment where they can truly belong. Whether they're conquering a ropes course, shooting hoops, studying rocks, painting a masterpiece, whipping up culinary delights or sharing jokes with friends, your child will come home with new skills, important relationships and life-long memories.

Thank you for choosing the Y. Let's have a great summer together!

Sincerely,

Your Denver YMCA Summer Camp Team

OUR MISSION & CORE VALUES:

The mission of the YMCA of Metro Denver is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Our core values guide our programs, including the design of camp activities that promote **character development**.

Our Core Values:

- Respect
- Caring
- Honesty
- Responsibility
- Innovation

BEFORE CAMP STARTS:

1. [Complete required forms in your YMCA account](#). Within your account, you will find the assigned forms under the "Question Forms" section of your account.
2. [Enter authorized pickups in your YMCA account](#). Go to "More" — "Authorized Pickups."
 - Authorized pick-ups are individuals who have permission to drop off and pick up a camper from YMCA Summer Camp.
 - Note: Even if you are a parent, guardian or family member on the camper's Y membership account, you still need to be added as an authorized pickup in order check the child in/out of camp.

CAMP HOURS:

Day Camp: 8 AM – 4 PM | Monday – Friday

Before Camp care: 6:30 AM – 8 AM | Select locations, additional cost

After Camp care: 4 PM – 5:30 PM | Select locations, additional cost

Specialty Camps:

Adventure Camp: Monday – Thursday | 8 AM – 4 PM

Basketball & Culinary Camp: Monday – Friday | 8 AM – 4 PM

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 1 & 2: Summer Camp Kickoff (varies by location)

May 15: Full Camp Payment Due

June 1: First Day of Camp (varies slightly by location; [confirm on the Summer Camp webpage](#))

June 19: No Camp (holiday)

July 3: No Camp (holiday observance)

WHAT TO BRING/WEAR:

- Closed-toe shoes
- Weather/activity-appropriate clothing (YMCA camp T-shirt on field trip days)
- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Lunch and 2 snacks
- Swimsuit and towel (on swim days)

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP:

You will receive specific instructions about drop-off and pick-up in an email from your site supervisor the week prior to your camp start. Be sure to bring a **photo ID** and your **authorized pickup PIN** to check your camper in/out.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT CAMP:

Campers can expect to learn, make friends and have fun. To meet their diverse interests, each day at Y Camp includes a variety of activities, including:

- **Group Games** filled with laughter and learning to get active, have fun and build bonds among campers.
- **Arts & Crafts** such as drawing, painting and pottery to unleash camper creativity and give space for self-expression and sharing.
- **Off-Site and On-Site Experiences** every week to a variety of area destinations, including museums, gardens, pools, parks and amusement centers.

Throughout all activities, our trained staff support campers with positive interaction, clear behavioral expectations and age-appropriate consequences in order to ensure safety for all, foster a welcoming environment and uphold our Y values.

Read more about a typical day at Denver Y Summer Camp.

“[At YMCA Summer Camp] we know [our child] is cared for and having fun. When she comes home from the Y, she talks about the great things she does every day. It’s fantastic.” – Katie, Parent

QUICK LINKS:

- Camp Supervisor Contact Information (Coming Soon)
- [Your YMCA Account](#)
- [Contact Us Online](#)
- [Field Trip Calendars](#)
- [Code of Conduct](#)