

WELCOME FAMILIES!

With so many fun things to do in Traverse City, we are excited you chose to join us this summer for camp! We are anxious for this summer to start, as your kiddo will get to experience new field trips, adventures, friendships, learning experience and theme days.

We aspire to make summer camp the best experience for you and your camper by offering opportunities that develop new skills, encourage reading, participate in outdoor games/activities and create fun and new crafts!

Attending the Y summer camp means more than just a convenience for parents, it's an opportunity for our staff to develop intentional relationship with your camper. We are eager to provide a safe and fun camp experience for your child this summer!

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Cailin Miller
Director of Youth Sports and Activities





OUR STAFF IS . .

VETTED

Our staff is experienced in basic early childhood growth and development and use age-appropriate teaching methods.

TRAINED

All staff members go through 30 hours of training that focus on safety, positive relationship building and meaningful programming. All staff are CPR, First Aid and blood-borne pathogen trained.

COMMITTED

Staff members guide and direct children, enabling them to develop a strong, positive self-concept.

THOMAS GRABER Senior Director of Programming

Thomas, a Michigan native and lifelong athlete, has been Camp Director at the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA Summer Camp for 9 years, overseeing Traditional, Sports, Arts & Crafts, and Science & Nature camps. Prior to his role as a Director, Thomas served as a camp counselor for 4 years at various camps.



CAILIN MILLER Director of Youth Sports and Activities

Cailin started with the Y as a Camp Counselor for several summers before returning ready to take on a larger role for the organization. Having played sports since she was a child, Cailin learned many of life's most valuable lessons as an athlete. Now, she's ready to help other kids learn those same valuable lessons through Summer Camp, sports and youth activities.





FULL-DAY CAMPS

We offer Before and After Care for all full-day camps at no extra cost.

BEFORE CARE: 7:30AM-8:45AM AFTER CARE: 4:00PM-5:30PM

K-CAMP

TRADITIONAL

Traditional day camp offers theme-based enrichment activities, group games, sports and fitness activities, hands-on experiments, arts and crafts and swimming. Your child will belong to an age-appropriate group that will help foster team building, friendship and a sense of belonging.

Grades: Entering kindergarten Runs: Weeks 1-10 \$140/\$150/\$180 Location: South Y Times: 8:45am-4:00pm Grades: Entering 1st-6th Runs: Weeks 1-10 \$140/\$150/\$180 Location: South Y Times: 8:45am-4:00pm

LEADERS CLUB

Teens will have the opportunity to meet new people, build new relationships, learn valuable skills, will participate in traditional camp activites daily and have a positive impact on our younger campers.

Grades: Entering 7th-9th Runs: Weeks 1-10 \$140/\$150/\$180 Location: South Y

Times: 8:45am-4:00pm

OUR DAILY CAMP SCHEDULE:

- 1. Gather groups and move to the flagpole
- 2. Morning announcements
- 3. Small group games at campsites or the field
- 4. Swimming
- 5. Reading Around the World
- Orienteering, survival skills, and outdoor education
- 7. Lunch at the flagpole and campsites
- 8. Achievement project and activity
- 9. Art
- 10. Large group games
- 11. After care and pick-up

TRADITIONAL CAMP DAYS TO REMEMBER









SPECIALTY CAMPS

AGE ENTERING GRADES 3RD-6TH



SPORTS CAMP

Campers will build teamwork, fundamentals and sportsmanship through a variety of activities like guided drills and sportspecific activities. Campers will be challenged to develop passing, defense and how to work well with a team.

RUNS: Weeks 1-9

SPORTS BY THE WEEK!

- 1. Basketball
- 2. Flag Football 3. Soccer
- 4. Lacrosse
- 5. Hockey
- 6. Wiffleball 7. Tennis/Pickleball
- 8. Basketball
- 9. Soccer

SCIENCE & NATURE

This camp is perfect for kids who love to experiment and explore the outdoors. They'll take part in science projects, make up their own experiments and discover some cool things about nature in the area.

RUNS: Weeks 1, 3, 5

ART

Each week, campers will be introduced to a new theme that will allow them to explore a variety of techniques and mediums throughout the week.

RUNS: Weeks 2, 4, 6

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THEME WEEKS

EVERY WEDNE AMPERS DRESS UP FOR THE THEME OF THE WEEK!

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JUNE 20-24

COLOR ME CRAZY

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JULY 25-29

GOLD RUSH

2

JUNE 27-JULY 1

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AUG 1-5

PARTY IN THE USA

3

JULY 5-JULY 8

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

8

AUG 8-12

SPACE IS THE PLACE

4

JULY 11-15

SPLISH SPLASH WATER

9

AUG 15-19

CAMPS GOT TALENT

11-11-15 5

JULY 18-22

TROPICAL PARADISE

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AUG 22-26

SUPERHEROES

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FIELD TRIP DAYS

Campers will go on exciting field trips to a different location each week. Campers will receive a t-shirt on their first field trip.

Campers are required to wear their Y t-shirts on ALL field trips (every Thursday) for safety purposes.

If a child does not arrive with their t-shirt, a new one can be purchased for \$10, due at the beginning of the camp day. Field trips may be canceled or rescheduled without prior notice due to inclement weather.

All campers must be dropped off at 8:45AM. Busses leave from the Y at 9:00AM and return to the Y by 3:00PM.

BBQ & PIZZA FRIDAYS

Every Friday we will have an optional barbeque cookout. We grill hot dogs with healthy side dishes. In the case of inclimate weather we will have pizza. The fee (\$3/child) is due at the beginning of the camp day. If your child has any specific dietary requirements, please let the staff know so we can accommodate them.

PICK UP DROP OFF

PICK UP & DROP OFF

Before and After Care is available for full campers at no extra cost. Before Care takes place in the basketball court area at our South campus and After Care takes place in the camp fields, weather permitting.

HOURS

Before Care: 7:30AM-8:45AM After Care: 4:00PM-5:30PM

PICK UP & DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Identification will be required for release of campers to authorized persons.

SOUTH Y DROP OFF: South entrance

SOUTH Y PICK UP: Outdoor athletic field (weather permitting)

JETAILS

REGISTRATION

WHEN AND WHERE TO REGISTER

Registration begins February 7 for members. Registration begins March 28 for Community Participants. Please register in person at our West location. For more information, please call 231-933-9622.

REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Your camper isn't the only one that can have fun at the Y this summer! If you are interested in becoming a member, please visit the Membership Services Desk at our West or South locations for more details.

AGE LIMITATIONS

Children must be at least 4 years old to attend K-Camp. Our oldest campers in Leaders Club cannot be over 16 years old. Please refer to each camp for more specific age requirements. Y Day Camp is a state-licensed program and all age limitations are strictly enforced.

CAMPER HEALTH INFORMATION

All camper health history and medical release forms are due on the FIRST day of camp. Campers may not attend until all signed health forms are submitted. Due to Michigan state regulations, a copy of your child's immunization records are also required. To best serve your child, please inform our staff of any allergies or special health conditions that may exist.

PROGRAM CANCELLATION

In order to maintain high quality camp programs, we have established a minimum and maximum number of campers needed per camp. The YMCA reserves the right to cancel a program due to insufficient enrollment.

PAYMENT

DEPOSITS

Camp programs fill up quickly! A weekly deposit for each child is required to reserve a space. Deposits are \$20 per week, per camper and are due at time of registration. Deposits are non-refundable.

TRANSFERS & REFUNDS

If your plans change and you need to transfer to a different session, we will be glad to accommodate you if a new session is available. Please note the following policies:

- Transfers must be requested in writing at least one week prior to the beginning of the camp session.
- Transfers made after the 1-week deadline will result in forfeiture of deposit for that week.
- There will be no retroactive transfers of deposits and/or full payments of camp sessions.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The YMCA offers income-based financial assistance, while funds allow, for income eligible families who wish to participate in our camping programs.

To apply or for more information, please visit the front desk, call 231-933-9622, or visit our website at http://www.gtbayymca.org/financial-assistance/



Our Locations

WEST Y

3700 Silver Lake Rd. Traverse City, MI 49684 Tel: 231-933-9622

SOUTH Y 3000 Racquet Club Dr. Traverse City, MI 49684 Tel: 231-933-9622

CENTRAL Y 1213 W. Civic Center Dr. Traverse City, MI 49686 Tel: 231-933-9622

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

1027 McRae Hill Rd. Traverse City, MI 49685 Tel: 231-933-9622