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YMCA SUMMER CAMP

2021 Summer Camp Guide

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WELCOME TO SUMMER CAMP!

Welcome Campers and Families!

Here at the Missoula Family YMCA, we revel in the excitement brought about by summer camp season! This year more than most, we are truly excited to be getting outside and enjoying Missoula's beautiful summer. Lace up your shoes and step forward with us this summer!

Throughout the pandemic, the Missoula YMCA has been a leader in the community, providing uninterrupted school-age childcare. We have innovated, adjusted, and refined our COVID-19 procedures with each update this past year, and we feel confident in our ability to continue to keep your child, and our community, safe this summer.

This guide serves as your go-to information source for general camp questions. Inside, you'll find 2021 camp offerings and answers to frequently asked questions. Can't find something? Call us at 721-9622.

We look forward to spending the summer with your children. Whether your child is with us for a week, a month, or all summer long, YMCA Summer Camp staff are prepared to offer every camper a safe, fun, and fulfilling camp experience.

In camp spirit,

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Our YMCA Camp Team



SUMMER AT A GLANCE

Care provided 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Camp programming runs 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Half-day program times vary.

Week 0 (June 10 & 11): Step Forward Into Summer

KinderKubs*, ZooTown*

Week 1 (June 14–18): Y Spy

Basketball, Camp Horizon, Camp Imagination, Jr. Survival, KinderKubs, Rookie Sports, Teen Summer Leadership Program, Theater, ZooTown

Week 2 (June 21–25): Appetite Delight

Babysitting 101, Camp Horizon, Camp Imagination, Fly Fishing, Jr. Art, KinderKubs, Rookie Fun & Fit, Soccer, Survival, ZooTown

Week 3 (June 28–July 2): Mayhem Mulligan Madness

Camp Imagination, Camp Horizon, KinderKubs, Multi-Sport, MVP Basketball, Teen Big Sky Adventures, Theater, Triathlon, ZooTown

Week 4 (July 5–9): Hook, Line, & Tinker

Baseball/Softball, Camp Horizon, Camp Imagination, KinderKubs, MVP Soccer, Space Explorers, Teen Summer Leadership Program, Track & Field, ZooTown

Week 5 (July 12–16): Made in Montana

Active 6, Big Sky Adventures, Camp Horizon, Camp Imagination, Crafts & Creations, Flag Football, Jr. Bug Olympics, KinderKubs, Volleyball, ZooTown

Week 6 (July 19–23): Legends of Olympus

Babysitting 101, Camp Horizon, Camp Imagination, Camp Ponderosa, Culinary, Jr. Big Sky Adventures, KinderKubs, Lacrosse, MVP Basketball, Soccer

Week 7 (July 26–30): Show Stoppers

Camp Horizon, Camp Imagination, Camp Ponderosa, Climbing, Dance, Jr. Music, KinderKubs, MVP Football, Outdoor Recreation, Rookie Dance, Teen Equestrian Leadership

Week 8 (August 2–6): Bewitching Beasties

Art, Basketball, Camp Horizon, Camp Imagination, Camp Ponderosa, Cheer, Fly Fishing, KinderKubs, Rookie Gymnastics, Teen Climbing

Week 9 (August 9–13): Discovery Days

Babysitting 101, Baseball/Softball, Camp Horizon, Camp Imagination, Camp Ponderosa, Engineering & Inventions, Jr. Climbing, KinderKubs, Rookie Sports

Week 10 (August 16–20): Water Works

Active 6, Camp Horizon, Camp Imagination, Camp Ponderosa, Jr. Culinary, KinderKubs, Multi-Sport

Week 11 (August 23–27): Camp A to Z

Culinary, Camp Ponderosa, Jr. Big Sky Adventures, KinderKubs, Mad Scientists, Topnotch Trick Shots

*Single-day camps



CAMP HOURS & MATERIALS

Sunrise and Sunset Care

Full-day camps offer before and after care to all campers. Sunrise Before Care is offered 7:30–9:00 a.m. and Sunset After Care is offered 4:30–6:00 p.m. Sunrise Care and Sunset Care are included in full-day camp fees. Sunrise Care is included in morning half-day camp fees.

Check In & Check Out

Campers may be checked in anytime between 7:30–9:00 a.m. Campers may be checked out anytime between 4:30–6:00 p.m. Check with the camp director for your location.

What to Bring to Camp Each Day

In a labeled backpack or bag:

- Mask
- Swimsuit/Towel
- Hand sanitizer
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Extra clothes as weather necessitates

Optional

- Sack lunch

Please label each item with camper's full name. Contact staff ASAP about lost items. The YMCA, its programs, and its staff are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please check with afternoon staff to see the YMCA's Lost & Found.

What NOT to Bring

- Cell phones/iPods/Electronics
- Money/Valuables
- Knives/Weapons—real or pretend
- Toys/Games/Trading cards
- Candy/Junk food/Soft drinks

What to Wear

- Close-toed tennis shoes (NO flip flops)
- Comfortable active wear
- Layers

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

Limiting group sizes as suggested by local and national experts, such as the MCCHD and CDC. Limiting the mixing of camps as directed by these organizations. Modified check-in/-out locations that promote physical distancing.

Masks required for all campers and staff while indoors or on a bus. Masks are required outdoors as needed or when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Masks are not required when eating, drinking, swimming, or physically exercising. Parents/guardians will be required to wear masks when they are within six feet of camp spaces and campers.

Training all YMCA Camp Staff in COVID-19 cleaning and prevention procedures in addition to the 30+ hours of training typically required of YMCA Camp Staff.

Hand washing/hand sanitizer upon arrival, in between activities, when using the restroom, and throughout the day.

Daily health checks at check-in. Staff and campers who demonstrate fever or sickness will be immediately sent home. Campers will be excluded from camp for the following reasons: They are showing any symptoms of COVID-19, are awaiting a COVID-19 test, have tested positive for COVID-19 and have been asked to isolate, and/or have had close contact with a person positive for COVID-19.

SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS

June • July • August



Licensed Camps & State Scholarships

Our Summer Learning Camps are licensed through the State of Montana and accept Best Beginning scholarships.

Applications and information about Child Care Resources can be found online at <https://www.childcareresources.org/families/paying-for-child-care/>

The Missoula Family YMCA offers two summer learning camps for children entering grades 1–5. Camps are offered in month-long sessions. Both camps reduce summer learning loss through a seamless integration of educational and summer activities. Swim in lakes, program robots, discover new books, and unlock mysteries of the natural world, all while playing camp games, singing camp songs, and building new friendships. Best Beginnings is accepted. Y financial assistance is available for both camps. Includes breakfast, lunch, and snack.

NEW! Camp Horizon Located at Hellgate Elementary School Building #2 at 2385 Flynn Ln.

Camp Imagination Located at Paxson Elementary School at 101 Evan Ave.

Registration for Licensed Summer Camp

Applications available online at ymcamissoula.org or at the YMCA at 3000 S. Russell St. Open to children entering grades 1–5. There is a one-time supply fee of \$50 (\$75 for families enrolling 2+ children) that must be paid at time of registration. Contact Tyler Taylor at schoolage@ymcamissoula.org or 532-6272 to register. Space is limited.

JUNE
starts June 14
\$455

JULY
July 1–31
\$735

AUGUST
ends August 20
\$525

JUNIOR COUNSELORS



Junior Counselors Program

Enjoy your summer at the Y! Junior Counselors spend mornings integrated into camp and gain valuable hands-on experience by working alongside camp counselors. Afternoons are spent with peers and camp coordinators to develop leadership skills through team building activities. Application required. Apply online today at ymcamissoula.org/programs/camps/junior-counselors. Preference given to participants involved in the Y's Teen Summer Leadership Program or Leaders Club. Entering Grades 8+

\$108 per week • \$98 per week w/ YMCA Family Membership
\$78 per week if teen is actively participating in Leaders Club

WEEK 0: JUNE 10 & 11

Step Forward Into Summer

KinderKubs (Single-day registration)

Step forward into summer as we introduce you to some of our favorite camp songs, craft projects, and games. Register just for the days you need care (this week only). Ages 4-6

\$39 • \$34 w/ YMCA Family Membership
\$49 Late Registration (after May 28)

ZooTown (Single-day registration)

What better way to kickoff summer than with an introduction to camp? During these two days of camp, you'll meet our counselors, as well as get to know some of our favorite games, songs, and activities! Register just for the days you need care (this week only). Grades 1-7

\$39 • \$34 w/ YMCA Family Membership
\$49 Late Registration (after May 28)

WEEK 1: JUNE 14–18

Y Spy

ZooTown

Build your own spy gadget kit and learn to decode secret messages! The mysteries of the YMCA will be explored during this week of intrigue. Lake outings, group games, swimming, and crafts give the camp a familiar feel, while weekly camp themes spice up the summer. Grades 1–7

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Basketball (Half/Full Day)

Learn basketball fundamentals such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and defense. This week is filled with drills, contests, shooting games, and scrimmaging! Bring gym shoes and a water bottle. Grades 1–6

Full-day: \$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day: \$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Junior Survival

Develop your wilderness skills such as shelter building, fire starting, knots, and navigation! Put your new skills to the test at the end of the week in a survival challenge! Grades 2–3

\$256 • \$236 w/ YMCA Family Membership

KinderKubs

Invisible ink, decoders, costumes and disguises will introduce us to the YMCA during this week of spies. Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. Small group sizes make this the perfect introduction to YMCA summer camps. Ages 4–6

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Rookie Sports (Half Day*)

This camp is designed to introduce young campers to a variety of sports and games, including basketball, t-ball, soccer, and football! Campers will learn sport fundamentals, group games, and team play. Ages 4–6

\$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 6 for details.

Teen Summer Leadership Program

Engage with peers in adventure, team building, leadership training, and service projects! Teens will rock climb, hike, plan and lead camp activities, and help to carry out the Y Leaders Club's planned community service project.

Program graduates are encouraged to apply to our Junior Counselor Program. Grades 8+

\$256 • \$236 w/ YMCA Family Membership

\$206 if teen is an active participant in Leaders Club

Theater

Break a leg! Campers will engage in all aspects of the theater, including casting roles, building props and sets, and rehearsing and performing their play for families at the end of the week. Grades 4–7

\$211 • \$191 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Afternoon Camp Add-On

For our half-day camp participants who want to stay the full day, we will enjoy lunch and an afternoon full of swim time, summer activities, and more. This option gives campers the experience of a full day's routine.

\$100 • \$90 w/ Family Membership

WEEK 2: JUNE 21–25

Appetite Delight



Rookie Fun & Fit (Half Day)

Develop strength, coordination, and confidence through group games, sports, and activities. Campers will make their own healthy snacks and learn new ways to have a healthy mind, body, and spirit. Ages 4–6

\$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:30–11:30 a.m.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 6 for details.

Soccer (Half/Full Day)

Develop dribbling, passing, and shooting skills. Get ready for PK shootouts, world cup, and scrimmages. Please bring shin guards and tennis shoes or cleats. Grades 1–6

Full-day: \$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day: \$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Babysitting 101 (Half Day)

Develop the skills to be an engaging and safety-conscious babysitter. Study alongside peers and engage YMCA childcare staff in conversation about working with children. Receive CPR training and bring home your very own babysitting tool kit! Grades 6+

\$124 • \$114 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Fly Fishing (Half Day*)

Learn about basic equipment, casting, fish and bug types, and fly and knot tying. Catch fish at local streams and ponds! Fly rods provided. Grades 3–5

\$109 • \$99 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 6 for details.

Junior Art

Explore using a variety of art mediums and practice new techniques. All while learning the elements of design. We'll get creative with food as well as visit artistic attractions around Missoula. Grades 2–3

\$211 • \$191 w/ YMCA Family Membership

KinderKubs

We've got a full week of culinary creations to share. Join us for fun with food! Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. Small group sizes make this the perfect introduction to YMCA summer camps. Ages 4–6

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Survival

Develop your wilderness skills such as shelter building, fire starting, knots, and navigation! Put your new skills to the test at the end of the week in a survival challenge! Grades 4–7

\$256 • \$236 w/ YMCA Family Membership

ZooTown

You are what you eat! Learn with us to be your best self. Lake outings, group games, swimming, and crafts give the camp a familiar feel, while weekly camp themes spice up the summer. Grades 1–7

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

WEEK 3: JUNE 28–JULY 2

Mayhem Mulligan Madness

KinderKubs

We're catching up on the missed fun of 2020. Easter egg hunts, Halloween dress up, and more! Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. Small group sizes make this the perfect introduction to YMCA summer camps. Ages 4–6

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Multi-Sport (Half/Full Day)

Learn the basics of basketball, soccer, baseball, football, and a variety of other sports. Enjoy a week-long Olympic-style competition of relays, group games, and team contests. Grades 1–6

Full-day: \$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day: \$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

MVP Basketball (Half Day*)

Advanced drills will focus on improving dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, and game strategy skills. Group games contests, and scrimmaging. For campers familiar with basketball fundamentals. Space is limited. Grades 4–7

\$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 6 for details.

Theater

Break a leg! Campers will engage in all aspects of the theater, including casting roles, building props and sets, and rehearsing and performing their play for families at the end of the week. Grades 4–7

\$211 • \$191 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Triathlon (Half Day*)

Bike, run, and swim during Triathlon Camp! Learn the basics of triathlon training and nutrition, and play fun group games. Campers will complete in their own triathlon event at the end of the week! Grades 3–6

\$109 • \$99 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 6 for details.

ZooTown

We're taking back our 2020! Celebrate Homecoming, Halloween, and watch the *half* New Year Ball Drop! Lake outings, group games, swimming, and crafts give the camp a familiar feel, while weekly camp themes spice up the summer. Grades 1–7

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Teen Big Sky Adventures

Raft, swim, hike, and climb in our Teen Big Sky Adventures day camp! It's a full week of adventures to some of Missoula's favorite outdoor spots. Grades 7+

\$256 • \$236 w/ YMCA Family Membership



WEEK 4: JULY 5–9

Hook, Line, & Tinker

Baseball/Softball (Half/Full Day)

Develop your throwing, fielding, hitting, and base running skills. Join us for fun competitions, scrimmaging, and the Home Run derby! Please bring a mitt to camp (we have some to lend if needed). Bats will be provided – please leave yours at home. Grades 1–6

Full-day: \$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day: \$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

KinderKubs

Step into the inventor’s workshop and get creative! Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. Small group sizes make this the perfect introduction to YMCA summer camps. Ages 4–6

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

MVP Soccer (Half Day*)

Advanced drills will focus on improving on dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, and game strategy. Group games, contests, and scrimmaging. For campers familiar with soccer fundamentals. Space is limited. Grades 4–7

\$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 6 for details.

Space Explorers

Blast off with Space Camp! Travel into space for a week of STEM camp that includes rocket building, drone flight, a trip to the planetarium, and RC rovers. Finish the week off with a mission simulation using all of our new skills.

Grades 4–7

\$211 • \$191 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Teen Summer Leadership Program

Engage with peers in adventure, team building, leadership training, and service projects! Teens will rock climb, hike, plan and lead camp activities, and help to carry out the Leaders’ Club’s planned community service project.

Program graduates are encouraged to apply to our Junior Counselor Program. Grades 8+

\$256 • \$236 w/ YMCA Family Membership

\$206 if teen is an active participant in Leaders Club

ZooTown

This week in ZooTown we will tinker with technology. Projects will dip into STEM fields, wetting our appetites for a deeper exploration. Lake outings, group games, swimming, and crafts give the camp a familiar feel, while weekly camp themes spice up the summer. Grades 1–7

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Track & Field (Half Day*)

An introduction to a variety of track and field events with fun group games and contests. Practice sprints, middle-distance running, relays, jumping, and throwing. Learn the basics of training and nutrition. Campers will compete in their own field day at the end of the week. Grades 2–6

\$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 6 for details.



WEEK 5: JULY 12–16

Made In Montana



Big Sky Adventures

Raft, swim, hike, and climb in our Big Sky Adventures day camp! It's a full week of adventures to some of Missoula's favorite outdoor spots. Grades 4-6

\$256 • \$236 w/ YMCA Family Member

Junior Bug Olympics

The Y is partnering with the Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium to put on the 2021 Bug Olympics! Discover all of the amazing feats bugs can do, and try your own hand at a variety of Olympic activities. This camp will not only have you training for the Olympics yourself, but will include a deep dive into the world of bugs. Grades 2-3

\$211 • \$191 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Active 6 (Half Day*)

Engage with other middle-schoolers through games and sports, gain independence, and learn ways to stay active and healthy. Grades 6-7

\$25 w/ FREE Active 6 Membership*

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

*Visit ymcamissoula.org to learn more about free Active 6.

Crafts & Creations

Dive into the wide world of crafting. Sign making, crayon candles, origami, and more. At the end of the week, campers will host a craft fair in the camp store, and can bring home any projects they choose to keep. Grades 4-7

\$211 • \$191 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Flag Football (Half/Full Day)

Learn football skills through fun drills, competitions, obstacle courses, and scrimmaging. Campers will learn specifics about positions, formations, and types of plays. Football camp begins with Signing Day and ends with the Super Bowl on Friday! Grades 1-6

Full-day: \$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day: \$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

KinderKubs

What does it mean to be a Montanan? Field trips to local businesses and guest appearances from local Missoula professionals will show you a sample of all those who call Montana their home. Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. Small group sizes make this the perfect introduction to YMCA summer camps. Ages 4-6

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Volleyball (Half Day*)

Bump, set, and spike in Volleyball Camp! Campers will learn the fundamentals of passing, setting, hitting, serving, and defense. Learn basic rotations and strategies while working your way up to the end of the week championship scrimmage. Grades 3-6

\$109 • \$99 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 6 for details.

ZooTown

Explore what makes Montana the "Last Best Place". Field trips will take you to local attractions and historic sites. Lake outings, group games, swimming, and crafts give the camp a familiar feel, while weekly camp themes spice up the summer. Grades 1-7

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

WEEK 6: JULY 19–23

Legends of Olympus

Babysitting 101 (Half Day)

Develop the skills to be an engaging and safety-conscious babysitter. Study alongside peers and engage YMCA childcare staff in conversation about working with children. Receive CPR training and bring home your very own babysitting tool kit! Grades 6+

\$124 • \$114 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Culinary

Get creative in the kitchen! Join us for a week of cooking tasty food in the Missoula Food Bank community kitchen. Create your own cookbook, visit local gardens, and learn about nutrition. Grades 4–7

\$211 • \$191 w/ YMCA Family Membership

KinderKubs

Voyage into the mythology of ancient Greece. Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. Small group sizes make this the perfect introduction to YMCA summer camps. Ages 4–6

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Lacrosse (Half Day*)

Learn the skills, techniques, and rules of lacrosse! Practice cradling, scooping, throwing, and catching while preparing for the championship scrimmage at the end of the week. Equipment provided. Grades 2–6

\$109 • \$99 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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MVP Basketball (Half Day*)

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Soccer (Half/Full Day)

Develop dribbling, passing, and shooting skills. Get ready for PK shootouts, world cup, and scrimmages. Please bring shin guards and tennis shoes or cleats. Grades 1–6

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Half-day: \$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Camp Ponderosa

Gladiatorial gaga pits, the Labors of Hercules, and a pantheon of camp counselors will make for an epic week! Travel to CampLand for gaga ball, our low ropes course, archery, and other outdoor activities! Afternoon swims and weekly trips to local lakes give the camp a familiar feel while activities based on the weekly theme keep each week feeling fresh. Grades 1–7

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Junior Big Sky Adventures

Raft, swim, hike, and climb in our Junior Big Sky Adventures day camp! It's a full week of adventures to some of Missoula's favorite outdoor spots. Grades 2–3

\$256 • \$236 w/ YMCA Family Membership



WEEK 7: JULY 26–30

Show Stoppers

Outdoor Recreation

Experience recreation and develop lifelong hobbies in one of the best cities to explore the great outdoors! Activities will include hiking, disc golfing, climbing, archery, lawn games, and a variety of outdoor sports. Grades 1–6

Full-day: \$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Teen Equestrian (Half Day*)

The Y is partnering with Montana Reins of Hope to offer teens an opportunity to grow as leaders while also learning to work with horses. Through the interactive Wild 2 Ride curriculum youth will be inspired to reach their leadership potential achieving greater focus, self-awareness, and gaining an internal sense of self-empowerment. Grades 7+

\$256 • \$236 w/ YMCA Family Member

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Camp Ponderosa

Daily dress up themes, telephone charades, and a week ending talent show, will make for a fun week of performances. Travel to CampLand for gaga ball, our low ropes course, archery, and other outdoor activities! Afternoon swims and weekly trips to local lakes give the camp a familiar feel while activities based on the weekly theme keep each week feeling fresh. Grades 1–7

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Climbing

Reach new heights as you learn climbing safety, knot tying, belaying, and all the skills needed to safely scale Missoula's local rock faces. Climb indoors at the YMCA and outdoors at local favorite climbing spots. Grades 4–6

\$256 • \$236 w/ YMCA Family Member

Dance (Half Day) & Rookie Dance (Half Day*)

Spend a week trying various styles of dance including, ballet, modern, and jazz. The group will learn a routine together to perform at the end of the week for families!

\$109 • \$99 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Ages 4–6—Half-day* camp runs 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Ages 7–13—Half-day camp runs 1:00–3:30 p.m.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 6 for details.

Junior Music

Get ready to make some music! Build instruments, hear from local musicians, sample a variety of instruments, and more. Each camper gets their very own recorder to keep.

Grades 2–3

\$211 • \$191 w/ YMCA Family Membership

KinderKubs

This week of performing arts will include building our own instruments, juggling, hula hoops, magic, and more! Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. Small group sizes make this the perfect introduction to YMCA summer camps. Ages 4–6

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

MVP Football (Half Day*)

Advanced drills will focus on improving passing, receiving, rushing, and defensive skills. Learn positions, formations, and game strategies. Group games, contests, and scrimmaging. For campers familiar with football fundamentals. Space is limited. Grades 4–7

\$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 6 for details.

WEEK 8: AUGUST 2–6

Bewitching Beasties



Camp Ponderosa

Delve into the mysteries of cryptozoology this week as we discover what mystical animals may be visiting the Missoula Valley. Travel to CampLand for gaga ball, our low ropes course, archery, and other outdoor activities! Afternoon swims and weekly trips to local lakes give the camp a familiar feel while activities based on the weekly theme keep each week feeling fresh. Grades 1–7
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Teen Climbing

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\$256 • \$236 w/ YMCA Family Member

Art

Explore using a variety of art mediums and practice new techniques. All while learning the elements of design. We'll connect with the art museum and other artistic attractions around Missoula. Grades 4–7

\$211 • \$191 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Basketball (Half/Full Day)

Learn basketball fundamentals such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and defense. This week is filled with drills, contests, shooting games, and scrimmaging! Bring gym shoes and a water bottle. Grades 1–6

Full-day: \$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day: \$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

NEW! Cheer (Afternoon Half Day*)

Get excited for an introductory level week of cheer! Campers will learn new cheers, basic tumbling and jump techniques, and choreographed routines. The group will create a routine together to perform at the end of the week! Grades 2–6

\$109 • \$99 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 1:00–3:30 p.m.

Fly Fishing (Half Day*)

Learn about basic equipment, casting, fish and bug types, and fly and knot tying. Catch fish at local streams and ponds! Fly rods provided. Grades 3–5

\$109 • \$99 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 6 for details.

KinderKubs

Come and be enchanted by the wild world of zoology! Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. Small group sizes make this the perfect introduction to YMCA summer camps. Ages 4–6

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Rookie Gymnastics (Half Day*)

Develop creative movement using mats, balance beams, and spring boards. Campers will learn tumbling, handstands, and cartwheels. The group will learn a routine together to perform for families at the end of the week! Ages 4–6

\$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:30–11:30 a.m.

WEEK 9: AUGUST 9–13

Discovery Days

Babysitting 101 (Half Day)

Develop the skills to be an engaging and safety-conscious babysitter. Study alongside peers and engage YMCA childcare staff in conversation about working with children. Receive CPR training and bring home your very own babysitting tool kit! Grades 6+

\$124 • \$114 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Camp Ponderosa

Legend tells of the Lost Treasure of El Capitan, buried in a forgotten place at CampLand. Discover the clues to solve the mysteries surrounding this trophy. Travel to CampLand for gaga ball, our low ropes course, archery, and other outdoor activities! Afternoon swims and weekly trips to local lakes give the camp a familiar feel while activities based on the weekly theme keep each week feeling fresh. Grades 1–7

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Engineering & Inventions

A crash course in bio-mimicry engineering and innovation. Brainstorm ideas, evaluate prototypes, and create solutions to real-life challenges in this STEM camp. Grades 4–7

\$211 • \$191 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Junior Climbing

Reach new heights as you learn climbing safety, knot tying, belaying, and all the skills needed to safely scale Missoula's local rock faces. Climb indoors at the YMCA and outdoors at local favorite climbing spots. Grades 2–3

\$256 • \$236 w/ YMCA Family Member

KinderKubs

Get out into nature this week and discover what Montanan's love most about their backyards! Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. Small group sizes make this the perfect introduction to YMCA summer camps. Ages 4–6

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Rookie Sports (Half Day*)

This camp is designed to introduce young campers to a variety of sports and games, including basketball, t-ball, soccer, and football! Campers will learn sport fundamentals, group games, and team play. Ages 4–6

\$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 6 for details.

Baseball/Softball (Half/Full Day)

Develop your throwing, fielding, hitting, and base running skills. Join us for fun competitions, scrimmaging, and the Home Run derby! Please bring a mitt to camp (we have some to lend if needed). Bats will be provided – please leave yours at home. Grades 1–6

Full-day: \$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day: \$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.



WEEK 10: AUGUST 16–20

Water Works

Active 6 (Half Day*)

Engage with other middle-schoolers through games and sports, gain independence, and learn ways to stay active and healthy. Grades 6–7

\$25 w/ FREE Active 6 Membership*

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

*Visit ymcamissoula.org to learn more about free Active 6.

Camp Ponderosa

What better way to cool off in August than a whole week of water themed activities? Travel to CampLand for gaga ball, our low ropes course, archery, and other outdoor activities! Afternoon swims and weekly trips to local lakes give the camp a familiar feel while activities based on the weekly theme keep each week feeling fresh. Grades 1–7

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Junior Culinary

Join us for a week of cooking tasty food in the Missoula Food Bank community kitchen. Sample Mediterranean cuisine while you create your own cookbook, visit local gardens, and learn about nutrition. Grades 2–3

\$211 • \$191 w/ YMCA Family Membership

KinderKubs

Join us on the SS KinderKubs Cruiseline! New adventures will ensue as we stop off at a different port each day. Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. Small group sizes make this the perfect introduction to YMCA summer camps.

Ages 4–6

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Multi-Sport (Half/Full Day)

Learn the basics of basketball, soccer, baseball, football, and a variety of other sports. Enjoy a week-long Olympic-style competition of relays, group games, and team contests. Grades 1–6

Full-day: \$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day: \$98 • \$88 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.



WEEK 11: AUGUST 23–27

Camp A to Z



Camp Ponderosa

We'll hit the highlight reel and play back our favorite games, projects, and dress-up themes as we say farewell to summer. Travel to CampLand for gaga ball, our low ropes course, archery, and other outdoor activities! Afternoon swims and weekly trips to local lakes give the camp a familiar feel while activities based on the weekly theme keep each week feeling fresh. Grades 1–7

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Culinary

Join us for a week of cooking tasty food in the Missoula Food Bank community kitchen. Create your own cookbook, visit local gardens, and learn about nutrition. Grades 4–7

\$211 • \$191 w/ YMCA Family Membership

Junior Big Sky Adventures

Raft, swim, hike, and climb in our Big Sky Adventures day camp! It's a full week of adventures to some of Missoula's favorite outdoor spots. Grades 2–3

\$256 • \$236 w/ YMCA Family Member

KinderKubs

As a final farewell to summer camp, we're revisiting our favorite moments, craft projects, and games! Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. Small group sizes make this the perfect introduction to YMCA summer camps. Ages 4–6

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

NEW! Mad Scientists

Do you love mixing chemicals, calculating equations, and uncovering the big questions of how stuff works? Explore the fascinating disciplines of chemistry, engineering, physics, and biology! So put on your lab coat and fasten your safety goggles and join us for a week of mad science! Grades 1–6

\$211 • \$191 w/ YMCA Family Membership

NEW! Topnotch Trick Shots

Join us for a week of individual challenges and friendly competitions. Young athletes will have a chance to show their creative side while coming up with trick shots for a variety of sports. Along with the daily contests, campers will also play group games and swim at the Y. Grades 2–6

\$198 • \$178 w/ YMCA Family Membership

SCHOOL'S OUT DAY CAMP

2021-22 School Year



School's Out Day Camp

It's a day of camp during the school year! School's Out Day Camp is a fun-packed day full of activities in and out of the YMCA. Offered on MCPS holidays. Care is offered 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and includes breakfast, lunch, and a snack. Register online at ymcamissoula.org. Grades K–6

August 30
October 21–22

November 11*–12
November 24

December 20–23
December 27–31

January 17
February 21

March 17*–18
March 21–25

\$39 • \$34 w/ YMCA Family Membership

\$49 Late Registration (two weeks prior to start of programming)

*Half day only

YMCA AFTER SCHOOL

Start the school year right with Y After School! Y After School provides healthy snacks, aerobic activity, responsible counselors, and a variety of enriching activities including STEM, arts and crafts, and vocabulary. Best Beginnings accepted at some sites. Financial assistance available. Ask us about sibling discounts! Grades K–5

Contact Tyler Taylor at schoolage@ymcamissoula.org to for information or to register your student.

Participating Elementary Schools

Chief Charlo
Franklin

Hellgate
Jeannette Rankin

Lewis & Clark
Lowell

Paxson
CM Russell

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Registrations, Deposits, and Financial Assistance

Register in person at the YMCA, over the phone, or online at ymcamissoula.org. A one-time \$15 registration fee is required for each camper. A non-refundable, non-transferable \$25 deposit per camp is due at the time of registration. This deposit is required to hold your child's place and will be applied to the total balance due. The balance of each camp is due no later than one week prior to the first day of each camp session. Unpaid balances during this week will result in your child's spot in the camp being forfeited. Turn to page 5 for information on licensed summer camp registration, financial assistance, and fee schedules.

We pride ourselves on working with families and community organizations to offer camp experiences for all children, regardless of ability to pay. Financial assistance is available for YMCA Summer Camp. Applications are available at the YMCA Welcome Center or online at ymcamissoula.org. **Financial assistance applications must be completed and approved prior to registration. Please allow 7 days to process applications.**

Scheduled auto-draft payments are required.

Week	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pmnt. due by 5:00 p.m.	May 31	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	Aug. 2	Aug. 9	Aug. 16

Best Beginnings

Camp Imagination and Camp Horizon are licensed through the State of Montana and accept Best Beginning scholarships.

Applications and information about Child Care Resources can be found online at <https://www.childcareresources.org/families/paying-for-child-care/>

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Attendance, Refunds, and Credits

Unless noted, all Missoula YMCA Summer Camps are week-long opportunities. Single-day camps are only offered Weeks 0 and 11. In addition to standard YMCA policies, participants are subject to the following:

- Deposits and one-time registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Cancellations and transfers must be made more than one week before camp dates to be eligible for credits minus the deposit.
- No credits or refunds will be given for cancellations or transfers made less than one week prior to camp.
- Credits or refunds will only be issued if a parent/guardian provides written or verbal notice to a Camp Director, even if a child does not attend.
- Changes in schedules or registrations must be approved by the Camp Director.
- If your child is expelled from YMCA Camp as a result of behavioral concerns, a refund (minus deposits) will be issued for all registered camp sessions starting the full week after expulsion.
- For questions about Camp Imagination or Camp Horizon, contact Tyler Taylor at schoolage@ymcamissoula.org or Nicole Martin at nmartin@ymcamissoula.org.

Camper Check Out

Photo ID is required for every checkout every time. Because many camp activities take place off site, any authorized adult wishing to check out a full-day camper before 4:30 p.m. must arranged checkout details in advance with camp staff.

Families will be charged a late fee of \$30/child for any checkouts after 6:00 p.m. Camp registration may be suspended if balances are not paid within 5 business days. The camper will remain with two adult counselors at all times. The following steps will be taken after 6:00 p.m.:

1. Every effort will be made to reach parent(s)/guardian(s) via provided phone numbers.
2. Alternate emergency contacts will be called if primary contacts can't be reached.
3. In the event that no one can be reached by 6:30 p.m., the police will be notified.

Food and Purchases

Breakfast and lunch are provided through Missoula County Public Schools' Summer Food Service Program, and a nutritious afternoon snack is provided through our participation in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Additional food items are provided through a partnership with the Missoula Food Bank. Breakfast is offered from 7:30–8:45 a.m. Sack lunches and milk are offered at lunchtime, and an afternoon snack is provided before 4:30 p.m. Food also follows the YMCA's HEPA (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity) Standards and includes at least one serving of fruit or vegetable and one serving of whole grain.

Campers in the YMCA's care are not permitted to purchase items from stores or vending machines. Do not send money with your child. If you would like to purchase a snack for your child, do so before checking your child into camp for the day.

Inclusion

All Missoula YMCA programs operate in accordance with all state and federal policies. We work to ensure that everyone, regardless of ability, age, cultural background, ethnicity, faith, gender, gender identity, ideology, income, national origin, race, or sexual orientation has the opportunity to reach their full potential with dignity.

YMCA Summer Camps are designed to provide accessibility for children with moderate visual, auditory, orthopedic, 20 mental, and emotional challenges. Call Camp Directors to discuss your child's specific needs prior to registering.

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Safety and Supervision

All camp staff are certified in CPR and First Aid, and participate in a week-long training of YMCA policies and procedures. Campers are supervised by staff at all times. At no time will one YMCA staff member be alone with one child. At no time will YMCA Junior Counselors supervise campers without a YMCA Camp Counselor present.

When transporting campers, YMCA staff follow a Child Safety System that requires staff to conduct vehicle sweeps to ensure no child is left on board when the destination is reached. Every bus is equipped with booster seats for campers who weigh fewer than 60 lbs and/or are under six years old. Booster seat assignments are based on information provided at registration. Contact a Camp Director if this information has changed.

For campers' safety, no unauthorized person will be permitted to enter YMCA camp areas, interact with campers, or pick up a camper from camp programming. Only persons designated by a parent or legal guardian on the camp registration form will be authorized to interact with campers or have a camper released into their care. A photo ID is required every time when picking up a camper. This policy applies to all campers.

Behavior Management and Expectations

Camp staff are trained to use behavior management techniques that include positive guidance and redirection. Staff are also trained to set clear limits and expectations. Campers are held accountable for their actions and are expected to adhere to the YMCA's four core values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility.

Camps are designed for group participation and interaction. Attempts to correct negative or disruptive behavior may include action plans, behavior contracts, and parent/guardian meetings. Behavior that disrupts programming, endangers self or others, disrespects property, or requires repeated one-to-one attention from staff may result in the camper being suspended and/or expelled from camp.

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Emergencies, Wildlife, and Inherent Risk

Any camper involved in an emergency situation will immediately be attended to by YMCA staff. First aid and/or CPR will be administered, and an ambulance will be called if necessary. YMCA staff will contact the Camp Director and the child's emergency contact(s) listed on the registration form.

YMCA Summer Camps offer children opportunities to visit and explore natural areas. Should wildlife be encountered or wildlife situations escalate, camp staff will place themselves between all campers and the animal. Campers will then be moved to a safe area, and FWP will be contacted if necessary.

YMCA Summer Camps include activities with inherent risks such as hiking, rafting, cycling, sports, climbing, archery, BB guns, rope courses and more. YMCA staff are trained to provide the safest possible experience for all campers.

Weather and Air Quality

Weather is monitored and camp schedules are subject to change. If the weather is warm and rain is light, outdoor activities will continue as planned. Pack a raincoat and an extra set of clothes. Activities will be adapted and moved indoors during more inclement weather. In the case of severe weather, all campers will remain at an official Missoula YMCA location or safe area. Do not come to the YMCA to retrieve your camper until severe weather has passed.

During periods of heavy fire and smoke, air quality is monitored via the Missoula City-County Health Department. Camp activities will be adjusted as needed. All campers will be kept indoors at air quality Stage 2 or above.

Medication

Parents must notify a Camp Director if their child takes medication during the camp day. Medicine, its schedule, and a completed Authorization to Administer Medication form must be turned into a Camp Director on the first day of camp. **Any medication to be administered at camp must be accompanied by a signed doctor's note or prescription container with specific instructions, dosage amounts, and dosage times.** No over-the-counter medications will be given to campers without prior parental approval. All unused medicine not retrieved by the parent or legal guardian will be locked up and discarded one week after the camper's last day of camp. Insurance for health-related matters must be covered by the parent or legal guardian.

Illness

Keep sick children home and notify YMCA Summer Camp of their absence by calling 721-9622. Children who have had diarrhea or a fever, or who have vomited within the last 24 hours cannot attend camp. Parents/guardians will be notified immediately if a camper becomes ill while at camp. Parents/guardians are expected to arrange immediate pickup of ill campers. Campers who become ill at camp will be cared for away from the group by staff until an authorized adult picks them up. Children with (or showing signs/symptoms of) a communicable illness cannot attend camp until they have been evaluated by a healthcare professional. Camp Directors must receive written approval by a healthcare professional before children return to camp.

As a reminder: Refunds and credits will not be issued for single-day based absence and/or illnesses.

Insect Repellent and Sunscreen

Bring sunscreen and insect repellent to camp each day. Before going outside, or every two hours outside, camp staff will monitor every camper applying sunscreen. Camp staff will provide sunscreen for any camper who forgets or runs out. Indicate at registration if you would prefer the YMCA not to provide sunscreen/insect repellent to your camper.

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USDA Food Program and Permits

As a participant in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Program, the YMCA makes afternoon snack available to enrolled children following USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) guidelines.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form (AD-3027) found Online. You can also file that complaint at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA. If you send a letter, provide all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call 866-632-9992. You can submit your completed form of letter to USDA by mail, fax or email.

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YMCA MISSION & HISTORY

The Missoula Family YMCA has served the greater Missoula community since 1967. From youth sports and summer camp to group exercise classes and childcare, we are committed to offering quality, affordable health programs and services for all.

The Missoula Y is a nonprofit and a charity. **Our mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.** Our work is infused with our four core values of **Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility.**

We believe that lasting personal and social change is only possible when we invest in our kids, our health, and our neighbors. That's why, at the Y, **strengthening community is our cause.**

Learn more about the Missoula Y and its work at ymcamissoula.org, or stop by 3000 S. Russell St. for a tour!



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Every child deserves the opportunity to develop life-long summer memories! That's why the Missoula Y is proud to offer financial assistance for all summer camps. Turn to page 18 and learn how to apply today!

