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YMCA SUMMER CAMP

2025 Summer Camp Guide

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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 and Hellgate camp times vary. See weekly camp pages for details including ages/grades.

Week 1 (June 16–20): Charms & Enchantments

Babysitting 101, Basketball, Jr. Mad Scientists, KinderHawks, KinderKubs, Rookie Fun & Fit, Super Skippers, Survival, Track & Field, ZooTown

Week 2 (June 23–27): Feeling Festive

Art, Beginning Taekwondo, Carnival Creations, Cool Cat Coding, Dance, Jr. Survival, KinderHawks, KinderKubs, Logo Masters, MVP Basketball, Soccer, ZooTown

Week 3 (June 30–July 3*): Jungle Jamboree

Baseball, Jr. Art, KinderAdventure, KinderHawks, KinderKubs, MVP Strength & Conditioning, Rookie Soccer, Teen Big Sky Adventures, Trail Running, ZooTown
*No camp Friday (July 4)

Week 4 (July 7–11): Once Upon a Time

Cool Cat Coding, Digital Art Adventures, Flag Football, Fly Fishing, Jr. Big Sky Adventures, KinderHawks, KinderKubs, Lacrosse, Mobile Mapping Quest, Rookie Gymnastics, Teen Big Sky Adventures, Theater, ZooTown

Week 5 (July 14–18): Tacky Tourists

Culinary, KinderArt, KinderHawks, KinderKubs, Jr. Engineering, MultiSport, Lacrosse, Pickleball, Rookie Sports, Teen Climbing, ZooTown

Week 6 (July 15–19): Animations & Creations

Babysitting 101, Big Sky Adventures, Camp Ponderosa, Jr. Music, KinderHawks, KinderKubs, KinderSTEM, Lego Creators, MVP Basketball, Outdoor Rec, Volleyball

Week 7 (July 28–August 1): Lost in Space

Big Sky Adventures, Camp Ponderosa, Fly Fishing, Jr. Space Explorers, KinderHawks, KinderKubs, MVP Football, Rookie Basketball, Soccer, Teen Culinary

Week 8 (August 4–8): Color Wars

Camp Ponderosa, eGaming, Electronics Lab, Flag Football, Jr. climbing, KinderHawks, KinderKubs, MVP Baseball/Softball, Rookie Sports, Sky Coders, Topnotch Trick Shots, Vex IQ: Robots on the Move

Week 9 (August 11–15): Exploring the Treasure State

Babysitting 101, Basketball, Beginning Taekwondo, Camp Ponderosa, Jr. Big Sky Adventures, KinderHawks, KinderKubs, Theater

Week 10 (August 18–22): Wa'Wa'Palooza

Active 6, Camp Ponderosa, Climbing, Jr. Culinary, KinderHawks, Multi-Sport, Taekwondo

Month-Long Summer Learning Camps

The YMCA is proud to offer two summer learning camps—Camp Imagination and Camp Horizon. **Both summer learning camps are offered in month-long sessions and accept Best Beginnings.** Turn to page 7 for learning camp details and hours.

Afternoon Camp Add-On

Grades K-1 • \$148/week Grades 1-7 • \$120/week

For our morning 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.

Grades 1-7 will join Full-Day Sports Camp

Grades K-1 will join KinderKubs



CAMP DETAILS

Care provided 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Camp programming runs 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Half-day and Hellgate camp times vary. See weekly camp pages for details.

Hours of Care

Supervised care runs from 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. five days a week with intentional camp programming running from 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Half-day camps have varied start and end times. See individual camps for specifics.

Sunrise & Sunset Care | Check In & Check Out

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. (5:30 p.m. for camps at Hellgate Elementary). Photo ID is required for every pick up, every time. Sunrise Care and Sunset Care are included in full-day camp fees. Sunrise Care is included in morning half-day camp fees.

Afternoon Camp Add-On

Available only to morning half-day YMCA campers who want to stay the full day. Campers will enjoy lunch and an afternoon full of summer camp activities. See page 7 for more details.

What to Bring

In a labeled backpack or bag:

- Reusable water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Swimsuit/Towel
- Extra clothes as weather necessitates
- Sack lunch (optional)

What to Wear

Water activities happen daily. Consider sending your camper in their swimsuit.

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

Leave At Home

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

Please label each item with the 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.

Meals & Snacks

A breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack are provided daily. Campers are welcome to eat breakfast before arriving at camp and may bring their own healthy lunch if they prefer.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available for all camps. Applications are available at ymcamissoula.org/financial-assistance. Submit applications 7 days prior to camp registration. Best Beginnings scholarships are accepted for Camp Imagination and Camp Horizon. Learn more about Best Beginnings at childcareresources.org/families/paying-for-child-care/.

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KINDER & ROOKIE CAMPS

Camps for Littles

KinderCamps (Full Day)

Grades K-1 • \$251

A big step into the wide world of summer camps! Join us for outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, and more. Small group sizes make this the perfect introduction to YMCA summer camps.

KinderHawks at Hellgate runs 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (Weeks 1-10)

KinderKubs at Russell runs 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (Weeks 1-9 only)

NEW! KinderAdventure (Half Day AM* – Week 3)

Grades K-1 • \$103

Join your friends on a week of adventure in and around Missoula! Venture to new parks, climb Mount YMCA, explore Bancroft Pond, and more.

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

KinderArt (Half Day AM* – Week 5)

Grades K-1 • \$128

An elementary exploration of art mediums and introduction to new projects. This half day camp is the perfect place for budding artists to find their new favorite techniques!

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

KinderSTEM (Half Day AM* – Weeks 6)

Grades K-1 • \$128

An awesome half-day camp for young engineers! Build, test, and troubleshoot structures and circuits as we tinker with technology.

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.



Rookie Basketball (Half Day AM* – Week 7)

Ages 4-6 • \$103

An introduction to the sport of basketball in a fun, positive environment. Learn fundamental skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting and basic game concepts.

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Rookie Dance (Half Day AM* – Week 2)

Ages 4-6 • \$103

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

Half-day camp runs 9:00–11:30 a.m.

Rookie Fun & Fit (Half Day PM – Week 1)

Ages 4-6 • \$103

Develop strength, coordination, and confidence with games, sports, and activities. You'll also make your own healthy snacks!

Half-day camp runs 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Rookie Gymnastics (Half Day* AM or PM – Week 4)

Ages 4-6 • \$103

Develop creative movement using mats, balance beams, and spring boards. Learn tumbling, handstands, and cartwheels. Perform for families at the end of the week!

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. or 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Rookie Soccer (Half Day AM* – Week 3)

Ages 4-6 • \$103

An introduction to the sport of soccer. Learn fundamental soccer skills while playing games and having

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Rookie Sports (Half Day AM* or PM – Weeks 5 & 8)

Ages 4-6 • \$103

Be introduced to a variety of sports and games, including basketball, t-ball, soccer, and football! Learn sport fundamentals, group games, and team play.

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. or 1:30–3:30 p.m.

*Afternoon Camp Add-On

Grades K-1 • \$148

For our half-day Kinder & Rookie Camp participants who want to stay the full day, we will join KinderKubs for lunch and an afternoon of summer activities.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Camps for Middle & High Schoolers



NEW! eGaming (Week 8)

Grades 9-12 • \$276

Games can create bridges, tell stories, and foster a place of belonging. Build and play games to learn about design, interactivity, and how to interact effectively with one another through communication, collaboration, and a strong sense of teamwork.

NEW! Vex IQ: Robots on the Move (Week 8)

Grades 6-8 • \$276

Explore VEX IQ by working in groups to build a Simple Clawbot. Focus on your robot's speed & ability to score goals in Robot Soccer, or adjust gear sequencing for more torque in the Tug of War tournament.

Active 6 (Half Day – Week 10)

Grades 6-7 • \$25

Meet other middle schoolers for games and sports, gain independence, and learn ways to stay active and healthy.

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

Babysitting 101 (Half Day* – Weeks 1, 6, & 9)

Grades 6+ • \$166

Develop the skills to be an engaging and safety-conscious babysitter. Learn from Y child care staff, receive CPR training, and bring home your own babysitting tool kit!

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

NEW! Electronics Lab: Build & Run (Week 8)

Grades 6-8 • \$276

Wire projects using LEDs, IR sensors, buttons, LCDs, breadboards, and other components. Run the code for the project using a Raspberry Pi single board computer. Explore applications for cyber-security, command line prompts, and simple Python programming.

NEW! Logo Masters: Branding (Week 2)

Grades 6-8 • \$276

Learn the basics of logo design and branding for products and businesses. Create thumbnails, roughs and comprehensives using pencil sketches, Gimp, and Canva throughout the design process. Color, typography and composition will be covered and applied to business cards, t-shirts and other branding components.

NEW! Mobile Mapping Quest: (Week 4)

Grades 6-8 • \$276

Explore mobile geographic information systems (GIS) using ArcGIS Online and Esri software applications! GIS specialists from the Bureau of Land Management will lead hands-on navigation, field data collection, and web-based cartography activities.

Teen Big Sky Adventures (Week 3)

Grades 7+ • \$296

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

Teen Climbing (Week 5)

Grades 7+ • \$296

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.

Teen Culinary (Week 7)

Grades 7+ • \$276

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.

NEW! DREAM HACKERZ

S.T.E.A.M. Camps for Grades 3-12

The Missoula Family YMCA is partnering with Coding for Kids and the University of Montana Summer Office to offer nine brand-new, S.T.E.A.M. camps for kids in grades 3-12. This new partnership, known as Dream Hackerz, strives to expand access to technology opportunities for youth. Journey to the University of Montana to learn in state-of-the-art labs.

NEW! Carnival Creations (Week 2)

Grades 3-5 • \$276

Explore the world of engineering and construction by designing and building simple machines! Dive into the science of levers, pulleys, ramps, circuits, and more, while using these machines to create fun, working models of miniature carnival rides and events.

NEW! Digital Art Adventures (Week 4)

Grades 3-5 • \$276

Dive into the world of art using digital technology. Learn how to draw and color your creative ideas using a keyboard and mouse resulting in both a digital and printed portfolio.

NEW! eGaming (Week 8)

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NEW! Vex IQ: Robots on the Move (Week 8)

Grades 6-8 • \$276

Explore VEX IQ by working in groups to build a Simple Clawbot. Focus on your robot's speed & ability to score goals in Robot Soccer, or adjust gear sequencing for more torque in the Tug of War tournament.



NEW! Cool Cat Coding (Weeks 2 & 4)

Grades 3-5 • \$276

Learn to code games, create animations, and design characters using the program SCRATCH. Build machines with Legos, then program the builds and apply them to real world applications.

NEW! Sky Coders (Week 8)

Grades 3-5 • \$276

Work in small groups on drone inspired challenges and explore real-world problems. Learn how to operate a drone, code a drone and edit drone footage.



SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS

June • July • August



Camp Horizon

Located at Hellgate Elementary School Building #2 at 2385 Flynn Ln. Offered 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Camp Imagination

Located at Russell Elementary School at 3216 S. Russell St. Offered 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

The Missoula Family YMCA offers two summer learning camps for children entering grades 1–5, designed to strengthen math and reading skills while keeping summer fun. **Camps are offered in month-long sessions** and help prevent summer learning loss through a seamless blend of academics and adventure. Kids will explore engaging books, tackle math challenges, and discover patterns in nature—all while playing camp games, singing songs, and making new friends. Best Beginnings is accepted, and Y financial assistance is available for both camps. Includes breakfast, lunch, and snack.

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 \$55 (\$75 for families enrolling 2+ children) that must be paid at time of registration. Contact us at schoolage@ymcamissoula.org or 532-6272 to register. Space is limited.

JUNE

starts June 16

\$627

JULY

July 1–31

\$1,254

AUGUST

ends August 15

\$627

Licensed Camps & State Scholarships

YMCA Summer Learning Camps are licensed through the State of Montana and accept the Best Beginnings Scholarship. Families are responsible for a co-payment, as well as any fees not covered by the Best Beginnings Scholarship. Applications and information about Child Care Resources can be found online at childcareresources.org/families/paying-for-child-care/.

NEW! Partnership with the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education

Thanks to a partnership with the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education, the YMCA is recruiting camp program staff who are pursuing careers in elementary education. This partnership will provide hands-on experience to future teachers while helping the Y continue to offer robust summer learning programs for Missoula youth.



WEEK 1: JUNE 16–20

Charms & Enchantments



Super Skippers (Half Day AM*)

Grades 1–5 • \$126

The Y is partnering with Montana Super Skippers to put on this camp! Children of all skill levels are welcome to join. Jumpers learn skills with single ropes, double dutch, and long rope all while having fun, gaining confidence, and improving their coordination.

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

ZooTown – Charms & Enchantments

Grades 1–7 • \$241

The mysterious Missoula Woods await! Grab your wands and capes as we embark on this mystical adventure. Lake outings, group games, swimming, and crafts give the camp a familiar feel, while weekly camp themes spice up the summer.

Babysitting 101 (Half Day AM*)

Grades 6+ • \$166

Develop the skills to be an engaging and safety-conscious babysitter. Learn from Y child care staff, receive CPR training, and bring home your own babysitting tool kit!

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

Basketball (Full/Half Day)

Grades 1–6 • \$241 (Full) / \$121 (Half)

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.

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

NEW! Junior Mad Scientists

Grades 2–3 • \$276

Is it magic or science? Mix chemicals, calculate equations, and uncover the answer to this question and more. Explore the fascinating disciplines of chemistry, engineering, physics, and biology! Put on your lab coat and fasten your safety goggles to get ready for a week of mad science!

KinderCamps (Russell & Hellgate)

Grades K–1 • \$251

Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. See page 4 for details.

MVP Soccer (Half Day AM*)

Grades 4–7 • \$121

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.

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

Rookie Fun & Fit (Half-Day PM)

Ages 4–6 • \$103

Develop strength, coordination, and confidence with games, sports, and activities. You'll also make your own healthy snacks!

Half-day camp runs 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Survival

Grades 4–7 • \$296

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!

Track & Field (Half Day AM*)

Grades 2–6 • \$126

Practice sprints, middle-distance running, relays, jumping, and throwing. Learn the basics of training and nutrition. Campers will compete in their own field day on Friday.

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

WEEK 2: JUNE 23–27

Feeling Festive

Art

Grades 4–7 • \$276

Use variety of art mediums and practice new techniques, while learning the elements of design. Connect with the art museum and other artistic attractions around Missoula.

NEW! Carnival Creations

Grades 3–5 • \$276

Design and build simple machines! Dive into the science of levers, pulleys, ramps, circuits, and more, while using these machines to create fun, working models of miniature carnival rides and events.

NEW! Cool Cat Coding

Grades 3–5 • \$276

Learn to code games, create animations, and design characters using the program SCRATCH. Build machines with Lego bricks and learn to program the builds and apply them to real world applications.

Junior Survival

Grades 2–3 • \$296

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KinderCamps (Russell & Hellgate)

Grades K–1 • \$251

Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. See page 4 for details.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 2 for details.

Beginning Taekwondo (Half Day AM*)

Grades 1–7 • \$126

Learn balance, coordination, strength, basic blocks, strikes, kicks, and self-defense in a fun, supportive, and team-oriented environment; all while instilling the core values of courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit. Led by Championship Training Taekwondo.

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

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

Ages 4–6 and Grades 1–6 • \$126

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!

Ages 4–6: Half-day* camp runs 9:00–11:30 a.m.

Grades 1–6: Half-day camp runs 1:00–3:30 p.m.

NEW! Logo Masters: Branding

Grades 6–8 • \$276

Create thumbnails, roughs and comprehensives using pencil sketches, Gimp, and Canva as we move thru the design process. Color, typography, and composition will be applied to business cards, t-shirts and other branding components.

MVP Basketball (Half Day AM*)

Grades 4–7 • \$121

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.

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

Soccer (Full/Half Day)

Grades 1–6 • \$241 (Full) / \$121 (Half)

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

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

ZooTown – Feeling Festive

Grades 1–7 • \$241

From wintery wonderlands, to summertime sun, come enjoy the festivities! Lake outings, group games, swimming, and crafts give the camp a familiar feel, while weekly camp themes spice up the summer.



WEEK 3: JUNE 30–JULY 3*

Jungle Jamboree

*No camp on Friday (July 4)

Baseball (Full/Half Day)

Grades 1-6 • \$193 (Full) / \$97 (Half)

Throw, field, hit, and run the bases! Join us for fun competitions, scrimmaging, and the Home Run derby! Bring a mitt to camp (we have some to lend if needed). Bats will be provided – leave yours at home.

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

Junior Art

Grades 2-3 • \$221

Use variety of art mediums and practice new techniques, while learning the elements of design. Connect with the art museum and other artistic attractions around Missoula.

NEW! KinderAdventure (Half Day AM*)

Grades K-1 • \$103

Join your friends on a week of adventure in and around Missoula! Venture to new parks, climb Mount YMCA, explore Bancroft Pond, and more.

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

KinderCamps (Russell & Hellgate)

Grades K-1 • \$201

Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. See page 4 for details.

MVP Strength & Conditioning (Half Day PM)

Grades 4-7 • \$97

Take your game to the next level with MVP Strength and Conditioning Camp! Strength training will focus on teaching form and technique, using body weight and light weights. Space is limited.

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

Rookie Soccer (Half Day AM*)

Ages 4-6 • \$82

An introduction to the sport of soccer. Learn fundamental soccer skills while playing games and having fun.

Half-day camp runs 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Softball (Half Day AM*)

Grades 1-6 • \$121

Throw, field, hit, and run the bases! Join us for fun competitions, scrimmaging, and the Home Run derby! Bring a mitt to camp (we have some to lend if needed). Bats will be provided – leave yours at home.

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

Softball (Half Day*)

Grades 1-6 • \$97

Throw, pitch, field, and hit with a special focus on softball. Join us for fun competitions, scrimmages, and the Home Run Derby. Bring a mitt to camp. Bring a mitt to camp (we have some to lend if needed). Bats will be provided – leave yours at home.

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

Teen Big Sky Adventures

Grades 7+ • \$296

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

Trail Running (Half Day*)

Grades 3-6 • \$101

Spend the week running and exploring Missoula's trails! Learn the basics of training and nutrition, and play fun group games. Campers will complete in their own fun run event at the end of the week!

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

ZooTown – Jungle Jamboree

Grades 1-7 • \$193

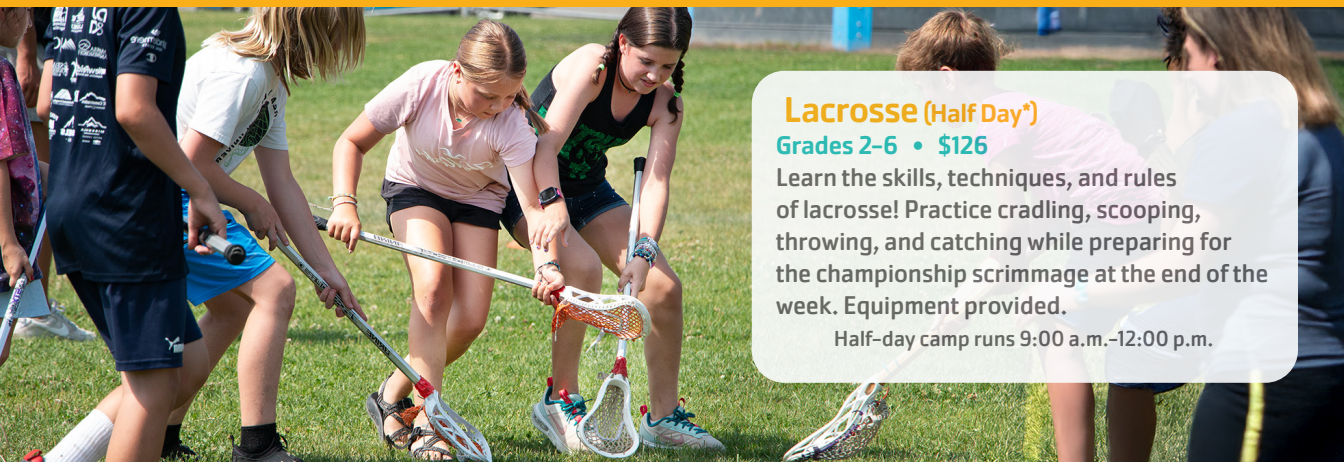
Embark on a safari through Missoula, where you may see Giraffes, Tigers, or unknown creatures? Mountain lions, Grizzly Bears and maybe even a Beaver! Lake outings, group games, swimming, and crafts give the camp a familiar feel, while weekly camp themes spice up the summer.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 2 for details.



WEEK 4: JULY 7-11

Once Upon a Time



Lacrosse (Half Day*)

Grades 2-6 • \$126

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.

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

NEW! Cool Cat Coding

Grades 3-5 • \$276

Learn to code games, create animations, and design characters using the program SCRATCH. Build machines with Lego bricks and learn to program the builds and apply them to real world applications.

NEW! Digital Art Adventures

Grades 3-5 • \$276

Dive into the world of art using digital technology. Learn how to draw and color your creative ideas using a keyboard and mouse resulting in both a digital and printed portfolio.

Flag Football (Full/Half Day)

Grades 1-6 • \$241 (Full) / \$121 (Half)

Practice football skills through fun drills, competitions, obstacle courses, and scrimmaging. Learn specifics about positions, formations, and types of plays. Camp begins with Signing Day and ends with the Super Bowl on Friday!

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

Fly Fishing (Half Day*)

Grades 3-5 • \$136

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

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

Junior Big Sky Adventures

Grades 2-3 • \$296

Raft, swim, hike, and climb Missoula's favorite outdoor spots in our Junior Big Sky Adventures day camp.

KinderCamps (Russell & Hellgate)

Grades K-1 • \$296

Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. See page 4 for details.

NEW! Mobile Mapping Quest

Grades 6-8 • \$276

Explore mobile geographic information systems (GIS) using ArcGIS Online and Esri software applications! GIS specialists from the Bureau of Land Management will lead hands-on navigation, field data collection, and web-based cartography activities.

Rookie Gymnastics (Half Day AM* or PM)

Ages 4-6 • \$103

Develop creative movement using mats, balance beams, and spring boards. Learn tumbling, handstands, and cartwheels. Learn and perform a routine for families!

Half-day camp runs 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Theater

Grades 4-7 • \$276

Get involved 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.

ZooTown – Once Upon a Time

Grades 1-7 • \$241

Write the pages of your summer story! Lake outings, group games, swimming, and crafts give the camp a familiar feel, while weekly camp themes spice up the summer.

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WEEK 5: JULY 14–18

Tacky Tourists

NEW! Girls Flag Football (Half Day*)

Grades 2–6 • \$126

Call all grid-iron girls! Girls will have the opportunity to learn football fundamentals and skills while making new friends and building confidence. This week will include fun drills, team challenges, and scrimmaging.

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

KinderArt (Half Day AM*)

Grades K–1 • \$128

An elementary exploration of art mediums and introduction to new projects. This half day camp is the perfect place for budding artists to find their new favorite techniques!

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

KinderCamps (Russell & Hellgate)

Grades K–1 • \$251

Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. See page 4 for details.

NEW! Junior Engineering & Inventions

Grades 2–3 • \$276

Unlock the fun of summer camp with this STEM camp! Brainstorm ideas, evaluate prototypes, and create solutions to real-life challenges.

Multi-Sport (Full/Half Day)

Grades 1–6 • \$241 (Full) / \$121 (Half)

Learn the basics of basketball, soccer, baseball, football, and more! Enjoy a week-long Olympic-style competition of relays, group games, and team contests.

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

Pickleball (Half Day AM*)

Grades 3–6 • \$126

Get in on the fun of pickleball! Campers will learn basic strokes and paddle skills, footwork, rules, and scoring. The week will include fun games, competitions, and lots of scrimmaging!

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

Rookie Sports (Half Day AM* or PM)

Ages 4–6 • \$103

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.

Half-day camp runs 9:00–11:00 a.m. or 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Teen Climbing

Grades 7+ • \$296

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.

ZooTown – Tacky Tourists

Grades 1–7 • \$241

Don't forget your bug spray, sunscreen, snacks or fanny packs! Come and enjoy activities and crafts from all across the map! Lake outings, group games, swimming, and crafts give the camp a familiar feel, while weekly camp themes spice up the summer.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 2 for details.



Culinary

Grades 4–6 • \$276

Take a taste bud trip around the USA and experience the variety of cuisines and cultures! Join us for three days cooking tasty food in the Missoula Food Bank community kitchen. Create your own cookbook, visit local gardens, and learn about nutrition.

WEEK 6: JULY 21–25

Animations & Creations



Camp Ponderosa – Animations & Creations

Grades 1–7 • \$241

Welcome to the land of creation and animation! 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.

Babysitting 101 (Half Day PM)

Grades 6+ • \$166

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

Half-day camp runs 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Big Sky Adventures

Grades 4–6 • \$296

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.

Lego Creators

Grades 2–6 • \$276

Bring your imagination to life! Enjoy themed projects, collaborative challenges, and creative construction all using our favorite building materials—Legos!

Junior Music

Grades 2–3 • \$276

Don't miss a beat! Build instruments, hear from local musicians, sample a variety of instruments, and more.

KinderCamps (Russell & Hellgate)

Grades K–1 • \$251

Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. See page 4 for details.

KinderSTEM (Half Day AM*)

Grades K–1 • \$128

Young engineers will build, test, and troubleshoot structures and circuits as we tinker with technology.

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

MVP Basketball (Half Day PM)

Grades 4–7 • \$121

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.

Half-day camp runs 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation

Grades 1–6 • \$241

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.

Volleyball (Half Day AM)

Grades 3–6 • \$126

Bump, set, and spike in Volleyball Camp! Learn the fundamentals of passing, setting, hitting, serving, defense, basic rotations, and strategies while working your way up to a championship scrimmage.

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

WEEK 7: JULY 28–AUGUST 1

Lost In Space

Soccer (Full/Half Day)

Grades 1–6 • \$241 (Full) / \$121 (Half)

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

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



Big Sky Adventures

Grades 4–6 • \$296

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.

Camp Ponderosa – Lost in Space

Grades 1–7 • \$241

3....2.....1..... FUN! Let's have a blast, via out of this world activities and creating space(crafts)! 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.

Fly Fishing (Half Day AM*)

Grades 3–5 • \$136

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

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

NEW! Junior Space Explorers

Grades 2–3 • \$276

Blast 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.

KinderCamps (Russell & Hellgate)

Grades K–1 • \$251

Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. See page 4 for details.

MVP Football (Half Day AM*)

Grades 4–7 • \$121

Advanced drills will improve 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.

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

Rookie Basketball (Half Day AM*)

Ages 4–6 • \$103

An introduction to the sport of basketball in a fun, positive environment. Campers will learn fundamental skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting and basic game concepts.

Half-day camp runs 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Teen Culinary

Grades 7+ • \$276

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.

WEEK 8: AUGUST 4-8

Color Wars

Camp Ponderosa – Color Wars

Grades 1-7 • \$241

Battle of the primary colors... be prepared to leave your mark... One way or another! You will want to pack an extra pair of clothes as we tend to get quite messy entering the Color Zone! 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.

NEW! eGaming

Grades 9-12 • \$276

Games can create bridges, tell stories, and foster a place of belonging. Build and play games to learn about design, interactivity, and how to interact effectively with one another.

NEW! Electronics Lab: Build & Run

Grades 6-8 • \$276

Wire projects using LEDs, IR sensors, buttons, LCDs, breadboards, and other components. Run the code for the project using a Raspberry Pi single board computer. Explore applications for cyber-security, command line prompts, and simple Python programming.

Flag Football (Full/Half Day)

Grades 1-6 • \$241 (Full) / \$121 (Half)

Practice football skills through fun drills, competitions, obstacle courses, and scrimmaging. Learn specifics about positions, formations, and types of plays. Camp begins with Signing Day and ends with the Super Bowl on Friday!

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

KinderCamps (Russell & Hellgate)

Grades K-1 • \$251

Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. See page 4 for details.

MVP Baseball/Softball (Half Day AM*)

Grades 4-7 • \$121

Advanced drills will focus on throwing, fielding, hitting, and base running skills. Join us for fun competitions, scrimmaging, and the Home Run derby! For campers familiar with baseball fundamentals. Space is limited.

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

Rookie Sports (Half Day AM* or PM)

Ages 4-6 • \$103

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.

Half-day camp runs 9:00–11:00 a.m. or 1:30–3:30 p.m.

NEW! Sky Coders

Grades 3-5 • \$276

Work in small groups on drone inspired challenges and explore real-world problems. Learn how to operate a drone, code a drone and edit drone footage.

Topnotch Trick Shots (Half Day AM*)

Grades 2-6 • \$126

Join us for individual challenges and friendly competitions! Campers will have a chance to show their creative side while coming up with trick shots for a variety of sports.

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

NEW! Vex IQ: Robots on the Move

Grades 6-8 • \$276

Explore VEX IQ by working in groups to build a Simple Clawbot. Focus on your robot's speed & ability to score goals in Robot Soccer, or adjust gear sequencing for more torque in the Tug of War tournament.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 2 for details.

Junior Climbing

Grades 2-3 • \$296

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.



WEEK 9: AUGUST 11-15

Exploring the Treasure State

Beginning Taekwondo (Half Day AM*)

Grades 1-6 • \$126

Learn balance, coordination, strength, basic blocks, strikes, kicks, and self-defense in a fun, supportive, and team-oriented environment; all while instilling the core values of courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit. Led by Championship Training Taekwondo.

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

Camp Ponderosa – Exploring the Treasure State

Grades 1-7 • \$241

Since Montana is known as the treasure state, we are going on a treasure hunt! Let's use our brains to decode and hands to dig for gold! 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.

Junior Big Sky Adventures

Grades 2-3 • \$296

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.

KinderCamps (Russell & Hellgate)

Grades K-1 • \$251

Outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, swimming, and more. See page 4 for details.

Theater

Grades 4-7 • \$276

Break a leg! Get involved 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.

*Afternoon camp add-on available. See page 2 for details.



Babysitting 101 (Half Day AM*)

Grades 6+ • \$166

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

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

Basketball (Full/Half Day)

Grades 1-6 • \$241 (Full) / \$121 (Half)

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.

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

WEEK 10: AUGUST 18-22

Wa' Wa' Palooza

Camp Ponderosa – Wa' Wa' Palooza

Grades 1-7 • \$241

Let's dive deep and get drenched head to feet!! 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.

KinderHawks (Hellgate)

Grades K-1 • \$251

A big step into the wide world of summer camps! Join us for outdoor activities, field trips, story time, crafts, group games, and more. Small group sizes make this the perfect introduction to YMCA summer camps.

Active 6 (Half Day AM*)

Grades 6-7 • \$25

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

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

Climbing

Grades 4-6 • \$296

Level up and 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.

Junior Culinary

Grades 2-3 • \$276

Join us for a week of cooking tasty food in the Missoula Food Bank community kitchen. Visit local gardens, and learn about nutrition as we create some different treats to restore health and boost imagination!

Multi-Sport (Full/Half Day)

Grades 1-6 • \$241 (Full) / \$121 (Half)

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.

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

Taekwondo Fun (Half Day AM*)

Grades 1-6 • \$126

Learn balance, coordination, strength, basic blocks, strikes, kicks, and self-defense in a fun, supportive, and team-oriented environment; all while instilling the core values of courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit. Led by Championship Training Taekwondo.

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

YMCA AFTER SCHOOL & SCHOOL'S OUT DAY CAMPS

After School

Continue the fun with familiar staff and quality after school care! Our program provides healthy snacks, aerobic activity, responsible counselors, and a variety of enriching activities including STEM, arts and crafts, and games in a small group setting. Care is provided onsite at your child's school or at a nearby location. Best Beginnings scholarships accepted.

School's Out Day Camp

It's a day of camp during the school year! Camp is available on most MCPS & Hellgate Elementary School holidays.



2025-26 After School Care

Advanced registration is required for all programs. Open to grades K-5 (EL included at select locations). Financial assistance is available. Contact schoolage@ymcamissoula.org for information or to register your child. YMCA Afterschool is a program licensed through the State of Montana and accepts Best Beginnings scholarships. Applications and information about Child Care Resources can be found online at <https://www.childcareresources.org/families/paying-for-child-care/>

Participating Elementary Schools

Chief Charlo
Hellgate
Jeannette Rankin
Lewis & Clark
Paxson
Russell

Monthly Pricing

YMCA Afterschool is a monthly program. Registration is ongoing and fees are automatically withdrawn monthly.

5 days/wk.....\$393	3 days/wk.....\$293
4 days/wk.....\$343	2 days/wk.....\$243

2025-26 School's Out Day Camp

Care is offered from 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and includes breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack. Grades K-6

Daily Pricing

\$48 • \$53 Late Registration (fewer than one week before program date)

School's Out Day Camp Dates

Dates subject to change based on school calendars. Camp is located at Russell Elementary unless noted.

August 25	October 17*	December 29-31*	March 12 (half day)
August 26	November 13 (half day)	January 2*	March 13
August 27	November 14	January 19	March 16-20*
September 29 (Hellgate)	November 26	February 9	
October 16*	December 22-24*	February 16	

18 *Designates that camps are offered at both Russell and Hellgate Elementary schools.

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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 7 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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pmnt. due by 5:00 p.m.	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	Aug. 4	Aug. 11

Attendance, Refunds, and Credits

Unless noted, all Missoula YMCA Summer Camps are week-long opportunities. 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 at least 10 days before camp dates to be eligible for credits minus the deposit.
- No credits or refunds will be given for cancellations or transfers less than 10 days 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 us at schoolage@ymcamissoula.org.
- Credit and/or refunds will not be issued due to camp closures based on unforeseen circumstances (ex: extreme weather, power outages, etc.)

Camper Check Out

Photo ID is required for every checkout every time. Many camp activities take place off site. Any authorized adult wishing to check out a full-day camper before 4:30 p.m. must arrange 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. (5:30 p.m. for camps at Hellgate Elementary). 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 should a camper not be picked up:

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 30 minutes after programs end, the police will be notified.

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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.

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, 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.

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.

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Weather and Air Quality

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 camp staff 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, had a positive COVID test, 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.



PARENT HANDBOOK



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.

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, audiotope, 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.

The Missoula Family YMCA is permitted by the Bitterroot and Lolo National Forests.

YOUR ROUTE TO NEW EXPERIENCES

Choose from a variety of camps including sports, adventure, art, and more.

Camper will enjoy field trips to local parks, lake days, and activities.

Sign your camper up at ymcamissoula.org.



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