



Hamilton Area YMCA Summer Camp at the Sawmill Branch Frequently Asked Questions

Where is camp located?

The Hamilton Area YMCA Sawmill Branch is located at 185 Sawmill Road, Hamilton, NJ 08620.

What are the dates for camp?

June 19 – September 1

How far is the Sawmill Branch from the JKR Branch?

Approximately 10 – 15 minutes, and just 7 miles! Only a few minutes from the Hamilton Marketplace.

What are camp hours?

Monday – Friday from 8:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Will pre and post camp be offered?

Yes, pre camp will begin at 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and post camp will run from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

What should my child bring to camp?

A bathing suit, towel, lunch, water bottle, sunscreen and a bag/backpack to carry everything in. Children must wear sneakers, sandals and flip-flops are not allowed (no open toed/open heeled shoes). Children must wear comfortable clothes that are appropriate for being outside. Please label all items.

What do campers do at camp?

This will depend on which camp you have registered your child for. If your child is participating in Day Camp – some of the daily activities will include: songs, arts and crafts, recreational games (kickball, soccer, baseball, playground type games, etc.) and swimming. If your child is participating in a Specialty Camp – the main focus will be on what you have selected. Most campers will have recreational swim everyday!

What is SKOR camp?

SKOR stands for Special Kids Organized Recreation. This is a camp specially designed for children with mental and/or physical disabilities.

What do campers do if it rains?

There are 3 pavilions and 4 additional tents for the campers to do activities under when it rains as well as an indoor recreation gym.

Do campers swim?

Yes, everyday for one hour. Recreation swim only. Magic camp swims for a ½ hour each day.

Do you have certified lifeguards?

Yes. They are all certified.

How are campers grouped?

Campers are grouped by grade. Our registration form asks for the grade that the child will be entering in September 2017. This is how our camp groups are based.

How many campers are in a group?

Approximately 15 – 20 campers with 2 counselors (1 Junior and 1 Senior).

What is a Junior and Senior Counselor?

Junior counselors are 16 – 18 years old. Senior Counselors have completed at least one year of college and are at least 18 years old.

Are the age groups you have for the grade my child is entering or just completed?

Camps are separated by the grade your child will be entering in the fall of 2017.

Can parents visit the camp at any time?

Yes, but you must check in at the Main Office.

What if my child needs medication during the day, is there someone to administer medication?

Yes, we have a camp nurse on staff everyday, who will dispense all medication and handle emergencies. The offsite locations do not have a nurse on staff. A staff member will be responsible for medication at these sites, if necessary.

Is the facility clean?

Yes. The bathrooms/changing rooms are cleaned daily. The pool and all field areas are very well maintained.

Do campers go on field trips?

The following camps take daily field trips: all Travel Camps, EDGE, Navigators I and II, and Teen Camp will take one trip per week during weeks 5 – 8.

Can I visit camp before I sign up my child?

You are welcome to come and visit the camp with your child to see the daily happenings. However, you may not leave you child at the Sawmill Branch for the day unless he or she is properly registered.

TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS

Will transportation be offered?

Yes, transportation will be offered from 2 locations: Steinert High School and AMC Movie Theater. *SKOR camp will utilize Steinert only.*

What are my transportation options?

STEINERT HIGH SCHOOL

7:30 a.m.* & 8:30 a.m.*

4:15 p.m.** & 5:15 p.m.**

AMC MOVIE THEATER

7:30 a.m.* & 8:30 a.m.*

4:40 p.m.** & 5:40 p.m.**

**This is the time the bus leaves.*

***This is the approximate time the bus arrives at this location.*

Can I use two different bus stops for the morning and afternoon?

No., you must choose the same bus stop for both morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, however you can choose to use an morning bus stop drop-off and a Sawmill afternoon pick-up, or a Sawmill morning drop-off and an afternoon bus stop pick-up.

What is the cost of transportation?

\$40 per week, per child for AMC & Steinert.

Can I change my bus pick up location?

You can make a change to your bus location through 8:30 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the start of a new week. Parents are allowed one change at NO CHARGE; all other changes are \$25.00.

What time should I pick my child up that is not participating in post camp?

Between 4:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. at Sawmill

4:15 p.m. at Steinert High School

4:40 p.m. at AMC Move Theater

Are there seatbelts on the bus?

Yes.

Can I bring my child to camp, or do they have to take the bus?

You can bring you child to camp and pick them up, they do not have to take the bus.

POOL QUESTIONS**What is the depth of the pool?**

3 ½ feet deep to 9 feet deep.

Does my child have to swim?

Unless a written note from a parent/guardian or doctor is provided, all campers must get changed for swimming and sit on the pool deck.

Is swimming recreational or instructional?

All swim time is recreational and supervised by both lifeguards and the group's staff members. Most campers swim for 1 hour per day.

Post Camp Swim Lessons (Grades 1 - 5)

Your child can receive quality swim lessons by our trained Swim Instructors at the Sawmill Branch before or after regular camp hours. Swim lessons will be offered in the afternoon from 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.; 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; and 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.*. Lessons will be offered 5 days a week in 1 week sessions. Session Dates: Week 1 – 10. Fee: \$55 program and facility members, \$40 facility plus members. *Campers not registered for post camp must be picked up at 4:45 p.m.*

Do you have certified lifeguards?

Yes. They are all certified.

How do you know if my child can swim in the deep end or not?

Campers take a swim test every Monday to see if they are able to swim in the deep end. Wristbands are given for deep end swimmers.

CAMP FEES AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

What is the cost of camp?

This depends on what program you register for and when you register.

Registration dates:

January 9 – March 29	\$260 per week	Traditional and Specialty Camps
March 30 and after	\$305 per week	Traditional and Specialty Camps

Weeks 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10

Navigators I and II	\$260 per week (\$305 after March 30)
Teen Camp	\$260 per week (\$305 after March 30)

Weeks 5, 6, 7, 8 (one trip per week)

Navigators I and II	\$283 per week (\$323 after March 30)
Teen Camp	\$283 per week (\$323 after March 30)

Specialty Camp Fees:

Bob Smith Soccer School	\$290 per week (\$320 after 3/30)
CIT	\$345 per three week session (\$400 after 3/30)
LIT	\$160 per week (\$205 after 3/30)
Mad Science	\$290 per week (\$320 after 3/30)
Magic Camp	\$290 per week (\$320 after 3/30)
Best of N.J.	\$345 per week (\$365 after 3/30)
Best of P.A.	\$345 per week (\$365 after 3/30)
Beach Week	\$345 per week (\$365 after 3/30)
Adventure Week	\$345 per week (\$365 after 3/30)
Overnight Week	\$390 per week (\$425 after 3/30)

Park Hopper +

Water Park Week	\$390 per week (\$425 after 3/30)
Vintage Video Games	\$345 per week (\$365 after 3/30)

What is the cost of transportation?

Transportation is \$40 per week from both AMC Movie Theater & Steinert High School.

What is the cost of pre camp?

Pre camp is \$25 per week per camper.

What is the cost of post camp?

Post camp is \$30 per week per camper.

When are payments due?

Payments must be paid in full on or before March 29 to receive phase one pricing. All outstanding balances must be paid in full on or before June 1. *A camper may not start camp if the week is not paid in full.*

Can I make changes?

One camp change made before 8:00 p.m. on a Wednesday prior to camp start date is free. All subsequent changes are \$25.00.

Can I get a refund?

The Hamilton Area YMCA Sawmill Branch will refund payment, less the \$25.00 deposit, if cancellation is made prior to May 10. No refunds will be given after May 10.

Is there a second child discount?

Yes, there is a \$10 per child discount on camps, with a few exceptions. *The following camps are not eligible for a second child discount:*

- Summer Fun – One Day Camps
- Bob Smith Soccer School
- Travel Camps
- EDGE
- Mad Science
- Magic Camp
- CIT receive a \$10 discount per session

Do you offer financial assistance/scholarship?

Yes, financial assistance is offered where funds are available. Applications are due by April 30. *The following camps are not eligible for Financial Assistance:*

- Summer Fun – One Day Camps
- Bob Smith Soccer School
- Travel Camps
- EDGE
- Mad Science
- Magic Camp