



Summer Camp at the Hamilton YMCA Frequently Asked Questions

Where is camp located?

The Hamilton Area YMCA Sawmill Branch
185 Sawmill Road
Hamilton, NJ 08620

What are the dates for camp?

June 20 – August 30

How far is Sawmill from the Hamilton Area YMCA?

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

What are camp hours?

Monday – Friday 8:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Will extended care be offered?

Yes, extended day option begins at 7:30 a.m. and will run until 6:00 p.m. Parents may drop off any time after 7:30 a.m. and pick up any time before 6:00 p.m.

Is there a partial week option?

Yes. We offer a 3-day extended day Traditional camp option. You can choose any 3 days for the week at the time of registration. Campers will be grouped in the age appropriate Traditional Day camp and follow their activity schedule. This is an extended day option only and campers must be dropped off/picked up at the Sawmill Branch. Transportation is not available for the 3-day week camp option.

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 sneaker, sandals and flip-flops are **not** allowed (no open toed/open heeled shoes). Children must wear comfortable clothes that are appropriate for being outside. Hats, Sunglasses, and swim shirts are also recommended for those sensitive to the sun. **Please label all items.**

What do campers do at camp?

This will depend on which camp you have registered your child for.

Traditional Camps: Campers will create memories and grow friendships while participating in sports, games, camp crafts, swimming, songs and daily special events! Many other fun activities will be offered in this popular camp.

Enrichment and Sports Camps: The main focus of these camps will be on the theme of the camp you have selected. Campers will also participate in traditional camp activities such as camp songs special events and recreational swimming.

Specialty Camp:

The main focus of these camps will be on the theme of the camp you have selected. Campers will spend at least half the day participating in these activities. Campers will also participate in traditional camp activities such as camp songs special events and recreational swimming.

Travel Camps:

Campers will spend each day taking day trips off campus to various locations around the area. A trip schedule will be in the resources section of the camp page.

What is S.K.O.R. camp?

S.K.O.R. 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 cover when it rains as well as an indoor recreation gym.

Do campers swim?

Yes. Campers will have at least two 30 minute sessions of recreational swim every day. Afternoon Camp Swimming lessons are available for an additional fee. They are offered at 2:30, 3:15, and 4:00 p.m. The 3:15 p.m. time is the most popular and fills up the fastest.

Do you have certified lifeguards?

Yes. They are all certified. We have 6 guards and 1 Pool Supervisor on the deck at all times.

How are campers grouped?

Campers are grouped by grade. Our registration form asks for the grade that the child will be entering in September 2019. This is how our camp groups are based.

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 2019.

How many campers are in a group?

Approximately 15 – 20 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, are at least 18 years old, and are certified in First Aid and CPR

Can parents visit the camp at any time?

Yes, Please check in at the Main Office upon arrival.

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?

Our Travel Camps will take day trips each day.

Can I audit (see the camp) before I sign up my child?

Prior to camp starting:

You are welcome to attend one of our Information Sessions, Ice Cream Socials, or Open Houses to meet the staff, take a tour, and have your questions answered. You may also call the camp office to set up a personal tour.

Once camp is in session:

You are welcome to 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. Please check in at the Main Office upon arrival.

What if my child is going to be absent from camp?

Absence - Attendance will be taken on a daily basis and for safety reasons, it is important that we know when your child is not in camp. Please email camp@hamiltonymca.org or call the Hamilton Area YMCA at Sawmill absentee line - 609-581-9622 x 21106. You may leave a message at any time.

What if my child is going to arrive late to camp?

Late Arrivals - After 9:00 a.m. All late arrivals must report to the Main Building/Camp Office by a parent/guardian. After campers are signed in, campers will be escorted to their group.

What if my child needs to be picked up early?

Early Pick Up - If a child must leave camp for any reason, a written notice signed by the parent/guardian must be given to the Camp Office at the beginning of the day. Campers will not be dismissed prior to 3:45 p.m. without a written notice signed by the parent. The children are in constant motion during the day. If a note has not been sent in, we ask that you call (609-581-9622 x21100) the camp prior to picking up your child early from camp so we can have your child ready for you when you arrive.

TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS

Will transportation be offered?

Yes, transportation will be offered from 2 locations: The JKR Branch and AMC Movie Theater. **S.K.O.R. camp will utilize JKR Branch only.**

What are my transportation options?

JKR Branch 8:30 a.m. *
 4:25 p.m.** or 5:25 p.m.**

AMC MOVIE
THEATER 7:15 a.m.* or 8:15 a.m.*
 4:50 p.m.** or 5:50 p.m.**

*This is the time the bus leaves. You may drop off 15 min prior to the bus departing.

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

Can I use two different bus stops for AM and PM?

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

What is the cost of transportation?

\$40 per week, per child for AMC & JKR Branch

Can I change my bus pick up location?

You can make a change in your bus location up to **8:00 p.m.** on the **Wednesday** prior to the start of a session. Parents are allowed **one** change at no charge; – after that a \$25.00 processing fee is applied to all changes.

What time should I pick my child up that is not participating extended care?

Between 4:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. at Sawmill, 4:25 p.m. at the JKR Branch, 4:50 p.m. at AMC

Are there seat belts 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. All changes in depth are marked with ropes and buoys.

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.

Afternoon Camp Swim Lessons (Grades K - 5)

Your child can receive quality swim lessons by our trained Swim Instructors at the Sawmill Branch 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 – 9

Fee: \$58 program members, \$43 facility members

Campers not registered for extended care must be picked up at 4:45 p.m.

Do you have certified lifeguards?

Yes. They are all certified. We have 6 guards and 1 Pool Supervisor on the deck at all times.

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.

Camps

January 7 – March 27

March 28 and after

Traditional Day Camp Fees	\$260 per week	\$300 per week
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Enrichment Camp Fees	\$260 per week	\$300 per week
Dance Camp Water Warriors Neverland Adventures Avengers Child vs Wild Art Academy LIT		
CIT	\$370 per 3 week session	\$410 per 3 week session

Sports Camp Fees	Y Sports, Flag Football, Lacrosse	\$260 per week	\$300 per week
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Specialty Camp Fees:	\$290 per week	\$330 per week
Mad Science Magic Camp Bricks 4 Kidz Robotics Camp		
Red Bulls Soccer Academy	\$325 per week by 5/1	\$370 by 6/24 \$395 per week after 6/25

Travel Fees:	\$345 per week	\$385 per week
Adventure Week Amusement Park Week Beach Week Water Park Week Video Game Week		

What is the cost of transportation?

Transportation is \$40 per week – AMC & JKR Branch

What is the cost of Extended Care?

Extending the camp day to 7:30 – 6:00 p.m. is \$40 per week and can be added to any of the camps.

When are payments due?

Payments must be paid in full on or before March 27 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 the Wednesday prior to camp start date is free. All subsequent changes are \$25.00.

Credits/Refunds

The Hamilton Area YMCA Sawmill Branch will refund payment, less the \$25.00 deposit per week, if cancellation is made by April 10, 2019. **No refunds will be given after April 10, 2019.** There are no refunds for missed days, illness (without a medical note), vacations, changes in schedule, or dismissal for disciplinary reasons.

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:

Academy Camps
Specialty Camps
Summer Fun – One Day Camps
Travel Camps

CIT Camp receives a \$10 discount per session

Do you offer financial assistance/scholarship?

Yes, financial assistance is offered where funds are available. Applications are due by May 1. The following camps are not eligible for Financial Assistance:

Academy Camps
Specialty Camps
Summer Fun – One Day Camps
Travel Camps

Directions to Sawmill

185 Sawmill Road Hamilton NJ 08620:

From 295:

Take 295 South to Route 195 east (towards Shore Points) Take Exit 2 (South Broad St.) Follow South Broad St., at third light bear right to stay on South Broad St. Follow that road until the 4 way stop sign and stay straight on South Broad St. At the yield sign turn left onto Old York Rd. Sawmill Road is your first right. The Sawmill facility will be 1/2 mile on the right hand side.

From Hamilton Township:

(Intersection of Whitehorse Mercerville Road & Kuser Road)

Take Kuser Road east (K Mart should be on your right, Investors Bank on your left) to the second light (Yardville Hamilton Sq. Road) and make a right (PNC Bank will be on your right). Take Yardville Hamilton Sq. Road to the first light and make a left onto South Broad St. and bear right to stay on South Broad St. Follow that road until the 4 way stop sign and stay straight on South Broad St. At the yield sign turn left onto Old York Rd. Sawmill Road is your first right. The Sawmill facility will be 1/2 mile on the right hand side.

From the New Jersey Turnpike:

Take the Turnpike to Exit 7A Rt. 195 West (Towards Trenton) Take the Rt. 130 South exit (Towards Bordentown) you will need to make the Jug Handle after the Home Depot. Make a left on to Klockner Rd. At the light go straight, crossing over Rt. 130. The Road will change once you cross over Rt. 130 from Klockner to Crosswicks Hamilton Square Rd. Continue down the road and go through two traffic lights. At the four way stop sign make a left onto South Broad St. At the yield sign make a left on to Old York Rd. Make first right onto Sawmill Road. The Sawmill facility will be 1/2 mile on the right hand side.

From Route 130 South:

You will need to make the Jug Handle after the Home Depot. Make a left on to Klockner Road. Follow NJ Turnpike directions from Klockner Road.

From Route 130 North:

Turn right at the light near Wawa (intersection of Klockner Road & Route 130). Follow NJ Turnpike directions from Crosswicks Hamilton Square Rd.

Directions to Hamilton Area YMCA JKR Branch:

From Hamilton Area YMCA Sawmill Branch:

Take Sawmill Rd. towards Old York Rd. Turn Left onto Old York Rd. Make quick right onto South Broad Street. At four way stop, turn right onto Crosswicks Hamilton-Sq. Rd. Continue on Crosswicks-Hamilton Sq. Rd., cross over Rt. 130. Crosswicks-Hamilton Sq. Rd. will turn into Klockner Rd. At 3rd light make right on to Kuser Rd. Continue on Kuser Rd. At 3rd light on Kuser Rd. (Investors Bank intersection) make right on to Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd. Turn right at next light into JKR Branch parking lot