



Summer Camp at the Hamilton YMCA Sawmill Branch 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 18 – September 4

How far is Sawmill from the Hamilton Area YMCA JKR Branch?

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.

Are extended care hours available?

Yes, hours and fees are as follows:

Pre camp: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. \$30 per week

Post camp: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. \$40 per week

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. 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, light snack, water bottle, sunscreen and a bag/backpack to carry everything in. Hats, Sunglasses, and swim shirts are also recommended for those sensitive to the sun. **Please label all items.**

What campers should wear to camp?

Campers need to dress appropriately and comfortably for camp. Please dress campers in shorts, t-shirts, socks, and sneakers for the weather. **Please label all belongings.**

Footwear

Campers are required to wear sneakers or closed toed/closed heeled shoes during the camp day. Proper footwear is required to minimize the risks of camper injury. *Crocs are not permitted at camp.*

Sandals and Flip Flops should only be worn at the pool or if campers are in a camp game or activity that involves water.

What do campers do at camp?

Campers will create memories and grow friendships while participating in sports, games, camp crafts, swimming, songs and daily special events! Campers will have opportunities to join electives such as dance, arts, sports, science and more! Here is a look at a typical day:

9:00 a.m.	Camp Morning Meeting
9:20 a.m.	Activity Period 1 - (Specialist, Kickball, Capture the Flag, Gaga)
10:30 a.m.	Break/Snack Time
11:00 a.m.	Morning Swim (All campers swim)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Activity Period 2 - (Specialist, Art, Science, Camp Songs, Camp Games)
1:30 p.m.	Afternoon Swim
2:15 p.m.	Activity Period 3 - (Specialist, Water Relays, Sprinkler Time, Water Tag)
3:25 p.m.	Daily Closing
3:45 p.m.	Arrive at Departure Locations

What is SKOR camp?

SKOR Camp is Special Kids Organized Recreation, 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. Additionally, we offer Afternoon Camp Swimming lessons are available for an additional fee. They are offered at 2:30 p.m., 3:15 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. Space is limited so register early. Registration is available online or at the Sawmill Branch Member Service Desk.

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 age. Our registration form asks for the age that the child will be entering in September 2020. This is how our camp groups are based.

How many campers are in a group?

Approximately 15 – 20 with 2 counselors (1 Junior and 1 Senior). We operate with a 1 to 10 ration.

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 every day, who will dispense all medication and handle emergencies.

Is the facility clean?

Yes. All CDC and local health department guidelines and protocols for cleaning and sanitization are followed. The bathrooms/changing rooms are cleaned regularly throughout the day. The pool is monitored by the Hamilton Health Department as well as regularly by our Aquatics staff and proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection (e.g., with chlorine and bromine, as mandated by the Hamilton Health Department) protocols are followed. All field areas are very well maintained.

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

You are welcome to visit the camp with your child to see the daily happenings. However, you may not leave your child at the Sawmill Branch for the day unless he or she is properly registered. You will be accompanied by a Hamilton Area YMCA staff member throughout your visit. 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 [click here](#) to access the camp absentee form, this is our preferred method for reporting and absence. The form is also available in the download section on the camp page of our website.

You may also 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 x 21100) the camp prior to picking up your child early from camp so we can have your child ready for you when you arrive.

FEES**What is the cost of Camp?**

\$275 per child per week
Mini Camp; Day Camp; SKOR Camp

\$200 per child per week
Mini and Day Camp 3 Day

\$385 per child per 3-week session Counselor in Training. An additional \$40 is required to be certified in First and CPR

An additional \$40 per week fee will be applied to all balances not paid in full and all registrations May 7 and after.

All payments must be paid in full on or before the following dates:

May 13 for Summer Fun and, weeks 1, 2, 3

June 5 for weeks 4, 5, 6, 7
July 5 for weeks 8, 9, 10, and X-tra innings

What is the cost of transportation?

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

What is the cost of Extended Care?

Pre camp care 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. \$30 per week
Post camp care 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. \$40 per week

Payments must be paid in full on or before the above dates. 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.

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?

Hamilton Area YMCA 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.

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 registered for post camp?

Sawmill Branch - Between 4:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. JKR Branch - 4:25 p.m.
AMC Movie Theater - 4:50 p.m.

Where do I drop off and pick up my child?

Sawmill Branch

Drop-off

Drive through the drop off lines in front of the Flag Pole
Or park in the parking lot and walk up to the check in table at the pavilion

Pick up

Park in the parking lot.

4:00 p.m. Walk up to the gym door facing the pavilion. This is door # 4 After 4:15 p.m. Pick up at the pavilion next to the playground

Hamilton Area YMCA JKR Bus

Drop-off

Upon entering the JKR Branch Parking lot drive past the front door of the Y and make a right to head towards the playground on the side of the building. A staff person will be standing with a clip board in front of the playground.

Pick up

Park in the parking lot near the front right hand corner of the parking lot. The bus will pull up and drop off in the coned off spaces. Walk up to this area to sign out your child

AMC Movie Theater Bus

Drop Off

Upon entering the Movie Complex at the light follow Fairlawn Ave as it makes the right hand turn at the creek. After this turn you will see a YMCA Staff Person and/or the bus in the parking lot on the left next to the creek with a clip board. Pull up to this staff person to drop off.

Pick up

Park in this same location. When the bus pulls in walk up to the staff person getting off the bus to sign out your child.

Are there seat belts on the bus?

Yes. All campers must wear them at all times.

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 1/2 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?

All campers take a swim test every Monday to see if they are able to swim in the deep end. Wristbands are given for those able to swim in the mid-section and a different color band is given to those able to swim in the deep end section

CREDITS/REFUNDS

The Hamilton Area YMCA Sawmill Branch will refund payment, less the \$25.00 deposit per week, if cancellation is made by April 30, 2020. **No refunds will be given after April 30, 2020.** 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:

Summer Fun – One Day 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 20. The following camps are not eligible for Financial Assistance:

Summer Fun – Day Camps