



Sawmill Summer Camp 2024

Hamilton Area YMCA

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## **Welcome to Sawmill Summer Camp at the Hamilton Area YMCA!**

Anything is Possible at Sawmill Summer Camp! We offer Day Camps, Diverse Abilities Camp, and Specialty Camps. With 50 acres of outdoor space, our camps provide a wide range of activities including swimming, STEM, sports, games, recreational activities, camper achievement, special events, and theme weeks. Whichever camp you choose for your camper, you can feel great knowing that your camper is getting a high-quality day camp experience.

## **OUR MISSION**

At Sawmill Summer Camp we're all about our campers. Our primary goal is to provide a safe, fun and welcoming environment for our campers, staff and families. Our programming is designed to foster growth and independence. We hire and train counselors who are leaders in our schools, sports, and our community. Our staff connect with each individual camper to help provide countless opportunities for campers to make friends and build relationships.

The Hamilton Area YMCA has offered youth programming such as summer camp for more than 70 years. In 2002, the Y expanded by opening its second branch - a dedicated home to the Sawmill Summer Camp and Recreation Center.

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## Camp Dates

June 24 - August 30

## 2024 Camp Rates

Camp Day: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • \$406 per week

Pre Camp: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. • \$40 per week

Post Camp: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • \$50 per week

**No Membership Required** - Simply pay a one time \$35 registration fee

## Additional Information

- **Ages:** Entering kindergarten - age 15
- **Location:** 185 Sawmill Road, Hamilton NJ 08620
- **Online Registration:** Register, make payments, complete medical information, sign waivers, submit immunization records all online.
- **Communication App** - The CampSpace is an app that allows parents to receive camp communication, check their child's daily schedule, update the pick up list, electronically sign in and out their child.
- Follow us on Facebook & Instagram for ways to **SAVE!**





## Typical Camp Day

Camp day schedule and activities will vary and are subject to change.

- 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. - Pre Camp\*
- 9:00 a.m. - Morning Meeting
- 9:15 a.m. - Sports Activity
- 10:00 a.m. - Swim
- 10:45 a.m. - Arts and Crafts Activity
- 11:30 a.m. - Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. - STEM Activity
- 1:00 p.m. - Group Game/Choice
- 1:45 p.m. - Specialty Program
- 2:30 p.m. - Group Game/Choice
- 3:15 p.m. - Afternoon Meeting
- 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. - Camp Clubs
- 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. - Prepare for Departure
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Post Camp\*

\*Campers enrolled in pre and post camp will participate in camp structured activities.

## Facility Features

- 50 acres of outdoor recreation
- Large L-Shaped pool - largest in Mercer County!
- Small Wading Pool
- 3 pavilions each with picnic tables, water fountains and restrooms
- Big top tents each with picnic tables and water stations
- Climate controlled indoor gymnasium
- Outdoor basketball courts
- Sand volleyball courts
- Gaga Courts
- Quoit Pits
- Human foosball court
- Traversing Wall
- Playground
- Soccer fields
- Baseball fields
- Water tag course
- Misting and sprinkler stations
- Foot and Disc Golf Course

## Off-season Events

Join us at Sawmill for fun off-season events like dodgeball games, a knock out tournament and more! [Click here for additional details.](#)

## Day Camp Offerings

- **Small Feet (entering kindergarten)**

Camp Small Feet will include lots of hands on learning and fun. Weekly themes, games, arts and crafts, are carefully planned to engage this age group. Campers will have a safe and fun camp experience giving many opportunities to make new friends.

- **Pioneers and Adventurers (ages 6-7)**

All of the experiences of Small Feet above PLUS... Our Pioneers and Adventurers will experience fun activities such as art, STEM, team building, and sports and recreational games, which will all provide opportunities to create new friendships

- **Explorers and Travelers (ages 8-9)**

All of the experiences of Pioneers and Adventurers above PLUS... Campers will have experiences with new activities like Human Foosball, Traversing wall, badminton, and Kickball on the baseball fields are all a short hike away. Each of these activities help campers expand their horizons.

- **Seekers and Pathfinders (ages 10-11)**

All of the experiences of Explorers and Travelers above PLUS... Camp Seekers and Pathfinders gives campers a fun camp experience with an emphasis on independence and learning. Campers enjoy fun filled activities such as team building activities at the traversing wall and an introduction to archery. Both designed to build confidence and encourage new ideas.

- **Trailblazers (ages 12-13)**

All of the experiences of Seekers and Pathfinders above PLUS... This camp is designed to build camper leadership skills, explore different volunteer roles within our camp, and ways to make a difference in their camp community with group projects.

- **Counselor in Training (CIT) (ages 14-15)**

All of the experiences of Trailblazers above PLUS... Calling all future counselors! CIT camp is for those that have an interest in working with children and maybe even a job as a camp counselor.. CIT's have the chance to work with our elementary age campers.

## Specialty Offerings



### Diverse Abilities Camp (ages 5-21)

All of the experiences of Day Camp above PLUS... Diverse Abilities Camp provides more support and follows a minimum counselor to camper ratio of 1 to 5. One-on-one support is NOT provided. Weeks offered are coordinated around Mercer County's ESY Program.



### Specialty Camp (ages 5-13)

All of the experiences of Day Camp above PLUS... Our specialty camps allow campers to spend more time during the week focusing on one skill set. Campers will still participate in traditional camp games, activities and swim but will have ample time outside of that to devote on learning developing a new skill. Our full Specialty Camp Offerings will be available on October 1 - hopeful specialty camp offerings include baseball, Art, STEM, and dance.



# EXPANDING YOUR CHILD'S HORIZONS

## Special Events & Experiences

Special visitors will be at Sawmill weekly and are sure to be the highlight of the week! Think Philadelphia Insectarium, Magicians, the famous Yoyo Champion, and more! All of these and more will come to our camp so each camper can experience the fun without leaving Sawmill!

## Swim Lessons

Swim lessons provide important life skills that could save a life and will benefit youth and teens for a lifetime. Weekly swim lessons are offered to campers ages 4 – 21 at various afternoon time slots beginning at 2:30 p.m. Swim lesson fee is \$80 per week. Our swim instructors are nationally certified. Their training includes CPR, AED, First Aid, and Oxygen Administration.

## Opportunities For Growth

We are proud to have partnerships with organizations such as the Girl Scouts, First Tee Golf, Zumba!, Penn Medicine, and more. These organizations will provide activities that will strengthen our campers' social, emotional, and behavioral competence throughout the summer in addition to all of the fun programming we have planned!

## The YMCA Four Core Values

We strive to embody the core values of the YMCA – **caring, honesty, respect, responsibility** – which are the cornerstone of what we teach our campers. These values are used to highlight expectations, encourage positive behaviors and cement the meaning of the camp experience into the minds of campers.

## Earning Y Bucks

When we see campers upholding our four core values and demonstrating things like sharing, displaying acts of kindness and including others, they will earn Y Bucks! Y Bucks can be used in our camp store for fun prizes.

## Weekly Awards

- Camper of the Week
- Core Value Star of the Week
- Counselor of the Week
- Lifeguard of the Week

## Camper Accomplishments

We find that campers often accomplish things they never expected – like passing the deep end swim test, making their way through the climbing wall, meeting new friends and we will recognize that throughout the week to show everyone that Anything is Possible

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additional  
information on  
Special Events &  
Experiences.



## Caring & Well Trained Staff



Each of our staff undergoes a series of interviews, reference checks and a complete background/criminal history check. Our leadership team are college graduates who are working professionals in the fields of education and child development with more than 40 years of camp experience. Our senior counselors are at least 18 years of age with prior experience working with children. Many of our staff have been former campers and have gone through our counselor in training program. All staff participate in over 35 hours of YMCA pre camp training. Topics include age appropriate activities, behavior management, risk management, health and safety, child abuse prevention and more. All staff are certified in First Aid and CPR. There is a camp nurse on-site each day.

## Parents Trust Us



When you drop your child off at camp, we know that you are trusting us to provide high-quality care. With a low, camper-to-staff ratio, each child receives the attention they need to grow in a safe, supportive environment. The Hamilton Area YMCA has been proudly serving the Community for more than 70 years and over two decades at our Sawmill Branch.

## Everyone belongs at the Y.



We believe in serving the needs of all members of our community including those who may be unable to pay the full cost of membership or programs. Financial assistance applications are encouraged and are due by May 1. The process is confidential. E-mail: [rturner@hamiltonymca.org](mailto:rturner@hamiltonymca.org) for more information. We are an approved summer camp for State Subsidies such as **Child Care Connection**.

# THEME WEEKS

### WEEK 1

#### Battle of the Decades

We'll bring back styles from our favorite decades.

### WEEK 2

#### Holidays Around the World

We're celebrating some of our favorite holidays.

### WEEK 3

#### Wet, Wild & Wacky

Experience a wet, wild, & wacky week of thrilling activities.

### WEEK 4

#### Color Wars

Campers will be split into teams & compete in challenges, contests and games.

### WEEK 5

#### Y's Got Talent

Campers will showcase their talents throughout this week!

### WEEK 6

#### Olympic Week

campers join in some competitive fun as they compete for the gold.

### WEEK 7

#### Camp-i-con

Learn what it takes to become a camp superhero.

### WEEK 8

#### Disney Week

Wish upon a star, travel under the seas, or take a magic carpet ride.

### WEEK 9

#### Nickelodeon Days

Our favorite television shows come from Nickelodeon

### WEEK 10

#### Camp Rewind

We'll revisit our favorite themes from the summer.



## Open Houses at the Sawmill Branch

Meet the Camp Director, Senior Camp Staff, Medical Staff, Pool Supervisor and the staff of our Specialty Camps.

Saturday, November 18 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Thursday, January 4 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. • Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## Information Sessions at the Sawmill Branch

Summer Camp staff will be available to answer your questions!

Thursday, April 25 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. • Thursday, May 30 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

## Contact Us!



**Call**  
**Summer Camp**  
**at the Sawmill Branch:**  
609.581.9622 ext. 21100



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camp descriptions, pricing, registration  
forms and online registration!

Plus you can access:

- Parent handbook
- Camp staff bios and training
- Tuition assistance options
- Theme weeks and special events
- What campers should bring to camp
- FAQs & more!



## What To Bring To Camp

Make sure to write your  
child's name on everything.

- Backpack
- Bathing Suit
- Change of Clothes
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Non-perishable Lunch & Snack
- Positive Attitude

## What to Wear

- Comfortable clothes that can get dirty
- Water shirts are great all day wear
- Closed toe shoes
- A baseball or bucket hat
- Anything else weather related needed to play outside

## What to not bring

- Any toys from home
- Any kind of electronics
- Trading Cards

Did you know? Kids average 4-6 hours of  
screen time each day.

We want campers to be engaged at camp.  
Through play, kids learn to solve problems,  
make new friends, and discover the world  
around them which helps them grow.

