

A photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, both wearing bright yellow t-shirts. The boy, on the right, is smiling broadly and has his arm around the girl's shoulder. The girl, on the left, is also smiling and looking down. The boy is holding a clear plastic water bottle with a black cap. They are standing outdoors in a grassy field under a clear blue sky. In the background, there is a building with a corrugated metal roof.

GRAND TRAVERSE BAY YMCA

SUMMER CAMP

June 15th – August 21st





HELLO CAMPERS!

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to have your child join us for an unforgettable summer at the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA day camp! Our mission is to provide a safe, fun, and enriching environment where your camper can grow, explore, and make lifelong memories. Whether they're crafting, playing, or discovering new adventures, each day is packed with opportunities to learn, connect, and have fun.

At camp we focus on building friendships, developing new skills, and creating a sense of belonging. From outdoor nature hikes to STEM projects, camp songs, and team building games, there's never a dull moment. We believe in the importance of unplugging from technology and taking time to play, explore, and make memories with new friends.

We understand how important camp is for both parents and campers, and we can't wait to form meaningful connections with each camper this summer. Here's to a summer full of joy, learning, and unforgettable experiences!

See you soon!

CAILIN MILLER
Director of Youth Sports & Activities





GET SET FOR SUMMER CAMP

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2026 Camp Rates

When you register your camper(s), a **non-refundable deposit of \$30 per week**, per camper is required. This deposit will be applied directly toward your weekly camp payment.

	Family Members	Youth Members	Non Members
Camp	\$205 per week	\$220 per week	\$275 per week
K-Camp	\$215 per week	\$230 per week	\$285 per week

K-Camp Pricing

To best support the unique needs of our youngest campers, we've introduced a new pricing structure for K-Camp. To allow for an additional counselor in K-Camp ratios, K-Camp rates are \$10 higher than other camp groups. This added support provides more camper guidance, enhanced supervision, and an extra layer of care—ensuring a safe, nurturing environment where our K-campers can grow, learn, and enjoy an amazing summer at the Y.

Camp Times

Before Care	7:30–8:45am
CAMP	8:45am–4:00pm
After Care	4:00–5:30pm

Before Care and After Care are included with the price of camp, and do not require any additional registration for your campers.

Registration

The application for camp registration opens on Monday, February 16th at 7:00 AM.

This is an application to register, not final registration. Submitting an application indicates your interest in camp, and our team will follow up with next steps to complete enrollment. Applications are processed in the order they are received, based on submission timestamp. Families with an active Family Membership receive priority during processing. Youth Members and Non-Members will be on a waitlist.

The application link will be available on our website, sent via email to returning camp families, and accessible through QR codes at the West Y.



OUR CAMPS

Looking for a camp experience that offers consistency, community, and fun all season long? K-Camp, Traditional Camp, and Leaders Club each run for the full 10 weeks of summer, giving families flexible scheduling and giving campers a steady place to learn, grow, and connect.

Reminder, your camper's grade is determined by the grade they will be entering in the fall.

K-CAMP

Kindergarten | Weeks 1-10

Fun, friends, and hands-on learning—just for our K Campers! Activities are designed especially for kids entering Kindergarten, with arts and crafts, songs, games, and outdoor adventures that are age-appropriate and full of excitement. Your child will explore, create, and make new summer camp friends.

TRADITIONAL CAMP

Grades 1st-6th | Weeks 1-10

Traditional Camp is all about social interaction, hands-on activities, exploration, and fun! Campers dive into experiences that spark creativity and build confidence, community, and a sense of belonging. Traditional Camp is divided into three grade groups:

- Pioneers – Grades 1-2
- Trailblazers – Grades 3-4
- River Riders – Grades 5-6

***Please Note: 7/3 will be a half day, for camp staff professional development. Pick-up ends 12:30pm.**

MEET THE COUNSELORS

June 10, 6-7:15pm
South Y



LEADERS CLUB

Grades 7th-9th | Weeks 1-10

As our oldest campers, Leaders Club campers shine as role models and ambassadors of camp spirit. They'll take part in team-building activities that strengthen communication, leadership, and collaboration—skills they can use with their peers, their community, and younger campers.

SPECIALTY CAMPS

SPORTS

Grades 3rd–6th | Weeks 1–9

Dribble, shoot, score—your camper will do it all in Sports Camp! Each day features skill-building practices, drills, scrimmages, and exciting team-based challenges. Campers of all skill levels can stay active, develop new abilities, and experience the fun and camaraderie that come with playing together. No prior sport experience necessary.

Sports Camp Weekly Line-Up

1. Basketball
2. Flag Football
3. Soccer
4. Lacrosse
5. Wiffleball
6. Tennis/Pickleball
7. Floor Hockey
8. Basketball
9. Soccer

ART

Grades 3rd–6th | Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8

Encourage your campers to stretch their imagination and explore their creative potential. They'll experiment with a wide variety of mediums—pencil drawing, painting, messy art, and more—discovering new ways to express themselves and take pride in their creations.

SCIENCE & NATURE

Grades 3rd–6th | Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

In Science & Nature Camp, curiosity comes alive! Campers explore the natural world through hands-on learning and outdoor discovery. Activities are designed to inspire environmental responsibility, spark a lifelong love of learning, and foster a meaningful connection with nature.

Mix-and-Match Your Summer

Campers aren't limited to just one camp all summer long! With flat pricing across our day camp programs, it's easy for 3rd–6th grade campers to mix and match their weeks between Traditional, Sports, Art, and Science & Nature Camps—creating a fun, well-rounded summer experience.

		WEEKS									
CAMPS	GRADE	1 6/15– 6/19	2 6/22– 6/26	3 6/29– 7/3*	4 7/6– 7/10	5 7/13– 7/17	6 7/20– 7/24	7 7/27– 7/31	8 8/3– 8/7	9 8/10– 8/14	10 8/17– 8/21
Traditional	1–6										
Sports	3–6										
Art	3–6										
Sci & Nat	3–6										

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SUMMER CAMP

DAILY SCHEDULE

Daily Camp Schedule

Time	Activity	Description
7:30 – 8:45 AM	Before Care + Drop Off	Unstructured supervised time
9:00–9:30 AM	Flag Pole	Morning Announcements
9:30–11:30AM	Small group games	Tag, GaGa Ball, Four Corners, Simon Says
	Quiet Activity Time	Read, Card/Board Games, Draw/Coloring
	Outdoor Games & Activities	Capture the Flag, Sandpit, Kickball
11:30–12:30	Lunch	Cold Lunch, provided by parents
12:30–2:15	Achievement project	STEM related activity
	Art	Projects, Crafts, Nature activities
2:30–3:30	All-Camp Games	Water Games, Teambuliding, Talent Show
3:30–4	Snack & Closing Flag Pole	Closing Accounments
4–5:30 PM	Pick Up + After Care	Unsturctured supervised time



SWIM & FIELD TRIP DAYS

This summer, we're introducing a new rotating schedule for swim days and field trips, alternating each week. To help you stay organized, we've created a detailed schedule outlining which groups participate in each activity week by week. Please be sure to review the included schedule page so your camper arrives prepared and ready for fun.



SWIM DAY - A

Remember to pack your camper's swimsuit and towel!



SWIM DAY - B

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THEME DAY

Dress to match the theme of the week!



FIELD TRIP

We'll take campers out on exciting field trips to new destinations this summer! Campers will receive a Y camp t-shirt on their first field trip day, and t-shirts must be worn on all field trips to help us keep campers safe and easily identifiable. If a camper arrives without their t-shirt, a replacement can be purchased for \$10 at the start of the camp day. Please note that field trips may be canceled or rescheduled without notice in the event of inclement weather.

Field Trip Day Schedule

- Drop-Off: Please arrive by 8:30 AM
- Departure: Buses leave the Y promptly at 9:00 AM
- Return: Campers will return to the Y by 3:00 PM

Please note: For camper safety, parents/guardians **may not** Pick-up and Drop-off at field trip locations.



FRIDAY COOKOUTS

Every Friday, campers can participate in an optional barbecue cookout. We'll be grilling hot dogs and serving healthy side dishes. In the case of inclement weather, we'll enjoy pizza inside instead. If your child has any specific dietary needs or restrictions, please let our staff know so we can do our best to accommodate them.

The cookout fee is \$3 per child, due at the beginning of the camp day.



SWIM & FIELD TRIP

WEEK BY WEEK SCHEDULE

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WEEK	SWIM TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	FIELD TRIP THURSDAY
1	K-CAMP + PIONEERS	TRAILBLAZERS + RIVER RIDERS + LEADERS CLUB + SPORTS + ART + SCIENCE&NATURE
2	TRAILBLAZERS + RIVER RIDERS + LEADERS CLUB + SPORTS + ART + SCIENCE&NATURE	K-CAMP + PIONEERS
3	K-CAMP + PIONEERS	TRAILBLAZERS + RIVER RIDERS + LEADERS CLUB + SPORTS + ART + SCIENCE&NATURE
4	TRAILBLAZERS + RIVER RIDERS + LEADERS CLUB + SPORTS + ART + SCIENCE&NATURE	K-CAMP + PIONEERS
5	K-CAMP + PIONEERS	TRAILBLAZERS + RIVER RIDERS + LEADERS CLUB + SPORTS + ART + SCIENCE&NATURE
6	TRAILBLAZERS + RIVER RIDERS + LEADERS CLUB + SPORTS + ART + SCIENCE&NATURE	K-CAMP + PIONEERS
7	K-CAMP + PIONEERS	TRAILBLAZERS + RIVER RIDERS + LEADERS CLUB + SPORTS + ART + SCIENCE&NATURE
8	TRAILBLAZERS + RIVER RIDERS + LEADERS CLUB + SPORTS + ART + SCIENCE&NATURE	K-CAMP + PIONEERS
9	K-CAMP + PIONEERS	TRAILBLAZERS + RIVER RIDERS + LEADERS CLUB + SPORTS + ART + SCIENCE&NATURE
10	TRAILBLAZERS + RIVER RIDERS + LEADERS CLUB + SPORTS + ART + SCIENCE&NATURE	K-CAMP + PIONEERS

SUMMER CAMP

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Payment

Deposit

When you register your camper(s), a **non-refundable deposit of \$30 per week, per camper** is required. This deposit will be applied directly toward your weekly camp payment.

Tuition Payments

Payment for each week of camp is processed on the **Monday before** your child is scheduled to attend.

Refunds

Please note the following policies:

- There will be no retroactive transfers of deposits and/or full payments of camp sessions.
- Cancellations must be made no less than **TWO** weeks prior. Cancellations made after the deadline will incur a \$70 charge. Cancellations made within the week will result in camper being charged full amount. All cancellations result in forfeiture of deposit for that week.

Registration

Membership

If your camper was registered with Family Member pricing, Family Membership status must be maintained from the date of registration through the final day of camp. If your Family Membership is put on hold or cancelled, your camper's reserved spot will be lost.

Age Restrictions

Children must be at least 4 years old to attend K-Camp. Our oldest campers in Leaders Club cannot be over 16 years old. Please refer to each camp for more specific age requirements. Y Day Camp is a state-licensed program and all age limitations are strictly enforced.

Camper Health Information

All camper health history and medical release forms are due on May 1st. Campers may not attend until all signed health forms are submitted. Due to Michigan state regulations, a copy of your child's immunization records are also required. To best serve your child, please inform our staff of any allergies or special health conditions that may exist.

SUMMER CAMP

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Pick Up & Drop Off

Before and After Care

Before and After Care is available at no extra cost. Before Care takes place on the basketball & pickleball courts at our South campus and After Care takes place on the camp fields, weather permitting. No additional registration required.

Hours

Before Care: 7:30AM–8:45AM

After Care: 4:00PM–5:30PM

Pick Up & Drop Off

Identification will be required for release of campers to authorized persons as listed on the Child Information Card. If you need to add an authorized person to your child's list, please do so at drop off or pick up prior to the additional authorized person picking up your child.

Drop off: Pickleball Courts (K-Camp & Pioneers - Basketball Courts)

Pick up: Outdoor athletic field (weather permitting)

Late Pick-Up Procedure

Campers must be picked up by 5:30 PM. If you anticipate being late, please notify the Camp Director immediately. If you are more than 5 minutes late, emergency contacts will be called. Late pickups incur a fee of \$5 for the first 5 minutes and \$10 for each additional minute per child. Fees must be paid before your camper returns the next day. If a camper is not picked up within 30 minutes of closing and we have not heard from you, the local police department or Child Protective Services will be notified.

Field Trips

For the safety of all campers, parents and guardians may not pick up or drop off campers at field trip locations. **All campers must be dropped off and picked up at the Y.**

Field Trip Day Schedule

- Drop-Off: Please arrive at South Y by 8:30 AM
- Departure: Buses leave the Y promptly at 9:00 AM
- Return: Campers will return to South Y by 3:00 PM