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ADVENTURE AWAITS

SUMMER CAMP 2019

TRI-CITY YMCA

gwrymca.org/tricity

WELCOME TO CAMP

TRI-CITY YMCA
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website: www.gwrymca.org/tricity

CAMP HOURS
Monday-Friday
9 am - 4 pm

FUN CLUB (BEFORE & AFTER CAMP CARE)
6:30 am until the start of camp and end of camp until 6 pm.

CAMP CONTACTS

OUR CAMP STAFF:

Alexus Knatat, Program/Camp Director
(618) 876-7200
alexus.knatat@gwrymca.org

Camp Counselor Meet 'n' Greet

May 18, 11 am - noon
or
May 25, 11 am - noon

Parents of new and returning campers are highly encouraged to attend our Meet n' Greet. Important information will be shared to ensure your camper will be prepared and have a positive first experience. Parents will also have the opportunity to meet the camp staff and ask specific questions. We encourage you to bring the family!

SAVE ON CAMP!

Did you know that Y members receive the lowest rates for camp? Ask us about membership today! **Please note:** In order to receive the member rate, you must have an active family membership at the time of registration and program participation.

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YMCA MISSION: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Welcome Families & Campers

At the **Tri-City Y**, we have an action-packed program planned this summer, where young people can make new friends while having a whole lot of fun! The trained and dedicated staff, age-appropriate activities, new camps, field trips, team building, sports and crafts come together to make an unforgettable summer. Our focus is on developing the potential of every camper, while creating a warm and nurturing environment where all campers can play, challenge themselves, and make friends. We strive to engage our campers with mentally and physically rewarding activities that incorporate our core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, & Responsibility.

-Alexus Knatat
Camp Director

SPECIAL PRICING

Register early and save!

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
Register between December 26 and January 31
20% OFF*

SUMMER BLAST
Register between February 1 and February 28
15% OFF*

SUMMER IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER
Register between March 1 and March 31
10% OFF*

Register online at www.gwrymca.org/tricity

* Savings can be applied to a total of three weeks per child, per summer. Discount will be applied in person at the branch. If registering online, the Camp Registrar will notify you through confirmation email the discount has been applied. Not all camps are eligible for discount. Camp deposit required upon registration. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Does not apply to Camp Lakewood or C.I.T. (Counselor in Training) or Fun Club extended care.

PRESCHOOL

Ages 4-5*
(*going into kindergarten)

9 am - 4 pm
Offered throughout the summer.

Preschool Camp & Traditional Camp is the perfect place for kids to learn the importance of our YMCA core values; Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. Our trained counselors will guide campers through crafts, games and other fun activities. Camps are themed weekly. Most activities will be held outdoors with indoor activities provided based on the day and theme. Campers will be divided into groups, by the grade level they are entering in the fall, with age-appropriate activities. Most weeks include a field trip and swimming at the CMT YMCA.

TRADITIONAL

Ages 5-12*
(*must have completed kindergarten)

Camp Fee:

Days Attending	Member	Non-Member
5 days/week	$95	$125
3 days/week	$75	$105

CAMP THEMES

We Are Family
Week 1: May *28 - 31
Camp is about having fun and making new friends. Create your Y family! Enjoy a fun-filled introduction week. Make new friends and revisit with old ones. *5 day/week is prorated for no camp on Memorial Day.

World Travels
Week 2: June 3-7
Travel throughout the world and learn about different cultures and countries and what makes them unique. Learn about their native animals, famous landmarks and favorite games.

Fun & Fitness
Week 3: June 10-14
Campers will learn to live a healthy lifestyle through HEPA (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity) and fitness.

Yacky Week
Week 4: June 17-21
Enjoy a week of old-school cartoons. Each day our campers will enjoy a trip down memory lane with games, crafts, activities and more based off of cartoons from the 90s.

Artful Antics
Week 5: June 24-28
From sculpture to graffiti, there are many different kinds of art. Campers will learn about different styles and types of art, and have the opportunity to express themselves through those different mediums.

Stars and Stripes
Week 6: July *1-5
Join us as we celebrate the heroes of our country and our nation's birthday. This week, campers will enjoy American-themed crafts, games and activities. *5 day week is prorated for no camp on Independence Day.

Very Merry Holidays
Week 7: July 8-12
Each day this week, celebrate a new holiday; from New Year's to Christmas! We will learn about how different cultures celebrate in different ways and the meaning behind each holiday. Who says you can't have Christmas in July?

Mad Science
Week 8: July 15-19
From astrology to geology, and everything in between. Dive into the mad world of science. Campers will learn and experiment with a different field of science each day.

Cowabunga!
Week 9: July 22-26
A fun-filled week of water adventure, complete with water activities, games and crafts. Campers will enjoy a variety of water-infused activities that are sure to get them up and moving!

Under the Big Top
Week 10: July 29 - August 2
Enjoy a week of circus life under the big top! Campers will create circus decorations, get their faces painted, play carnival games and perform at a talent show.

Rock the Vote
Week 11: August 5-9
Summer camp comes to an end, but this week is filled with our favorite things from the summer. Campers get to vote on all activities this week. Saying "goodbye" is hard, but we'll love looking back on the memories we made.

Held Outside

Field Trips

Swimming

TYPICAL DAY

6:30-9 Fun Club: Before Care

7:30-8:30 Breakfast

9:15-9:30 Opening Ceremony

9:30-10 Morning Activity (arts & crafts, cook outs, science projects, nature projects, etc.)

10-10:15 Morning Snack

10:15-11:15 Activities

11:15-12 Lunch and "camper choice"

12-12:30 Quiet reading time

12:30-2:30 Swimming

2:30-3 Snack

3-3:30 Activity

3:30-4 Clean up and "camper choice"

4-6 Fun Club: After Care

(On field trip days, schedules will vary.)

SPECIAL INTEREST & SPORT CAMPS

are designed to offer activities focused on a particular interest, learning or progressive opportunity while incorporating overall traditional Y camp principles. Camp size may be smaller in nature and may be indoors or outdoors based on the interest.

9 am – 4 pm

Soccer

Week 5: June 24-28 • Ages 5-12

This camp is for beginners and emphasizes individual and team-based skills, while learning the fundamentals of the game. Rubber or plastic cleats are allowed.

Camp Fee: $155/week
Members Pay Only: $125/week

STEAM

Week 8: July 15-19 • Ages 5-12

This week, campers will put their curiosity, creativity and imagination to the test as they use their minds for scientific experiments and art projects. Our campers will partake in a large amount of S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities throughout the week.

Camp Fee: $155/week
Members Pay Only: $125/week

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)

CITs will be provided with a hands-on experience working with young campers and the opportunity to cultivate their skills and knowledge in the day camp setting. CIT application, interview, training and a 4-week commitment required.

$150 Fee (CIT must commit to a minimum of 4 weeks)

Applications available at YMCA service center for ages 14-17. Interviews will be scheduled for the week of May 20, 2019.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MAY 10, 2019

Contact Alexus Knatat
(618) 876-7200 alexus.knatat@gwrymca.org

FUN CLUB

Before & After Camp Extended Care

Ages 4-12

Before Care: 6:30 am – 9 am
After Care: 4 pm – 6 pm

Extended Care is a program which runs before and after normal camp hours. This program helps meet the needs of working parents/guardians. Children may select activities from different interest areas, such as a sports activity, creative arts activity, table games or small group games.

Fun Club fees are charged separately for before and after care.

Fee: Before OR After Care is $15/week member
Before OR After Care is $20/week non-member

Fun Club is a separate program and must be registered for in addition to your camp selection.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Summer time is here and that can mean increased food insecurity for children in Illinois. Many kids rely on free and reduced priced meals during the school year but do not have access to healthy meals when school is out for the summer. This is why the Tri-City YMCA has partnered with the Summer Food Service Program; to provide free meals to children 18 years of age and younger.

Join us Monday through Friday, in our multi-purpose room for breakfast and lunch.

Breakfast: 7:30 - 8:30 am
Lunch: 11:15 am - 12 pm (noon)

Menus meet HEPA and Y food standards.

ADVENTURE AWAITS AT YMCA CAMP LAKEWOOD

Experience the ultimate overnight summer camp experience with days packed full of adventure activities, water sports, swimming and time spent enjoying the great outdoors. We know summer doesn't last forever, but we're here to help create memories that do.

Reserve your child's spot today!

Y Member Special
$100 off session 1-3
$45 off sessions 4-10

2019 Open House Dates
March 24
April 7
April 28
May 19

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TROUT LODGE & CAMP LAKEWOOD
ymcaoftheozarks.org
888-FUN-YMCA

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

First Day to Register

Registration will begin on Wednesday, December 26. All required enrollment forms must be completed in full & received prior to attending camp.

How to Register

In person - At the Tri-City YMCA
Online - Download enrollment packets at www.gwrymca.org/tricity. **Please note:** In order to receive the member rate, you must have an active family membership at the time of registration and program participation.

Inclusion Services

The YMCA provides inclusive programming and reasonable accommodations for all of our program participants. Completed forms must be submitted to the YMCA branch a minimum of two weeks prior to your child's expected camp start date. Factors affecting your child's start date include: late enrollment, submission of incomplete or out-of-date paperwork, and availability of appropriate staff to help facilitate your child's successful participation in the program. Paperwork is processed in the order received.

Age 5 Campers

All children age 5+ may attend a full day camp program provided they have completed a full day educational environment for at least one year prior to enrollment in day camp programs. No naps provided. 5 year-old attendance will be evaluated on an ongoing basis to ensure positive camp experience and child's readiness for full day activities. Camp is based upon chronological age, not developmental age. We may request that a birth certificate be presented for age 5 campers if needed.

Financial Assistance Policy

As a charitable nonprofit organization, the Gateway Region YMCA makes financial assistance available to help ensure that all have the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive through programs like summer day camp. For more information on how to apply or to help send another child to camp by making a donation to the Y's Annual Campaign, call (618) 876-7200.

Outdoor Rangers Camps

Play, Learn, Serve, Work Outdoors

Camp Fees: $175 Members Pay Only: $145

Includes Fun Club*

The Gateway Region Y, in continued partnership with the US National Park Service, Missouri State Parks, US Fish and Wildlife Service and Army Corps of Engineers, is excited to offer 5 weeks of fun and educational camp opportunities exploring nature and recreation in our Missouri parks and public lands. All programming is subject to Mother Nature's rules (weather permitting). These camps are based at the **South City Family YMCA***, from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, end of day times may vary.

Rookie Rangers
June 10 -14 • Ages 5-7
Rookies is an introduction to the adventures of the Outdoor Ranger Camps. Join us in Ranger adventures of hiking, water safety, fishing, archery, outdoor survival skills and cave exploration.

Park Rangers
Creeks, Lakes & Rivers
June 17 - 21 • Ages 7-13
Splash your way through a week of water fun. Build a creek dam and explore nature's water creatures. Paddle your way on our great waterways and catch a big one fishing the shores of Missouri's parks.

Conservation Rangers
Fins, Furs & Feathers
June 24 - 28 • Ages 7-13
Explore the world of conservation. Fish the lakes and rivers, fine tune your archery marksmanship, net for macros in ponds and search for birds on Missouri's public lands.

Urban Rangers
July 8 -12 • Ages 7-13
Be a tourist in your own hometown! See the city and surrounding parks in a whole new way as we explore the gems that make St. Louis such a great place to live. Highlights include the Gateway Arch, Old Court House, visit caves around Missouri. Perfect your fishing skills in Forest Park. And make art while learning archery.

Extreme Rangers
July 15 -19 • Ages 11-15
Do you have what it takes to be an extreme Ranger? Put your outdoor adventure skills to the test finding your way by compass, build a shelter, make your own survival fishing pole and see if you can catch the big one. Paddle your way on float trip at Meramec St. Park. Put all your skills together on an overnight camp out at one of our Missouri State parks.

For more information contact, Cheryl Roe
314.644.3100 or cheryl.roe@gwrymca.org

*Camps will be based at the South City YMCA. Registration available at South City and Carondelet Park Rec Complex (transportation to and from South City to Carondelet Park Rec Complex available for campers registered at Carondelet Park Rec Complex. Fun Club participation available at the branch of camp registration - South City or Carondelet Park Rec Complex- at no charge.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

When registering, remember to complete the following:

1

Fill out the enrollment packet, including:
- Camp Registration Information
- Enrollment forms
- EFT form

2

Supply:
- Immunization records (Preschool Campers only)
- IEP, BMP, or 504 Plan including additional Inclusion Services forms (if applicable)
- Chronic Health paperwork (if applicable)
- DFS/CHASI approval letter (if applicable)
- Financial Assistance approval letter (if applicable)

3

Read the Family Handbook

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Pay:
$5 deposits for each week registered for camp
$50 deposits (non-refundable) for each week of sports/special interest camp

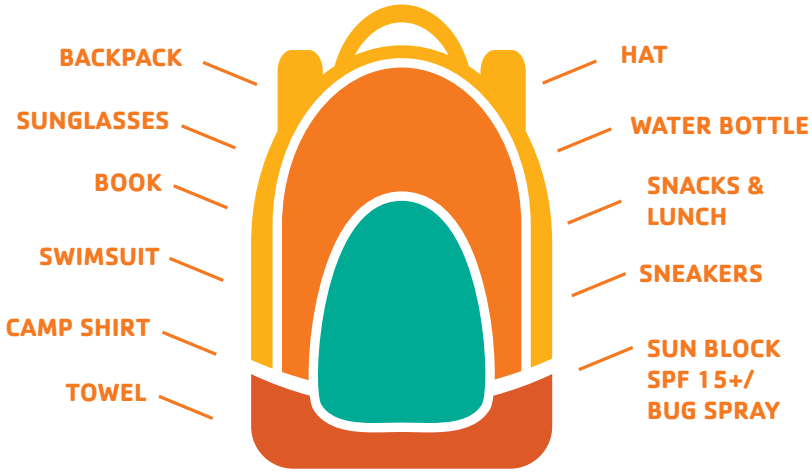
Registration Forms

All forms necessary for registration can be downloaded from our website, www.gwrymca.org/tricity or picked up at the Tri-City YMCA. Online registration for camp is available. (Please note: Registrations made online do not complete your child's registration process and additional forms are required. Completed forms must be turned in to the branch no later than 2 weeks prior to your child's first day of camp.)

Payment Methods

Autodraft is the preferred method of payment. You can pay for each week of camp by the specified deadlines as stated in your Family Handbook. Payment options include; online or at the Welcome Center. Methods of payment accepted are cash, check, credit, debit, or money order.

WHAT TO BRING



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