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2025 SUMMER CAMP GUIDE
TWIN RIVERS YMCA



CAMP INFORMATION

CAMP MISSION

To provide campers with a safe and fun environment: where they can participate in camp activities that promote healthy lifestyles and encourage personal spiritual, mental, and physical growth.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Rides In: 7:30am-9:00am

Camp Program: 9:00am-4:00pm

Rides Out: 4:00pm-6:00pm

LOCATIONS

K-3: Twin Rivers YMCA

4-5 & Middle School: Drop-off & Pick-up at Twin Rivers YMCA
-bussed offsite to Bridgeton Elementary after arrival
and bussed back before pick-up

REGISTRATION FEES, DEPOSITS & PAYMENTS

Weekly Rates:

Member: \$155 per week

Non-Member: \$185 per week

A \$15 deposit is required each week to reserve a spot for your child and will be deducted from your weekly payment.

- All deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- All returned checks will be charged a \$30 Non-Sufficient Funds service fee and must be paid within two weeks. Once a second NSF check has been issued to the YMCA, only cash or money orders will be accepted for future payments.

All children must be registered and paid in full by the Monday before the week of care, otherwise, your child's spot will be given to a child from the waitlist. For Example, if your child is attending week 5 of camp, their balance must be paid in full by the Monday of week 4.

SECOND CHILD & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A second child discount of \$15/week applies to each additional child from the same family. After you register online, you must contact the Associate Family Services Director, Cynthia Genovese to receive the second-child discount or your financial assistance.

Financial Assistance is also available for those who may not be able to pay the full fee. Please contact Membership Director, Troy Pennington (tpennington@trymca.org) for more information, or pick up a Financial Assistance Application from the Service Desk.

CAMP COMMUNICATION

REMIND APP– Remind is our communication platform to help directors reach parents and guardians quickly and efficiently. All camp updates and important announcements will be sent through the Remind app. To get started: Download the Remind App on your phone. Tap "Add Class" and then "Join Existing Class." Enter the appropriate code listed below for your camp group. OR Simply text the appropriate code below to 81010 to receive updates via text message.

Camp Group	K- 3 Camp	4-5 Camp	Middle School
Remind Code	@k3ysdc	@45ysdc	@mscy25

Additional questions or concerns, please email Cynthia Genovese - afterschool@trymca.org

2025 THEMES (ALL CAMPS)

Weekly Themes:

WEEK 1: 6/2-6/6
TOY STORY

WEEK 2: 6/9-6/13
LILO & STITCH

WEEK 3: 6/16-6/20
FINDING NEMO

WEEK 4: 6/23-6/27
DUMBO

WEEK 5: 6/30-7/3
INCREDIBLES

WEEK 6: 7/7-7/11
CARS

WEEK 7: 7/14-7/18
PETER PAN

WEEK 8: 7/21-7/25
FROZEN

WEEK 9: 7/28-8/1
MONSTERS INC.

WEEK 10: 8/4-8/8
LION KING

WEEK 11: 8/11-8/15
INSIDE OUT

Friday Spirit Days:

6/6
WESTERN

6/13
TROPICAL

6/20
SEA CREATURES

6/27
CELEBRITY LOOK ALIKE

THURSDAY 7/3
RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

7/11
WACKY TACKY

7/18
JERSEY'S

7/25
CHRISTMAS PJ'S

8/1
MONSTERS INC. CHARACTER

8/8
DRESS LIKE A COUNSELOR

8/15
GROUP COLOR

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30-9:00
RIDES IN/BREAKFAST

9:00-9:20
OPENING CEREMONY

9:20-10:00
FAMILY TIME

10:00-11:00
FIELD GAMES

11:00-11:30
STEM/CRAFT

11:30-12:00
LUNCH

12:00-1:00
TEAM BUILDING

1:00-2:00
GYM

2:00-3:00
CHARACTER BUILDING/SEL

3:00-4:00
SNACK/ CLOSING CEREMONY

4:00-6:00
RIDES OUT

Weekly Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K-1		Swim & KONA	Field Trip	Swim	Spirit Day
2 - 3		Swim & KONA	Field Trip	Swim	Spirit Day
4-5 & Middle School	Swim	Community Service & KONA	Swim	Field Trip	Spirit Day

DAILY SUPPLIES



BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND SNACKS

Campers are provided with free breakfast (served until 8:30am), lunch, and afternoon snack each day. Campers are welcome to bring their own snacks and lunch if they'd like. Please pack food that does not require refrigeration or use of the microwave. We recommend these items be placed in a cooler style lunch box, clearly marked with your child's name. DO NOT use a plastic grocery bag for your child's daily supplies. Parents will be asked to specify if their child has any food allergies during registration.

*PreCamp and Back to School Camp Week - breakfast and lunch will not be served. Campers will be required to bring a packed lunch.

WATER

Please remember to send a refillable water bottle with your child each day. It must be clearly labeled with your child's name. Disposable water bottles are not allowed. Campers will also not be permitted to purchase drinks from the vending machines.

DRESS CODE

Every camper will receive one complimentary camp T-shirt. Campers are required to wear their camp T-shirt on field trip days. If a camper does not wear their shirt on a field trip day, they will not be allowed to attend the trip. If you would like to purchase additional T-shirts, they will be available at the Service Desk for \$10 each. You will receive an email notification once the shirts are available for purchase.

Please dress your child in clothing that is comfortable, appropriate for the weather, and okay to get messy. Camp activities often involve active and messy play, and it can be hard for children to fully participate if they are worried about getting their clothes dirty. For safety, children must wear closed-toe, non-skid shoes every day. Flip-flops, sandals, and Crocs are not allowed, except on swim days at the pool—however, your child must still bring a pair of proper shoes for the rest of the day. Campers must have appropriate footwear in order to attend camp.

On swim days, campers should arrive wearing their swimsuit under their clothes. They should also bring a backpack—not a grocery bag—that contains a dry change of clothes, undergarments, a towel, and goggles if needed. Please label all of your child's items with their name to help us return any lost belongings.

Every Friday, campers are welcome to dress up to match the theme of the week. While we love the excitement of dress-up days, please ensure that your child's outfit is still comfortable and practical for a full day of movement and camp activities.

SUNSCREEN AND BUG SPRAY

Please label all sunscreen and bug spray. Due to insurance restrictions, the staff is not permitted to apply sunscreen directly to campers. We will continue to use the "suntan spray-down" approach with K-5th grade. We also encourage you to apply sunscreen in the morning before your child arrives.

PERSONAL ITEMS FROM HOME

Please do not send your child with any personal items from home, such as toys, tablets, cell phones, smart watches, portable gaming systems, pillows, or blankets. The YMCA is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

TRANSPORTATION

RIDES IN AND RIDES OUT PROCEDURES

Rides In- We do not allow campers out of their vehicles until camp starts at 7:30 am. Rides in will take place at the YMCA Pavilion for all campers. Please enter the YMCA parking lot from the 6th street entrance and turn right into the dirt lot.

Rides Out- K-5 and Middle School camp rides out will take place at the Youth Room door. Please enter the YMCA parking lot from the 6th street entrance and go straight around the front drive-way to the last set of double doors on your right.

OFFSITE Location

Due to limited space at our main YMCA building, our older campers spend the core of their camp day at an offsite location—Bridgeton Elementary School. Campers in 4th grade through middle school must be dropped off on time each morning, as they will board the bus promptly at 9:00 AM to travel to Bridgeton Elementary. On designated swim days and KONA Day, they will be transported back to the main site earlier than usual. It is essential that parents communicate any late drop-offs or early pick-ups with a written note or through our Remind app, as these may need to take place at Bridgeton Elementary. Please note that campers arriving late or needing early pick-up will not be permitted to stay at the main YMCA site.

LATE ARRIVAL & EARLY PICK-UP

If a camper needs to be dropped off late or picked up early, please contact your camp director. Some of our campers will be off-site for most of the day so it is important that we have this information in advance. There may be instances in which you will have to drop-off/pick-up your camper at the off-site location. Your director will have the specific information.

LATE PICK-UP PROCEDURE

A late pick-up is defined as any time a parent/guardian has not come to the site by 6pm. In order to run our camp as smoothly as possible, we will enforce the following:

- **First Offense** - Warning to be documented and signed.
- **Second Offense** - Fee of \$1 per minute late, per child, document to be filled out and signed, parent is informed that all following offenses the fee will be \$5 per minute late.
- **Third Offense** - Fee of \$5 per minute late, per child, document to be filled out and signed.

ADULTS AUTHORIZED TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD

If a person other than the parent or authorized persons you've listed on the registration form will be picking up your child, you will need to notify us in writing or by phone prior to their arrival. For safety, we will need to see a picture ID before the child will be released.



DISCIPLINE & CONDUCT

At the Y, we value the unique personalities of every child. Self-management skills and positive social interactions among campers and adults are encouraged and maximize everyone's enjoyment of camp. Programs use positive guidance methods including reminders, distraction, logical consequences and redirection. Self-management skills are taught according to the following guidelines:

- Consistent rules are clearly stated. Campers are expected to work and play within known limits.
- Behavior expected of campers is age-appropriate and according to developmental level.
- An atmosphere of trust is established in order for campers to know that they will not be hurt nor allowed to hurt others.
- Staff members strive to help campers become acquainted with themselves and their feelings. This will help them learn to cope with their feelings and control them responsibly

Camper safety is the most important concern of the program; therefore, campers whose behavior is dangerous or repeatedly disruptive or dangerous behavior will be discussed with the camper's parent/guardian and may result in loss of privileges or activities, suspension or termination from camp.

CONDUCT PROCEDURES

As in any activity, inappropriate behavior of a few campers can have a dramatic impact on the experience of the entire group. Therefore, the following conduct procedures apply directly to each individual camper and will be used in determining the camper's eligibility to continue as a participant in the camp program. Infractions are documented in a discipline report.

Please make sure that both you and your child are completely familiar with these conduct procedures. A camper may be suspended or released from camp, without refund, for the following behavior while participating in the program or while being transported:

- Leaving the Y camp location without permission or going into unauthorized areas. Refusing to remain with the group while at camp and during field trips or community service trips.
- Using foul language, fighting, being rude, or discourteous to staff and other campers.
- Verbal or written threats to staff or other campers.
- Defacing Y property, school property, field facilities, or any other property visited.
- Engaging in fighting, intentionally injuring another camper or bullying.
- Bringing or using any illegal substances and/or weapons.
- Public displays of affection.
- Stealing or defacing another camper's property.
- Refusing to follow check-in and -out procedures or refusing to follow basic safety rules.
- Refusing to participate in daily camp activities.
- Not remaining seated at all times while being transported.
- Having any body part out of the window, defacing the vehicle and/or being rude and discourteous to the driver or to other drivers on the road while being transported.

DISCIPLINARY INCIDENT PROCEDURE

FIRST INCIDENT- Parent/guardian notified by phone and/or in writing, and the child will be sent home for the day.

SECOND INCIDENT- Disciplinary write-up, as well as a one-three day suspension depending on the incident.

THIRD INCIDENT- The action taken at this point is at the discretion of the director after appropriate consultation with the parent/guardian. (Range of discipline: one week suspension to removal from the program. If a child is expelled from the program, they may not re-enter After School and/or Summer Camp for 1 year following expulsion.

IF ANY SUSPENSION SHOULD OCCUR, NO REDUCTION OR RETURN FEES WILL BE MADE.

A discipline report will be kept on every camper to keep record on the behavior of each camper. This sheet will include what the camper did, what action was taken, and what the next step in the discipline process will be.

HEALTH & SAFETY PROCEDURES

ILLNESS

If a child has any of the following symptoms, they will be isolated from the other children until the parents are contacted to pick them up:

1. Nausea or diarrhea
2. Constant cough or difficulty breathing
3. Discharge from ears or eyes, inflamed tissue around the eyes or ears
4. Any visible rash or skin sore
5. Oral temperature of 100 degrees or higher
6. Continuing headache
7. Head lice

RE-ADMISSION FOLLOWING ILLNESS

The child will be permitted to return to camp when they have been symptom free for TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

If a camper has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or is presumed positive by a medical professional due to symptoms, the camper should go home and isolate until they meet the CDC criteria for release from isolation:

- It has been five days since the date the positive specimen was collected (with the date of collection being day 0) for those without symptoms OR it has been at least 5 days after the first day of symptoms; AND
- It has been at least 24 hours since the person has a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.

Lice Procedure

Any camper suspected of having head lice will be examined by a director. If there is visual sign of live lice/nits, the camper will be sent home and cannot return until they have been treated and are free of lice/nits.

BABYSITTING PROCEDURE

Staff members are not permitted to babysit campers outside of the camp environment. This rule is to protect your children and our staff from compromising situations and any child abuse accusations. We maintain a rule in camp that staffer should never be alone with a child and this rule extends into the babysitting procedure.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

We are committed to creating an environment where all children can thrive, including those with special needs. A child with special needs is one who requires special attention and/or accommodations beyond what is typically needed in a group setting. These needs may arise from physical, cognitive, behavioral, or medical challenges. Our program is an inclusive, group-based childcare setting that recognizes and celebrates each child's uniqueness. We are dedicated to partnering with families to support every child's success within our program. While we strive to provide reasonable accommodations to meet each child's needs, there may be circumstances in which we are unable to provide the level of care required.

