
YMCA Traditional Day Camp Description

Classic summer fun! From swimming and sports to craft projects and outdoor education, YMCA Day Camps offer campers a day full of “typical” camping activities – including songs, games and plenty of outdoor fun and adventure. Campers will have the chance to build self-confidence, discover new skills, develop a respect for the outdoors, and make new friends. Best of all, you can be assured that while your kids are exploring new ways to have fun, they are being well cared for in a friendly, safe environment. Days are spent primarily outdoors, so campers should dress to get messy!

YMCA Day Camps are offered in 40 locations. Please note: There will be no day camps on Memorial Day, May 31. This week will be pro-rated. THEMES FOR THE SUMMER OF 2010 ARE: Opposite Week, Blast from the Past, Pirate Week, Super Heroes, Western Round Up, Happy Birthday USA!, Super Soakin', Medieval Madness, Space: The Final Frontier, Journey to the Bottom of the Sea, Disco Beach Party and The Great Outdoors. Extended care is available as early as 6:30 or 7:00 a.m. (check location for time) and as late as 6:00 p.m. for working parents.

YMCA Sports Camps & Skyhawks Sports Camps Descriptions

YMCA Sports Camps

YMCA Sports Day Camps are **designed to be recreational** and to introduce sports skills and/or sports activities to elementary-age boys and girls. Traditional day camp activities like arts and crafts, games and swimming will also be offered. Some camps focus on specific sports, while Sports Spectacular Camp provides a full range of sports activities throughout the week. Traditional camp activities complete the daily schedule.

Skyhawks Sports Camps

In collaboration with the Skyhawks Sports Academy, campers from ages 6-15 will learn new skills at their level. Skyhawks implements a progression model for each sport, allowing athletes to achieve skills at one level and graduate to the next. The Skyhawks sports camps will have a full compliment of Skyhawks Sports Academy staff.

YMCA Preschool Camp Descriptions

Half-Day YMCA Day Camps for Preschoolers

This camp offers a traditional day camp experience from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, including arts and crafts, games, sports and outdoor education. THEMES FOR THE SUMMER OF 2010 ARE: Amazon Adventure, Pirate Week, Journey to the Bottom of the Sea, Super Heroes, Happy Birthday USA!, Once Upon a Time, Super Soakin', Llamas in Pajamas, Western Round Up and Opposite Week. (Children should be at least 3 years old at the time of attendance and toilet trained.) Morning extended care hours are available at no additional cost.

Full-Day YMCA Day Camps for Preschoolers

This camp offers a traditional day camp experience from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., including arts and crafts, games, sports and outdoor education. THEMES FOR THE SUMMER OF 2010 ARE: Amazon Adventure, Pirate Week, Journey to the Bottom of the Sea, Super Heroes, Happy Birthday USA!, Once Upon a Time, Super Soakin', Llamas in Pajamas, Western Round Up and Opposite Week. Extended care is available as early as 6:30 or 7:00 a.m. (check location for time) and as late as 6:00 p.m. for working parents. (Children should be at least 3 years old at the time of attendance and toilet trained.)

NEW

Preschool Sports Camps (Full Day and Half Day Camps)

Preschool sports camps are designed to introduce your child to organized sports. Whether it's basketball, soccer, flag football, or t-ball, your camper will learn the fundamentals of the sport, along with the team concepts that go hand-in-hand. For full day camps, half of the day will be spent out on the fields and/or courts, while the other half of the day will include traditional pre-school camp activities.

YMCA Teen Camps Descriptions

Teen Leaders Programs

The YMCA has been recognized for generations for its leadership development programs for young people. YMCA Leaders Programs provide participants with training in how to use effective leadership skills throughout their lives. Our Teen Leaders Programs are for those who are highly motivated, ready to work and play hard, and who demonstrate additional responsibility in accepting the challenges of leadership. Young people who are interested in the program will fill out an application and be interviewed in person or by telephone. They will also be asked to provide three references, preferably people not in their family, who will be asked to answer written questions about the applicant.

Leaders-In-Training Camp

In this 3-week leaders program, teens will learn leadership skills that can be used in all parts of life, including home, school, sports, youth groups, work, and in the community. Through challenging activities, workshops, and discussions, the leadership skills learned include communication; teamwork; setting goals and making plans to achieve them; making decisions; developing increased confidence, caring, responsibility, honesty, and respect. LIT participants will have the opportunity to observe camp counselors as they exhibit many of these skills. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Counselors-In-Training Camp

In this 2-week leaders program, teens will learn leadership skills needed to effectively work with children at camp and in many other settings including volunteer work, education, mentoring, recreation, psychology, social work, child care, and youth groups. These skills include communicating with children; handling undesired behavior and conflicts in a positive way; leading games and activities; working on a team; creativity and problem solving. Participants will also learn about how a camp operates, the roles and duties of camp administrators and staff, and how camps serve children. CIT participants will spend time working directly with campers practicing and demonstrating the skills learned throughout the program. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

▼ NEW

Fear Factor Camp

Do you consider yourself to be fearless? Will you try anything once? Then this is the camp for you! Teens will be challenged to many gross, messy and challenging activities. Prepare to get dirty and try new things. This camp is not for those who have weak stomachs! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

From Day 1 Camp

From Day 1 Camp addresses an issue that continues to be a challenge in area high schools – the successful transition of 8th grade students into the high school setting. The From Day 1 Camp will introduce incoming freshman to high school and help them start off with realistic goals and expectations. Students will visit a minimum of 1 local college/university per week during the camp. Working with school counselors, this day camp will address basic foundational needs like effective study habits, academic requirements and developing positive relationships. Each student may receive one high school elective credit for completing 80% of the camp program (subject to approval by each school site.) It will also provide opportunities for parental involvement and give the campers a 'basic toolbox' for high school success. Fun field trips and recreational activities will also be a part of this camp. (Ages: For those who just graduated from IPS 8th grade.) Camp Hours are 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. The cost for this program is \$20 for eight weeks.

▼ NEW

Girl Power Fitness Camp

Tween girls will be in a non-competitive and safe environment in which fitness can play a role toward a healthier lifestyle. Group exercises, as well as learning proper nutrition, will be discussed. Traditional camp activities will round out our day. Offered at the Fishers YMCA for girls ages 9-12.

Safe Sitter Camp

Safe Sitter teaches adolescent babysitters how to handle crises, how to keep their charges secure, and how to nurture and guide a young child. In short, Safe Sitter babysitters help children stay safe and sound while their parents are away. In the process, these 11-13 year olds emerge as more confident, responsible, and compassionate teens and adults. Part of the campers' day will include traditional camp activities.

YMCA Teen Camps Descriptions

SCUBA Diving Camp

Interested in the amazing and beautiful world of underwater SCUBA diving? Campers will have the opportunity to learn both in the classroom and the pool from real SCUBA pros about this fantastic sport! Topics such as diving safety, handling gear, being comfortable under water, basic first aid, marine life, physical pressure and many other unique aspects of SCUBA diving are discussed. This camp includes approximately 32 hours of instruction (16 pool, 16 classroom) and meets all requirements for SCUBA certification except for an open water dive. Additional open water training to complete your certification as a SEI OPEN WATER DIVER (recognized world wide) can be arranged separately through our instructors (not the YMCA) for an additional fee of approximately \$150. Campers will be responsible for providing their own mask, snorkel, and fins. These can be purchased or rented in advance from our instructors and brought to the first day of camp. Campers will be required to have additional forms filled out in advance of the first day of camp. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Teen Adventure Camps

These camps provide unique and challenging opportunities including team-building, leadership skill development, and service learning projects. Other activities are designed to take advantage of each camp's unique setting providing teens with summer fun with their peers. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule. (Transportation to various activity sites is included in the camp fee.)

Teen Hip Hop Dance Camp

Dip, bend, and shake. Come learn some new and exciting hip hop moves in this fun dance camp. You will learn choreography and routines that will cause you to be the hit of the dance floor. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Teen Jr. Lifeguard Camp

Spend time in and out of the water learning what it takes to be a lifeguard. You'll have fun taking part in challenges as well as the responsibilities of being a lifeguard. Campers will be introduced to real life guarding skills, take the Family and Friends CPR course and shadow a lifeguard. This camp does not hand out certifications. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

▼ NEW

Teen Life Camp

This camp is designed for middle school students who are transitioning to high school. They will be given skills to help them "survive" high school such as good study habits, time management, and improved social skills. College campus visits will also be a part of this day camp. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the camp day.

Teen Paws-itively Adorable Camp

Do you love working with dogs? This camp works with Paws and Think, a non-profit organization about Special Dogs for Special People. Their mission is to match youth with canines to enhance the lives of individuals with special needs in central Indiana. Kids will have a first-hand experience working with dogs and teaching and training simple commands. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Teen Pottery Camp

Teens will create many wonderful works of art by hand. Tools, techniques and process will be explored throughout the week of camp. Some projects are made from scratch, so creativity is greatly encouraged! From beginners to advanced, all are welcome! Traditional camp activities round out the other half of the camp day.

Teen Rock Climbing Camp

Back by popular demand, the YMCA continues its celebrated collaboration with "Climb Time, Inc." an indoor rock climbing facility, with climbing walls of various difficulties. This camp will provide campers with an introduction to the fundamentals of this challenging sport. (Camp fee includes shoe rental and chalk. Transportation to Climb Time's facilities and YMCA supervision will be provided.) Traditional camp activities will round out each day.

Teen Thrill Camp

Looking for a week full of fun and adventure? Join us for Thrill Camp where we will be visiting parks and arcades each day to enjoy events such as Laser Tag, duck-pin bowling, and Go-Karts. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

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▼ **NEW**

Tween Athletic Conditioning Camp

Your tweens will maximize their full potential in this physically demanding camp! Interval training and sports conditioning will be incorporated to enhance strength and aerobic endurance. Traditional Camp activities will round out our day. Offered at the Fishers YMCA for ages 9-12.

▼ **NEW**

Tween Boot Camp Challenge Camp

Is your tween ready to for boot camp? Drill instructors will lead the tween battalion through fun and challenging workouts modeled after U.S. basic training camps. Team building and leadership skills will be tested! Traditional camp activities will round out our day. Offered at the Fishers YMCA for ages 9-12.

Tween Bowling Enrichment Camp

This camp is perfect for campers wanting to improve their bowling technique or for those who enjoy this lifetime sport. The morning will be spent working on technique at a local bowling alley. The afternoon will include traditional camp activities.

▼ **NEW**

Tween Jewelry Making Camp

Want to learn how to design and create your own jewelry? Throughout the week, campers will make a bracelet, earrings, and a necklace. Each camper will be able to choose their own colors and styles after being taught the basic techniques of jewelry making. Traditional camp activities will be done to round out each day of camp.

Tween Laser Tag Camp

Teens ages 11-15 will play laser tag every day at a local laser tag facility. Camp fee includes 3 games of laser tag each day, as well as 10 arcade tokens per day, Makoto tournament, Daytona driving simulator tournament, Ice Ball tournament, Pizza Party on Friday and unlimited laser tag and arcade on Thursday. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

▼ **NEW**

Tween Mini Golf Camp

Boys and girls will play miniature golf, as well as other games, in this fun-filled camp! Camp fee includes transportation to the activity site, miniature golf, other fun activities, and a pizza party on Friday is also included! Traditional camp activities will round out each day.

▼ **NEW**

Sports Leaders-In-Training Camp

This is a 3-week leaders program, similar to the Leaders-in-Training Camp, only this camp will focus on teaching sport specific leadership skills that can be used in all parts of life. This experience is designed to teach skills like communication, decision-making, and conflict resolution in an athletic setting. Sports LITs will get hands-on experience coaching and officiating the younger campers participating in camp. This camp will also emphasize the YMCA's core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility and have discussions on how these values are incorporated into sports. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

YMCA Enrichment Day Camps Descriptions

There is something for everyone in the offerings of YMCA Enrichment Camps for 2010! Enrichment Camps are designed to **provide a half day of skill development and instruction of the specific enrichment** and to incorporate the traditional camp activities throughout the day for a well-rounded camp experience.

All Boys Camp - No Girls Allowed!

Expose your young man to skills such as working with tools, proper etiquette for today's gentleman, 5 knots every boy should know, and how to navigate with a compass. Male camp counselors and other role models will provide a great experience for your child. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

All Girls Camp - No Boys Allowed!

Girls rule at this camp! No boys allowed! Girls are invited to come and explore new arts that may include fashion, cooking, sewing, journaling and girls' health issues. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

American Sign Language Camp

Campers will learn the basics of the unspoken language... sign language. The day will be filled with fun activities, games, books and a movie that's interpreted in sign language. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule. Come join the fun!

▼ **NEW**

Archery Camp

While learning the fundamentals of archery, campers will examine equipment close-up, identify the parts of the bow and arrow and learn the science behind drawing the bow and releasing the arrow. Instructors will show the proper grip, stance, and aim alignment to use while scoping the target. Campers will discover their 'eye dominance' - the first step in becoming a skilled archer. Traditional camp activities will round out the day.

Bowling Enrichment Camp

This camp is perfect for campers wanting to improve their bowling technique or for those who enjoy this lifetime sport. The morning will be spent working on technique at a local bowling alley. The afternoon will include traditional camp activities.

Broadcast Camp

Campers will interactively learn about radio and television and radio broadcasting from a local professional broadcaster. Have tons of fun while finding out what happens behind and in front of the cameras and microphones to make it all work! Campers culminate the week by creating their own mock newscast and get to take it home on DVD. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Cards and More Camp

Boys and girls will learn card games such as Euchre, Bridge, Go-fish, Crazy 8's, Hearts, Spades and more, as well as, Chess, Checkers and Backgammon. Tournaments, divided by age, will be held daily with prizes. Swimming and other traditional camp activities will also take place. (no casino/gambling card games of any kind will be taught!)

Chinese I Camp

This camp is designed to immerse beginners in learning the beautiful language of Chinese with songs, arts, crafts, and food. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

▼ **NEW**

Clone Wars Camp

May the Force Be With You... at Camp! The YMCA was invited by LucasFilm Ltd to create a series of all-camp games that would be a ton of fun and incorporate actual "Star Wars" characters and scenarios. The result is a week's worth of awesome camp games, art projects and other activities using actual George Lucas created posters, maps, and more especially designed for this week of Clone Wars Camp! On top of being super fun, there are character lessons underlying each scenario. Come discover your inner Jedi at Clone Wars Camp! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Computer Camp

It's the best of both worlds! Spend half the day working on cool computer projects and spend the other half having fun with camp activities! Basic computer skills and programs will be covered.

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Cooking Camp

"Kids in the Kitchen" can be fun and educational, hands-on experience for campers this summer. Campers will have the opportunity to learn about proper cooking techniques, nutrition, cooking safety... and, of course, eat their projects! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

CSI - Crime Scene Investigator Camp

Search for evidence, gather clues, and discover how science can help solve a mystery. From dusting for fingerprints to analyzing handwriting, these easy, fun-filled activities give you a first-hand look at how detectives and forensic scientists use science to solve real-life crimes. Make a plaster cast of a shoe. Identify lip prints left on a glass. Examine hair and clothing fibers. Practice chemistry to identify mystery substances, and much more. In no time at all, you'll be thinking like a detective and performing experiments like a real forensic scientist! Traditional camp activities will round out each day.

Equestrian Camp

Horse lovers can focus on learning new skills or enhance current skills in YMCA Equestrian Camp. This camp is for riders of all levels. Enrollment is limited. Traditional camp activities will round out each day.

Fashion Designer Camp

Aspiring fashion designers will be divided into teams that will range in age from nine to twelve. The teams will have five days to create the ultimate outfit, with each team designing garments and accessories around their own unique theme. On Friday, the outfits will be modeled as part of a wrap-up fashion show for family and friends. One half of your child's day will be creating their masterpiece. The other half will be filled with fun traditional camp activities with the YMCA.

NEW

Fishing Camp

If you really love to fish, then this camp is perfect for you!! We will fish in local lakes, ponds or rivers. You will learn casting techniques, how to put bait on and take the fish off, how to identify fish and so much more. We will be working in collaboration with the Indiana DNR to run this camp. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

NEW

Geocaching Camp

Do you like treasure hunts? If your answer is yes, then geocaching is for you. Join us in an outdoor treasure hunt in which you'll use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver to find hidden 'geocaches.' It's educational and tons of fun! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Golf Enrichment Camp

This camp is perfect for campers wanting to improve their golf technique or those wanting to explore taking up the game of golf. Campers will receive instruction in all phases of the game. Physical techniques will include putting, chipping, iron selection, iron and wood play, and bunker play. This camp will also include etiquette and rules of golf. If your camper has clubs, please bring them. Please wear tennis/golf shoes to play golf. Traditional camp activities will round out each day.

Hogwarts Express Camp

Get on board the Hogwarts Express for a week full of fun. You will get to take part in some of Harry's favorite classes - potions, herbology and more! We'll also be sure to get in a game or two of Quidditch. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule. This is a camp you don't want to miss!

Icky, Sticky Science Camp

Are you ready for slimy concoctions and squishy fun? How about out of this world experiments and lessons in grossology? If this sounds good to you, be sure not to wear your good clothes because this science camp is full of icky, sticky and marvelously messy activities! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Inner Girl Camp

Inner Girl Camp is designed to introduce young girls to various practices which promote a healthy sense of self-worth and esteem. Through various youth-friendly activities and personal/team oriented challenges, the goal is to create top leaders in the community. Inner Girl will be an experience that empowers, encourages, and stretches each girl toward personal excellence. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

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▼ **NEW**

Innovative Games Camp

Are you tired of playing the same sports over and over? Do you want to be introduced to a new world of games and activities that are action packed and kid-tested? Then our Innovative Games Camp is for you! Innovative Games Camp is specifically designed to offer a break from the normal sports and activities to which you are accustomed. This camp focuses on non-traditional sports and games that are fun and exciting for kids ages 5-12. There will be different games played every day with challenges and team races throughout the week. There will be a blend of individual and team events. During group activities teams will be formed, points will be kept, new experiences will be made, and an innovative games champion will be crowned! Some of the games and activities include crab soccer, ultimate Frisbee, capture the flag, blanket volleyball, banana Olympics, dodge ball, speed ball, and much more! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Laser Tag Camp

Campers will play laser tag every day at a local laser tag facility. Camp fee includes 3 games of laser tag each day, as well as 10 arcade tokens per day. Makoto tournament, Daytona driving simulator tournament, Ice Ball tournament, Pizza Party on Friday and unlimited arcade on Thursday. Traditional camp activities will round out each day.

▼ **NEW**

Lego Camp

LEGO Camp is for all campers who love to build with LEGOS. This educational camp takes physical science and technology concepts and applies them in a fun, creative way. Campers will learn about forces and motion, simple machines, measurement, energy and more! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Magic and Balloon Camp

This camp is great for any young aspiring magician or clown! Learn the basics of how to be a magician from the code of ethics to step-by-step instructions on tricks from local professionals. Campers will learn the basics of handling balloons, proper techniques and basic twisting steps to make anything from a flower to an animal to a hat! Surprise your family and friends with your talent at the end of this fun-filled week! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Mini Golf Camp

Boys and girls will play miniature golf as well as other games in this fun-filled camp! Camp fee includes transportation to the activity site, miniature golf, other fun activities, and a pizza party on Friday is also included! Traditional camp activities will round out each day.

Myth Busters Camp

Myth or Fact? It's a tough job separating truth from urban legend but, the Myth Busters camp will be up to that task this summer. Campers will use science to prove or bust myths. This camp is for the child who can't get enough of science and experiments. One half of the day will be spent working on myths/urban legend experiments. The other half of the day will be filled with fun traditional camp activities.

▼ **NEW**

Netheads Computer Gamer Camp

Play multiplayer Xbox and Computer games in a state of the art gaming facility. Teams of campers engage in a highly social environment focusing on teamwork and sportsmanship. Each camper gets their own dedicated gaming station. Experience a whole new way to play! Traditional camp activities will round out each day.

Outdoor Adventure Camps

YMCA Outdoor Adventure Camps provide campers with experiences in unique outdoor settings. General Outdoor Adventure camps take advantage of the site's unique settings and resources with activities to include outdoor education, canoeing, outdoor living skills, crafts, sports, and games. YMCA Adventures Camps are 100% outdoor experiences, so campers should dress to get messy! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Outdoor Adventure Camp at Stonycreek Farm, through the Fishers YMCA, will have the following brand new weeks for 2010!

Going Green: Eco-adventures for kids! Have fun while making our planet and farm more environmentally friendly.

Archery Week: Are you the next Robin Hood? Learn the history and basic skills of archery. Test your knowledge and skill!

Stonycreek Challenge: Get out and be active this week as we participate in all sorts of outdoor games and challenges. Physical and Mental challenges will be included.

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Creek Week: Learn all about Stony Creek. How does the water move, what's in the soil, what critters live in the water? Test the pH balance of the water.

Animal Adventure: Learn about the natural animals on the farm. Discovering habitats and learning traits, this week should be a treat. Look for bats, deer, raccoons and more.

Science on the Farm: Participate in cool science experiments while having fun. A guest speaker from Purdue will teach the campers about soil.

Pioneer Week: Learn how the pioneers lived! Build shelters, make fire, make candles and more. Go on a Gold Rush, and experience a day without electricity.

Campfire Cooking: Explore all the elements of outdoor cooking from camp stews to hobo dinners and meals on a stick! Also learn the elements of fire building and fire safety.

Kids vs. Wild: Learn basic outdoor survival skills! Track animals; take nature hikes through the woods and learn all about what it takes to make it in the wild!

Wacky Water Week: Have lots of fun getting wet this week while playing water games on the farm!

Paws-itively Adorable Camp

Do you love working with dogs? This camp works with Paws and Think, a non-profit organization about Special Dogs for Special People. Their mission is to match youth with canines to enhance the lives of individuals with special needs in central Indiana. Kids will have a first-hand experience working with dogs and teaching and training simple commands. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Race Car Camp

Don't let this opportunity zoom past your little camper! This camp is sure to be filled with fun and exciting facts about race cars and drivers. We will even be making our very own race cars to bring home. This camp includes a field trip to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

▼ NEW

Real Cheer Cheerleading Camp

Ready? OK! Come and learn new and exciting cheerleading moves and cheers in this fun camp. You will learn cheers and routines that will cause others to cheer for you! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Robotics Camp

In collaboration with the Indianapolis Challenger Learning Center of Decatur Township, this camp allows students the opportunity to investigate several aspects of robotics through hands-on activities. Participants will build five robots that will explore and perform tasks on Planet H-99. They will also prepare and build a base camp, monitor a volcano and rescue a lost vehicle. Traditional camp activities will round out each day. LUNCH INCLUDED.

▼ NEW

Rock Band Camp

Have you ever dreamed about becoming a Rock Star? Well, here's your chance! In this ROCKIN' camp you'll get to play all of the instruments from guitar, drums, bass and vocals! You'll have your own CD by the end of the week! Some experience preferred on either vocals, drums or guitar. Campers are encouraged to bring their own guitar or drum kit for best results, although instruments will be available. Traditional camp activities will round out the other half of the day.

Rock Climbing Camp

Back by popular demand, the YMCA continues its celebrated collaboration with "Climb Time, Inc." an indoor rock climbing facility, with climbing walls of various difficulties. This camp will provide campers with an introduction to the fundamentals of this challenging sport. (Camp fee includes shoe rental and chalk. Transportation to Climb Time's facilities and YMCA supervision will be provided.) Traditional camp activities will round out each day.

Safe Sitter Camp

Safe Sitter teaches adolescent babysitters how to handle crises, how to keep their charges secure, and how to nurture and guide a young child. In short, Safe Sitter babysitters help children stay safe and sound while their parents are away. In the process, these 11-13 year olds emerge as more confident, responsible, and compassionate teens and adults. Part of the campers' day will include traditional camp activities.

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Science Factory Series Kitchen Camp & Discovery Camp

The Science Factory Camp provides a hands-on application of science through age appropriate activities that involve discovery and creation. Campers get to discover the science behind every day or specialty things while engaging in fun projects to create items that reinforce learning those scientific concepts. They develop useful science skills including making predictions, recording observations and sharing results/outcome.

Science Factory: Kitchen focuses on the edible side of our creations – projects include making our own soda pop while learning about gases.

Science Factory: Discovery will center on the amazing science that surrounds us every day. Projects will include making your own flashlight while learning about electric circuits. The fun never ends in the Science Factory!

Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Skate Camp

In collaboration with Roller Cave Skating Rink, this skate camp will offer games, dancing, fitness, and fun! Campers may bring their own skates or skates will be provided at the rink. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Silly Safaris Camp

Come to Silly Safaris Camp for the wildest YMCA day camp experience, featuring animal experts and local celebrities Alligator Aaron and Jungle John and all of their exotic animals. The rest of the day, campers will swim, create crafts, and play games. Traditional camp activities will round out each day.

Spanish Camp

This camp is designed to immerse beginners in learning the beautiful language of Spanish with songs, arts, crafts, and food. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Sparkles and Princesses Camp

This camp focuses around fairy princesses. Be ready to bob for “poison” apples, make fairy dust & have a tea party. We will read stories, dress-up & make princess crafts too! Campers will also enjoy traditional camp activities such as swimming, games, and songs.

▼ NEW

Superhero Training Camp

This camp focuses around training to become a super hero. Be ready to create your own special character, get a chance to face challenges and save a “princess.” You will get to dress up and make special crafts to help save the day. Campers will also enjoy traditional camp activities such as swimming, games and songs.

Tennis Enrichment Camp

Campers will receive instruction to learn the fundamental skills needed for tennis. They will have time to practice and play against each other in order to grow and develop these newly acquired skills. Swimming and traditional camp activities will also be included.

▼ NEW

That Fun Camp

Boys and girls will have a blast at this exciting camp. Campers will participate in activities such as laser tag, mini golf, and bumper cars! Traditional camp activities will complete the week.

Thrill Camp

This camp will give campers the opportunity to visit a different recreational park each day of the week. They will be able to participate in activities such as go-karts, miniature golf, and batting cages. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

▼ NEW

What's News? Camp by Fun2Learn Indy

In this technology and media program, students assume the roles of magazine journalists for an interactive kids newspaper/magazine. They will learn how to plan, write and publish a newspaper or magazine their peers will enjoy. The workshop will cover creative thinking and writing, as well as page layout skills using publishing software. Participants will learn how to write a variety of feature columns such as Editorials, News, Sports, Movie Reviews, and more. Each participant will take home their own finished magazine. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

YMCA Fine Arts Day Camps Descriptions

YMCA Fine Arts Day Camps take arts and crafts to a higher level. They will focus on artistic expression through various fine arts mediums. Watercolors, oils, pencils, clay, and scrapbooking are just some of the mediums that may be used to help develop the creative and artistic side of campers. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

▼ **NEW**

Airbrush Designs Camp

Have you ever painted before? You haven't painted until you have used airbrush! In this fun camp you will learn the techniques of airbrushing beautiful designs and really cool art. So come prepared to create some art with airbrush... including your own t-shirt designs! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Cartoon Madness Camp

Do you love reading the comics and wish you could draw your own? Now you can learn how! Through this fun-filled camp, campers will learn how to draw cartoon heads, facial features, the cartoon body and how to make it move. Campers will also learn how to create a cartoon world of backgrounds including houses, trees, and everyday items. The week will end with the campers creating their own cartoon characters and their own cartoon strip. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Crafts and Creations from Around the World Camp

Each day campers will explore a different country and its culture through special craft projects that uniquely reflect the country being studied. Instructor and teacher Barb Kane is returning to lead this camp by popular demand for the 2010 season. She blends her talents as a professional educator with her rich artistic skills to provide a unique and enriching experience. Traditional camp activities will round out each day. Space will be limited.

▼ **NEW**

Create Your Own Comics Camp

Comics, Comics, Comics! They are every where you look now. We all have at one time or another read them, whether it be a comic book or comic strip and we can't help see the larger than life superheroes on the big screen. But how were those awesome characters created? Well, in this exciting camp we will dive in to learn how to create your own characters, worlds and adventures!!! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Digital Photography Camp

Campers will be able to see all there is to see at camp through the lens of a camera. A picture is worth a thousand words, so allow your camper to be a part of this magic! Digital Photography will occur throughout the day and will be accompanied by traditional day camp activities. Campers should bring their own digital camera.

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Edible Art Camp

Do you like to play with your food? In this camp we will make some food that not only tastes good, but looks good too! We'll use many different types of food to create edible art. The possibilities are endless! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Engage Your Imagination Camp

Campers will be challenged to stretch their imagination by exploring the various ways to tell a story through acting during drama weeks. During crafts weeks, campers will have the opportunity to creatively express themselves through a variety of projects. Performances and craft shows will be on Friday of each week. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Introduction to 2-D Animation Camp

Everyone at one time or another has drawn his or her own cartoons, but how many can say that you have brought them to life? Not many! Now you get the chance to bring your own cartoon to life! In this exciting class, learn from real life animators all of the tips and techniques on how it's done. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

YMCA Fine Arts Day Camps Descriptions

Jewelry Making Camp

Want to learn how to design and create your own jewelry? Throughout the week, campers will make a bracelet, earrings, and a necklace. Each camper will be able to choose their own colors and styles after being taught the basic techniques of jewelry making. Traditional camp activities will be done to round out each day of camp.

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Messy Art Camp

Campers will learn about famous artists who have mastered the art of being messy. Many famous artists like Jackson Pollack, Robert Rauschenburg and Dale Chihuly, throw, drip and splash paint on paper and canvas. Campers will create messy abstract paintings, a gooey plaster vase, and a sticky collage of art materials. They will also learn about different painting tools like spray bottles, sticks, squirt bottles and other uncommon painting tools. Come learn about abstract art while getting messy and enhancing your creativity! Traditional camp activities will round out the day. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

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Movie Poster Creations Camp

Have you been to the movies lately? If you have, then you have seen the cool movie posters on the walls! Well, now it is time to stop looking at them and start creating them. In this class you will learn all the steps in how to create dynamic layouts that will attract people to see your movies! Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Painting, Pencils and More Camp

This camp introduces campers to the use of a variety of fine arts mediums. During their camp experience, they spend a portion of their time learning the artistic use of paints, pencil sketching, and more! Traditional camp activities will be done to round out each day of camp.

Picture Perfect Memories Scrapbooking Camp

A picture is worth a thousand words, so let your creativity do the talking. Campers will bring pictures from home and turn them into a beautiful memory as they learn the elements of scrapbooking. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Photography Camp

Campers will be able to see all there is to see at camp through the lens of a camera. A picture is worth a thousand words, so allow your camper to be a part of this magic! Photography will occur throughout the day and will be accompanied by traditional day camp activities.

Pottery Camp - Claymania!

Kids will create many wonderful works of art by hand. Tools, techniques and process will be explored throughout the week of camp. Some projects are made from scratch, so creativity is greatly encouraged! From beginners to advanced, all are welcome! Traditional camp activities round out the other half of the camp day.

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Wild About Animals Camp

You don't have to be a pet owner to be Wild About Animals! The unique art projects for this camp are designed to spark your child's imagination while exposing them to a variety of art techniques. Campers will be guided through drawing, painting, papier-mâché and printmaking activities that will teach your camper new skills while allowing their own personality to shine through. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

YMCA Performing Arts Camps Descriptions

YMCA Performing Arts Day Camps focus on artistic expression through various types of performing arts mediums. There are YMCA camps for dance, basic drama, drama production, and singing. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Center Stage Dance Camp

Campers will receive basic instruction in various forms of dance as a part of their camp experience. Other traditional camp activities will supplement the dance portion in order to provide a well-rounded experience.

Intro to Guitar Camp

Considering guitar lessons? Send your child to Guitar Camp. The Fishers YMCA has partnered with Midwest School of Music. Professional musicians will teach basic guitar and music theory. One half of the day will consist of group music lessons with Midwest School of Music. The other half will be filled with fun traditional camp activities with YMCA role models. Campers must bring guitar each day. Contact the Fishers Branch YMCA for information on instrument rental.

Hip Hop Dance Camp

Dip, bend, and shake. Come learn some new and exciting hip hop moves in this fun dance camp. You will learn choreography and routines that will cause you to be the hit of the dance floor. Traditional camp activities will also be included in the daily schedule.

Intro to Keyboarding Camp

Considering piano lessons? Send your child to Keyboard Camp. The Fishers YMCA has partnered with Midwest School of Music. Professional musicians will teach basic piano and music theory. One half of your child's day will consist of group music lessons with Midwest School of Music. The other half will be filled with fun traditional camp activities with YMCA role models. Keyboards will be provided during camp. It is recommended that campers have a keyboard/piano at home for practice.

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Rock Band Camp

Have you ever dreamed about becoming a Rock Star? Well, here's your chance! In this ROCKIN' camp you'll get to play all of the instruments from guitar, drums, bass and vocals! You'll have your own CD by the end of the week! Some experience preferred on either vocals, drums or guitar. Campers are encouraged to bring their own guitar or drum kit for best results, although instruments will be available. Traditional camp activities will round out the other half of the day.