

# 2012

## YMCA of Trenton

### Summer Camp Brochure



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## Welcome to the YMCA of Trenton!

The Y has been offering camps for children in our community for over 12 years and running strong. Each summer we create new camps that children will love. We ask you to take the time to review this brochure to see which camps your child (ren) will enjoy.

## Mission Statement

The Mission of the YMCA of Trenton is to provide opportunities to all individuals and families by putting values and principles into practice through programs and activities that build a healthy spirit, mind and body. The YMCA is a member of an international organization which accepts diversity and promotes community development and cooperation.

## General Overview

This summer we are excited to introduce new camp programs for our community and we know that everyone is going to love all of the great things that we have included to make the 2012 Summer Camp Season the best! Great care has been taken to recruit staff with enthusiasm, personal warmth, day camp skills, and commitment to the core values of the YMCA which are Healthy Living, Youth Development and Social Responsibility.

Our camp program offers free lunch, snacks, group games, nature study, sports, field trips, arts & crafts, science experiments and much more.

Become a fan of the YMCA of Trenton on Facebook. You will receive instant updates about activities and events taking place at the YMCA. Visit us online at [trentonymca.org](http://trentonymca.org)



## Camp Open House

Our Summer Camp open house will give you the opportunity to meet our camp leaders, tour our facility and give you an opportunity to see what we are about. Dates: 1/14, 2/11, 3/10, 4/14 Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

## Registration Procedures

Registration for Summer Camp begins Monday, January 2, 2012. Registration forms can be found on our website at [www.trentonymca.org](http://www.trentonymca.org) or at our welcome center.

- Once forms are filled out, you can register at the YMCA.
- A \$10.00 non-refundable deposit is required for each week you would like to reserve.
- Registrations will be complete when your packet is returned back to the YMCA of Trenton.
- Registration closes on Thursdays at 5:00 pm for the upcoming week.
- Second child discounts are available.

## 2012 Summer Camp Sessions

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| Session 1  | June 25 <sup>th</sup> -June 29 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Session 2  | July 2 <sup>nd</sup> - July 6 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Session 3  | July 9 <sup>th</sup> - July 13 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Session 4  | July 16 <sup>th</sup> - July 20 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Session 5  | July 23 <sup>rd</sup> - July 27 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Session 6  | July 30 <sup>th</sup> - August 3 <sup>rd</sup>    |
| Session 7  | August 6 <sup>th</sup> - August 10 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Session 8  | August 13 <sup>th</sup> - August 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Session 9  | August 20 <sup>th</sup> - August 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Session 10 | August 27 <sup>th</sup> -August 31 <sup>st</sup>  |

Each session coincides with a particular camp offered. Please refer to the session number when registering your child to ensure they are registered for the appropriate camp week.

## **Camp Orientation**

Summer Camp Orientation is a time for the entire family to come in for 45 minutes and receive all of the important camp information you will need for the summer. At orientation you will receive camper t-shirts, schedules and meet your counselors and enjoy a few surprises. This is a mandatory orientation.

Date: June 16, 2012

Time: 2:00pm

## **Summer Camp Hours**

Monday through Friday

8:00 am – 6:30 pm

## **Extended Hours**

6:45am – 8:00am

Cost: \$6.00 per week per child

## **Camp Fees**

All camp fees include care from 8am-6:30pm (extended care fees are separate, refer to the above). Your camp fee also includes breakfast, lunch, field trips, camp t-shirt and special events. The YMCA accepts all child care subsidy along with credit cards, cash or money orders.

**Camp Fee:** \$132.40 per week per child



## **Age Placement**

Camp groups are determined by the age of the camper at the beginning of Summer Camp. If you should have a special request, please contact our Camp Director and every consideration will be made to accommodate your needs.

## **Financial Assistance**

The YMCA of Trenton is a non-profit, community-based organization committed to helping people grow in mind, spirit and body. The Y believes that its programs and services should be available to everyone, regardless of age, background, ability or income. It is in this spirit that the YMCA offers scholarships to families who need assistance in participating in YMCA programs and activities. Please contact the Welcome Center for more information about the YMCA Financial Assistance Program.

## **Parent Handbook**

When registering your child for camp, you will be given a handbook that states all of the camps policies and procedures. It is our policy at the YMCA that you review this handbook and return the rear page signed prior to your child entering the camp.

## **Our Camp Staff**

It is very important that we only hire the best of the best to work with your children. Our camp staff are 18 years of age and older. All of our staff receive thorough background and substance abuse checks and must attend 40 hours of professional training/development. This training also consists of CPR, AED, Oxygen, First Aid and child abuse prevention.

## 2011 Summer Camp Trip Photos

### Transportation

Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from camp each day. If you should need assistance, please contact the Camp Director to discuss some options.

### Cultural Diversity

The YMCA of Trenton embraces values and beliefs which support and reflect the inclusion and appreciation of all persons regardless of race, gender, creed, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age, or disability. The YMCA is an equal opportunity employer.

### Refund/Credit Policy

We understand that vacations and situations arise; we ask that you inform us if your child will not be coming to camp. No refunds or credits will be issued after Friday at 5:30 pm for the following week. All other refund requests will be granted at the discretion of the Camp Director.

### A Few 2011 Summer Camp Trip Memories

- Coco Keys Indoor Water Park
- Franklin Institute
- Philadelphia Zoo
- Chuckee Cheese
- Wildwood Beach
- Splash Zone Wildwood NJ
- Hershey Park
- Six Flags
- Special Events include
  - *Water Slides*
  - *Pony Rides*
  - *BBQ's*
  - *Pool Parties*
  - *Caricatures*



Did you know our Teen Camp organized a weekly car wash for our community every Friday last summer?

## **Camp Descriptions**

### **Pre-School Camp (Ages 3-5)**

This camp is offered for the residents of Trenton who are currently enrolled in the ABBOT program. For More Information, please contact the child care office at 609-599-9622

### **Camp Small Feet**

Ages: 4-5

Camp Small Feet provides children ages 4 and 5 with creative and stimulating activities and learning experiences that make their day enjoyable. As with all our camps, there will be a weekly theme around which all of the activities will be centered. Aside from our field trip days, the daily schedule will include swimming (3 days), arts & crafts, songs and outside playtime. Each week will contain a fun, educational field trip that will teach the campers more about their surrounding world. Counselors will stay with their groups all day to maximize safety and ensure the personal enjoyment of each camper. All campers must be out of diapers and toilet-trained.

Available Sessions: 1 through 10

### **Camp Pioneers**

Ages: 6-7

Camp Pioneers is a traditional summer day camp, designed to provide campers and outdoor camp experience at the YMCA of Trenton. Camp Pioneers is designed to introduce 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to a fun, educational and safe summer camp environment through an age-appropriate daily schedule of outdoor activities. Camp Pioneers regular activities are arts and crafts, sports, nature studies, group games and daily swimming/lessons. Campers will also attend weekly field trips.

Available Sessions: 1 through 10

### **Camp Explorers**

Ages: 8-9

Camp Explorers is a traditional summer day camp, designed to provide campers an outdoor camp experience at the YMCA of Trenton. Camp Explorers is designed to introduce 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders to a fun, educational and safe summer camp

environment through an age-appropriate daily schedule of outdoor activities such as arts and crafts, sports, nature studies, group games, daily swimming/lessons along with weekly special events that take place at the YMCA. Campers will also attend weekly field trips.

Available Sessions: 1 through 10

### **Camp Pathfinders**

Ages: 10-11

Camp Pathfinders is intended for Pre-teens and is designed to give 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders a fun, safe outdoor summer experience. Camp Pathfinders participate in regular activities such as arts and crafts, sports, nature studies, group games, daily swimming/lessons along with weekly special events that take place at the YMCA. Campers will also attend weekly field trips.

Available Sessions: 1 through 10

### **LIT (Leaders in Training)**

Ages 12-15

The LITs program is intended for Teens interested in working with children in a structured day camp setting. The goals of the LIT program are for teens to be given opportunities to develop leadership skills, work with younger campers and begin to experience what it's like to work in a Summer Camp environment. LITs receive training in areas such as: Working with Children, Leadership & Communication skills, Camp Procedures & Policies, Safety, Conflict Resolution, Developing and Leading activities, and more. LITs have the opportunity to spend time with camp groups, in addition to shadowing key camp staff in program areas. LITs spend a portion of their session with Camp Trailblazers for recreation and some of the field trips. Teens who partake in the LIT program must be willing to have an open-mind and willing to learn, and poses a positive attitude, able to work in a group setting, and a willingness to work with children as young as 4 years old.

Available Sessions: 2 through 9

Fee: \$75.00 per week

**Did you know all of our camps  
swim on a daily basis along  
with attending weekly field  
trips?**

## **2012 Specialty Camps**

### **C.S.I**

#### ***Crime Scene Investigation***

Ages: 8-11

Campers will enjoy an exciting new camp based on the hit TV series CSI. Children will reconstruct a crime scene, compile and investigate evidence, interrogate witnesses, and solve the crime. This camp will incorporate science, math and writing, as well as help the campers work on their communication skills. All children will also receive a YMCA C.S.I Shirt at the beginning of the week. (Space is limited to 20 children)

Available Sessions: 3,5,7

### **Dance Camp**

Ages: 6-12

This popular camp offers dance instruction in ballet, jazz, modern, hip-hop, and assorted other samples for boys and girls. Campers will also enjoy arts & crafts, group games, daily swimming/lessons and participate in our Boost reading program. Dancers will prepare throughout the summer to perform in the 1st Annual YMCA of Trenton Camp Gala to be held on Friday August 17, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

Campers MUST be registered in weeks 3 through 8 in Dance Camp in order to participate in the dance portion of the Gala.

Available Sessions: 1 through 9

### **Jr. Rookies Sports Camp**

Ages: 6-9

This co-ed sports and game camp will introduce younger campers to the basic rules and skills of a variety of team sports in a non-competitive atmosphere. Sports such as flag football, soccer, baseball, basketball, and traditional games such as kickball will be highlighted. Children will also enjoy daily swimming/lessons, group games, arts & crafts and a weekly field trip.

Available Sessions: 2 through 10

### **Sports Combo**

Ages: 10-12

This camp includes soccer, basketball, baseball, hockey, lacrosse, football, and cooperative games. Basic skill development, games, scrimmages, values of fair play and

sportsmanship will be taught. Children will also enjoy daily swimming/lessons along with group games, arts & crafts and much more.

Available sessions: 2-10

### **Martial Arts Camp**

Ages: 8-12

Martial Arts Camp will teach children the basic fundamentals and skills of Martial Arts Karate. Campers will receive instruction from a qualified Martial Arts Instructor in a fun and safe environment. Children will also learn self-discipline with self-confidence. Arts & crafts, group games, daily swimming/lessons and weekly field trips will round out the camp experience. Children will receive a FREE uniform when enrolled in this program.

Available Sessions: 4,5,6,7

### **Critter Camp**

Ages: 6-10

Does your child love to play with bugs in the backyard and play in the dirt to find those worms? Well, Critter Camp is the place for your child to be! Children experience real farm animals at the Y such as baby rabbits, guinea pigs, Rudy the frog, and other lovable critters. Children will be taught the responsibilities of working with pets. Daily swimming/lessons, group games, and a weekly field trip to a local nature center to enjoy the farm scene along with many other exciting farm-like experiences will round out the camp week.

Available Sessions: 7

### **Art Camp**

Ages: 7-12

Children who enjoy art won't want to miss this camp. Children will explore a variety of art mediums including; painting, drawing, sculpting, and more! Daily swim/lessons, group games, and a weekly field trip round out this fun camp week.

Available Sessions: 5,6,7

## **DID YOU KNOW ALL CAMPS GO ON FIELD TRIPS?**

## Science Camp

Ages: 6-10

Learn what goes fizz, pop, bang and more! This camp encourages kids to ask why and how... then figure it out. Children will also enjoy group games, sports, daily swimming and a weekly field trip.

Available Sessions: 3,4,6,8

## Cooking Camp

Ages: 6-12

Children who enjoy cooking should consider experiencing this camp. Children will learn the basics of kitchen safety and healthy eating while creating new and exciting recipes to munch on throughout the day. Children will also enjoy daily swimming/lessons, group games, arts & crafts and weekly field trips. Children who register for week 8 will create the menu for our YMCA Camp Gala.

Available Sessions: 4,5 Ages: 6-8

8,9 Ages: 9-12

## Adventure Camp

Ages: 8-13

Does your child love the Beach, Adventure Aquarium, Hershey Park??? Well, we are packing up our trucks and traveling for the week. Children will travel to a different location each day. The trip schedule can be found on our website.

Available Sessions: 9, 10

## Basketball Camp

Ages: 7-12

This co-ed camp is designed to help players understand and learn the game of basketball.

Camp includes drills, teamwork, skills, games and most importantly teamwork. Other activities include group games, daily swimming, and weekly field trips.

Available Sessions: 3, 5, 8

**Interested in learning about our Tennis or Golf Camps? Contact our camp office for more information!**

Camp Fees: \$132.40 per week includes all trips, busing, breakfast, lunch and staffing costs.

Before Care Program: \$6.00 per week  
6:45am - 8:00am



The YMCA of Trenton also offers a daily reading program that all children will participate in. We also have tutoring available if your child should need any extra assistance over the summer.

### **Summer Camp Office Information**

**Camp Director: Ramon Ryan**

**Office: 609-599-9622**

**Cell: 609-672-5292**

**Email: [Camp@trentonymca.org](mailto:Camp@trentonymca.org)**

### **Camp Location**

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