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Summer Camp 2025 NEW CANAAN YMCA

Member Priority Registration:

Family Member registration begins January 27, 2025 at 9am

Youth Member registration begins January 29, 2025 at 9am

Non-Member Registration:

Registration for non-members begins March 3, 2025 at 9am

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

There's something about summer camp memories—the friendships we make, the skills we learn, and the confidence we build stay with us forever. The New Canaan YMCA's summer camps offer a variety of experiences for children of all ages and abilities. Whether your child is having their first camp experience at Camp Mini, a traditional outdoor summer camp experience at Camp Y-Ki, or honing skills for a sport they are passionate about at Basketball Camp, they will be encouraged to grow, have fun, and make memories. Each camp offers safe and supervised fun provided by a caring, responsible staff, and each child gains something different—new friends, learning to swim, self-confidence, independence, and leadership—all skills that last a lifetime.

CAMP DIRECTORS

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INCLUSION & SUPPORT SERVICES

If your child receives special education services and/or has behavioral support at school, contact Carolynn Kaufman, Director of Inclusion & Support Services, at 203-920-1656 or ckaufman@newcanaanymca.org, to learn more about inclusive services at camp. Prior approval is required before camp registration. Learn more on page 14.



Registration Information

REGISTRATION DATES

New Canaan YMCA Member Priority Registration:

- Registration for Family members begins on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 9:00am.
- Registration for Youth members begins Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 9:00am.
- Registration will be available at our Member Services Desk and [online](#).

Non-Members:

- Registration for non-members begins Monday, March 3, 2025 at 9:00am.
- Registration will be available at our Member Services Desk and [online](#). No prior account set-up is needed.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Priority Member Registration:

To register for summer camp online with priority registration, you must be a current New Canaan YMCA Family or Youth member and have an online registration account set up.

If you do not have an online registration account, you may request one by sending your email address to membership@newcanaanymca.org or by stopping by our Member Services Desk.

Requesting an online registration account must be done at least one week prior to registration.

Participants with Special Payments or Financial Assistance:

All registration with special payments or financial assistance must be completed at our Member Services Desk.

SUMMER CAMP REFUND POLICY

If the Y cancels a session of camp, a 100% refund will automatically be issued. The YMCA reserves the right to cancel any camp program/session that fails to meet enrollment requirements.

Participant withdrawal refunds will be issued as follows:

- Refund requests made between February 1-February 29: 80% refund
- Refund requests made between March 1-March 31: 40% refund
- Refund requests made between April 1-April 30: 20% refund
- No refunds will be issued after May 1, 2025.

*All refunds are less a \$15 processing fee per participant/session.

If a camp participant withdraws due to a medical reason, with written verification by a physician, a prorated refund will be issued. Requests must be submitted prior to the last day of the session.

ALL CAMP FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 1.

Once you are registered for camp, you will receive an email invite from CampSpace to complete necessary camp paperwork online.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Thanks to donations, the New Canaan YMCA proudly offers financial assistance for summer camp programs.

Members Currently Receiving Financial Assistance:

For current financial assistance recipients who have a New Canaan YMCA membership valid through the end of camp:

- Submit a Summer Camp Financial Assistance Request form;
- Submit a \$75 deposit per child/per session to secure your space

Applicants Not Currently Receiving Financial Assistance:

For those who do not currently have a Y membership and/or are not current financial assistance recipients:

- Please submit both the completed Financial Assistance application and Summer Camp Financial Assistance Request form to Diana Riolo

Application Submission:

Diana Riolo, Assistant Director of Development & Community Impact: 203-920-1653 | driolo@newcanaanymca.org

Application Deadlines:

Applications should be submitted in a timely manner ahead of registration deadlines as the review process can take up to 15 business days. **Applications can be found at our Member Services Desk or online at www.newcanaanymca.org/financial-assistance.**

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Registration for Youth members begins Wednesday, January 29, at 9:00am.

Non-Member Registration:

Registration for non-members begins Monday, March 3, 2025 at 9:00am.

Camp Mini



"We are so truly impressed and grateful for everything you do to make Camp Mini such an awesome experience for all the kids...your expertise, natural comfort and ability with the kids, and sensible approach outshines all the others."

— Camp Mini Parent

Camp Mini:

AGES 3-5 (PRE-K)

WHERE LITTLE KIDS MAKE BIG MEMORIES

Your child's first summer camp experience is a special one. Camp Mini provides a safe camp experience for children to play, grow, and make friends. Our Y's Camp Mini provides a safe, nurturing, and age-appropriate environment for children ages 3-5 (children must be pre-k and potty-trained). Camp Mini offers creative learning, recreational, and social experiences for our campers, who enjoy activities designed to teach new skills as well as provide lots of fun!



INCLUSION & SUPPORT SERVICES

For information about inclusive support services offered at our camp, see page 14 and contact Carolynn Kaufman, Director of Inclusion & Support Services, at 203-920-1656 or ckaufman@newcanaanymca.org.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

- Bouncing Bears
- Arts & Crafts
- Music
- Outdoor Sports & Playground Time
- Swim Lessons & Free Swim
- Theme Weeks
- Special Event Days

HOURS/DATES

Monday – Friday, 9:15 am – 1:15 pm

Campers must be potty trained.

Session 1: June 23 – July 3 (no camp July 4)

Session 2: July 7 – July 18

Session 3: July 21 – August 1

Session 4: August 4 – August 15

NEW! AFTER-CAMP ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Monday – Friday, 1:15pm-3:15pm (Ages 4-5, Pre-K only)

Snack provided.

Book and Bounce: 1:15-2:15 pm

Campers will work on coordination, balance, and strength in our popular Bouncing Bears area and gather for captivating story time sessions that spark their imagination and foster a love for reading. Stories are often tied to the themes of movement, adventure, and teamwork, encouraging kids to connect their physical activities with the tales they hear.

STEM: 2:15-3:15 pm

Following Book and Bounce, campers will engage in a hands-on class where young minds dive into the world of science, technology, engineering, and math through playful exploration and discovery. Tailored for curious preschoolers, each session introduces simple yet fascinating STEM concepts through age-appropriate experiments, building activities, and problem-solving games.

MEMBER/NON-MEMBER FEES

Camp Day:

Session 1: \$515/\$592 per session (no camp July 4)

Sessions 2-4: \$569/645 per session

After-Camp Enrichment Activities:

Session 1: \$325/\$400 per session (no camp July 4)

Sessions 2-4: \$360/\$435 per session

Required Camp Forms Due June 1.

CAMP LOCATION

Camp Mini is held on-site at the New Canaan YMCA. The majority of the day is held outside with a tent to provide shade. Campers will also have indoor activities such as swim lessons, Bouncing Bears, music, and more. In the event of inclement weather, camp will be held indoors.

CAMP MINI DIRECTOR

Mason Capozza:

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NEW CANAAN YMCA CAMP MINI CALENDAR 2025: DAILY THEMES & ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK 1/SESSION 1:
FRIENDSHIP WEEK

JUN-23 CAMP BEGINS!
OUR FRIENDSHIP FLOWER



JUN-24
OUR FRIENDSHIP BRACELET



JUN-25
OUR FRIENDSHIP QUILT



JUN-26
OUR FRIENDSHIP SALAD



JUN-27
MAKING FRIENDS
SCAVENGER HUNT



WEEK 2/SESSION 1:
4TH OF JULY WEEK

JUN-30
STARS



JUL-1
STRIPES



JUL-2
FIREWORKS



JUL-3
"THE NIGHT BEFORE THE
FOURTH OF JULY"



JUL-4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
NO CAMP



WEEK 3/SESSION 2:
COMMUNITY
HELPERS WEEK

JUL-7
VETERINARIAN



JUL-8
DENTIST



JUL-9
NURSE/DOCTOR



JUL-10
FIREFIGHTER



JUL-11
LIBRARIAN



WEEK 4/SESSION 2:
SPORTS WEEK

JUL-14
KICKBALL



JUL-15
BASKETBALL



JUL-16
SWIMMING



JUL-17
DANCE



JUL-18
SOCCER
JERSEY DAY!



WEEK 5/SESSION 3:
FLOWER WEEK

JUL-21
SUNFLOWERS



JUL-22
ROSES



JUL-23
MARGIGOLDS



JUL-24
CHRYSANTHEMUMS



JUL-25
DAISIES



WEEK 6/SESSION 3:
CAMPING WEEK

JUL-28
CAMPFIRE



JUL-29
FISHING AT CAMP



JULY-30
"WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR
HUNT"



JULY-31
I SPY - BUGS



AUG-1
5'MORE MIX DAY
GLOW PARTY!



WEEK 7/SESSION 4:
SPACE WEEK

AUG-4
ASTRONAUT



AUG-5
SUN



AUG-6
MOON



AUG-7
STARS



AUG-8
CONSTELLATIONS
TIE DYE DAY



WEEK 8/SESSION 4:
RAINBOW WEEK

AUG-11
RED



AUG-12
ORANGE



AUG-13
YELLOW



AUG-14
GREEN



AUG-15
BLUE
LAST DAY
OF CAMP!





NEW CANAAN YMCA CAMP Y-KI CALENDAR 2025: SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SESSION 1/WEEK 1: TIME TRAVEL WEEK	JUN-23 CAMP BEGINS! CRAFT PROJECT: BUILD YOUR OWN PYRAMID	JUN-24 RIVER WALK (weather permitting)	JUN-25 LIT FIELD TRIP 	JUN-26 DECADES DRESS UP DAY 70's, 80's, 90's, 00's	JUN-27 KONA ICE TRUCK DAY CAMP-WIDE SPECIAL EVENT 
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SESSION 1/WEEK 2: SAFARI WEEK	JUN-30 CRAFT PROJECT: CREATE A CRITTER 	JUL-1 RIVER WALK (weather permitting) 	JUL-2 TW/EAGLES/LIT FIELD TRIP COUGARS/CROCS EVENT	JUL-3 CAMP-WIDE INFLATABLE FUN RED, WHITE AND BLUE DRESS UP DAY	JUL-4 INDEPENDENCE DAY NO CAMP 
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SESSION 2/WEEK 1: HOLIDAY WEEK	JUL-7 CRAFT PROJECT: MAKE AN ORNAMENT 	JUL-8 RIVER WALK (weather permitting) 	JUL-9 LIT FIELD TRIP 	JUL-10 HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY 	JUL-11 KONA ICE TRUCK DAY CAMP-WIDE SPECIAL EVENT 
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SESSION 2/WEEK 2: CAMP OLYMPICS/ COLOR WARS WEEK	JUL-14 CRAFT PROJECT: CREATE YOUR OWN FLAG 	JUL-15 RIVER WALK (weather permitting) 	JUL-16 TW/EAGLES/LIT FIELD TRIP COUGARS/CROCS EVENT	JUL-17 SPORTS DRESS UP DAY 	JUL-18 KONA ICE TRUCK DAY CAMP-WIDE SPECIAL EVENT 
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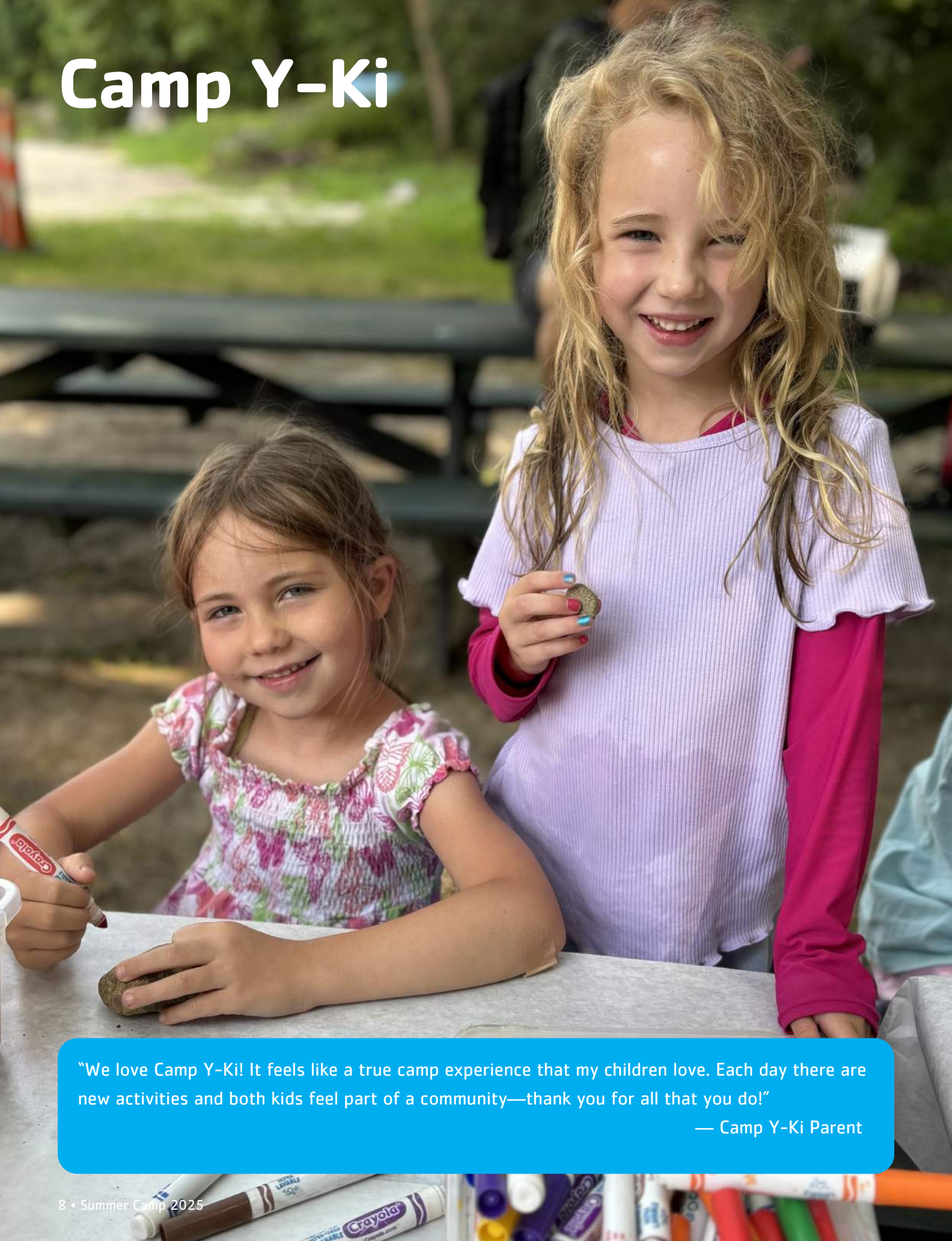
SESSION 3/WEEK 1: SPACE WEEK	JUL-21 CRAFT PROJECT: BUILD A SPACE SHIP 	JUL-22 RIVER WALK (weather permitting) 	JUL-23 LIT FIELD TRIP 	JUL-24 ALIEN DRESS UP DAY SUPER DUPER WEENIE VISIT 	JUL-25 KONA ICE TRUCK DAY CAMP-WIDE SPECIAL EVENT 
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SESSION 3/WEEK 2: AROUND THE WORLD WEEK 	JUL-28 CRAFT PROJECT: MAKE A PASSPORT 	JUL-29 RIVER WALK (weather permitting) FAMILY CAMP CELEBRATION: PARENTS & FAMILIES WELCOME AFTER CAMP! 	JUL-30 TW/EAGLES/LIT FIELD TRIP COUGARS/CROCS EVENT	JUL-31 CULTURAL CLOTHING DRESS UP DAY 	AUG-1 KONA ICE TRUCK DAY CAMP-WIDE SPECIAL EVENT 
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SESSION 4/WEEK 1: FULL STEAM AHEAD WEEK	AUG-4 CRAFT PROJECT: BUILD A TOWER 	AUG-5 RIVER WALK (weather permitting) 	AUG-6 LIT FIELD TRIP 	AUG-7 SCIENTIST DRESS UP DAY 	AUG-8 KONA ICE TRUCK DAY CAMP-WIDE SPECIAL EVENT 
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SESSION 4/WEEK 2: SPLASHTOPIA WEEK	AUG-11 CRAFT PROJECT: TIE DYE T-SHIRTS 	AUG-12 RIVER WALK (weather permitting) 	AUG-13 TW/EAGLES/LIT FIELD TRIP COUGARS/CROCS EVENT	AUG-14 UNDER THE SEA DRESS UP DAY 	AUG-15 KONA ICE TRUCK DAY BEACH PARTY: GAMES & SWIM DAY 
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Camp Y-Ki



"We love Camp Y-Ki! It feels like a true camp experience that my children love. Each day there are new activities and both kids feel part of a community—thank you for all that you do!"

— Camp Y-Ki Parent

Camp Y-Ki

ENTERING GRADES 1-6 (MUST HAVE COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN)

Learn more
about our L.I.T. &
C.I.T. programs
on pages 10 & 11.

WHERE ADVENTURE AWAITS

Camp Y-Ki offers a traditional outdoor camp experience where the summer comes alive with fun and the forging and strengthening of friendships. Held at Kiwanis Park, campers will participate in engaging activities, camp songs, archery, creative arts, team building, nature classes, both traditional and non-traditional sports, free swim and swim lessons. Each session includes field trips and special event days to keep the good times rolling! Y-Ki is the place to spend the summer making new and strengthening existing friendships, trying new things, and growing as an individual. Come join our tradition and become part of the Y-Ki family!



SUPPORT SERVICES

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FIELD TRIPS & ON-SITE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Campers going into 3rd-8th grade (Timberwolves, Eagles, and L.I.T.s) will go on an off-site adventure once every session (L.I.T.s will go on an additional trip each session. Learn more on page 10). Our older campers will travel to fun venues such as sport complexes, ropes courses, zoos, and extreme sports parks. Campers going into 1st and 2nd grade (Cougars and Crocodiles) will have interactive special on-site activities just for them, including foam parties, obstacle courses, reptile experiences, and more!

HOURS/DATES

Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Session 1: June 23 – July 3 (no camp July 4)

Session 2: July 7 – July 18

Session 3: July 21 – August 1

Session 4: August 4 – August 15

EXTENDED DAY

Camp Y-Ki offers extended day options for an additional fee.

Morning: 8:00 am – 9:00 am

Afternoon: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm (snack provided)

MEMBER/NON-MEMBER FEES

Camp Day:

Session 1: \$793/\$870 per session (no camp July 4)

Sessions 2-4: \$880/\$958 per session

Extended Day:

Morning: \$87 per session (Session 1 is prorated to \$77)

Afternoon: \$168 per session (Session 1 is prorated to \$151)

Required Camp Forms Due June 1.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

- Sports (archery, gaga, and more!)
- Creative arts & theater
- Arts and crafts
- River walks
- Aquatic activities (swimming and boating)
- Theme weeks
- Team building
- Music

SPECIAL EVENTS

All campers will participate in an all-camp special event on the last day of each session. Special events at Camp Y-Ki are high energy, interactive, and a great way to celebrate an awesome session at camp!

*Please note: Cougars and Crocodiles may have an opportunity to attend local field trips. Camp leadership staff will provide more information on all field trips as camp gets closer.

CONTACT

Margeaux Sullivan:

203-920-1635 | msullivan@newcanaanymca.org

L.I.T. Program

CAMP Y-KI LEADER-IN-TRAINING (ENTERING GRADES 7 & 8)

The L.I.T. program has been designed to teach our oldest campers about the importance of responsibility, empathy, and working with others while having fun at camp! L.I.T. activities are similar to regular camp activities, but tailored to meet the needs of our oldest campers. Participants have two periods of swimming each day, and will select a different specialty camp each week. The L.I.T.s also attend two field trips; one with the L.I.T. group and one with the whole camp. Past field trips included Escape New Haven and IT Adventure Ropes Course.

L.I.T. ONE

Led by L.I.T. Specialists, first-year L.I.T.s blend regular camp activities and some L.I.T.-focused activities to slowly introduce more freedom and group choice. First-year participants complete a Red Cross Babysitting Certification course, instructing them how to properly and safely care for children. They also spend time shadowing our Camp Specialists learning what makes a true leader. The L.I.T. program is a great way for older children to get out and enjoy the summer, while learning valuable life lessons and making quality friendships.

L.I.T. TWO

Designed specifically for L.I.T.s who have attended the program before. Led by L.I.T. Specialists, this program provides returning participants with greater independence and responsibility. The group blends camp/community enrichment projects with fun camp activities. L.I.T.s also spend time shadowing camper groups and counselors, as they further develop their leadership skills. Beyond the regular camp activities, L.I.T.s spend time planning and implementing camps/community enrichment projects focused on reinforcing one of the Y's areas of focus: social responsibility.



HOURS/DATES

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Session 1: June 23 – July 3 (no camp July 4)
Session 2: July 7 – July 18
Session 3: July 21 – August 1
Session 4: August 4 – August 15

EXTENDED DAY

Camp Y-Ki offers extended day options for an additional fee.

Morning Extended Day: 8:00 am – 9:00 am
Evening Extended Day: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm (snack provided)

MEMBER/NON-MEMBER FEES

Camp Day:

Session 1: \$898/\$975 per session (no camp July 4)
Sessions 2-4: \$995/\$1,072 per session

Extended Day:

Morning: \$87 per session
(Session 1 is prorated to \$77)

Afternoon: \$168 per session
(Session 1 is prorated to \$151)

Required Camp Forms Due June 1.

CONTACT

Margeaux Sullivan:
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SUPPORT SERVICES

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C.I.T. Program

C.I.T. COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (AGES 14 & 15) Must be at least 14 to enroll

Our C.I.T. program is for teenagers ages 14 & 15 who are interested in working with children and gaining leadership skills. C.I.T.s help bridge the gap between campers and counselors, learning to become positive role models. C.I.T.s gain leadership experience and learn how to work with a variety of age groups either at Camp Mini (preschool camp located at the Y) or Camp Y-Ki (school-age traditional outdoor camp located at Kiwanis Park). In addition to working with younger campers, C.I.T.s enjoy special activities including pizza parties, theme days, community service projects, and more! The program is lead by the C.I.T. coordinator who mentors our C.I.T.s through any challenges and celebrate their growth. All C.I.T.s are required to attend pre-camp trainings. Evaluations are conducted throughout the camp sessions and used for second year return invitations and future paid counselor positions.

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING: FIRST YEAR

C.I.T.s are given the opportunity to develop skills and peer relationships in an engaging environment. While they are not responsible for the safety and supervision of campers, first-year C.I.T.s work in camp groups with counselors, engage in camp games, songs, activities, and participate in leadership trainings with fellow C.I.T.s.

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING: SECOND YEAR AND BEYOND

C.I.T.s who have already successfully completed one summer of our C.I.T. program participate in our Second Year and Beyond program. This program features a training refresher with evaluations at the end of each session. In addition to assisting with everyday camp responsibilities and groups, second year and beyond C.I.T.s enjoy hands-on experience working with camp activity specialists to plan and implement activities. This additional experience enables the more seasoned C.I.T.s to practice their skills as a future camp counselor.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates must fill out a C.I.T. application and will be interviewed by the C.I.T. Coordinator. C.I.T. applications are available online and at our Member Services Desk. Apply early as space is limited by session. Acceptance into the program will be based on completed application, demonstrated interest in program and interview (mandatory for first year).

- 1. Submit completed application to Carolyn Kaufman or the C.I.T. Program Coordinator by April 1.**
- 2. Interviews for first-year C.I.T.s will be held on a rolling basis from April 1–May 1.**
- 3. Acceptance into program notification by May 15.**
- 4. All camp paperwork and payment must be completed on CampSpace by June 1 to secure spot.**



HOURS

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:15 PM

*Times may vary based on camp placement

DATES

Session 1: June 23 – July 3 (no camp July 4)

Session 2: July 7 – July 18

Session 3: July 21 – August 1

Session 4: August 4 – August 15

MEMBER/NON-MEMBER FEES

C.I.T. First Year: Minimum 4-week commitment

Session 1: \$325/\$400 per session (no camp July 4)

Sessions 2-4: \$360/\$437 per session

C.I.T. Second Year and Beyond:

Session 1: \$278/\$355 per session (no camp July 4)

Sessions 2-4: \$310/\$386 per session

(Session 1 is prorated to \$278/\$355)

Required Camp Forms Due June 1.

CONTACT

Carolynn Kaufman (January 27–March 30):

203-920-1656 | ckaufman@newcanaanymca.org

Jocelyn Acquino, C.I.T. Coordinator (Beginning April 1):

cit@newcanaanymca.org

Basketball Camp



Basketball Camp

CO-ED AGES 6-14

WHERE KIDS BUILD CONFIDENCE AND SPORTSMANSHIP

Basketball Camp helps campers develop basketball skills, along with discipline, teamwork, conditioning, and sportsmanship. Held in the Y's gymnasium, campers will participate in individual and team drills, helping them to hone all-around basketball skills in a fun and supportive environment. Each day of camp features a warm-up, drills, conditioning, games, and more that help campers build confidence and sportsmanship on and off the court.



HOURS/DATES

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Session 1: July 14 – July 17

Session 2: July 21 – July 24

Session 3: July 28 – July 31

Session 4: August 4 – August 7

Session 5: August 11 – August 14

MEMBER/NON-MEMBER FEES

\$240/\$340 per session

Required Camp Forms Due June 1

CAMP ACTIVITIES

- Individual & team drills
- Skill development
- Conditioning
- Games

BASKETBALL CAMP DIRECTOR

Lenwood Latta:

203-920-1634 | llatta@newcanaanymca.org

Inclusion & Support Services

PRE-APPROVAL
REQUIRED

SUMMER CAMP INCLUSION & SUPPORT SERVICES

Support Services at Camp Mini & Camp Y-Ki (Ages 3-14)

The New Canaan YMCA offers inclusive support services to campers with varying abilities, providing the opportunity to actively participate in a traditional camp experience. Offered at Camp Mini and Camp Y-Ki, eligible campers who would benefit from extra support in a camp group with an Inclusive Support Counselor (1:2 or 1:3 ratio) can apply at no additional fee for a maximum of two sessions (4 weeks of camp). Inclusive Support Counselors provide campers with encouragement to participate in camp activities with some adaptations as needed within the structured program.

Inclusion and support services are designed for campers who benefit from additional direction, some adaptations to camp schedule, and extra time for sensory breaks. Campers who require 1:1 intensive behavior support/intervention are welcome to attend camp with assistance of private or school staff.

***To register for support at camp, please contact Carolynn Kaufman, Director of Inclusion & Support Services. Support Services are available on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Please see the corresponding pages for fees, dates, and times at specific camps. To ensure proper accommodations can be made, a new camper interview is required for all new campers.

Extended School Year (ESY)/Half-day option at Camp Y-Ki:*

An adjusted camp fee will be offered for campers who would benefit from a half-day camp option with assistance, or who will be attending morning ESY programs and would like to attend Camp Y-Ki in the afternoons with school-supported staff. Participants may attend camp Monday-Thursday beginning at lunchtime and if appropriate, a full day on Fridays.

*This program requires prior approval from Carolynn Kaufman, Director of Inclusion & Support Services, and special education staff at the child's school.



TO APPLY FOR SUPPORT:

To register, for additional information, or to set up a new camper interview, please contact Carolynn Kaufman, Director of Inclusion & Support Services at ckaufman@newcanaanymca.org or 203-920-1656.

Registration for support services at Camp Mini or Camp Y-Ki or Camp Jam for teens and young adults (learn more on page 15) needs prior approval and is done on a first-come, first-served basis as we can accommodate. Space is limited and participant enrollment is not guaranteed.

To accommodate as many campers as possible, there is a maximum of four weeks of support services at Camp Mini and Camp Y-Ki, per camper.

In addition to required camp forms, all support services paperwork must be completed to register for support and specialized camps. *CAMPERS MUST BE TOILET-TRAINED.

Camp Jam

AGES 13+

WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Our Camp Jam program is specifically designed to meet the needs of our participants with varying abilities who require additional direction and support, but do not require 1:1 or intensive behavioral and/or physical intervention. This specialized camp offers a high staff-to-camper ratio and a structured schedule that rotates weekly to offer: swimming, art, dance, music therapy, yoga, group fitness, with a personal trainer, drama, cooking, and weekly special events (ie: Animal Embassy, African Drumming, Magic Show). Camp Jam offers participants the opportunity to participate in an enriching summer camp experience while developing skills, building friendships, staying active, and most importantly having fun!



HOURS/DATES

Monday-Thursday, 3:00 – 5:00 pm (activities begin at 3:15 pm)

Session 1: June 23-June 26

Session 2: June 30-July 3

Session 3: July 7-July 10

Session 4: July 14-July 17

Session 5: July 21-July 24

Session 6: July 28-July 31

*Register by week

MEMBER/NON-MEMBER FEES

\$225/\$250 per session

Required Camp Forms Due June 1

CAMP ACTIVITIES

- Swimming
- Art
- Dance
- Music therapy
- Yoga
- Group fitness with a personal trainer
- Drama
- Cooking
- Weekly special events

CAMP JAM DIRECTOR

If you are new to New Canaan YMCA programming, please contact Carolynn Kaufman prior to registration:

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: CAMP JAM PEER BUDDY (AGES 14+)

Looking for a fun way to spend your afternoons this summer? Come volunteer at our Camp Jam for teens and young adults and immerse yourself in summer fun with our participants. Interested in volunteering? Contact Ida Marchetti at imarchetti@newcanaanymca.org.

CALLING ALL LEMONAIDERS

Neighborhood Lemonaid Stand Fundraiser
For our Friends at Facing the Future (FAFU)
NEW CANAAN YMCA



MEMORIAL DAY-LABOR DAY

FRIENDS • FUN • LEMONADE

Help support over 350 students at Facing the Future Education Center (FAFU) in Kibera, Kenya, by volunteering to host a neighborhood LemonAid stand this summer between Memorial Day and Labor Day!



IT'S EASY!

- Sign up by contacting Diana Riolo at 203-920-1653 or driolo@newcanaanymca.org
- Pick up your LemonAid stand kit (while supplies last) beginning May 23, 2025
- Grab your family or friends and host your LemonAid Stand
- Return any LemonAid Stand funds raised for FAFU to the New Canaan YMCA

WHERE EVERYBODY CAN HAVE THE BEST SUMMER EVER.

Donations to the New Canaan YMCA make it possible for so many kids and families to benefit from summer camp each year.

Last year, donations made it possible for the Y to provide:

- \$50,000 in summer camp financial assistance
- Provide inclusion support and specialized programs for 46 campers with varying abilities



A Thank You to Our Donors...

"Our family is so grateful to the New Canaan YMCA for offering financial aid to help support our children's summer camp experiences so they can attend camp each year. In doing so, it provides us with solid, consistent childcare. Each session they form new friendships; have fun in the sun; stay busy with activities, special events, and field trips; and come home full of fun stories.

None of this would be possible without the YMCA's generous financial aid that we wholeheartedly appreciate! Thank you!"

-Summer Camp Financial Assistance Recipient

Consider giving the gift of camp today!

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