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















WELCOME TO CAMP

EMERSON FAMILY YMCA

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Camp Hours

Full Day Camps run Monday-Friday 9 am-4 pm

Fun Club Extended Care (before & after camp care) is available for all full-day camps only: 6:45 am until the start of camp and end of camp until 6 pm. Held outside, weather permitting. See p. 13 for details.

SAVE ON CAMP!

Did you know that Y members receive the lowest rates for camp? Ask us about

Camp Counselor Meet n' Greet

May 25 **Emerson Family YMCA** 6 pm - 7:30pm

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

Register Early! Space is Limited!

Welcome Families & Campers

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

-Mark Pacatte. Director of Child Care

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

First Day to Register

Summer Camp registration will begin on Monday, December 26. All required enrollment forms must be completed in full & received prior to attending

How to Register

In person, online or fax. Download enrollment packets at www.gwrymca.org/emerson. More details are also available in the back of this brochure.

Financial Assistance Policy

As a charitable nonprofit organization, the Gateway Region YMCA makes financial assistance available to help ensure that all have the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive through programs like summer day camp. For more information or to help send another child to camp by making a donation to the Y's Annual Campaign, call (314) 521-1822.



TRADITIONAL

CAMP WAUPACA

Ages 5-13 9 am - 4 pm







Our traditional day camp is offered through the entire summer for ages 5-13. This camp is designed for a wide variety of conventional interests that include arts & crafts, group games, nature exploration, swimming, field trips and more. Camps are themed weekly. Campers are typically grouped by ages they are at the time of the camp. Most camp activities will be held outdoors with indoor activities provided based on the day and theme. Campers will swim Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Campers ages 5-8 will attend weekly field trips an Tuesday and campers age 9 and up will attend field trips on Thursday.

Camp Fee: \$105/week Members Pay Only: \$75/week

WEEKLY THEMES Welcome to Waupaca Week 1: May 30-June 2

Welcome to Waupaca New and returning campers ages 5-13 will be introduced to camp and begin to develop new relationships. Campers will learn about outdoor safety, teamwork, and the Y core values.

Buggin' Out Week 2: June 5-9

Amazing Race A great way for our campers, ages 5-13, to become more in tune with nature's treasures is to learn about the different bugs found outside and their life cycle. Campers will be given bug names, such as grasshoppers, ladybugs, butterflies, etc. and will explore the lay of land through nature walks, bug bingo, trivia, and the Cootie Bug race.

All Around the World Week 3: June 12-16

Campers will be grouped into teams to compete against each other as well as the camp counselors. We will learn good





CELEBRATE HEALTHY KIDS!

Healthy Kids Day April 29, 2017

Healthy Kids Day is a national YMCA initiative to provide families with resources, activities and programs to

Our event is packed with community resources and active games, and it also gives parents a chance to meet Y staff and camp counselors who will be with your kids all summer long!



SPECIAL INTEREST CAMPS

are designed to offer activities focused on a particular interest, learning or progressive opportunity while incorporating principles. Examples include waterpark hop, science, cooking and other activities. Camp size be offered either indoors or outdoors based on the specified

Mon-Fri 9:00 am-12:00 pm

At 12:00 pm, Special Interest Campers will join Camp Waupaca afternoon activities through 4:00

ages will take field trips on Thursdays.

\$120 a week Y members pay \$95





Basketball Camp

Week 3: June 12-16 • Ages 5-13 Week 9: July 24-28 • Ages 5-13 Check out this camp that's filled with excitement. All instruction is based on positive motivation while focusing on three basic skills - dribbling, passing, and shooting. Camp will focus on basketball drills and scrimmage from 9:00 am-12:00 pm, then join with Camp Waupaca for team-building activities and swimming in the afternoon from 12:00 pm-4:00 pm.

All Sports Camp

Week 7: June 26-30 • Ages 5-13

This camp for ages provides a variety of different experiences through multiple sport activities. We will provide basic instruction in this camp. What is it going to take for you to become a YMCA ALL STAR?

TRADITIONAL CAMP cont.





CAMP WAUPACA

Ages 5-13 9 am - 4 pm

Emerson's Got Talent Week 7: July 10-14

Express yourself through individual talents! Bring it on, campers! Friends and Family are welcome to attend the All Camp Talent Show, Friday, July 14th, in the Y gym.

Splish Splash! Week 8: July 17-21

Splish Splash Let's beat the heat with water games! Campers will go water wild! Campers, be prepared to soak your counselor, as it's a competition to see which camp group can soak their counselor the most!

Community Helpers! Week 9: July 24-28

When you're a part of your community, it's important to know who to call, when vou're in need of assistance. Learn about the duties of our local community helpers. Some activities may include a search and rescue, a morning PT (physical training) session, and a field trip to the fire house!

Final Countdown Week 10: July 31-August 4

Final Countdown Can you believe it's already the end of summer? Spend the week counting down the last days of summer by getting their sillies out, signing each other's camp T-shirt and receiving camp awards!





FIND THE GENIUS WITHIN

Power Scholars Academy"

a six-week needs-based summer program, serving students entering fourth through eighth grade, designed to not only tackle summe learning loss in math and reading, but to also foster physical and emotional growth. Program held in St. Louis City.



For registration and eligibility requirements for **Power Scholars Academy** contact:

Jeff Hood YMCA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMEN' jeff.hood@gwrymca.org or 314.776.7102

Aqua Kids Week 2: June 5-9

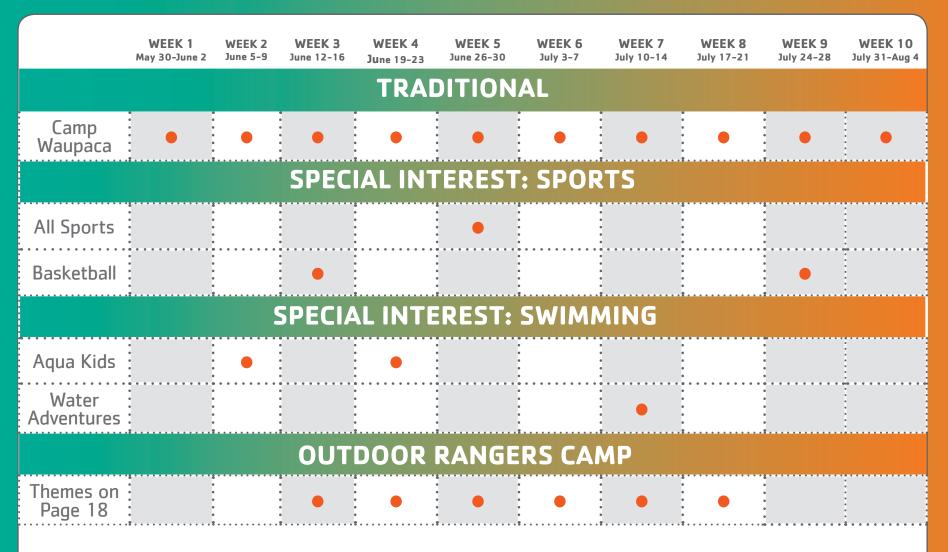
Aqua Kids, for ages 5-13, focuses on the beginning stages of learning how to swim and improving existing skills. Campers will learn how to back float, front, back and side paddle as well as master some basic fundamentals of swimming.

Please note that occasionally, camp scheduling and content are subject to change. Parents/guardians will be notified of any changes prior to the beginning of camp.

Water Adventures Week 6: July 10-14

For ages 8-13. Cool off this summer with us while playing fun water games and learning to swim! This camp is for intermediate swimmers, helping them to improve upon existing swimming skills. Campers will learn to tread water with an effective kick and proper arm stroke techniques, and master the backstroke, breast stroke and sidestroke





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Y Member Specials! \$100 off sessions 1-3 \$45 off

sessions 4-10

All-Camp Games

and MUCH more!

5.200 acres

360-acre lake

Kids ages 6-17 love Camp Lakewood for the fun activities, new friends and counselors who come from the world over. Parents love Camp Lakewood for the lessons in respect, accomplishments and broadening horizons. This is why campers and parents alike call Camp Lakewood "My Camp." Visit camplakewood.org for all of the details.

2017 Open House Dates

Want to see what all of the buzz is about at Camp Lakewood? You are invited to visit the property, talk with our staff and even try some of the activities before registering. Bring the whole family and make a day of it!

Sunday, March 26 1-4 pm Sunday, April 9 1-4 pm Sunday, April 30 1-4 pm Sunday, May 21 1-4 pm

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Register online at www.gwrymca.org/emerson

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FUN CLUB

Before & After Camp Extended Care

Ages 5-13

Before Care: 6:45 am - 9 am After Care: 4 pm – 6 pm

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

Fun Club Times/Cost:

AM: Weekly 6:45-9:00 am \$15 a child; Y members pay \$10

PM: Weekly 4:00-6:00 pm \$15 a child; Y members pay \$10

BOTH: Weekly AM & PM

\$25 a child; Y members pay \$15



REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

When registering, remember to complete the following:

- Completely fill out enrollment packet, which includes:
 - Camp Registration Information
 - Enrollment forms
 - EFT form
- Supply Immunization records for Preschool Campers only
- Supply IEP, BMP, or 504 Plan including Inclusion Services forms (if applicable)
- Supply Chronic Health paperwork (if applicable)
- Supply DFS Foster Child approval letter (if applicable)
- Supply Financial Assistance approval letter (if applicable)
- Read the Family Handbook
- Pay \$15 deposits for each week registered for camp

All forms necessary for registration can be downloaded from our website, www.gwrymca.org/emerson or picked up at the Emerson Family YMCA. Online registration for camp is available. Please note: registrations made online do not complete your child's registration process and additional forms are required. These forms are available on our branch website or can be picked up at the Welcome Center. Completed forms must be turned in to the branch no later than 2 weeks prior to your child's first day of camp.

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

INCLUSION SERVICES

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





Counselor In Training (CIT)

CITs will be provided with a hands-on experience working with young campers setting. CIT application, interview, training and a 4-week commitment required.

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

Applications available at YMCA service center for ages 14-17.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 1, 2017



JANUARY

- 2 Winter Classes Begin
- 31 Last Day for 20% Early Bird Savings*

FEBRUARY

- 20 Spring I Classes Begin
- 28 Last Day for 15% Savings*

MARCH

- 19 Easter Egg Hunt
- 31 Last Day for 10% Savings*

APRIL

10 - Spring II Classes Begin 30 - Healthy Kids Day

MAY

- 25 Camp Counselor Meet n' Greet
- 29 Memorial Day (No Camp)
- 29 Summer I Classes Begin

JUNE

JULY

- 4 July 4th (No Camp)
- 10 Summer II Classes

AUGUST

4 - Last day of camp



COME TO LEARN RETURN TO SERVE

YMCA Central Leaders School

Illinois College in Jacksonville, IL July 16-22, 2017

www.leaders-school.org

YMCA Central Leaders School is an exciting, supportive atmosphere for teens to learn about themselves and others.

For teens completing grades 6-12 who are active in a Leaders Club or other service opportunities at their local YMCA or community.

For more information: Contact Philip Hatten Teen Director philip.hatten@gwrymca.org

Register by May 15 for discounted rates.

Camp Out**

Thursday, July 20

Our Survival Rangers will enjoy an overnight adventure in the great outdoors.

More details about this overnight camp out will be available late spring 2017.







Camp Costs: Members: \$130: Non-Members: \$150; Includes Fun Club

Outdoor Rangers Camps

The Gateway Region Y, in continued partnership with the US National Park Service, Missouri State Parks, Army Corps of Engineers and US Fish and Wild Life Service, is excited to continue to offer 5 weeks of fun and educational camp opportunities. Campers will enjoy nature at its best exploring the outdoors of Missouri

River Rangers

Meander the flood plain during this unique camp that combines outdoor adventure, river navigation and environmental education. Activities may include canoeing, archery, geocache hiking and more. Ages 5-13.

June 12–16

Rock Rangers

What does Southern MO have in common with Yosemite? Come climb, crawl and carve your way through the rocks of Missouri to find out. Activities may include caving in Fisher Cave, exploring the history of mining and the rocks of Washington State Park and more. Ages 5-13

June 19–23

Bike Rangers

Pedal your way through the parks and trails around St. Louis and learn basic skills, maintenance, etiquette and bike safety. 24 bikes available for campers without their own bike. Campers must have some bicycling experience. Ages 7-13

June 26-30

Nature Rangers

Visit a National Wildlife Refuge and get into nature this week. Real park rangers will teach you how to catch bugs, fish, watch for birds and be a wildlife detective. Ages 5-13

July 10-14

Survival Rangers

Put your outdoor skills to the test in our Survival Rangers camp. Explore camping and survival techniques in a week of adventure. Activities may include fishing, shelter building and outdoor cooking. **Campers will participate in an overnight on July 20. Ages 7-13

July 17-21

For more information about the Outdoor Rangers Camp contact, Cheryl at 314.644.3100 or cheryl.roe@gwrymca.org

*Camps will be based at the South City YMCA with transportation to and from base camp provided from the Carondelet Park Rec Complex. Fun Club participation is located at the branch of camp registration.

WHAT YOU NEED **TO KNOW**

Deposits

A \$15 per week/per child deposit is due at the time of registration. Deposit is non-refundable and nontransferable.

Transfers

A \$10 fee per camper/per session will be charged for all changes. No changes accepted after the Monday prior to the start of camp week.

Balance

The full balance of a camp session must be paid by the Wednesday prior to the start of each camp session.

Late Payments

If you do not make the deadline for a session's payment, you will incur a \$10 per day late fee.

Dropped from Camp

Your child will be dropped from the program if full payment including the late fee is not received by Friday noon prior to start of camp. Deposit will be forfeited.

Refunds

Refunds/credits issued if the Y cancels the program except in the case of inclement weather.

Withdrawals

If you withdraw from a program, a refund/credit minus deposit will be issued if requested in writing and received by the camp registrar one week prior to camp starting.

Cancellations

All camps are subject to cancellation due to low enrollment. Camp cancellation is determined by Wednesday prior to camp starting. For all policies/procedures, see Camp Family Handbook.



Age 5 Campers

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

Please note

Occasionally camp scheduling and content are subject to change. Parents will be notified of any changes.

Camp Wait List

No charge to be placed on a waiting list. We will contact you if a spot opens. Payment is due at that time.

Camp Drop Off & Pick Up

Beginning at 8:50am, we will greet you in the Family HUB for you to sign your child into our care. Starting at 3:45pm, no need to get out of the car, curbside pickup is available for camp! After 4:05pm a late fee will be charged if your child is not attending after care. Children in after care Fun Club must be signed out by 6:00pm or a late fee will be charged.







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