



THE Summer They'll *Never Forget* PLACE

SUMMIT AREA YMCA



**2026
SUMMER
CAMP**



OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

For 140 years, the Summit Area YMCA has helped kids grow with confidence, curiosity, and connection. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Y is dedicated to serving individuals and families of all backgrounds, abilities and income levels. We offer inclusive programs that support youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we provide financial assistance to ensure that cost is never a barrier for participation in Y programs and services.

LEARN MORE ➤

thesay.org/camp

SAFETY FIRST

At the Summit Area YMCA, safety is the foundation of every camp experience. All of our summer camps follow the rigorous standards of the American Camp Association (ACA), and many are fully ACA-accredited through regular on-site reviews. We are also a Praesidium-accredited organization, reflecting our ongoing commitment to best-in-class child protection practices. Every staff member completes extensive training, including CPR, First Aid, emergency procedures, and abuse-prevention protocols, so families can feel confident that their campers are supported, supervised, and safe all summer long.



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FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

Dear Parents,

We're excited to welcome your family to a summer they'll never forget. At the Y, day camp is more than a season of fun, it's where kids find their next best friend, try new things, and build the kind of memories that last long after August ends.

No matter what sparks your child's interest, movement, creativity, or exploration, they'll find a place to grow and feel at home. Our team is ready to create a summer filled with adventure, friendship, and moments they'll talk about for years to come.

This is their "best summer ever" place. Their summer adventure place. Their "this is where I belong" place. We hope you'll make it your place too.

Sincerely,

Kelly McHugh
Associate Executive Director





OUR LOCATIONS

SUMMIT AREA YMCA

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SUMMIT YMCA

67 Maple Street
Summit, NJ 07901

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BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

59 Locust Avenue
Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922

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THE LEARNING CIRCLE YMCA

95 Morris Avenue
Summit, NJ 07901

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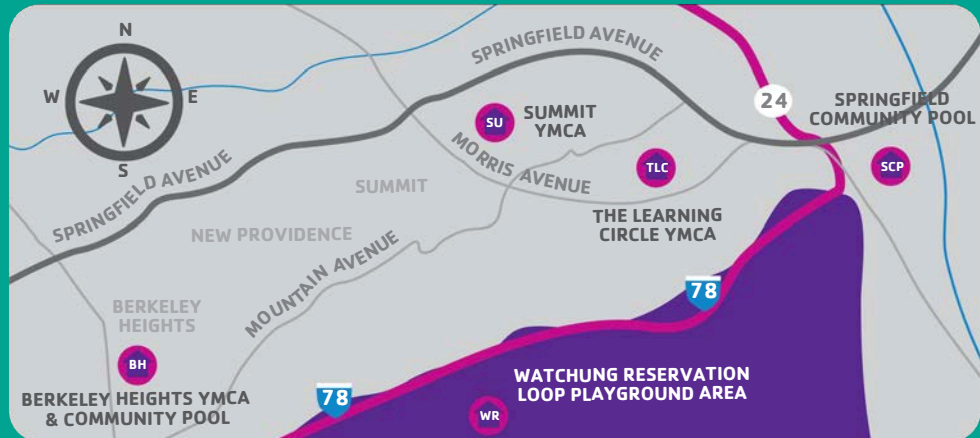
SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL

44 Morrison Road
Springfield, NJ 07081

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WATCHUNG RESERVATION

Loop Playground Area
W R Tracy Drive, Watchung, NJ



REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DETAILS

MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

An active Summit Area YMCA (SAY) Membership is required to attend and register for our summer camps. If you do not have a SAY Family Membership, you may enroll your child as a Youth or Teen Member. Youth Memberships (0-12) are \$120/year. A Teen Membership (13-17) is \$60/month.

REGISTRATION

Our camp guide is interactive! Simply click on the camp you're interested to register or learn more. Detailed information can also be found by visiting www.thesay.org/camp.

As a benefit of Family Membership, SAY Family Members can save \$10 each week of camp when they sign up before January 19! Use promo code: FAMILY26

To ensure a safe and quality camp experience for all campers, online registration will end 10 days in advance of the start of the camp week. No registrations will be accepted the weekend before the camp week begins. If late registration is accepted, late registration fees do apply. Requests for late registrations must be submitted via the Camp Registrar.

PAYMENT & DEPOSITS

You may reserve a space for your child by paying the full camp fee or with a non-refundable \$50 deposit for each week of camp or \$100 deposit for travel camps. Payments due June 1, June 15, July 1, and July 15 will automatically be charged to the credit/debit card on file unless alternative arrangements are made with the Camp Registrar.

2026 CAMP
REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN

CANCELLATION POLICY

All deposits made at time of registration are non-refundable. Refunds requested before April 1, 2026 will be made in the same form as payment was made, less the deposit. No refunds will be given after April 1, 2026. All requests received less than 5 business days prior to camp session beginning will not be honored. If your child's camp is cancelled for some unforeseen reason a full refund will be given in the original form of payment. No refunds will be provided for the following: child's disruptive behavior as determined by Lead Camp staff, insufficient notice of family commitments, undocumented medical absences.

For complete details
and policies,
please review our
Summer Camp
Parent Handbook



AT A GLANCE

CAMP WEEKS		AGE	CAMP NAME	WEEK	TIME	LOCATION	COST
WEEK 1	6/15 – 6/19	3-5	Busy Bees	1-10	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	BH	\$410
		4-7	Adventurers	JUL/AUG	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	TLC	Inquire
WEEK 2	6/22 – 6/26	4-7	Camp-a-Palooza	B	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	SU	\$395
		5-13	Camp Cannonball	2-10	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	SCP	\$395
WEEK 3	6/29 – 7/3	4-13	Camp Cannundus	1-10	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	SCP	\$395
		5-10	Camp Lagoonland	1-10	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	BH	\$415
WEEK 4	7/6 – 7/10	5-8	Artrageous	3	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	BH	\$385
		5-8	Culinary Creators	3	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	\$385
WEEK 5	7/13 – 7/17	5-8	Slime Lab	4	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	\$385
		5-8	Mad Science: Chemical, Cells & Crime	6	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	BH	\$385
WEEK 6	7/20 – 7/24	5-8	Mad Science: Eureka! For Inventors	7	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	\$385
		5-8	Mad Science: NASA	2	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	\$385
WEEK 7	7/27 – 7/31	5-8	Mad Science: Science on the Move	8	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	BH	\$385
		5-8	Mad Science: Secret Agent Lab	8	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	\$385
WEEK 8	8/3 – 8/7	5-8	Mad Science: Unruly Splats	7	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	BH	\$385
		5-8	Montclair Learning Center: Junior Robotics	5	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	\$385
WEEK 9	8/10 – 8/14	5-8	Montclair Learning Center: Jurassic Land	8	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	\$385
		5-8	Montclair Learning Center: Kitchen Chemistry	5	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	BH	\$385
WEEK 10	8/17 – 8/21	5-8	Montclair Learning Center: Pokemon STEM	7	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	BH	\$385
		5-12	Specialty Sidekick	2-8	12:00 – 4:00 PM	SU	\$245
WEEK B	8/24 – 8/28						

Camp offerings may be subject to change. For the most updated information, please visit www.thesay.org/camp

AGE	CAMP NAME	WEEK	TIME	LOCATION	COST
6-13	Sports Camp	1-10	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	SCP	\$395
7-13	Enterprise	B	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	SU	\$525
7-8	Jr. Travelers	4-7	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	WR	\$440
8-12	Mad Science: Crazy Chem Works	5	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	\$385
8-12	Mad Science: Loco Motion	5	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	BH	\$385
8-12	Mad Science: Mad Robotics	6	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	\$385
8-12	Mad Science: Rocket Building	2	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	BH	\$385
8-12	Montclair Learning Center: Electrical Engineering	2	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	BH	\$385
8-12	Montclair Learning Center: Harry Potter STEM	8	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	BH	\$385
8-12	Montclair Learning Center: Robotics	2	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	\$385
8-12	Montclair Learning Center: Rocketry	7	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	\$385
8-12	Montclair Learning Center: Roller Coaster Engineering	6	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	BH	\$385
8-12	Montclair Learning Center: Video Game Design	6	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	\$385
8-12	TikTok Dance Stars	4	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	BH	\$385
8-12	Wilderness Adventures	8	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	WR	\$400
9-10	Travelers	4-7	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	WR	\$440
11-14	Teen Trek	4-8	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	WR	\$520
13-16	Leaders in Training	2,3,7,8	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	SU	\$280
13-17	Teen Chef	5 & 6	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	\$200
13-17	Volunteens	3 & 4	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SU	N/A



FOR AGES 3+

BUSY BEES

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

AGES: 3-5

WEEK: 1-10

\$410

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Busy Bees gives preschoolers a fun and gentle introduction to summer camp. Through play, creativity, and exploration, children build confidence, friendships, and independence. With swim time, crafts, stories, games, special activities and weekly field trips, each day is thoughtfully structured to keep little campers engaged while giving parents peace of mind.



ADVENTURERS

THE LEARNING CIRCLE YMCA

AGES: 4-7

JULY, AUGUST

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Adventurers is a full-day, month-long summer program designed to give children consistency, connection, and plenty of room to explore. Each week centers around engaging themes that spark creativity and curiosity through hands-on activities, special on-site experiences, and exciting field trips. Days are filled with art, outdoor play, dance, sports, gardening, STEAM projects, and daily water fun, including multiple swim sessions each week at the Springfield Community Pool, for a thoughtful balance of structure and play.



CAMP-A-PALOOZA

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 4-7

WEEK: B

\$395

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Looking for a camp option for the week that transitions back to school? Camp-A-Palooza campers will build, create arts and crafts, explore S.T.E.A.M. experiments, play games as well as take local walking trips to the playground to local eateries in downtown Summit. Swimming, gym and playground time is also part of the daily schedule!

EXTENDED DAY

PRE-CAMP

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 3-16 WEEK: 1-10

\$95 7:00 – 8:30 AM

Pre-Camp provides extended care before the camp day starts as early as 7:00 AM.

If your child is registered for a Specialty Camp, Pre-Camp must take place at the same location.

For full day campers, Pre-Camp includes morning bus transportation, if applicable, to either the Springfield Community Pool or Watchung Reservation from the Berkeley Heights YMCA or Summit YMCA. Please note, transportation is not provided between the Berkeley Heights YMCA and the Summit YMCA.

POST CAMP

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 3-16 WEEK: 1-10

\$110 4:00 – 6:30 PM

Post Camp provides extended care after the camp day ends through 6:30 PM.

For full day campers, Post Camp includes afternoon bus transportation, if applicable, to either the Berkeley Heights YMCA or Summit YMCA from the Springfield Community Pool or Watchung Reservation. Please note, transportation is not provided between the Berkeley Heights YMCA and the Summit YMCA.



TRANSPORTATION

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 5-16 WEEK: 1-10 \$55

Morning and/or afternoon transportation is available to bring campers by bus to and/or from the Springfield Community Pool or Watchung Reservation from and/or to the Berkeley Heights YMCA or Summit YMCA. Please note, transportation is not provided between the Berkeley Heights YMCA and the Summit YMCA. Transportation is included for applicable campers with Pre-Camp and Post Camp.

MORNING

8:00 AM DROP-OFF

AFTERNOON

4:30 PM PICK-UP

FOR AGES 5+



CAMP CANNONBALL

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL

AGES 5-13 **WEEK: 2-10**

\$395 **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Camp Cannonball is a high-energy summer experience built around sunshine, movement, and fun at the Springfield Community Pool. Campers spend their days swimming (twice daily), playing sports and group games, getting creative with arts and crafts, and exploring hands-on STEAM activities. Each week features a new theme with a special enrichment activity or event to keep the summer fresh and exciting. With flexible options including half-day enrollment and pre and post-camp care available onsite, we make it easy for every family's schedule.



CAMP CANNUNDUS

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL

AGES 4-13 **WEEK: 1-10**

\$395 **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Have the ultimate summer adventure at Camp Cannundus! Now on the beautiful 15-acre grounds at Springfield Community Pool, just minutes from the Summit YMCA, this beloved traditional day camp sparks lifelong friendships, endless fun, and pure joy for kids ages 4-13. Splash in the pool three times a week, conquer the brand-new mini golf course, and unleash creativity through arts & crafts, sports, and epic team games. Every week explodes with excitement: Super Hero, Color War and Party in the USA Theme Days, STEAM challenges, and thrilling field trips to Crystal Springs Waterpark, Dave & Busters, and Jenkinson's Aquarium! There's no summer camp like this summer camp!



CAMP LAGOONLAND

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

AGES 5-10 **WEEK: 1-10**

\$415 **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Camp Lagoonland blends the best of pool time and land-based adventure into one well-rounded summer experience. Each day is thoughtfully designed to balance swimming at the Berkeley Heights Community outdoor pool (except on designated trip days) with engaging games, creative arts and crafts, and enriching field trips to local destinations. With a mix of movement, creativity, and exploration, campers build confidence, form friendships, and create lasting summer memories, both in and out of the water.

NEW

ARTRAGEOUS

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

AGES: 5-8

WEEK: 3

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Let your creativity run wild! Campers will dive into a colorful world of painting, sculpting, and mixed-media projects while learning about famous artists and exploring their own unique style. Each day brings new techniques, lots of color, and masterpieces to take home! Campers will also take a trip to Color Me Mine!

CULINARY CREATORS

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 5-8

WEEK: 3

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Ever wonder what makes the perfect pizza crust, how ice cream becomes the ultimate sundae, or what it really takes to hand-roll a bagel? In this delicious week-long adventure, campers will visit some of our favorite local restaurants to uncover the secrets behind their signature creations. Kids will enjoy behind-the-scenes kitchen tours, learn tips and tricks from talented local chefs, and of course, sample plenty of incredible food along the way. It's hands-on culinary exploration at its tastiest!



SLIME LAB

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 5-8

WEEK: 4

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Get ready for the gooiest week of the summer! Slime Lab takes messy fun to a whole new level as kids explore the science behind all things ooey, gooey, stretchy, and squishy. Throughout the week, we'll experiment with unique textures, colors, scents, and reactions while creating a variety of specialty slimes, from glittery and fluffy to magnetic and glow-in-the-dark. It's hands-on chemistry disguised as irresistible fun!



NEW



MAD SCIENCE

CHEMICAL, CELLS, & CRIME

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

AGES: 5-8

WEEK: 6

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

A combination of biology, chemistry, and forensics! Campers learn about the human body, explore chemical reactions, and solve a “mad” science mystery.



MAD SCIENCE

EUREKA! FOR INVENTOR'S

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 5-8

WEEK: 7

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Curiosity meets creativity! Campers work together to design and test bridges, boats, and catapults, launching rockets and solving engineering challenges that stretch their imaginations.



MAD SCIENCE

NASA

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 5-8

WEEK: 2

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

From our Earth's atmosphere to the outer reaches of our solar system, this hands-on program sends children on a quest for exploration! Campers will discover comets, planets, stars, and more, setting their sights on the wonders of space science.

MAD SCIENCE

SCIENCE ON THE MOVE

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

AGES: 5-8

WEEK: 8

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Campers explore the science of motion, energy, and living things, experimenting with chemistry, engineering, and biology through hands-on discovery.



NEW



MAD SCIENCE

SECRET AGENT LAB

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 5-8

WEEK: 8

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Calling all agents! In this spy-themed camp, children uncover the science of forensics and evidence analysis as they take on the role of a secret agent solving mysteries.

MAD SCIENCE

UNRULY SPLATS

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

AGES: 5-8

WEEK: 7

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

This active coding experience turns STEM learning into movement and play! Kids stomp, jump, and code their way through challenges that promote teamwork and creativity.



NEW



MONTCLAIR LEARNING CENTER

JUNIOR ROBOTICS

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 5-8

WEEK: 5

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Students are introduced to various robotics concepts such as simple and motorized machines by building and programming robots with the LEGO® Education WeDo™ Robotics Construction Set. The students have fun using motors and sensors and learning basic engineering concepts such as pulleys, belts, gears and levels.



MONTCLAIR LEARNING CENTER

JURASSIC LAND

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 5-8

WEEK: 8

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Children will step into the role of real paleontologists as they investigate dig sites, use kid-friendly tools to uncover hidden fossils, and learn to identify the ancient creatures they belonged to. Throughout the week, campers will explore how dinosaurs lived, moved, and adapted. Plus, they'll put their new knowledge to the test by designing and building their very own dinosaur using everyday materials and tons of imagination.

NEW



MONTCLAIR LEARNING CENTER

KITCHEN CHEMISTRY

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

AGES: 5-8

WEEK: 5

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Campers will dive into the tasty world where kitchen creativity meets real science. Using everyday ingredients, they'll explore the chemistry of food through exciting, hands-on experiments, mixing, bubbling, and reacting their way to discoveries. Along the way, children will learn why these amazing reactions happen, turning ordinary cooking into a deliciously educational adventure.



MONTCLAIR LEARNING CENTER

POKEMON STEM

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

AGES: 5-8 WEEK: 7

\$385 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Campers will dive into the Pokémon universe while sharpening real STEM skills. They'll design and engineer their own Poké Ball, create original Pokémon characters, and build logic, critical-thinking, and strategy through interactive games and card play. It's the perfect blend of creativity, problem-solving, and Pokémon fun!



EXTENDED DAY

SPECIALTY SIDEKICK

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 5-12 WEEK: 2-8

\$245 12:00 – 4:00 PM

The perfect afternoon
compliment to
any morning
specialty camp!

Specialty Sidekick extends the specialty morning camp day through 4:00 PM, where campers can spend their afternoon at the Summit YMCA, outdoors on the Summit Green playing field games or sports, and swimming on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please note: Specialty Sidekick is available as an add-on only for campers enrolled in our half day morning specialty camps.

Transportation to Specialty Sidekick is included from camps at the Berkeley Heights YMCA.

FOR AGES 7+

SPORTS CAMP

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY POOL

AGES: 6-13 **WEEK: 1-10**

\$385 **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Sports Camp brings high-energy play and skill development to its new home at the Springfield Community Pool. Using the Y's Super Sports Model, campers build fundamental athletic skills across a variety of sports while learning teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. Each day features outdoor drills, skill-building, rule instruction, game play, and open play—plus time to enjoy the pool and the new mini golf course. Campers also swim three times a week, take part in weekly field trips, and join shared theme days with Camp Cannundus, creating a fun, connected camp community.



ENTERPRISE

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 7-13 **WEEK: B**

\$525 **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

This travel camp blasts off and ends summer with a bang! Children enjoy whole days of field trips to state parks, the beach, museums, fun centers and other exciting locations like Jenkinsons Aquarium, Brnachburg Sports Complex, and Funplex! Campers will say farewell to summer with a pizza, pool and ice cream party on their last day!



JR. TRAVELERS

WATCHUNG RESERVATION

AGES: 7-8 **WEEK: 4-7**

\$440 **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Adventure meets tradition in Junior Travelers Camp. We blend the best of both worlds, classic camp experiences, refreshing pool days, and exhilarating trips, for a summer filled with discovery and fun. Each week brings new destinations and opportunities for adventure, ensuring no two days are ever the same. Past excursions have included Dave & Buster's, Branchburg Sports Complex, Wild West City, Tomahawk Lake, iPlay America, Funplex & Splash Zone, Medieval Times, Big Play Zone, Monster Mini Golf, laser tag, and more. At Travelers Camp, every journey is an opportunity to explore, connect, and grow through shared adventure.

FOR AGES 8+



MAD SCIENCE

CRAZY CHEM WORKS

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 8-12

WEEK: 5

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Our Jr. Chemists will explore the fun side of chemistry as they mix, pour, and experiment through fizzing, bubbling, and glowing reactions in this exciting, hands-on camp.



MAD SCIENCE

LOCO MOTION

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

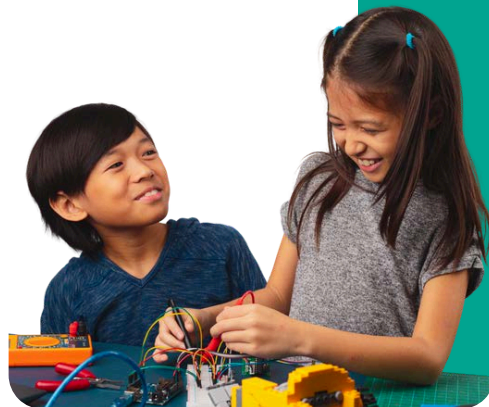
AGES: 8-12

WEEK: 5

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

From early flight to rocket propulsion, children build and test flying devices while discovering Newton's laws and exploring our Milky Way galaxy.



MAD SCIENCE

MAD ROBOTICS

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 8-12

WEEK: 6

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Campers dive into the science of robotics! They'll explore circuits, sensors, and robotic design, and build their very own working robot to take home.

MAD SCIENCE

ROCKET BUILDING

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

AGES: 8-12

WEEK: 2

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Campers explore the physics of flight and rocket design as they build and launch real model rockets, learning about aerodynamics and propulsion along the way.



MONTCLAIR LEARNING CENTER

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

AGES: 8-12

WEEK: 2

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Students learn the basics of electronics while conducting hands-on experiments with different educational kits: Snap circuits, Makey Makey, littleBits. Student can build exciting and challenging projects as AM radios, alarms, musical instruments, remote-controlled cars and more. More experienced students will use Arduino to connect computers, sensors, and output devices to create interactive objects that can sense and control objects in the real world (sample interactive projects include a motion detector, automatic night light, thermostat, or talking clock).



NEW



MONTCLAIR LEARNING CENTER

HARRY POTTER STEM

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

AGES: 8-12

WEEK: 8

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Calling all young muggles! Step into a world of spells, potions, and hands-on magical creations. Campers will design and build their own light-up magic wands, engineer catapults to launch snitches across the room, and whip up bubbling "potions" through fun, science-based experiments. A week of pure imagination and wizarding adventure awaits!



MONTCLAIR LEARNING CENTER

ROBOTICS

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 8-12 WEEK: 2

\$385 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Have fun while learning practical STEM skills. You are the engineer! Build your own remote control car, animal bot or electric guitar using the LEGO® Mindstorms® NXT Robotics Construction Set. The students build and program their robots using motors and external inputs such as touch, sound and light sensors. The students use their new skills to meet challenges such as following lines, processing sound or navigating a maze.

MONTCLAIR LEARNING CENTER

ROCKETRY

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 8-12 WEEK: 7

\$385 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

3, 2, 1...Blast Off! Students will shoot for the moon this Summer applying basic physics concepts (angles, trajectory, aerodynamics, thrust, Newton's Laws) and the engineering design process in hands-on projects such as designing, building and launching their own rockets.



NEW

MONTCLAIR LEARNING CENTER

ROLLER COASTER ENGINEERING

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

AGES: 8-12 WEEK: 6

\$385 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Our teams of mechanical engineers will apply basics of physics principles (Newton's laws, force, energy, gravity, speed, friction) as they use the engineering design process to design and build their own roller coaster.



MONTCLAIR LEARNING CENTER

VIDEO GAME DESIGN

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 8-12

WEEK: 6

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Students are introduced to video game design where they will combine their creativity, storytelling skills with coding and strategy in order to create their world and characters create original games that are fun to play, not too easy to win, not too hard to lose and pleasing to the eyes.

NEW



TIKTOK DANCE STARS

BERKELEY HEIGHTS YMCA

AGES: 8-12

WEEK: 4

\$385

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Get ready to move, groove, and shine! In this high-energy dance camp, campers learn today's most popular, kid-friendly TikTok-inspired routines while building confidence, coordination, and rhythm. Through guided choreography and creative movement, dancers work together, express themselves, and enjoy the fun side of performance—no posting required.



WILDERNESS ADVENTURES

WATCHUNG RESERVATION

AGES: 8-12

WEEK: 8

\$400

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Set in the beautiful Watchung Reservation, Wilderness Adventures invites campers to step into the outdoors and learn by doing. Through hands-on, action-packed experiences, campers build essential outdoor skills like map and compass navigation, trail hiking, water location and purification, knot tying, emergency signaling, and an introduction to wilderness first aid. Along the way, they develop problem-solving skills, resilience, and confidence as they work together in a natural setting. The week wraps up with a classic camp favorite, grilling hot dogs and toasting marshmallows for s'mores!

FOR AGES 9+

TRAVELERS

WATCHUNG RESERVATION

AGES: 9-10

WEEK: 4-7

\$440

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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TEEN TREK

WATCHUNG RESERVATION

AGES: 11-14

WEEK: 4-8

\$520

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Teen Trek is a day camp designed for teens who are ready for more independence and real-world exploration. Through daily excursions across New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, campers experience adventure, cultural destinations, and time away from the routine. The program includes extended evening trips on Tuesdays and a weekly swim every Friday at the Berkeley Heights Community Pool at the YMCA. Destinations have included Seven Presidents Beach, Six Flags, Dorney Park, TreEscape Aerial Adventure Park, Area 53 Adventure Park, Amazing Escape Room, Museum of Natural History, Dave & Buster's, and more. Teen Trek offers a summer shaped by movement, choice, and shared experiences beyond the everyday.



LEADERS IN TRAINING (LIT)

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 13-16 **WEEK: 2-3 & 7-8**

\$280 **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Our Leaders in Training (LIT) program gives teens the opportunity to step into leadership while gaining real, hands-on experience. Offered during select weeks from June through August, participants take part in weekly leadership workshops, learn how to work with children of all ages, and support YMCA camp programs alongside experienced staff. LITs accompany camp trips, practice responsibility in real settings, and develop the skills needed to become future summer camp counselors. Through mentorship, feedback, and meaningful involvement, teens strengthen communication skills, teamwork, and a growing sense of leadership and service.

TEEN CHEF

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 13-17 **WEEK: 5 & 6**

\$200 **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

The Teen Chef Summer Program is a two-week, hands-on culinary experience where teens explore the creativity and flavors of summer cooking. Campers learn essential kitchen skills while preparing seasonal dishes from appetizers to desserts through daily, guided cooking sessions. Along the way, teens build an understanding of nutrition and healthy habits, work collaboratively with peers, and gain confidence in the kitchen. Designed for beginners and budding chefs alike, the program leaves participants with practical skills and a collection of recipes they'll be excited to make again at home.



VOLUNTEERS

SUMMIT YMCA

AGES: 5-8 **WEEK: 3-4**

N/A **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

VolunTeens is a free, two-week summer program for teens ages 13-17 who want to give back while gaining real-world experience. Participants spend part of each day volunteering with local organizations, including YMCA branches and community partners, while building leadership, communication, and teamwork skills. Through hands-on service and group activities, teens explore different ways to support their community, earn volunteer hours, and contribute to meaningful projects alongside their peers. VolunTeens offers a rewarding summer experience rooted in service, connection, and personal growth.



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