



S U M M E R DayCamp



Where friendships are made



YMCA of
Niagara

YMCA Summer Camp

July 3rd to September 1st



The YMCA of Niagara is excited for another summer of YMCA Summer Day Camp! Our goal is to provide campers with a safe, active, and—most importantly—FUN outdoor experience this summer. Our activities are uniquely designed to promote the health and safety of our campers, their families, and our staff team.

At the YMCA, we believe in the limitless potential of every young person. As a leader in child development, the YMCA understands the positive impact that social and recreational experiences, physical activity, and positive environments can have on the growth and development of children.

At YMCA Day Camp, we are committed to providing all children with the opportunity to:

- Participate in a variety of fun, engaging, and age-appropriate activities
- Thrive in a safe and supportive environment
- Experience personal growth
- Develop and enhance their skills
- Be active and outdoors
- Engage with positive role models
- Form new friendships and make lasting memories



As an accredited member of the Ontario Camps Association and registered member of High Five, we deliver convenient, affordable and quality programs where everyone is welcome.

Quick Facts:

WHAT: We offer a variety of uniquely themed camps suitable for children ages 5-14 years of age.

WHERE: A variety of locations throughout the Niagara Region.

WHEN: Program runs 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
For your convenience, children can be dropped off at 8 am and picked up at 5 pm.

Need financial assistance?

Several subsidy options are available to families.

For more information please visit

ymcaofniagara.org/programs/day-camp/financial-assistance

The YMCA Camp Difference

Character development is a key element of the YMCA Day Camp program. We encourage all members of the camp community to treat one another with dignity and strive to celebrate positive actions.

The YMCA core values of **CARING, HONESTY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, INCLUSIVENESS** and **HEALTH** are the cornerstones of character development at the YMCA.

At YMCA Day Camp, value beads are a sign of personal achievement and recognition. Beads promote positive behaviour and are awarded to campers for demonstrating the YMCA core values throughout the week.

General Information

Hours of Operation

The camp day operates from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. For your convenience, parents/guardians may drop off beginning at 8 am and pick up by 5 pm.

Please note that camps offered at school locations will not be offered on July 3rd and all camps will not operate on August 7th, 2023 (Civic Holiday).

Registration Reminders

YMCA Day Camp registrations must be completed online at ymcadaycamp.ca.

Credit, debit or pre-paid card (Visa or Mastercard) information is required at the time of registration. Payment via Electronic Funds Transfer is also acceptable (Enter your chequing account information).

Camp fees will be set up to be paid on June 2, 2023.

Registrations received on or after June 2 must be paid in full.

Registration remains open until the camp is full, or until the Friday at 1:00 p.m. the week before the camp begins.

Limited spaces are available and are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. If the camp is full, please add your child(ren) to the waiting list, and we will contact you if a space becomes available.

Selecting the Right Camp

Before you register for YMCA Day Camps, make sure you are selecting the right camp for your child. Here are some helpful hints to guide you in picking the right camps:

- Does your camper require support in camp? Please visit our website for information about our **Helping Hands** program at ymcaofniagara.org/programs/day-camp/helping-hands
- Take the time to select camps with your child that match their interests and meet your needs. Take note of where each camp you select is located and the camp description provided for each camp. Consider how many weeks of camp your child will be attending and if your child would benefit from a variety of camp types or prefers consistent routines and familiar faces.
- Our camps are offered for participants aged 5-14. This may vary per location and program offerings. You must register your child to a camp with the appropriate age group. Children must be the correct age for the camp by the first day of the camp.
- At our outdoor sites, activities will be offered rain or shine. Campers should dress appropriately for the weather, and will have access to a pavilion or shelter. Outdoor washroom facilities and hand washing stations are provided.
- Will you require financial assistance? Please refer to our website for detailed information about subsidies and assistance. Please visit the link ymcaofniagara.org/programs/day-camp/financial-assistance/

Cancellation/Refund Policy

All refund requests must be in writing by emailing the day camp office at ymcadaycamp@niagara.ymca.ca

Full refunds will be issued if requested prior to June 2. Requests after June 2 will incur a \$25 processing fee per camper. Camp fees are non-refundable within 10 days of the camp. Exceptions may be considered for confirmed medical reasons (not COVID or general illness) with proper documentation.

No refunds are issued if a camper is sent home as a result of their behaviour, if they are ill or if they are directed to isolate/stay home.

In order to provide a quality camp program and experience, a session may be cancelled by the YMCA due to low registrations. Campers will be offered an alternative camp location, refund or credit.

Day Camp locations are subject to change based on site availability with our community partners.

Full refunds will be issued if Day Camp is not able to operate as a result of Government or Public Health directives.

After You Register

After you complete the registration process, you will receive a confirmation letter and camp handbook containing further details of your child's upcoming camp experience at the YMCA. If you have more questions, please contact the Day Camp Office at ymcadaycamp@niagara.ymca.ca or (905) 934-9755 ext. 280.

Camp Weeks and Themes

Regardless of the type of camp that you choose, our Day Camp Team will also incorporate activities that focus on a specific topic or theme. This may include special events and weekly invitations to dress up on Fridays.

Week 1 – July 3 (4) – 7th *	Imaginarium
Week 2 – July 10-14	Time Travellers
Week 3 – July 17-21	Into the Wilderness
Week 4 – July 24-28	Under the Stars
Week 5 – July 31-August 4	Adventureland
Week 6 – August 8-11 *	Walk of Fame
Week 7 – August 14-18	Acts of Kindness
Week 8 – August 21-25	Ultimate Survivor
Week 9 – August 28 – Sept. 1	Colour Me Silly

**Fees are pro-rated for 4 day camp weeks.*



Camp Descriptions

Move & Play

Ages 5-12 years, varies by location

Move and Play encourages campers to develop confidence and enjoyment related to movement, fitness, and basic sport skills, promoting interest in ongoing participation in physical activity.

Through play and group activities, children will enhance their fundamental movement skills with opportunities to increase agility, balance, coordination, stability, rhythm while also gaining skills related to sport but within a non-competitive environment.

This camp has been created in alignment with the Canada Sport for Life Long-term Athlete Development Framework. Age and developmental level are used as a guide for camp, with activities and skills adjusted for specific camper groups. Traditional camp activities such as songs, creative activities, water games, and cooperative initiatives will also be enjoyed.

Nature Quest

Ages 6-12 years

Campers will explore the world around them through hands on experiences in the great outdoors during this unique outdoor summer camp. Connecting to and fostering a love for outdoor discovery and nature appreciation is the goal of this one-week camp. By witnessing the reciprocal relationship between the environment and us, campers have a chance to build their self-esteem, self-achievement and outdoor STEM skills like shelter building, orienteering, and archery to name a few!

Campers will also get to experience other camp activities like active games, crafts, songs, water games and camper group time all making for a unique and memorable camper experience.

Aquatics Camp

Ages 10-13

This camp is a splash! Designed to increase skills and develop an appreciation for the water, campers will participate in two swimming periods per day.

One will focus on personalized instruction and goal setting while the other is recreational in nature. The remainder of the day will be spent participating in traditional camp activities such as crafts, sports and cooperative games. If your camper has a love of water then this is the camp to dive in to!

This program will include activities included in the Lifesaving Society's Junior Lifeguard Program. It is beneficial if campers are currently enrolled or have completed YMCA Swimmer level.

Youth Fit Camp

Ages 10-13

This camp will give youth the opportunity to learn what they can do to live a healthy, active lifestyle. Campers will be guided through a fitness program with one of our certified YMCA Fitness Coaches, and have supervised access to fitness equipment. Each day campers will experience a new fitness class or activity. Campers will also participate in traditional camper activities for a portion of the day. Join Youth Fit to have fun while embracing a healthy lifestyle!

Youth Leadership – Leaders in Training

Ages 13 & 14 years.

**2-week camp*

This two-week camp program combines traditional fun day camp activities with a focus on leadership skills to equip youth to be leaders in our community. Through group discussions and team building activities, youth will identify what type of leader they want to be and consider how to apply their strengths in a variety of settings.

The program also explores goal setting, effective communication, role modelling and positive habits that enhance leadership skills. Participants will learn how to facilitate camp programs and showcase their skills to a group of young campers, earning 10 Community Service hours, with additional volunteer opportunities possible for successful youth leaders.

Participants in this leadership camp will receive Emergency First Aid Training (Lifesaving Society) and Certification upon completion as part of the program.

Specialty Camps

Participation in a wide variety of different activities allows children to discover the activities they enjoy, while developing skills and confidence in their own abilities. Specialty camps are designed to allow children to explore new activities, while still enjoying traditional Day Camp activities. Collaboration with various professionals in their field allows the YMCA to provide campers with educational based instruction for 2 or more hours/day in a number of different areas.

Mad Science Rockin' Rockets

Ages 6 & 7, 8-12 years

If it flies in, with or through the air it will be included in this camp as we explore the science of aerodynamics. Build your own rocket, stunt plane and other flying machines, explore space and apply Newton's Laws of motion as we take daily flights of discovery!

Mad Science STEM Camp

Ages 6 & 7, 8-12 years

Get excited about STEM with the world's biggest fun STEM provider for kids - Mad Science! A week of hands-on, minds-on exploration of a variety of topics in STEM with a focus on creative problem solving and innovation of thought.

Creative Bug Jr. Camp

Ages 5-6 years

Paint & Create - Artists will have the opportunity to explore some of our favourite mediums including acrylic paints, clay, paper and more!

Amazing Animals - Explore cute, cuddly, fierce and furry animals while creating with a variety of mediums.

Rainbow Week - Join us for a week of colour! We are going to paint, melt and marble our way through the week as we share our love of colour with your artist!

Creative Bug Sr. Camp

Ages 7-12 years

SMASH Art Camp - We love to get our hands on a variety of tools and this week is no exception from creating art bots to art boxes artists will have the opportunity to use a variety of tools and mediums to bring their art to life!

Mystical Creatures - Our imaginations will soar as we celebrate creatures that ignite our imaginations!

Paint & Create - Artists will have the opportunity to blend, shape and paint their way to a better understanding of colour and some of our favourite mediums including acrylic paints, clay, paper and more!

SMASH Art Camp 2 - Experience it all with Creative Bug! From self-portraits and exploring acrylics to creating a clay sculpture artists will have the opportunity to try out our favourite mediums and show them off at the end of the week!

Travelling Stage Dance Camp

Ages – 7 -10 years

Geared to both beginner and advanced young performers, this program will teach dance technique in an inclusive, safe and FUN environment. Campers will participate in creative movement, hip hop, jazz, musical theatre and other unique styles each day. This is a great program for self-esteem and self-confidence through the arts! This camp will be offered several times throughout the summer, but the content will be slightly different each week for anyone enrolling in more than one session of camp. Please note that this program will be led by an experienced teacher, who has worked professionally in the industry.

Travelling Stage Drama Camp

Ages – 7 -10 years

Geared to both beginner and advanced young performers, this program will teach theatre and acting technique in an inclusive, safe and FUN environment. Campers will participate in theatre games, improv, drama strategies, scenes, storytelling, movement and so much more! This is a great program for self-esteem and self-confidence through the arts! This camp will be offered several times throughout the summer, but the content will be slightly different each week for anyone enrolling in more than one session of camp. Please note that this program will be led by an experienced teacher, who has worked professionally in the industry.



YMCA Summer Licensed Kinder Program

YMCA Summer Care, offered at YMCA Child Care Centres across Niagara is also an excellent choice for children ages 3-5 years of age who require care and fun activities over the summer.

To learn more, visit ymcaofniagara.org/programs/day-camp/summer-licensed-kinder-faq for YMCA Summer Care programs.





GRIMSBY & LINCOLN



Camps

Program	Ages (years)	Weeks	Venue	Fees	Location
Move & Play	5 to 12	1 to 8	Indoor/Outdoor	\$225/week	Grand Avenue Elementary School, Grimsby
Move & Play	5 to 12	9	Indoor/Outdoor	\$225/week	Niagara West YMCA, Grimsby

Specialty Camps

Program	Ages (years)	Weeks	Venue	Fees	Location
Youth Fit Camp	10 to 13	5 to 8	Indoor/Outdoor	\$250/week	Niagara West YMCA, Grimsby
Aquatics Camp	10 to 13	1 to 4	Indoor/Outdoor	\$250/week	Niagara West YMCA, Grimsby



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ST. CATHARINES



Camps

Program	Ages (years)	Weeks	Venue	Fees	Location
Move & Play	5 to 12	1 to 8	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$225/week	Ferndale Public School
Move & Play	5 to 12	1 to 8	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$225/week	Parnall Elementary School
Nature Quest	6 to 12	1 to 9	Outdoor	\$225/week	Burgoyne Woods
Youth Leadership	13 and 14	3 & 4	Outdoor	\$425 (2 weeks)	Burgoyne Woods



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Specialty Camps

Program	Ages (years)	Weeks	Venue	Fees	Location
Mad Science Jr Rockin' Rockets	6 and 7	1 and 3	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Grapeview Public School
Mad Science Jr. STEM Camp	6 and 7	2 and 4	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Grapeview Public School
Mad Science Sr. Rockin' Rockets	8 to 12	1 and 3	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Grapeview Public School
Mad Science Sr. STEM Camp	8 to 12	2 and 4	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Grapeview Public School
Travelling Stage Dance	7 to10	1 and 2	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Grapeview Public School
Travelling Stage Drama	7 to10	3 and 4	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Grapeview Public School
Creative Bug Jr Paint & Create	5 and 6	5	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Ferndale Public School
Creative Bug Jr. Amazing Animals	5 and 6	6	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Ferndale Public School
Creative Bug Jr. Paint & Create 2	5 and 6	7	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Ferndale Public School
Creative Bug Jr. Rainbow Week	5 and 6	8	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Ferndale Public School
Creative Bug Sr. Smash Art Camp	7 to12	5	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Ferndale Public School
Creative Bug Sr. Mythical Creatures	7 to12	6	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Ferndale Public School
Creative Bug Sr. Paint & Create	7 to12	7	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Ferndale Public School
Creative Bug Sr. Smash Art Camp 2	7 to12	8	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Ferndale Public School

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NIAGARA FALLS



Camps

Program	Ages (years)	Weeks	Venue	Fees	Location
Move & Play	5 to 12	1 to 8	Indoor/Outdoor	\$225/week	John Marshall Public School
Nature Quest	6 to 12	1 to 9	Outdoor	\$225/week	Fireman's Park (Lower Site)



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Specialty Camps

Program	Ages (years)	Weeks	Venue	Fees	Location
Mad Science Jr Rockin' Rockets	6 and 7	5 and 7	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School
Mad Science Jr. STEM Camp	6 and 7	6 and 8	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School
Mad Science Sr. Rockin' Rockets	8 to 12	5 and 7	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School
Mad Science Sr. STEM Camp	8 to 12	6 and 8	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School
Travelling Stage Dance	7 to 10	5 and 6	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School
Travelling Stage Drama	7 to 10	7 and 8	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School
Creative Bug Jr Paint & Create	5 and 6	1	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School
Creative Bug Jr. Amazing Animals	5 and 6	2	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School
Creative Bug Jr. Paint & Create 2	5 and 6	3	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School
Creative Bug Jr. Rainbow Week	5 and 6	4	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School
Creative Bug Sr. Smash Art Camp	7 to 12	1	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School
Creative Bug Sr. Mythical Creatures	7 to 12	2	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School
Creative Bug Sr. Paint & Create	7 to 12	3	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School
Creative Bug Sr. Smash Art Camp 2	7 to 12	4	Indoor/Outdoor	\$275/week	Cherrywood Acres Public School

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WELLAND, PELHAM & PORT COLBORNE



Welland, Pelham & Port Colborne

Program	Ages (years)	Weeks	Venue	Fees	Location
Move & Play	5 to 12	1 to 9	Indoor/Outdoor	\$225/week	Port Colborne YMCA (Vale Health & Wellness Centre)
Move & Play	5 to 7	1 to 9	Indoor/Outdoor	\$225/week	Niagara Centre YMCA
Move & Play	7 to 12	1 to 9	Indoor/Outdoor	\$225/week	Chippawa Park, Welland
Nature Quest	6 to 12	1 to 9	Outdoor	\$225/week	Merritt Island, Welland

Specialty Camps

Program	Ages (years)	Weeks	Venue	Fees	Location
Youth Fit Camp	10 to 13	1 to 4	Indoor/Outdoor	\$250/week	Niagara Centre YMCA
Aquatics Camp	10 to 13	5 to 8	Indoor/Outdoor	\$250/week	Niagara Centre YMCA



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Our Mission

The YMCA of Niagara is a charity, open to all, providing leadership and opportunities for people and their community to grow in spirit, mind, and body.

Our Vision

Inspiring health, wellness and community – for life.

Our Values

Caring, Health, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Inclusiveness

Privacy Statement

As a charitable, community-based association the YMCA of Niagara is committed to protecting your right to privacy. The personal information you share with the YMCA is used to support the work of the YMCA. For further information, please visit ymcaofniagara.org.

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