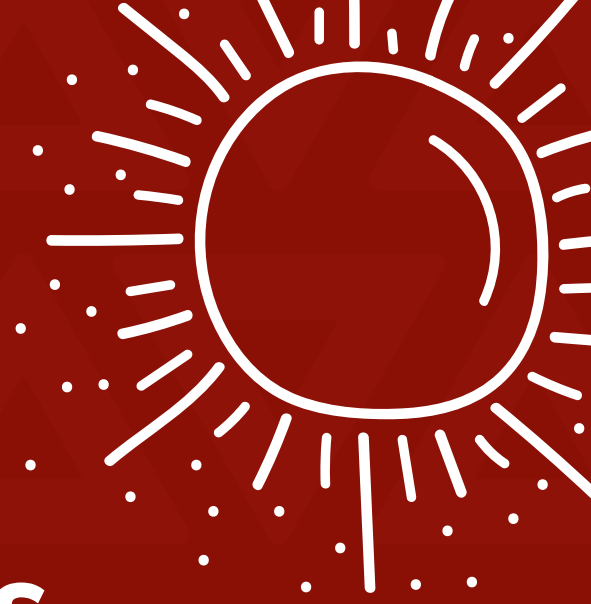


Shine On  Niagara

YMCA SUMMER DAY  
**CAMP**  
July 2 - August 30

Where friendships are made



# Ignite Joy, Spark Futures

## We're excited for another summer of YMCA Summer Day Camp!

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.

## Safe Active Fun Outdoors

- 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

# 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.

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.



# General Info

## Hours of Operation

The camp day operates from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Parents/guardians may drop off beginning at 8:00am and pick up by 5:00pm.

Day Camp will not be offered July 1st (Canada Day) or August 5th (Civic Holiday).

## Selecting the Right Camp

Before you register for YMCA Day Camps, make sure you are selecting the most suitable 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**.
- 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 at a camp with the appropriate age group. Children must meet the age requirements for their selected 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.



# Registration Reminders

YMCA Day Camp registrations must be completed online at [ymcaofniagara.org](http://ymcaofniagara.org)

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 7th, 2024.

Registrations received on or after June 7th, 2024 must be paid in full.

Registration remains open until the camp is full, or until the Friday at 1:00pm 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.

## Cancellation/Refund Policy

All refund requests must be in writing by emailing the day camp office at [ymcadaycamp@niagara.ymca.ca](mailto:ymcadaycamp@niagara.ymca.ca)

Full refunds will be issued if requested prior to June 7th, 2024. Requests after June 7th, 2024 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.

## After you Register

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





# Camp Weeks and Themes

Regardless of the type of camp you choose, our Day Camp Team has created fun weekly themes to inspire crafts and special events with invitations to dress up on Fridays.

Week 1	<b>July 2 - July 5*</b>	<b>Under the Sea</b>
Week 2	<b>July 8 - July 12</b>	<b>Space Expedition</b>
Week 3	<b>July 15 - July 19</b>	<b>Fun in the Sun</b>
Week 4	<b>July 22 - July 26</b>	<b>Wacky and Wonderful</b>
Week 5	<b>July 29 - Aug 2</b>	<b>Olympics</b>
Week 6	<b>Aug 6 - Aug 9*</b>	<b>Heroes</b>
Week 7	<b>Aug 12 - Aug 16</b>	<b>Carnival</b>
Week 8	<b>Aug 19 - Aug 23</b>	<b>Treasure Hunters</b>
Week 9	<b>Aug 26 - Aug 30</b>	<b>Artistic Inspiration</b>

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



# Camp Descriptions

## Move & Play

Ages 5-12, 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. Campers will be physically active while experiencing a wide variety of activities, sports and games. This camp promotes sportsmanship and participation while gaining skills related to sport but within a non-competitive environment. Traditional camp activities such as songs, creative activities, water games, and cooperative initiatives will also be enjoyed.

## Nature Quest

Ages 6-12

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 Leadership Camp

### Bronze Star

Ages 10-13

Dive into adventure at YMCA Aquatic Leadership Camp. Join us for an exhilarating experience where campers earn their Bronze Star/Basic First Aid certifications and take the first steps to learn about becoming an aquatic leader. From an introduction to rescue techniques to aquatic fitness challenges, our camp is designed to ignite your passion for swimming while having a ton of fun.

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

# Aquatics Leadership Camp

## Bronze Medallion

Ages 13-14 years (or under 13 who have obtained their Bronze Star certification)

Embark on an epic journey at YMCA Aquatic Leadership Camp. Dive deep into adventure as you master water safety skills and earn your Bronze Medallion and Emergency First Aid certification. From learning how to perform Aquatic rescues to hands-on first aid training, this camp is your gateway to becoming a confident leader in and out of the water.

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

# Youth Leadership

## Leaders in Training

Ages 13 & 14

\*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 modeling 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

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! Science projects head home each day to keep the science fun happening at home!



## Mad Science Eureka

Ages 6-7, 8-12

Inventing means survival! The future is full of bright potential, but humanity also has challenges that need solving. Today's kids imagine, design, and ultimately create, the future. Hone your science, technology and maker skills during this week filled with hands-on problem-solving and the exploration of future possibilities! Campers create cool Mad Science take-homes every day!



## Creative Bug Jr. Camp

Ages 5-6

**Under the Sea** - Summer just isn't complete without a trip to the beach, pool or running through a sprinkler - our Under the Sea theme will allow us to explore our favourite sea life - including glow in the dark jelly fish, clay rainbow fish and more!

**Art in Space!** - 3...2...1...Blastoff! Artists will become astronauts as they discover new worlds, new creatures and new mediums through the world of art! From our alien creation station to space self-portraits we cannot wait to share our favourite outer space arts with your artist!

**SMASH Art Week** - Get your artists warmed up this summer with a week of ALL of our favourite mediums! We will paint, draw, colour and clay the week away as artists build up their skills and create arts to hang on the fridge or share with friends!

**Cuddly Creatures** - Imagine cuddling with a koala, snuggling with a sloth or paddling with a puffin! Artists will have the opportunity to try some of our favourite mediums while learning a bit about some of our favourite cuddly creatures!





# Creative Bug Sr. Camp

Ages 7-12



**SMASH Art Week** - Sharpen your pencils and get ready for a week jam packed with our favourite arts! The Creative Bug team is excited to share their favourite arts and mediums with you as we explore new techniques and build our skills.

**Mystical Creature Week** - Your artist's imagination will soar as the Creative Bug Team shares some of their favourite mystical creatures and we invite artists to imagine their own! We will paint, sculpt and create likenesses of dragons, sea creatures and more as we explore our favourite mediums along with the creatures we only dream of!

**Elements of Art** - Art begins with line, shape, texture, form, space, colour and value - we will spend the week learning about each of these concepts while building a portfolio of arts to represent our exploration and growth as artists! We will enjoy all of our favourite mediums as we explore the world of art including acrylics, watercolours, clay and so much more!

**Pop Culture Week** - We love looking for inspiration in the every day so this week we will take inspiration from classic video games, the squishiest plush creatures and music icons and more!

## Travelling Stage Dance

Ages 7-10



### An Introduction to Dance -

Geared for campers just beginning their movement journey, 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.

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

### Performance Showcase Camp

Our performance showcase camp will explore diverse dance genres, including ballet, jazz, Broadway dance, hip hop, contemporary, acro and lyrical. Campers will have an opportunity to create a culminating performance to showcase on the Friday afternoon of the week. 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.

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



# St. Catharines

## Camps

Program	Ages	Weeks	Venue	Fees	Location*
Nature Quest	6 - 12	Weeks 1 to 9	Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Burgoyne Woods
Leadership Camp (2 Weeks)	13 - 14	Weeks 5 to 6 and 7 to 8	Outdoor	\$450 for 2 Weeks	Burgoyne Woods
Move & Play	5 - 12	Weeks 1 to 8	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$240 / Week	William Hamilton Merritt Public School
Move & Play	5 - 12	Weeks 1 to 8	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Prince of Wales Public School
Travelling Stage	7 - 10	Weeks 1 to 4	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$290 / Week	Gracefield Public School
Mad Science Jr.	6 - 7	Weeks 1 to 4	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$290 / Week	Gracefield Public School
Mad Science Sr.	8 - 12	Weeks 1 to 4	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$290 / Week	Gracefield Public School
Creative Bug Jr.	5 - 6	Weeks 5 to 8	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$290 / Week	Gracefield Public School
Creative Bug Sr.	7 - 12	Weeks 5 to 8	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$290 / Week	Gracefield Public School

\*Day Camp locations are subject to change based on site availability.



# Niagara Falls

## Camps

Program	Ages	Weeks	Venue	Fees	Location*
Nature Quest	6 - 12	Weeks 1 to 9	Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Firemen's Park (NEW - Upper Site)
Move & Play	5 - 12	Weeks 1 to 8	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Martha Cullimore Public School
Creative Bug Jr.	5 - 6	Weeks 1 to 4	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$290 / Week	Martha Cullimore Public School
Creative Bug Sr.	7 - 12	Weeks 1 to 4	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$290 / Week	Martha Cullimore Public School
Travelling Stage	7 - 10	Weeks 5 to 8	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$290 / Week	Martha Cullimore Public School
Mad Science Jr.	6 - 7	Weeks 5 to 8	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$290 / Week	Martha Cullimore Public School
Mad Science Sr.	8 - 12	Weeks 5 to 8	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$290 / Week	Martha Cullimore Public School

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# Welland

## Camps

Program	Ages	Weeks	Venue	Fees	Location*
Nature Quest	6 - 12	Weeks 1 to 9	Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Merritt Island
Move & Play	7 - 12	Weeks 1 to 8	Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Chippawa Park
Move & Play	5 - 7	Weeks 1 to 9	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Niagara Centre YMCA
Aquatics Leadership Camp (Bronze Star)	10 - 13	Week 3	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Niagara Centre YMCA
Aquatics Leadership Camp (Bronze Medallion)	13 - 14**	Week 7	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Niagara Centre YMCA

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\*\*Or under 13 for youth that have obtained their Bronze Star Certification



# Grimsby

## Camps

Program	Ages	Weeks	Venue	Fees	Location*
Move & Play	5 - 12	Weeks 1 to 8	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Grand Avenue Public School
Move & Play	5 - 12	Week 9	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Niagara West YMCA
Aquatics Leadership Camp (Bronze Star)	10 - 13	Week 4	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Niagara West YMCA
Aquatics Leadership Camp (Bronze Medallion)	13 - 14**	Week 8	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Niagara West YMCA

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# Port Colborne

## Camps

Program	Ages	Weeks	Venue	Fees	Location*
Move & Play	5 - 12	Weeks 1 to 9	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Port Colborne YMCA
Aquatics Leadership Camp (Bronze Star)	10 - 13	Week 2	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Port Colborne YMCA
Aquatics Leadership Camp (Bronze Medallion)	13 - 14**	Week 5	Indoor/ Outdoor	\$240 / Week	Port Colborne YMCA

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## Camp Facts

- For children 5-14 years of age
- A variety of locations across Niagara
- Program runs 8:30am - 4:30pm
- For your convenience children can be dropped off at 8:00am and picked up at 5:00pm
- Fun, unique themes weekly
- Financial assistance available

## Helping Hands

Our Helping Hands program offers 1:1 support for children with physical and/or developmental disabilities, mental health or behavioural considerations so they can enjoy a positive and supportive camp experience alongside their peers. To learn more visit [ymcaofniagara.org/programs/day-camp/helping-hands](http://ymcaofniagara.org/programs/day-camp/helping-hands)

## Financial Assistance

Need financial assistance? Several subsidy options are available to families. For more information please visit [ymcaofniagara.org](http://ymcaofniagara.org)





## YMCA Kinder Care

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. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## Stay Connected

Visit our website at [ymcaofniagara.org](http://ymcaofniagara.org) or follow us on social media to learn more about the YMCA and stay up-to-date all year long.

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