



YMCA SUMMER CAMP

2024 Summer Camp Guide

Financial Assistance Available

SUMMER AT A GLANCE

Care provided 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Camp Programming runs 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Theme Weeks

Week 1 June 10th-14th Take an Adventure with us
Week 2 June 17th-21st Try Everything
Week 3 June 24th-28th Wilderness Week
Week 4 July 1st-3rd Tropical Week
Week 5 July 8th-12th Staff vs Kids
Week 6 July 15th-19th Boys vs Girls Week
Week 7 July 22nd-26th Super heroes vs Villians Week
Week 8 July 29th-August 2nd Obstacle Course Week
Week 9 August 5th-9th Willy Wonka Week
Week 10 August 12th-16th Cowgirls and Cowboys Week
Week 11 August 19th-23rd Decade Era Week

SUMMER CAMP FIELD TRIPS

BILLINGS ZOO (WEEK 3)

JUNE 25TH

HELENA FIELDTRIP (WEEK 6)

JULY 16TH

CRYSTAL PARK & BANNOCK (WEEK 10)

AUGUST 13TH

2024 Butte Family YMCA Summer Camp

Ages: Entering Kindergarten – Entering 6th Grade

Times: Monday – Friday 7:30a - 6p Drop off & Pick up at Y.

Some Field trip days may require earlier departure time.

Form of payment required on file – payments will be processed FRIDAY prior to what purchasing unless paid prior to that deadline. This helps us to confirm participation, finalize staffing and plans for your camper.

Registration Fee \$25 per camper (Includes a Camp T-Shirt)

Summer Camp rates include: All Field Trips, morning & afternoon snack and Lunch every Thursday. Bring own lunch all other days. Financial Assistance available – apply early – 2 weeks to process.

Pay by session: Payment due no later than Friday before first week in the session.

Session 1

- June 10th – 14th
- June 17th – 21st
- June 24th – 28th
- * Family Member: \$368
- * Non-Member: \$502

Payment Due in full Friday June 7th

Session 2

- July 1st -3rd (No camp 4-5) July 8th -12th
July 15th -19th
July 22nd – 26th
- * Family Member: \$441
- * Non-Member: \$601
- Payment Due in full
Friday June 28th
- **no camp July 4-5, weekly rate was adjusted

Session 3

- July 29th -Aug. 2nd
Aug. 5th -9th
Aug. 12th – 16th
Aug. 19th – 23rd
- * Family Member: \$489
- * Non-Member: \$666
- Payment Due in full
Friday July 26th

PAY FOR Whole SUMMER - Payment in full due by Friday June 7th to get this discounted rate.

Pay in advance for entire summer get 10% discount.

- * Family member: \$1,169
- Non-Member: \$1,593

Pay by week:

Payments due Friday prior to week of camp participating

Weekly Rate:

- Member: \$146 (\$98 July 1-3)
- Non-Member: \$196 (\$148 July 1-3)

Daily rates:

- Only available to purchase DAY OF IF space available.
- Not able to use for field trip days.
- Member: \$61
- Non-Member: \$97

YMCA SUMMER CAMP EXPECTATIONS, RULES AND PARENT HANDBOOK

Welcome to the YMCA Camp. We're glad that you've chosen to spend some memorable moments with us this summer.. We look forward to providing an exciting summer, filled with tremendous summertime experiences that only YMCA camp can offer. We are committed to providing your child with a rewarding experience. We have hired role models for your children who will help build character, positive experiences and memories that will last a lifetime. Our Staff is trained to display and encourage the values of caring, respect, honesty and responsibility throughout the daily activities and games of the camp curriculum. Whether you are new to the YMCA summer camp or seasoned Y camper, we are please to welcome you to the summer camp program.

Although health and wellness is one of our core areas, please know that we are so much more than just a place to exercise. We are a charitable organization that is cause driven, and we work diligently each and every day to strengthen our community in our focus areas of youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

It is the YMCA's goal to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment for all summer camp participants. Children who attend the program are expected to follow the behavior guidelines based on the five core values and to interact appropriately in a group setting. Behavior Guidelines:

- We will **care** for ourselves and for those around us.
- **Honesty** will be basis for all relationships and interactions.
- People are **responsible** for their actions.
- We **respect** each other and the environment.
- We are all here to have **fun**.

Hours of Care

Supervised care runs from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. five days a week.

YMCA summer camp is an ACTIVE CAMP. Campers participate in a variety of activities each day from 9:00–4:30. Camp activities have been designed to fit the theme of each camp and include: Ice Breakers, Arts & Crafts, Sports, Games & Fitness for kids, Hands on Science, Songs, Music & Drama, STREAM, Character development, local and out of town field trips and swimming. Campers will be in groups by ages, K, 1, 2, and 3–6 graders so that games and activities can be geared to age level. Campers who arrive before 9:00 and stay after 4:30 participate in a variety of structured and non-structured activities to choose from each day including: Puzzles and games, drawing, and group games.

YMCA summer camp is a screen free and cell phone free zone (with the exception of Friday movie day) and some field trips as well. Cell phones, smart watches, video games, iPod, etc. become disruptive to camp life and detract from the camp experience. If any electronic device comes to camp, it will be collected and placed at the front desk until pick up. The YMCA is not responsible for lost electronics. Please contact the YMCA if there is an emergency in which you need to contact your child. Please do not call to speak to your child unless it is an emergency. If your child is experiencing problem's, we will call you immediately. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Matt at 782-1266, or email at matt.rundle@butteymca.org

Goals of our Summer Camp

Our cause is for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Our Camp program reflects these values and are designed to help our campers grow physically, mentally, and socially within a fun camp environment.; Well trained camp staff that lead the campers in challenging activities act as a catalyst for growth in your child. All YMCA camps are designed to meet the following goals that are established for these three causes.

Each Camper Will:

- Become better leaders and supporters
- Improve personal and family relationships
- Grow personally
- Develop specific skills and assets, and HAVE FUN!!
- Appreciate Diversity
- Learn values

What your camper needs each day:

- Wear Comfortable clothing that they can move easily in and get dirty.
- Tennis shoes or hiking sandals which have a back strap around the ankle are required. Campers are active all day and will be walking and running. Absolutely no Croc's, flip flops or flats are allowed at camp!
- Small backpack with camper's name on it. Backpack is to transport lunch, light jacket and any projects or items camper brings home from camp.
- If your child has skin sensitivity or other allergies to regular sunscreen, please bring your own sunscreen labels with your child's name.
- Swimsuit with your child's name on the tag and goggles if they would like to use them during swimming.
- They are responsible for everything they bring to the YMCA we are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Lunch every day except for Wednesdays & Thursdays. Reuseable water bottle.

Leave at Home:

- Cell Phones/ iPod/ Electronics
- Money/ Valuables
- Knives / Weapons – real or pretend
- Toys/ Games/ Trading cards
- Candy/ Junk Food/ Soft drinks
- No sandals, Crocs, flip flops or any open toed shoes.
- No belly shirts or dresses without shorts underneath.

Campers may be sent home or asked to come back if they are not properly equipped for the day. Any of these rules are expectations that are not followed by the parent or child may lead to the dismissal of child from the program.

Absence

To ensure the safest possible environment, Please report any absences by calling the YMCA welcome center at 782-1266 if your child is not going to attend on any given day in which they are registered.

Checking In/Out your child

To ensure the safety of your child here at the YMCA you are expected to check in and check out your child every day with our staff.

Camper Check Out

Photo ID is required for every checkout every time. Many camp activities take place off site. Any authorized adult wishing to check out a full-day camper before 4:30 p.m. must arrange checkout details in advance with camp staff.

Families will be charged a late fee of \$30/child for any checkouts after 6:00 p.m. Camp registration may be suspended if balances are not paid within 5 business days. The camper will remain with two adult counselors at all times. The following steps will be taken should a camper not be picked up:

1. Every effort will be made to reach parent(s)/guardian(s) via provided phone numbers.
2. Alternate emergency contacts will be called if primary contacts can't be reached.
3. In the event that no one can be reached 30 minutes after the programs end, the police will be notified.

**YOU MUST WALK YOUR CHILD IN THE FRONT DOOR
AND CHECK THEM IN
WITH THE STAFF BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**

PARENT HANDBOOK

Safety and Supervision

All camp staff are certified in CPR and First Aid, and participate in a week-long training of YMCA policies and procedures. Campers are supervised by staff at all times. At no time will one YMCA staff member be alone with one child. At no time will YMCA junior counselors supervise campers without a YMCA camp counselor present.

When transporting campers, YMCA staff follow a Child Safety System that requires staff to conduct vehicle sweeps to ensure no child is left on board when the destination is reached.

For campers' safety, no unauthorized person will be permitted to enter YMCA camp areas, interact with campers, or pick up a camper from camp programming. Only persons designated by a parent or legal guardian on the camp registration form will be authorized to interact with campers or have a camper released into their care. A photo ID is required every time when picking up a camper. This policy applies to ALL campers.

Expectations of Campers

Campers are entitled to a pleasant and safe environment while participating in the YMCA summer camp program. We know that everyone is not always going to get along or agree on things, especially when competition is involved. However, we expect that these disagreements will be handled in a non-violent and non-threatening manner. We want everyone at camp to feel that they are in a safe environment where they are valued. All campers should use their number one resource when unexpected altercation happens, that is to self-report to camp staff right away.

On the first day of each week, all camp expectations and guidelines will be covered and explained by camp administrators and staff. Please review with your child daily the types of behaviors that we expect (outlined below) and perhaps even spend some time discussing their importance for your camper to have a successful time at camp.

Expectations of Parents

Parents are asked to read and help enforce and follow these rules and policies with their camper to promote a safe and friendly environment at the YMCA summer camp. We ask that parents if needing to speak to director or supervisors do so in a respectable and timely manner so that if incidents do occur, they are fixed and the campers may keep enjoying their summer here.

Friends helping Friends!

Honesty and respect will be the basis for all relationships and interactions. Reach out and make a new friend each week. We respect each other and the environment. If we listen to others; they will listen to us. Use your magic words, please and thank you often. Be courteous with the words you use. Inappropriate language, verbal threats, fighting and tactics used to humiliate or intimidate another **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

Social Inclusion!

Teamwork and cooperation will be the basis for including everyone. Politeness and courtesy go a long way. People are responsible for their actions. Use positive language always. Speak for yourself, not anyone else. Encourage others by avoiding put downs, who needs them? Show respect. Every person is important. Keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times. You are not allowed to touch another camper/ staff member in a negative way.

Tick Season

It is tick season in the month of June. We do use bug spray but please make sure every night that you check your child over. Mostly their heads and necks and parts of their bodies that are not covered up by clothing.

Building a community!

Every child is part of the Y day camp. You are here to make new friends, play with old friends, learn new games, try something new, build on an old skill and just have fun. Respect all Y staff, Y members, counselors and other campers. The proper use and cleanliness of the locker rooms, equipment, supplies, etc. is the responsibility of all. Clean up is important and we need your support. Not only do we respect each other but also, we respect our camp environment by putting littler in its place, by not destroying property that belongs to camp or to others and putting equipment up in its proper place. We are all responsible for our words and our actions. Be responsible for personal belongings. Stay in program areas with camp staff – running away is not acceptable. Cooperate with staff and follow directions. They know best how to keep you and your friends safe.

Bullying Policy

At YMCA camp, bullying is inexcusable, and we have a firm policy against all types of bullying. Our camp philosophy is based on our mission statement which ensures that every camper is accepted. We are open to all to develop the spirit, mind and body. We work together as a team to ensure that campers gain self-confidence, make new friends, and go home with great memories. Unfortunately, persons who are bullied may not have the same potential to get the most out of their camp experience. Our staff leadership addresses all incidents of bullying seriously and trains staff to promote communication with other staff members and their campers so both staff and campers will be comfortable alerting us to any problems during their camp experience. Every person has the right to have the best possible experience at camp, and by working together as a team to identify and manage bullying, we can help ensure that all campers and staff have a great summer at our Y camp.

Zero Tolerance Policy and Suspension from Camp

Good behavior will be encouraged in a positive manner. Staff will work cooperatively with parents, keeping them informed of behavior problems and methods used to teach and guide them toward socially acceptable behavior. Behavior problems that cannot be resolved cooperatively will result in your child's dismissal from the day camp program. Certain abusive behaviors will result in immediate dismissal.

YMCA day camp has a zero-tolerance policy for serious behavior infractions since our goal is to provide a healthy, safe and fun environment for every camper. Should a behavioral incident occur, staff will discuss course of action and help the camper set goals. If a second incident occurs, the camper is dismissed for the remainder of the current day and a meeting with parent takes place before camper returns to camp. Should there be a third issue, the camper is dismissed from the remainder of summer camp. Serious behaviors include:

1. Any behavior that endangers the health and safety of children, staff or members.
2. Leaving the day camp program without permission or refusing to remain with assigned group.
3. Inappropriate touching of other campers or sexual misconduct.
4. Theft, defacing or destruction of property belonging to the YMCA or others.
5. Any kind of physical assault such as hitting, kicking, biting.
6. Possession of weapons of any kind.
7. Throwing of any object on the bus.
8. Any profanity or abusive language.

These are only a few of our rules and expectations.

YMCA reserves the right to withdraw a participant from our program if child or parent is unable or unwilling to adjust to our schedule and program.

Butte Family YMCA Policy of abuse for peer to peer

POLICY 2: PROHIBITING THE ABUSE OR MISTREATMENT OF ONE YOUTH BY ANOTHER YOUTH YMCA of Butte is committed to providing all youth with a safe environment in its national events. YMCA of Butte will not tolerate the mistreatment or abuse of one youth by another youth. In addition, YMCA of Butte will not tolerate any behavior that is classified under the definition of bullying, and to the extent that such actions are disruptive, we will take steps needed to eliminate such behavior. Bullying is aggressive behavior that is intentional, is repeated over time, and involves an imbalance of power or strength. Bully can take on various forms, including:

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- Physical bullying – when one person engages in physical force against another person, such as by hitting, punching, pushing, kicking, pinching, or restraining another.
- Verbal bullying – when someone uses their words to hurt another, such as by belittling or calling another hurtful names.
- Nonverbal or relational bullying – when one person manipulates a relationship or desired relationship to harm another person. This includes social exclusion, friendship manipulation, or gossip. This type of bullying also includes intimidating another person by using gestures.
- Cyberbullying – the intentional and overt act of aggression toward another person by way of any technological tool, such as email, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or website postings (including blogs). Cyberbullying can involve: sending mean, vulgar, or threatening messages or images; posting sensitive, private information about another person; pretending to be someone else in order to make that person look bad; and intentionally excluding someone from an online group hazing—an activity expected of someone joining or participating in a group that humiliates, degrades abuses, or endangers that person regardless of that persons willingness to participate.
- Sexualized bullying – when bullying involves behaviors that are sexual in nature. Examples of sexualized bullying behaviors include sexting, bullying that involves exposures of private body parts, and verbal bullying involving sexualized language or innuendos.

Inclusion

All YMCA programs operate in accordance with all state and federal policies. We work to ensure that everyone, regardless of ability, age, cultural background, ethnicity, faith, gender, gender identity, ideology, income, national origin, race, or sexual orientation has the opportunity to reach their full potential with dignity.

YMCA summer camps are designed to provide accessibility for children with moderate visual, auditory, orthopedic, mental, and emotional challenges, call camp directors to discuss your child's specific needs prior to registering.

Illness

Keep sick children home and notify YMCA summer camp of their absence by calling 782-1266. Children who have had diarrhea or a fever, had a positive COVID test, or who have vomited within the last 24 hours cannot attend camp. Parents/ Guardians will be notified immediately if a camper becomes ill while at camp. Parents/ Guardians are expected to arrange immediate pickup of ill campers. Campers who become ill at camp will be cared for away from the group by staff until an authorized adult picks them up. Children with (or showing signs/symptoms of) a communicable illness cannot attend camp until they have been evaluated by a healthcare professional. Camp directors must receive written approval by a healthcare professional before children return to camp.

As a reminder: refunds and credits will not be issued for single-day based absence and/ or illness.

Insect Repellent and Sunscreen

Bring sunscreen and insect repellent to camp each day. Before going outside, or every two hours outside, camp staff will monitor every camper applying sunscreen. Camp staff will provide sunscreen for any camper who forgets or runs out. Indicate at registration if you would prefer the YMCA not to provide sunscreen/insect repellent to your camper.

Medication

Parents must notify a camp director if their child takes medication during the camp day. Medicine, its schedule, and a completed authorization to administer medication form must be turned into camp staff on the first day of camp. Any medication to be administered at camp must be accompanied by a signed doctors note or prescription container with specific instructions, dosage amounts, and dosage times. No over-the-counter medications will be given to campers without prior parental approval. All unused medicine not retrieved by the parent or legal guardian will be locked up and discarded one week after the campers last day of camp. Insurance for health-related matters must be covered by the parent or legal guardian.

YMCA Bus and Field Trip Rules

All camp rules and expectations apply during transportation to and from camp. In addition, the following rules apply:

- Campers may not enter or leave the bus without permission from a staff member.
- All campers are to remain seated, facing forward, with head and hands inside the bus at all times.
- Yelling on the bus or outside the bus or anything that might distract the bus driver or cause harm to another bus rider is not allowed. No eating or drinking on the bus unless given permission by a staff member.
- Wear appropriate gear (tennis shoes, sunscreen, jacket for cool weather, water bottles, etc.)
- Stay within sight of the field trip staff and be respectful to tour guides, facilities and others.
- Treat the land with respect when outdoors (throw garbage in trash can, no unnecessary destruction of land, leave area better than you found it.)

Most of our field trips depend on the age group, behavior, and availability of seating, each age group will get a field trip throughout the summer and even though one group is going on field trip most of the time there will be a group left behind to have camp on that day, but not all the time. Some field trips require your child to be at the YMCA early so that we can reach our destination on time. Your child may bring with them extra snacks, water bottles, books, coloring, or non-electronic toys. Remember whatever they bring on the field trip they are responsible for it. Only when allowed can they bring these devices (pads, phones, game systems, music players, etc.) *** YMCA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST ITEMS***

Swimming and Swim Lessons

We swim Monday and Fridays, with a water war on Wednesday, unless we are on a field trip. Please send your child to camp with a swimsuit and a towel in a bag with their name on the tag that will stay here for the duration of their camp stay. Children will be swim tested the first swim day they attend camp. The swim test will consist of swimming one length of the pool using a recognizable stroke and treading water for one minute. The procedure is required to ensure safety in the pool. Successful completion of this test will allow the children to swim in the deep end of the pool during camp time. All campers wear a wristband so that staff and lifeguards know their swimming ability while in the pool. Swim lessons are available at a discount for children enrolled in summer camp. Save \$10 on every session. Campers can register for the 4:00 swim lessons and we will take them. We only take kids to the 4:00 session any other session you must pick up and drop them off too.

All campers swim unless excused by a written or verbal notice from a parent.

Lunch and Snacks and Water

All campers should bring a lunch to camp daily. We have a 30 minute lunch break every day. We encourage that your child uses the full 30 minutes to rest and eat. Please pack a healthy, low sugar and balanced meal, no pop please! Do not send food or drinks in glass containers. Lunches will not be refrigerated; therefore, please insert a cold pack to help preserve the food. Please mark all lunches (and all containers inside lunches) with the campers first and last name. please do not provide your camper with food that will need heating or to be microwaved. Camp staff or not responsible for food preparation or pre-heating meals.

Campers in the YMCA's care are not permitted to purchase items from stores or vending machines. Don't send money with your child. If you would like to purchase a snack for your child, do so before checking your child into camp.

Registrations, Deposits, and Financial Assistance

Register in person at the YMCA . A one-time \$25 registration fee is required for each camper. The balance of each camper is due no later than Friday prior to the first day of each camp session. Unpaid balances during this week will result in your child's spot in the camp being forfeited.

We pride ourselves on working with families and community organizations to offer camp experiences for all children, regardless of ability to pay. Financial assistance is available for YMCA summer camp. Applications must be completed and approved prior to registration. Please allow 7 days to process applications.

Attendance, Refunds, and Credits

Unless noted, all YMCA summer camps are week-long opportunities. In addition to standard YMCA policies, participants are subject to the following:

- One-time registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable
- Cancellations and transfers must be made more than one week before camp dates to be eligible for credits minus the deposit.
- No credits or refunds will be given for cancellations or transfers made less than one week prior to camp.
- Credits or refunds will only be issued if a parent/guardian provides written or verbal notice to a camp director, even if a child does not attend.
- Changes in schedules or registrations must be approved by the camp director.
- If your child is expelled from YMCA camp as a result of behavioral concerns, a refund (minus deposits) will be issued for all registered camp sessions starting the full week after expulsion.
- For questions about any of our Youth Development Programs please email Matt.Rundle@butteymca.org

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I have read and discussed the **YMCA SUMMER CAMP EXPECTATIONS, RULES AND PARENT HANDBOOK** with my child.

I understand that this handbook is the framework to create a partnership that will help YMCA staff and parents to come together for the benefit of your child, as well as all children at summer camp.

I understand that the YMCA summer camp program has a zero-tolerance policy for serious behavior infractions since the goal is to provide a healthy, safe and fun environment for every camper.

PARENT NAME

SIGNATURE

CHILD NAME

SIGNATURE

ADDITIONAL CHILD NAME

SIGNATURE

(After reading YMCA summer camp handbook, Please sign and return this portion of the handbook)