**EUGENE FAMILY YMCA - SUMMER CAMPS 2024**

# **FRIENDSHIP**

We are here to inspire kids to work together and play together, creating friendships that can last a lifetime.

# **ACCOMPLISHMENT**

We are here to surround your kids with fantastic chances to try new experiences and show them all they can do when they believe in themselves.

# **BELONGING** We are here to make kids feel welcome. To help them quickly realize this is a place where they belong and can be themselves. To try new things. To make new friends. And be a part of something great.

# **REGISTRATION DAYS - ONLINE**

April 22-24 Current Child Care Families Online

April 25 Youth with an Active YMCA Facility Membership Online

May 1 Open to Community Online

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The Y offers financial scholarships to qualifying families.
[Click here to complete the financial assistance process.](https://www.eugeneymca.org/financial-assistance)

**CAMP DATES**
June 24 – August 23 9 weeks of Summer Fun!

## **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

1. [Register online here](https://ops1.operations.daxko.com/Online/3100/ProgramsV2/Home.mvc)
2. Pick your Camps and Child Care Program (school year)
3. Pay Deposits and Registration Fees
	* Camp $50 nonrefundable weekly deposit (part of weekly fee)
	* Child Care $75 nonrefundable registration fee
4. Look for your email confirmation to ensure you’re registered

## **FACILITY MEMBERS AND CAMP AND CHILD CARE SIGN UP**

**For summer camps:**  members must keep their membership active until the beginning of the week for which they are registered. Should a member decide to terminate their membership before the start of any camp week, they will forfeit their place in all subsequent weeks of camp.
**For school-year child care programs:** membership must be sustained through October 31, 2024. Any termination of membership before this date will result in unenrollment from the child care program for the remaining months of the school year.

We believe the Y can have the greatest impact on families and children through consistent connections and intentional relationship building, connections beyond seasonal programs such as camp and afterschool.  Therefore, our policy aims to prioritize enrollment in camp and afterschool programs with those families who have the most consistent connection with the Y by offering early registration benefits. By implementing a policy that fosters a deeper connection between Y membership and Y program participation we believe children will achieve new heights as they experience deeper connection, more consistent mentoring and education, and elevated access to not only terrific seasonal programs, but to world-class tools and resources at the new Y.

## **PRE-CAMP / POST-CAMP (EXTENDED CARE)**

All Day Camps offer pre and post camp care.

* 7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. $15 / weekly
* 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. $20 / weekly

Camp hours are 8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## **EARLY LEARNING CAMPS - Rainbow and Friends Camp**

There will never be a dull moment at our Early Learning Camps. Your camper will have the time of their lives with art projects, trips, picnicking, music, cooking, and much more.

* Don't worry about packing lunch, because we'll take care of the meals.
* Early learning camps will run from 7am-6pm.
* Campers will need to be checked-in by 8:45am and stay until at least 4pm so they can fully participate in the camp day.
* Swim days are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

**DAY CAMPS - Explorers**, **Voyagers, Adventures, YQuest**Build friendships while singing, swimming, playing outdoors, and learning about the world around us.

* The exploration will begin at the Y and will depart daily by foot or bus to local sites. There's something for everyone with a variety of activities every week.
* Camp day runs 8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
* For an additional fee, campers can be checked in as early as 7am, and stay as late as 6pm. Please see our extended care prices and registration for more info.

**WHAT TO PACK**

* Lunch, 2 snacks, water bottle
* Swimsuit and towel
* Weather appropriate clothing
* Shoes with a back strap
* Sunscreen if camper has allergy

**SPECIALTY CAMPS - Night Crawlers, Q Camp, Happy Campers, Cooking Camps, STEM Camp**This year we are proud to offer a variety of camps for youth who share specific interests and things in common. Our specialty camps are designed to provide a fun and enriching experience for your youth, while also fostering friendships and skills that will last a lifetime.

**SPECIALTY CAMPS INCLUDE:**

* Q Camp – Focused on creating connections and community for LGBTQIA+ Identifying Youth
* Night Crawlers – Late Night Camp for 9th and 10th Graders
* Happy Campers – Focused on creating community and connections for Youth with Down Syndrome.
* Little Chefs/Cooking Academy – Focused on introducing youth to the fundamentals of cooking and nutrition.
* STEM in Motion – An entire week of STEM-centric fun!

2024 SUMMER CAMP WEEKLY TUITION ($50 weekly deposit) will be posted spring 2024

CAMP FAQ’s

[Click here for frequently asked questions and their answers.](https://eugeneymca2020-my.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/g/personal/rachel_eugeneymca_org/EbNJgceHvq5LrLgLZ4FQOMYBrylXIFKympK3qJZqzXmVLg?e=9hHVRl)

EARLY LEARNING CAMPS (weekly)

RAINBOW CAMP AGES 3 - 4 years

Week 1 June 24–28 It’s Fun to Play at the YMCA!

As an introduction to camp, campers will be introduced to all the ways to have fun here at the Y. Running the track, playing in the gym, moving our bodies in the studios, clinic activities with our Sports teams and SO MUCH MORE!

Week 2 July 1-3 (M-W) Beach Week

It’s the best time of the year to learn about the beach! Rainbows will be exploring beach themed activities – beach volleyball, shell painting and sandcastles.

Week 3 July 8-12 Sensory Exploration

There’s so much to experience by exploring our senses! Campers will make smelly slime, taste new foods, have a rainbow light party and listen to our community.

Week 4 July 15-19 Little Inventors

This week is all about flexing our brains to design, create, build, and engineer a variety of cool objects to solve fun and interesting problems, including building our own cars!

Week 5 July 22-26 A-MAZE-ing Week

This camp theme is all about exploring and creating different kinds of mazes. A week of mazes! We will use all types of supplies to make and go through mazes, from cardboard and paper to tubes and cones. It's going to be a-maze-ing!

Week 6 July 29-Aug 2 Rainbows in the Kitchen

Campers will get to create and cook delicious dishes in the kitchen while learning about nutrition and healthy eating. Yum!

Week 7 Aug 5-9 Mirror Magic

This week of camp, youth will explore the possibilities of mirrors, miming and magic. They will learn how to use mirrors to create optical effects, how to mime different emotions and actions, and how to perform simple magic tricks.

Week 8 Aug 12-16 We Got Talent!

Watch us perform as we discover our own talents and learn from the talents of others. Our week will end with a talent show – families invited to come along and enjoy!

Week 9 Aug 19-23 All Things Round

Rainbows will be having a ball during this camp! We will be exploring the world of round objects. Spheres, circles, ovals, and more. Campers will have the opportunity to play with balls, try out wheels, and even experiment with eggs!

# FRIENDS CAMP AGES 4-5

Week 1 June 24–28 The Y and Me

A new summer, a new Y, and loads of new things to try! This week we will play balloon tennis, take a dip in the pool, and take a class in Health and Wellness. Let’s move our bodies and have fun!

Week 2 July 1-3 (M-W) Having a Ball

We’ll shoot some hoops, try pickle ball, and give yard bowling a spin. Sports gives us the opportunity to be a teammate, cheer for others, and practice being a good sport.

Week 3 July 8-12 Who Works in Our community?

Let’s take some time to walk around the neighborhood. We will also see who helps us at the grocery store, who brings us our mail, and who helps us in an emergency.

Week 4 July 15-19 Colors of the Rainbow

So many colors, so little time! This week ww will be mixing colors, making a rainbow, enjoying some fruit salad, and tie-dying some shirts. Ready, set, color!

Week 5 July 22-26 What’s That Sound?

Sound is everywhere we go. This week we will go on a nature walk to listen for birds, use recycled materials to make musical instruments, and have a dance party!

Week 6 July 29-Aug 2 Cooking with Friends

We will spend the week measuring, stirring, and spreading as we whip up a colorful menu of tasty foods. There are countless learning opportunities when cooking with Friends!

Week 7 Aug 5-9 1, 2, 3, 4, Get to Counting More!

Let’s explore numbers and have some fun as we do! We will play Bingo, jump into Hop Scotch, and use LEGOs to help us with a counting art project.

Week 8 Aug 12-16 The Best Part of Being Me...

We are all special and unique. Using this time to draw a self-portrait, share about a favorite part of us, and use beads to make a name bracelet.

Week 9 Aug 19-23 It’s a BIG Beautiful World!

Wrapping up summer with a week of drawing landscapes, painting our surroundings, and learning how to use a camera. We are going to spend the week capturing the beauty around us

DAY CAMPS (weekly) EXPLORERS DAY CAMP ENTERING KINDERGARTEN-1ST

Week 1 June 24–28 You’ve Got a Friend in Me

Come explore the Y with us! Tour and learn about our new space and meet chance to meet new people. You will discover the benefits of being part of our community and create lasting bonds and memories.

Week 2 July 1-3 (M-W) Bug Week

Bugs are fascinating creatures that come in many shapes, sizes and colors. Some bugs are helpful, some are not and some are just plain weird! We will explore some of the most amazing types of bugs and learn more about their features, behaviors and roles in nature. What is your favorite bug?

Week 3 July 8-12 Colorful Crafts

Are you ready for a fun and creative camp experience? Join us for a week of art and exploring all the beautiful colors of the rainbow! You'll get to paint, draw, sculpt, and more with different materials and techniques. Don't miss this chance to express yourself and make new friends at our rainbow art camp!

Week 4 July 15-19 Planes, Rockets, and Boats

A fun-filled week of camp activities inspired by planes, rockets and boats! You'll get to build your own models, learn about flight and explore the wonders of the world from different perspectives. Whether you want to soar like a bird, blast off like a rocket, or sail like a pirate, this camp theme has something for everyone!

Week 5 July 22-26 Thinking Outside the Box

You'll get to use cardboard boxes, tubes, and sheets to make anything you can imagine. From castles and robots to rockets and mazes, the possibilities are endless. You'll also learn some basic engineering and design skills along the way. Don't miss this chance to unleash your inner inventor and have a blast with cardboard!

Week 6 July 29-Aug 2 Ocean Week

Calling all mermaids and pirates! We will be learning all about the ocean and the animals who inhabit it!

Week 7 Aug 5-9 Fizz, Bubble, Pop!

Science experiments that fizz, bubble and POP! Volcanoes, oobleck, exploding sandwich bags and more!

Week 8 Aug 12-16 Magic in Nature

We will explore the world around us, create art and science with nature and maybe spot a fairy or gnome.

Week 9 Aug 19-23 Water Week!

Splash around for the last week of summer! Sprinklers, water balloons, water crafts and more.

VOYAGERS DAY CAMP ENTERING GRADES 2-3

Week 1 June 24–28 All for One, One for All

Are you ready for a fun and exciting camp experience? Join the Voyagers, where you will learn the importance of teamwork and cooperation. You will face different obstacles every day, from competing in camp games to learning the ins and outs of summer camp. You will have to brainstorm with your fellow campers to overcome these challenges. This is a week all about building teamwork and connections with each other.

Week 2 July 1-3 (M-W) Kickin’ Off Sports!

For all the kiddos who like a bit of competition, this is a good opportunity for campers to try new sports and show off all of their skills! We’ll play games like basketball, kickball, frisbee golf, soccer and more!

Week 3 July 8-12 Not All Superheroes Wear Capes

Dress to be who you want to be, be it in a cape or a work vest! Campers will spend time this week thinking about different types of jobs people do, becoming the people they admire and showing off what makes them amazing.

Week 4 July 15-19 Stewards of the Environment

Do you want to learn about the environment and have fun at the same time? Campers will learn about efforts made to keep our earth green and safe. On top of getting our hands dirty by doing a bit of gardening and composting, we will learn about renewable means of living and how to help the environment.

Week 5 July 22-26 Have a Summertime Splash!

Pack a swimsuit, because you might get wet! Campers will get to participate in exciting water-based activities and other ways of staying cool this week. We will also learn about water safety and boundaries. The camp will also get the opportunity to learn about how water is used in our day-to-day lives, and how we collect it.

Week 6 July 29-Aug 2 The Wilderness Must Be Explored!

We will learn about wilderness safety and how to take care of ourselves outdoors. Some activities include learning how to set up a tent and outdoor shelter construction. We will also develop our basic navigation skills and how to forage safely. By the end of the week, our campers will leave with a newfound sense of confidence in exploring the great outdoors.

Week 7 Aug 5-9 Wildlife Wonders

Animals! From big to small, we will get to see many different types of creatures that live on this earth. During nature walks and bird-watching excursions, we’ll get to see the world and its creatures all in action. Camp activities and enrichments will be centered around animals and the places they live, such as face masks and crowns. Campers will develop an understanding of the diverse ecosystems that exist all around us.

Week 8 Aug 12-16 Planting Our Future

Voyagers will turn into botanists as we identify and know about the many different kinds of plants that we may see every day. From what is safe and not, to what can be grown and what can help be preserved. We will learn about how we can grow our own food, and care for our plants. Campers will also have the chance to go berry picking and take a bag home with them!

Week 9 Aug 19-23 Quest for Discovery

This week will transform ordinary scavenger hunts into an extraordinary week-long adventure. From deciphering cryptic clues to navigating through themed obstacle courses, Voyagers will sharpen their problem-solving skills and deepen their bonds with their fellow campers. This week is promised to be filled with excitement, laughter, and the thrill of uncovering the unexpected to finish our unforgettable summer!

ADVENTURES DAY CAMP ENTERING GRADES 4-6

Week 1 June 24–28 Space Exploration

Embark on an exhilarating journey of discovery during our space exploration week, where young explorers will engage in hands-on activities and games that recreate the thrill of space missions. From launching bottle rockets to unraveling the mysteries of distant galaxies, youth will experience the excitement of astronaut training, forge new friendships and ignite their passion for the wonder of the cosmos.

Week 2 July 1-3 (M-W) Unleash Your Inner Artist

Unleash your creativity and dive into a world of artistic expression this week! Youth will explore various mediums, experiment with vibrant colors and learn techniques turning their imagination into tangible works of art. This riveting week will inspire and empower, fostering a deep appreciation for self-expression and the joy of creating something uniquely their own.

Week 3 July 8-12 Into the Enchanted Forest

Step into the enchanting realm in the third week of summer, where each day promises thrilling adventures and magical discoveries. From hiking through the lush wilderness to crafting fairy tale inspired treasures and creating sparkling memories.

Week 4 July 15-19 Olympian Spirit Week

Get ready for a week of empowerment and sportsmanship as we kick off Olympic Spirit Week at summer camp! Youth will engage in thrilling athletic challenges, team-building exercises, and friendly competitions that not only foster love for physical activity but also instill the values of teamwork.

Week 5 July 22-26 Odyssey Week

Set sail on a wild and ever-changing journey during Odyssey Week. Campers will explore Nature’s wonders and daring excursions that bring them closer to the untamed beauty of the world around them. Get ready for a week of moving exploration, while fostering a deep connection to the great outdoors.

Week 6 July 29-Aug 2 Innovation Station

Prepare for a mind-bending adventure at Innovation Station: campers will delve into creative problem solving through hands-on workshops and interactive challenges. This week promises to be a playground for budding inventors and thinkers, where imagination knows no bounds and the thrill of exploration inspires innovative spirits!

Week 7 Aug 5-9 Mystical Elements Week

Step into the sun and create lasting memories during an unforgettable week filled with dynamic activities that celebrate the elemental forces that shape our world. Get ready to be immersed in a whirlwind of excitement as campers discover the magic and energy in each of the four elements.

Week 8 Aug 12-16 Under the Big Top

Step right up campers! This week promises laughter, skill-building, and some potential new circus talents! Get ready for a week of non-stop enchantment and wonder while under the big top!

Week 9 Aug 19-23 Walking on the Rainbow

Gear up for an exhilarating journey during our Walking on the Rainbow week at summer camp! Campers will dive into a delight of vibrant activities from tie-dye extravaganzas to lively dance-offs, celebrating diversity, creativity, and boundless energy. This joyful week campers will revel in the kaleidoscope of activities that make each day a thrilling, colorful new memory.

Y-QUEST ENTERING GRADES 7-8

Week 1 June 24–28 Welcome Home

Throughout this week, you’ll be greeted by your camp home away from home. Y Quest kicks off summer with a bang as we hold a welcome ceremony, embark on a waterfall hike, make some tie dye and paracord bracelets, decide our camp mascot and show our competitive sides with paintball!

Week 2 July 1-3 (M-W) Going Green

Let’s talk about saving the planet as we dive into gardening, brainstorm during a picnic at the rose gardens, venture out on exciting hikes, create recycled crafts, and ride bikes. The team will even discuss matters beyond our planet with a visit to the planetarium.

Week 3 July 8-12 Animal Adventure

The focus this week is our furry, scaley, feathery friends – we'll take a trip to the Cascades Raptor Center and do some bird watching of our own afterwards. The group will head to a fish hatchery, find all the clues to a scavenger hunt and end with service learning at the Greenhill Humane Society.

Week 4 July 15-19 Splish Splash!

YQuest knows the perfect way to cool off, have fun and connect with nature during our camp week. You'll have a blast on our rafting adventure, kayaking in the pool, visiting waterfalls, water balloon fight and sounds of water (forest bathing and mindfulness). Don’t miss this chance to make a splash with your friends!

Week 5 July 22-26 Time Travel

We’ll be turning the camp bus into a time machine as we go back in time: roller skating, handmade ice cream, hiking, homemade soap (no lye)!

Week 6 July 29-Aug 2 Week of the Arts

YQuest will spend this week engaging in art...and crafts! Activities include a trip to the art museum, painting in the park, rock painting and hiding, henna, graffiti, hammocks and bracelets. We’ll make a craft with the Rainbows for fun!

Week 7 Aug 5-9 Pride

Bowling at Emerald Lanes, chilling in hammocks/music/yard games, relaxing by the river day, DIY journals, henna and service learning at Grassroots

Week 8 Aug 12-16 That's My Jam!

Buckle up because we’re headed to the coast while jamming along the way! We’ll be going sandboarding at Honeyman, hiking up beautiful viewpoints, exploring waterfalls and playing capture the flag. We’ll listen to our favorite jams and embark on some jam theft.

Week 9 Aug 19-23 Later Tater!

During this bittersweet farewell to summer, we’ll be doing all the essentials. Eating ice cream, making bracelets, giving awards, and playing camp favorites. We’ll have our very own YES day, wrapping it all up with some reflection and tater tots.

SPECIALTY CAMPS

Q CAMP 8-10 YEARS OF AGE

*This is a specialty camp for LGBTQAI+ Identifying Youth.*

Week 2 July 1-3 (M-W) Enchanted Creatures Week

Welcome to Enchanted Creatures Week at YMCA Q Camp! Prepare to enter a world of wonder and magic as we explore the realm of mythical creatures. From majestic unicorns to mischievous fairies, get ready for a week filled with fantastical adventures, enchanting crafts, and mystical discoveries.

Q CAMP 11-13 YEARS OF AGE

*This is a specialty camp for LGBTQAI+ Identifying Youth.*

Week 7 Aug 5-9 Wild West Week

Welcome to Wild West Week at YMCA Q Camp! Saddle up, partners, as we journey back in time to the rugged and adventurous era of the Old West. Get ready for a week filled with exciting activities, immersive experiences, and tales of cowboys, outlaws, and gold rush fever!

HAPPY CAMPERS (½ DAY CAMP) ENTERING GRADES 3RD-6TH

*This is a specialty camp for Youth with Downs Syndrome*.

Week 4 July 15-19 Festival of Fun!

Join us for a week of fun and friendship at our summer camp for youth with Downs Syndrome. You will get to explore your creative side with music, art, and fun games, and make new friends! This is a unique opportunity to have a blast and learn new skills in a safe and welcoming environment.

COOKING ACADEMY (½ DAY CAMP) ENTERING GRADES 5-7

Week 6 July 29-Aug 2 Anyone Can Cook

Join us for a fun and tasty week of learning how to cook! Youth will master the basics of using kitchen tools and equipment and follow best practices for safety and hygiene in the kitchen. Youth will also get to experiment with various ingredients and recipes and show off their creativity in a final cooking challenge!

LITTLE CHEFS (½ DAY CAMP) ENTERING GRADES 2-4

Week 8 Aug 12-16 Cooking Community

Join us for a fun and educational week of cooking adventures! Youth will learn how to make delicious dishes, read and follow recipes, and keep the kitchen safe and clean. Youth will also get to share their creations with their families at the end of the week in a festive feast.

STEM IN MOTION (½ DAY CAMP) AM & PM Options ENTERING GRADES 4-6

Week 3 July 8-12 Newton Says What?

Join our hands-on learning labs where we will explore concepts of physics, design our own projects, and apply technical skills. We will also have a chance to participate in a final project competition. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, create, and have fun!

NIGHT CRAWLERS ENTERING GRADES 9TH-10TH (6:30-10:30pm)

Week 3 July 8-12 Artistic Odyssey: A Week-Long Journey of Creativity

Welcome to Artistic Odyssey, a transformative week-long art camp tailored for teens seeking to explore diverse artistic mediums and unleash their creative potential. Over seven immersive days, campers will embark on a journey of delving into a new artistic medium each day.

Week 5 July 22-26 Survivor Challenge

Welcome to Survivor Teen Camp, where adventure awaits at every turn! Join us for an unforgettable experience where each night transforms into a thrilling day of challenges, strategy, and camaraderie, inspired by the hit TV show Survivor. Teens will test their physical and mental prowess as they navigate through a series of exhilarating challenges designed to push their limits and ignite their competitive spirit. From puzzle-solving to endurance tests, every moment promises excitement and adrenaline. participants will gather to craft their own immunity idols, a symbol of resilience and determination. Are you ready to outwit, outplay, and outlast your fellow campers? Join us for the ultimate summer adventure!

Week 7 Aug 5-9 Culinary Creations

Welcome to Culinary Creations Evening Camp, where teens embark on a delectable journey into the world of cooking! Join us as we explore kitchen basics, from mastering knife skills to perfecting cook times and meal prep techniques. In an atmosphere brimming with creativity and camaraderie, participants will pair up into teams, just like the acclaimed show Chopped, and take on the challenge of creating mouthwatering meals from mystery ingredients. With each session, budding chefs will delight in the thrill of culinary discovery and innovation, culminating in friendly competitions judged by our expert counselors. Get ready to slice, dice, and sauté your way to culinary excellence at Culinary Creations Evening Camp!

Week 9 Aug 19-23 Beat the Challengers

Welcome to Beat the Challengers Camp where every evening sparks excitement and adventure! Join us for a thrilling journey through a series of exhilarating physical and mental challenges inspired by the beloved TV show Minute to Win It. Whether paired up in dynamic teams or facing solo challenges, participants will strive to conquer each obstacle and claim victory. From heart-pounding races against the clock to brain-teasing puzzles, every moment promises adrenaline-fueled fun and unforgettable memories. Get ready to unleash your inner champion and win exciting prizes along the way!