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Registration opens for  
Members: April 1  
Non-Members: April 15

# YOUR SUMMER TO DISCOVER PLAY & GROW

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WORTHINGTON AREA YMCA  
DEGROOT FAMILY CENTER

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# IMPORTANT DAY CAMP INFORMATION

## Payment & Registration

Member Registration: Opens April 1

Non-Member Registration: Opens April 15

A \$25 non-refundable deposit per session is required to reserve a camper's spot. Deposit is applied to the balance.

## When is Payment Due?

Full camp payment is due on the 15th of the month prior to the month of camp. For example, if your camper is signed up for camp(s) in June, full payment of all June camps would be due May 15th.

## Summer Camp Drop Policy & Refunds

Those who wish to withdraw their registration for a camp must do so no later than two (2) full weeks before the camp is scheduled to start. The initial \$25 deposit used to register for a camp session is non-refundable and non-transferable. No refunds will be given after the two (2) week policy prior to the start of camp.

## What should my camper bring everyday?

Campers should come dressed in clothes they can easily move around in, closed toe shoes, a water bottle, bug spray, and sunscreen. They should also bring a swimsuit and towel on scheduled swim days. Camp staff will help your camper keep track of his or her belongings, but they are NOT responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal items.

## Does my camper need to bring lunch/snacks to camp?

The YMCA participates in the District 518 Summer Lunch program. If your camper does not want to participate in the program, they will need to bring a cold lunch from home. Please note: refrigerators and microwaves are not available for camper use. The YMCA also provides a morning and afternoon snack to all campers.

## How do I stay informed about camp?

We have Facebook page called Worthington Area YMCA and a Instagram account (@wgtnymca) for promotional purposes.

We will use the REMIND app to communicate with parents during camp. A REMIND code will be provided once registration is complete.

## What are camp check in/out procedures?

Check-In: Parents/Guardians are expected to park their vehicle and check-in/check-out campers with camp staff at the Front Door of the YMCA or alternative camp site location between the hours of 7:00-8:30am.

Check-Out: Campers must be signed out each day by parent/guardian or authorized adults with a photo I.D. Campers will not be released to someone other than the parent/guardian. Notify camp staff if an additional person needs to be added as an authorized adult. Check-Out is between the hours of 4:00-5:00pm.

## What should my camper bring on field trips?

Specific field trip information will be provided to parents/guardians prior to the scheduled field trip. Each camp is assigned to a designated field trip day. Campers may travel up to 90 miles away.

- Campers must wear their provided YMCA summer camp field trip shirt.
- Campers must bring a lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray, and may bring an individual activity to do on the bus (books, fidget toys, etc.) however, the YMCA is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.
- There isn't alternate camp programming on field trip days; no refunds for campers who do not attend.

## What should I do if my camper will be absent or late?

If campers are arriving late to their camp location (after 8:30am) and the camp has already departed, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to get their camper to the location of the camp.

If a camper needs to be picked up prior to end of day (before 4:00pm), it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to meet the camper at the location in which their camper is located.

Communicate with camp staff via REMIND

## What is the procedure for inclement weather?

Camps will operate outdoors for the majority of the time. In the event of inclement weather (lightning, thunder, high winds and high heat index) during outdoor activities, campers will be brought indoors or to the nearest shelter until it is safe to return to the scheduled camp activity. The Camp staff will send out communication if there is an emergency.



## CAMP FEES & REGISTRATION

All camp registration is done online. If you do not already have a YMCA online account, we recommend getting one set up before camp registration opens. Camp Registration for YMCA Members opens on April 1st. Registration for Non-Members is April 15th. A non-refundable & non-transferable deposit of \$25 is required for each week your camper plans to attend. This deposit will be deducted from the overall weekly fee. Full camp payment is due on the 15th of the month prior to the month of camp. For example, if your camper is signed up for camp(s) in June, full payment for all June camps is due May 15.

- Camp Fees: \$150/week for true cost of camp.
- \$112/week for 25% scholarship with promo code: "2024tierb"
- \$75/week for 50% scholarship with promo code: "2024tierc"

### 2024 FEES & TIERED PRICING

Realizing families have different abilities to pay, the Worthington Area YMCA has adopted a voluntary tier pricing structure. Tier pricing is not income-based but is based on what your family is able to pay. No additional paperwork is required\*

**Tier A: \$150.00 / week**  
(The TRUE cost of camp)  
This covers the cost of your camper, equitable salaries for our counselors, and the continued growth of new camp programs and opportunities.

**Tier B: \$112.00 / week**  
(Partially subsidized, 25% scholarship)

**Tier C: \$75.00 / week**  
(A higher subsidy, 50% scholarship)

The choice of what price you pay is completely yours and remains confidential. Regardless of which option you choose, your child receives the same camp experience with the same high-quality programming. Funding available through the WRHCF match.

\*If additional assistance is needed to make Summer Day Camp possible, please visit [ww.ymcaworthington.org](http://ww.ymcaworthington.org) or contact Angel in our camp office at 507-376-6197 or 1501 Collegeway Worthington, MN 56187



# KINDERGARTEN CLUBHOUSE

Designed for youth entering Kindergarten fall 2024.

Camp hours: 7am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

Lunch and snack are included on weeks 2-4 & 6-10.



	DATES:	THEMES:	DESCRIPTION:
*1	June 3-7	Seaside Whimsy Wonderland	A "for shore" fun week of building sandcastles, hunting for seashells, splashing in gentle waves and crafting whimsical sea creature puppets to pair with their imaginative stories.
2	June 10-14	Mini Picassos: Color Adventures	Ignite your creativity through finger painting, vibrant collages, and nature-inspired masterpieces, as children start to unleash their inner Picassos through whimsical storytelling and outdoor art sessions.
3	June 17-21	Outer Space Adventures	Launch on an intergalactic journey through building cardboard rocket ships, creating starry night art, and exploring distant planets through hands-on experiments and storytelling, igniting curiosity and imagination as you reach for the stars.
4	June 24-28	Pirate Cove Quest	Come on a swashbuckling adventure at Pirates Cove, crafting pirate gear, hunting for treasures, and enjoying imaginative activities like storytelling and games.
*5	July 1-3	Sparkle Spectacular Fiesta	Ignite in a celebration of the nation's vibrant culture and spirit, as you craft patriotic hats and cardboard "fireworks", adding sparkle and magic to festivities while immersing yourself in storytelling about American heroes and crafting American flags.
6	July 8-12	Globe-Trotting Safari Adventures	Explore on a globe-trotting safari by igniting your curiosity through imaginative safaris, crafting traditional masks from different countries, and creating your own passport in this week full of discovery and wonder.
7	July 15-19	Kinder-Lab Adventures	Spark your curiosity with hands-on experiments like slime-making and fizzy reactions, along with nature walks and storytelling sessions to ignite your interest in science.
8	July 22-26	A Disney Adventure for Little Dreamers	Join us on a magical journey into the world of beloved Disney characters, with themed arts and crafts, dress-up days, sing-alongs, and playful games, creating treasured memories in a Disney Adventure.
9	July 29-Aug 2	Whimsical Wizards and Wonders	Delve into enchantment and magic, crafting wizard hats, mixing potions, and embarking on treasure hunts in the enchanted camp area, joined with spell-casting and wand-making for a whimsical journey of discovery.
10	August 5-9	Concert of DIY Delights	Groove to the beat with DIY instruments, funky dances, and colorful sing-alongs, dividing into a world of creativity and music with storytelling sessions about musical legends and interactive art projects.
*11	August 12-16	Enchanted Nature Nook	Foster a magical connection with nature as you explore the outdoors through sensory walks, create fairy houses from forest finds, and enjoy storytelling under the trees, engage in leaf rubbings, bug hunts, and garden planting to nurture curiosity and appreciation for nature's wonders.

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# EXPLORERS

Designed for youth entering 1st & 2nd grade fall 2024.  
 Camp hours: 7am-5pm, Monday-Friday.  
 Lunch and snack are included on weeks 2-4 & 6-10.

	DATES:	THEMES:	DESCRIPTION:
*1	June 3-7	Undersea Explorers	Dive into ocean depths through creating underwater dioramas, learning from guest speakers about the ocean's ecosystem, and uncovering marine wonders, all while exploring thrilling adventures in the WaterWorld's pool to discover colorful fish and hidden treasures.
2	June 10-14	Where "Trash" Becomes Treasures	Embark on eco-friendly adventures, turning everyday objects into vibrant artworks through recycling and upcycling, fostering a deeper appreciation for the world around you.
3	June 17-21	Planet Pals Extravaganza	Forge cosmic connections as you embark on a celestial journey, crafting planet pals, designing your own planets, and voyaging through interactive learning experiences and creative activities to deepen your understanding of the universe as Planet Pals.
4	June 24-28	Surfside Safari	Embark on an adventure to explore the wonders of the shoreline, beachcombing expeditions, sandcastle building contests, and seashell crafts, while immersing yourself in the beauty of the coast and discovering the magic of a Surfside Safari.
*5	July 1-3	Wild West Wranglers Roundup	Experience the excitement of the frontier, donning cowboy hats and bandannas for horse-themed relay races, while immersing yourself in Wild West legends through storytelling, square dancing, and crafting sheriff badges.
6	July 8-12	Global Language Explorers	Join us on a multicultural journey, exploring languages through scavenger hunts, creating your own dictionaries, and interactive games to expand cultural horizons.
7	July 15-19	Dino Delight: A Jurassic Journey	Embark on a thrilling Jurassic journey through unearthing fossils, crafting dinosaur models, and exploring prehistoric creatures with hands-on workshops and storytelling sessions for a Dino Delight adventure.
8	July 22-26	A Kingdom of Little Princes and Princesses	Dive into enchanted activities like crown-making, royal tea parties, and treasure hunts, all set against the backdrop of beloved Disney stories, dress-up days, and creative crafts, reigning over a magical realm where dreams come true.
9	July 29-Aug 2	Detectives on Enchanted Trails	Immerse yourself in a whimsical world of mysteries, solving enchanted riddles, uncovering hidden artifacts, and unraveling clues in mysterious escape rooms, while enjoying interactive detective games along enchanted trails.
10	August 5-9	Funky Fashion Fiesta	Enter into the world of design by creating your own unique dream outfit to showcase at our fashion show and express your style through interactive games, funky accessories, hands-on sewing and textile crafts.
*11	August 12-16	Aqua Explorers	Immerse into aquatic wonders as they explore ponds and streams, conduct hands-on experiments, and enjoy creative activities like crafting aquatic-themed crafts, all while learning about water habitats and conservation, fostering a deeper connection with the aquatic environment as Aqua Explorers.



# VOYAGERS

Designed for youth entering 3rd - 5th grade fall 2024.  
Camp hours: 7am-5pm, Monday-Friday.  
Lunch and snack are included on weeks 2-4 & 6-10.



	DATES:	THEMES:	DESCRIPTION:
*1	June 3-7	Ocean Discoveries	Dive into ocean mysteries with workshops on conservation, marine life discussions, and biology experiments, followed by virtual aquarium excursions and underwater art crafting to foster a lifelong love for marine ecosystems.
2	June 10-14	Toon-Tastic Creations	Bring cartoons to life through imaginative animation projects, creating flipbooks and character designs while exploring toon-tastic art with workshops and collaborative projects.
3	June 17-21	Alien Adventures	Embark on thrilling extraterrestrial quests where you will design alien spacecrafts, navigate through the mysteries of the universe, and unleash creativity through interactive role-playing games, discovering the wonders of cosmos through exciting adventures.
4	June 24-28	Wildfire Campout	Experience the thrill of survival in the wilderness, learning essential outdoor skills through nature hikes, wilderness challenges, and group games, while forging bonds of camaraderie during your Wildfire Campout.
*5	July 1-3	Time Warp Wonder Voyage	Catapult through America's rich history through immersive reenactments, interactive workshops, and hands-on activities like deciphering Morse codes, from the Revolutionary War to the Space Race, creating a fun journey through time.
6	July 8-12	Global Groove Jamboree	Come on a global rhythmic journey where you will explore diverse music and dance traditions, craft instruments, and immerse yourself in the vibrant rhythms of a Global Groove Jamboree.
7	July 15-19	Junior Einsteins Unleashed	Ignite your curiosity with thrilling experiments like bubbling potions and homemade rockets, while delving into robotics, astronomy, and chemistry, sparking a journey of scientific exploration and discovery.
8	July 22-26	Superhero Spectacular: Heroes Unite!	Be mighty heroes while making your own cape, mask and emblem, and joining forces into heroic challenges, games, and obstacle courses, uniting as a league of extraordinary heroes in your own Superhero Spectacular.
9	July 29-Aug 2	Spy Kids Unleashed	Transform into secret agents on thrilling missions through decoding secret messages, navigating obstacle courses, and uncovering hidden clues, all while engaging in spy-themed crafts, role-playing activities, and stealthy spy games as you unleash your inner sleuths in the exciting world of Spy Kids.
10	August 5-9	A Marvelous Magical Carnival	Experience a world of wonder with magical wand crafting, circus tricks, and carnival games, joining in imaginative storytelling sessions, magic workshops, and costume parades for a truly enchanting carnival adventure.
*11	August 12-16	Blossom Buddies: Young Garden Gurus	Cultivate a love for gardening and environmental care as you engage in hands-on gardening activities, learn about sustainable practices, and explore plant biology, nurturing your green thumb and foster a deeper connection with nature as a Young Garden Guru.



**NEW  
2024**

**PRE-TEEN  
PATHFINDERS**

Designed for youth entering 6th - 8th grade fall 2024.

Camp hours: 7am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

Lunch and snack are included on weeks

2-4 & 6-10.

	DATES:	THEMES:	DESCRIPTION:
*1	June 3-7	Island Excursions	Embark on an immersive journey exploring nearby lake shores, uncovering hidden nature gems, and engaging in team-building activities, survival workshops, and nature-inspired arts and crafts to deepen your connection with the great outdoors.
2	June 10-14	Once Upon a Canvas: Storybook Splendors	Re-imagine beloved tales through bringing iconic characters and enchanting landscapes to life with guided painting sessions, character design workshops, and storytelling sessions exploring the power of visual storytelling.
3	June 17-21	Cosmic Quest	Come on an exciting cosmic journey, involving hands-on activities, astronomy workshops, and space mission simulations for an immersive exploration and discovery experience.
4	June 24-28	Treasure Quest Expedition	Embark on a journey of exploration and discovery, engaging in orienteering challenges, teamwork activities, and survival skill workshops, uncovering hidden treasures on honing your leadership abilities during a Treasure Quest Expedition to uncover the secrets of the shipwreck.
*5	July 1-3	American Pop Mania	Celebrate America's vibrant pop culture with lip-sync battles, creative workshops, and discussions about trends that have shaped the country's entertainment, offering a dynamic exploration of American pop mania.
6	July 8-12	Global Reel World Wonderland	Explore world cinema while learning the basics of film making and collaborate on short films inspired by diverse cultures for a deeper understanding of global storytelling.
7	July 15-19	Future Engineers Unleashed	Explore engineering and technology through hands-on challenges, constructing bridges, roller coasters, robotics, and experimenting with aerodynamics through paper airplanes, honing problem-solving skills and igniting your passion for innovation.
8	July 22-26	Animated Enchantment for Tween Dreamers	Embark on a magical journey through the world of animation, learning techniques, and designing characters, immersing yourself in the timeless enchantment of Disney's animated classics.
9	July 29-Aug 2	Stage Mysteries Unveiled Fantasy Funkland	Become detectives and delve into theatrical intrigue, participating in interactive murder mystery plays, designing sets and props, and analyzing scripts to uncover hidden clues and motives, all while honing your acting skills and unleashing their creativity on stage.
10	August 5-9	Fantasy Funkland	Go on a journey through realms of boundless imagination, designing creatures, role-playing in fantastical lands, and crafting fantasy art, maps and stories, all in the vibrant world of Fantasy Funkland.
*11	August 12-16	Epic Treetop Treasures	Swing through the forest canopy through building mini treehouses, exploring canopy research, and discovering the hidden treasures of the treetops.

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## CAMP LEADERSHIP TEAM



Welcome to Summer Camp at the Y.

We're excited to create and promote opportunities for campers to build positive relationships, gain a sense of independence and have fun adventuring each week.

2024 Camp Staff

As Camp Director, my mission is to ensure a safe environment where all kids can be comfortable to be kids. Especially while working to be the best version of themselves. I'm excited to have yet another year to be a positive role model for them on this adventure!  
Angel Heille-Anderson

My mission is to ensure that each camper has a camp filled with adventure, growth and fun! Our team is dedicated to providing a safe, inclusive environment where campers can explore new activities and places, build friendships, and discover their full potential. I can't wait to see the smiles and memories we'll create together this summer!  
Erin Benz

## GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Day Camp hours are 7a.m. - 5p.m. Monday -Friday.

Lunch and snack ARE provided on weeks 2-4 & 6-10. Lunch will NOT be provided on weeks 1, 5 & 11



Worthington Area YMCA DEGROOT FAMILY CENTER Day Camps are designed for youth who are entering Kindergarten through 8th grade in the fall of 2024.

Camps are separated per the following categories:

Kindergarten Clubhouse (entering kindergarten)

Explorers Day Camp (entering grades: 1 & 2)

Voyagers Day Camp (entering grades: 3, 4 & 5)

Pre-teen Pathfinders (entering grades: 6, 7 & 8)

As a parent myself, I understand the importance of placing your child with individuals who care for and nurture them as you do. My goal is for your children to be in a safe environment where they can be themselves.

A place where they can learn and grow while they step outside their shells and experience something they have never experienced before.

CEO, Karri Olmanson

Questions?

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