



**Cruising into
YMCA
Summer Camp '26**

**2026 SUMMER DAY CAMP
PROGRAM GUIDE**

**YMCA OF METROPOLITAN
COLUMBUS, GA**

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DESTINATION FUN

Here at the YMCA of Metropolitan Columbus, GA we are experts at providing summer day camp experiences that meet both the needs of our children & their parents.

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Our staffing, instruction & our programs are built around the YMCA's core values of **caring**, **honesty**, **respect** & **responsibility**.

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Summer Day Camps give your child the opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends and have the time of their lives.

Whether you register your child for one week or the entire summer, we guarantee your child will have an adventure



IMPORTANT CAMP INFORMATION

2026 SUMMER CAMP DATES

10 WEEKS

Tuesday, May 26th– Friday, July 31st

*There will be NO camp on Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day.

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

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OUR CAMP LOCATIONS

A.J. MCCLUNG YMCA

1175 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Columbus, GA 31906

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Camp Director- Kowanna “KoKo” Smith

ksmith@ymcacolumbusga.com

D.A. TURNER YMCA

4384 Warm Springs Rd., Columbus, GA 31909

706.563.7001

Assistant Camp Director- Gwen Hester

tchildcare@ymcacolumbusga.com

JOHN P. THAYER YMCA

24 14th Street, Columbus, GA 31901

706.322.8269

Camp Director- Jasmine Johnson

childcare@ymcacolumbusga.com

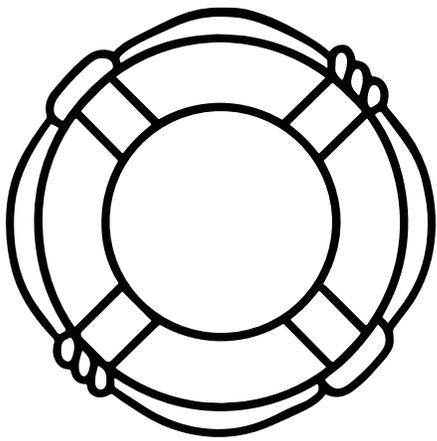
CAMP HOURS

Camp hours are from

7:00 a.m. to

6:00 p.m.





IMPORTANT CAMP INFORMATION

DROP-OFF/ SIGN-OUT PROCEDURES

To ensure an efficient drop-off process, please follow all posted drop-off instructions. A signature from a parent, guardian or authorized adult is required on our daily sign-in sheet for your child to participate in camp activities. For late arrivals, the parent or guardian will be responsible for signing in and ensuring your child gets to their designated camp location.

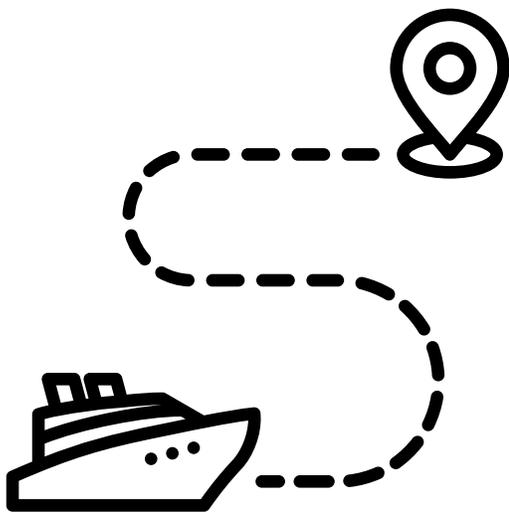
Only parents and/or guardians are authorized to sign a child out of our camp programs. If you need to add another person to your authorized pick-up list, please make sure this is documented with our camp staff. All adults picking up a camper are required to present a photo ID



MEDICATION/ SUNSCREEN

Should your child require medication/sunscreen during the program, we will administer as directed. The following items are essential for us to dispense any medication:

- The medication/ sunscreen will need to be checked-in with a Day Camp Staff. Please do not leave the medication with your camper, including over-the-counter medication. insect spray, epi-pens, inhalers, creams, eye drops, etc.
- Medication must be in its original container with labeled prescription instructions.
- A completed 'Medication Release' and/or sunscreen forms must be signed and submitted.



SCHEDULES

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL CAMP DAY LOOK LIKE?*

7:00 - 8:50 a.m.	Daily Drop-off
9:00 a.m.	Morning Snack
10:00 a.m.	Activity 1
11:15 a.m.	Activity 2
Noon	LUNCH
1:15 p.m.	Activity 3
2:15 p.m.	Activity 4
3:15 p.m.	AFTERNOON SNACK
4:00 p.m.	Group Assembly
4:30 p.m.	Activity 5
5:15 - 6:00 p.m.	Camper Pick-Up

*This schedule is meant to demonstrate what a typical camp day could look like. All times and activities may vary and are subject to change.

The activity rotations that occur throughout the day are spent at a variety of stations that include activities such as arts & crafts, STEAM, songs, games and more!

WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1:

All Aboard

Week 2:

High Seas Showdown

Week 3:

Battle of the Seas

Week 4:

Ports of Kindness

Week 5:

STEM on the Sea

Week 6:

Splash and Sail

Week 7:

Shows and Entertainment

Week 8:

Captain's Cup Challenge

Week 9:

Bon Voyage

Week 10:

Back to life



CAMP FEES

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fees are due at the time of registration and are non-refundable

WEEKLY PAYMENTS

Payments are due on the Friday before your camper's next full-week session. A \$25 late fee will be added every Wednesday if not paid beforehand. If payments are two weeks overdue, services for your camper will be suspended until the account is made current.

VACATION WEEK/ CUSTODY FEE

The program will honor one (1) week of absence for vacation or any custody related arrangements during the camp session. Participants utilizing this absence period will be assessed a holding fee of \$75. Absences related to court-ordered custody arrangements require submission of appropriate legal documentation. During the approved absence week, attendance is limited to a maximum of one (1) day.

LATE PICK UP FEE

If you are late picking up your camper, an initial fee of \$25 along with \$1 per minute after that, will be added to your account.

FIELD TRIP FEES

Field trip fees are non-refundable, are not subject to any discounts, promotions, or financial assistance. Field trip fees are in addition to the camp fees.

ILLNESS, DISCIPLINE, AND WEATHER

If your camper is not able to participate in camp activities due to illness, discipline, or weather closures camp fees will not be refunded or discounted.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing no less than two weeks prior to the requested cancellation date. The participant remains financially responsible for all fees and payments due through the effective cancellation date. Failure to submit a written cancellation request will result in continued billing, and no refunds or credits will be issued.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



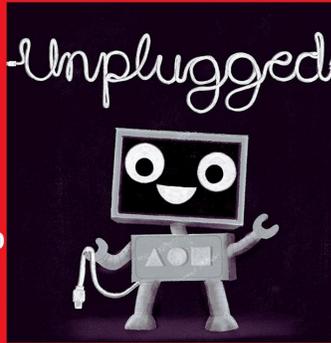
WE TRY TO GIVE CAMPERS AS MANY CHANCES AS WE CAN BEFORE TAKING ANY DISCIPLINE ACTION. SOME BEHAVIORS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND EXCELLORATE THE STEPS OF THE ACTION PLAN. IF YOU ARE CALLED TO PICK UP YOUR CAMPER IT IS REQUIRED THAT YOU DO SO WITHIN THE HOUR.



POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

We are an UNPLUGGED camp

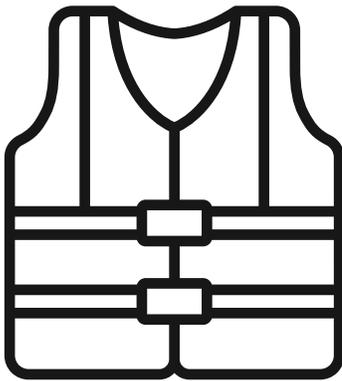
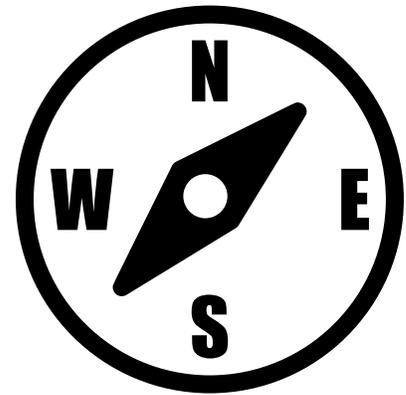
CELL PHONES
HAND HELD GAMES
APPLE WATCHES
AND ALL OTHER
ELECTRONICS BROUGHT TO
CAMP WITH OUT
PERMISSION WILL BE
TAKEN UP AND RETURNED
TO PARENTS AT PICK UP



FAILURE TO ABIDE BY
THIS RULE AFTER 2
WARNINGS WILL RESULT
IN A BEHAVIOR REPORT
BEING DONE THAT
COULD RESULT IN
REMOVAL FROM CAMP

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, & SNACK

- BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED EITHER FROM MCSD SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM, FEEDING THE VALLEY, or the YMCA
- CAMPER'S ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO BRING THEIR OWN FOOD.
- WE DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO KEEP THINGS COLD OR WARM ANYTHING UP



WHAT TO BRING

WATER BOTTLE
TOWEL
BATHING SUIT
CLOSED TOE SHOES
CHANGE OF CLOTHES

MAKE SURE TO LABEL EVERYTHING
SHOES ARE REQUIRED TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES!

SICK?

WE FOLLOW THE 24 HOUR RULE

FEVER FREE
NO THROWING UP
NO DIARRHEA
UN-MEDICATED

STAFF IS NOT ALLOWED TO ADMINISTER ANY
MEDICATION WITHOUT A MEDICATION FORM

IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES ILL AT CAMP AND YOU ARE CONTACTED
PLEASE PICK UP WITHIN THE HOUR OF BEING CALLED



SIGN AND RETURN AT REGISTRATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF PROGRAM GUIDE

I _____ (Parent / Guardian Name) have received and read the YMCA of Metropolitan of Columbus, GA Summer Day Camp Program Guide. I understand the policies and procedures given to me and agree to adhere to all camp policies. Please note: YMCA Summer Day Camp policies and procedures are subject to change to reflect the needs of the program, children, and families we serve.

Camper's Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL FEES

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fees are due at the time of registration and are non-refundable

WEEKLY PAYMENTS

Payments are due on the Friday prior to your student's next full-week session. Payments **MUST** be made before your child will be allowed to enter the program. If payments fall behind no more than one week, services for your student will be suspended until the account is made current.

VACATION WEEK

We will honor two weeks of vacation over the duration of the school year. Max attendance will be one-day the week of your planned vacation.

LATE PICK UP FEE

If you are late picking up your student, an initial fee of \$25 along with \$1 per minute after that, will be added to your account.

ILLNESS, DISCIPLINE, AND WEATHER

If your student is not able to participate in before and after school activities due to illness, discipline, or weather closures, fees will not be refunded or discounted.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation requests received before the start of the school week will receive a 100% refund or Y-credit. Refunds and Y-Credit are not given if the cancellation request is received after the first day of school year.

Y-CREDIT: Y-Credit does not expire and is valid for any program at all YMCA of Metropolitan Columbus, GA locations.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF PARENT HANDBOOK

I _____ (Parent / Guardian Name) have received and read the YMCA of Metropolitan of Columbus, GA Before and Afterschool Parent Handbook. I understand the policies and procedures given to me and agree to adhere to all Before and Afterschool policies. Please note: YMCA Before and Afterschool Parent Handbook policies and procedures are subject to change to reflect the needs of the program, children, and families we serve. Parents will be notified of any changes as soon as possible in writing.

Student's Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____