

About Our Summer Programs

At the YMCA we strive to provide fun, educational, and well-balanced programs to all our participants. We incorporate our four core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility in all of our programs. We follow the YMCA mission of providing programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

Health and safety are always a top priority at the YMCA. We will have precautions in place to follow the recommended COVID-19 guidelines. Details about how the Y mitigates the spread of germs can be found on our website at kzooyunca.org.

Our Staff

All of our staff are interviewed and go through a comprehensive background check before being hired. As role models, staff are selected for sound judgment, maturity, experience, enthusiasm, and creativity. Training occurs both before and throughout the summer to ensure staff are providing the best possible experience for campers. All staff are also certified in First Aid and CPR.

Licensed Full Day Camps

Our full day camps meet State of Michigan licensing requirements, which focus on health, safety, and program quality. We are committed to providing a wide-variety of experiences to all campers. Each week will include games, outdoor activities, art projects, STEAM, quiet reading time, nature walks, swimming, and more!

Financial Assistance

The YMCA is a non-profit community organization dedicated to enriching the lives of all. We strive to make membership and programs available to everyone. For families who may be experiencing financial hardship, please inquire about our financial assistance program.

Camp Locations

Maple – 1001 W. Maple St, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
Portage – 2900 W. Centre St, Portage, MI 49024

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Cost

A \$30 non-refundable registration fee is due at the time of registration.

– 5-day rate

Y Members: \$185/week; Community: \$200/week

– Sports Camp

Y Members: \$55/week; Community: \$77/week

Register, Pay, and Download Required Forms & Parent Handbook

Use the QR code or visit kzooyunca.org/summer-camps to sign up and prepare.



Online registration opens on Monday, April 4, 2022.



GREAT SUMMERS START HERE!



YMCA Day Camp 2022

Summer Sprouts

Ages 3—4
7am—6pm
Maple

Summer Sprouts is for our youngest campers. Children will get the full camp experience in a safe and structured environment. Campers will receive a 30-minute swim lesson each week.

Kinder Camp

Ages 4—5
7am—6pm
Maple

Kinder Camp is for campers entering kindergarten in the fall. Children will get the full camp experience in a safe and structured environment. Campers will receive a 30-minute swim lesson each week.

Jr. Explorers

Ages 6—10
7am—6pm
Maple

Jr. Explorers is for campers entering grades 1st—5th. Each week campers will have the opportunity to explore their summer through a weekly theme with corresponding field trips or on-site visitors. Themes may include S.T.E.A.M. (Science, technology, engineering, art, math) activities, and dress up days. At camp, campers will have the ability to investigate nature, release their inner artist, and make a splash in the pool. Our goal is to create a fun, safe, and memorable summer for your campers!



Early Teen Adventures (ETA)

Ages 11—14
7am—6pm
Maple

ETA is for campers entering grades 6th—8th. It includes all the fun aspects of our day camps, such as swimming, arts & crafts, sports & games, music, and nature walks, while also focusing on strengthening decision-making skills, teaching teamwork, encouraging social responsibility and building character.

Portage Ahoma

Ages 6—12
7am—6pm
Portage

Camp Ahoma is for campers entering grades 1st—6th. Children will enjoy a wide-range of day camp activities including weekly swim time.



Sports Camp

Ages 5—12
8am—12pm
Maple & Portage

This half-day camp gives campers the opportunity to play a variety of games and activities throughout the week. Participants will have fun while learning to play different sports. Please wear appropriate gym attire and bring a morning snack, water bottle, and a swimsuit & towel.

Overnight Camp Experience, Ages 6—17, Sherman Lake YMCA Camp

This half-week to two-week camp experience offers opportunities for campers to try archery, boating, fire-building, and more! Located on 365 acres of woodlands, prairie and pristine lakefront, we're conveniently located between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. For more information, please visit shermanlakeymca.org or call 269.731.3030 to schedule a tour.

WEEK	DATE	THEME	DESCRIPTION
Week 1	June 13 –June 17	Welcome to the Y	Campers will get to know one another and their counselors.
Week 2	June 20 –June 24	Let's Get Messy	Campers will do lots of messy projects.
Week 3	June 27 –July 1	Party in the USA	Campers will celebrate various holidays and take a trip to Oshtemo Park.
Week 4	July 5 –July 8	Outdoor Adventures	Campers will do projects related to camping.
Week 5	July 11 –July 15	Blast From the Past	Campers will go retro and dress and play in various eras.
Week 6	July 18 –July 22	Wild Waves	Campers will play water games and take a trip to Ramona Park or Splash Pad (Kinder Camp).
Week 7	July 25 –July 29	Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead	Campers will work on science experiments and technology projects.
Week 8	Aug. 1 –Aug. 5	Curious Creatures	Campers will have a special visit from the Nature Center.
Week 9	Aug. 8 –Aug. 12	Y World of Sports	Campers will play lots of sports and take a trip to Airway Lanes.
Week 10	Aug. 15 –Aug. 19	Fun at the Fair	Campers will create and host their own fair.
Week 11 (No camp Ahoma this week)	Aug. 22 –Aug. 26	Rowdy Recap	Campers will guide the week with their favorite activities.