

SPLASH INTO SUMMER



Summer Day Camp
MARSHALL AREA YMCA

REGISTER NOW

June 3 - August 30 marshallareaymca.org

DISCOVERY CAMP

Ages 3* - entering Kindergarten

* - must be potty trained & able to change clothes for swimming on their own

Getting ready for Preschool or Kindergarten? Summer Day Camp at the Y promotes school readiness activities with numbers, letters, reading, and keeping the day structured from beginning to end. Campers will learn, play, and grow at the YMCA by developing social skills, teamwork, and responsibility. Counselor to camper ratio is approximately 1:7. Each week has a special theme that incorporates fun, learning, and

our core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility.







CAMP SPIRIT

Entering 1st - 3rd grade

Camp Spirit is packed with learning, physical activity, and adventure. Imaginations and thoughts grow with weekly highlighted themes transporting us through a variety of experiences and expeditions. Continued education is vital in the summer months and camp will keep you prepared for the next school year by reading 30 minutes daily, STEM project development, creating art, energizing games, and regular trips to the local library. New experiences, core values, and building friendships is the SPIRIT of camp!







LEADERS IN TRAINING

Entering 4th - 7th grade

Leadership, confidence, and responsibility are all traits Leaders In Training (LIT) will take away from their Summer Day Camp experience. LIT's work with mentoring camp staff to focus on cooperation, team building, and group leadership skills. Activities include community service projects, special LIT field trips, and whole camp leadership opportunities such as helping to plan and implement activities. LIT's will leave with a greater sense of themselves and the necessary lifelong skills to be a positive leader.















FIND AN ADVENTURE

FIELD TRIPS & SPECIAL GUESTS SCHEDULED FOR ALL CAMPS:

MARSHALL OUTDOOR AQUATIC CENTER
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM of SOUTH DAKOTA (BROOKINGS)
CAMDEN STATE PARK
GREAT PLAINS ZOO (SIOUX FALLS)
SMSU PLANETARIUM

LYON COUNTY FAIR (MARSHALL)
SAFETY OFFICERS
FUNTIME FUNKTIONS
HILLCREST AQUATIC CENTER (BROOKINGS)
FISHING AT INDEPENDENCE PARK

WEEKLY THEMES



June 3-7 WOW Week

WOW it's finally summer! This week is sure to knock your socks off as we kick off our summer right! We'll introduce our WOW Words this week and get to know our counselors & camp friends. Our camp team has all kinds of games and surprises to WOW the campers this week!

June 10-14 Magic and Mischief

We have some tricks up our sleeve this week as we plan for some magic and mischief that's all in good fun! With jokes and laughter galore, this week will be one to remember. Plus, we'll have our own magician from Funtime Funktions perform on Wednesday.

June 17-21 The Great Outdoors

Get ready for S'MORE fun! One of the best parts of summer is having the chance to get outside and explore the great outdoors! We plan to capitalize on summer by visiting Camden State Park on Wednesday along with a variety of other outdoor activities throughout the week.

June 24-28 Myth Busters

Let's ask the question "WHY?". Break down barriers to find out which myths are actually true through trial and error and many different experiments. On Wednesday we'll be visiting the Children's Museum of South Dakota in Brookings to test our myth busting skills.

July 1-5 Party in the USA (no camp July 4th)

Break out your Red, White, & Blue because it's a Party in the USA this week and we intend to celebrate in camp! We have plenty of patriotic activities planned plus campers will exercise their voting skills by voting on certain camp activities.

July 8-12 Weather Week

What causes tornados? Why does rain turn to snow? Find out all this and more during our Weather Week at the Y! Plus, decide "weather" or not you will be joining us for a fun filled day at Independence Park on Wednesday. This day includes pop-can fishing—a camp favorite!

July 15-19 Grit Week

Grit Week is all about overcoming challenges and trying something new! Lean new ways to motivate yourself and discover new things you enjoy. We will get Y campers up and moving through fun-for-all energized activities. No athletic talent is needed for this great week.

July 22-26 Shark Week

SHARK WEEK, doo doo, doo doo, doo doo! We'll have shark themed games, snack, and crafts this week as we learn more about the animal behind the song. Camp will also travel to the Great Plains Zoo in Sioux Falls, SD on Wednesday.

July 29-August 2 Splish Splash Week

This week is a camp tradition and always delivers a splash of fun! Between water balloon games, swimming, water relays and more, this week we spend more time in our swimsuits than our camp clothes. Can you keep track of how many water balloons we throw? We can't! We will also take our water fun to the Hillcrest Aquatic Center in Brookings, SD on Wednesday.

August 5-9 Willy Wonka Week

This week we'll enter "a world of pure imagination" and we'll be putting those imaginations to the test as we create all sorts of different concoctions. Not to mention, there is sure to be a couple sweet treats along the way that we'll devise... and devour! We also hope you join us for Camp Family Night this week.

August 12-16 Campers vs. Counselors

Counselors don't stand a chance this week as our campers showcase their many talents and wit. We'll have fun relays, obstacle courses, challenges, and more as our campers and our counselors join in a little friendly competition.

August 19-23 To Infinity & Beyond

"You've got a friend in us"- Camp Counselors. Join us for this week that blends together our classic Disney week for Discovery Camp and our classic space theme for LIT Camp. Camp Spirit— you'll get a mix of both!

August 26-30 Recharge Your Batteries

After an action packed summer it's time to say farewell to camp. This week we will recharge and re-energize ourselves for the new school year by bringing back some of our classic camp activities that we loved most over the summer.

CAMP TRADITIONS

Traditions and memories are important in the development of our local youth. At camp, traditions help continue our mission of instilling the values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.

CORE VALUE BEADS

Each camper is given an empty necklace on their first day of camp. Their goal is to fill the necklace with as many beads as they can over the summer by demonstrating the Y core values.

CARING - RED HONESTY - BLUE RESPECT - YELLOW RESPONSIBILITY - GREEN

VALUE BEAD ACHIEVEMENTS
Beaver (one of each color)
Moose (two or more)
Bison (five or more)



CAMP FAMILY NIGHT

Camp is family. Near the end of each summer we invite all our camp families to the Y for a meal and a camper performance.





PIE DAY FRIDAY

Campers that receive a bead during the week are entered into our pie lottery. If your name is drawn you have the opportunity to pie your "favorite" counselor while all of camp watches.

NEW THIS SUMMER - CAMP GARDEN

All 3 camps will have the opportunity to experience & explore planting, care, and harvesting fresh vegetables on site at the Y.

CAMPER OF THE WEEK

An honor for living our core values. Campers selected each week based on their display of core values. Campers are recognized for this honor with a camper of the week certificate and special wristband.





SWIMMING & PARKS

Tuesdays and Fridays camp spends the afternoon swimming in the Y pools. Mondays & Thursdays we walk to a local park for outdoor activities. Weather permitting.

OUR SCHEDULE*

7:30-8:30	Kids' Gym (Drop Off)
8:30-9:00	Morning Kick Off
9:00-9:30	Snack & Group Games
9:30-10:30	Activity Time
10:30-11:30	Activity Time
11:30-11:45	Prep for Lunch
11:45-12:30	Lunch (provided by Loaves & Fishes)
12:30-1:00	Reading & Recharge
1:00-3:00	Area Park/Swimming
3:00-3:30	Snack & Group Games
3:30-4:30	Activity Time
4:30-5:00 pm	Wrap up/Clean Up/Time to Share
5:00-6:00pm	Kids' Gym (Pick Up)

*Schedule subject to change based on special activities and field trips.

Activity time includes: arts, sports, STEM, outdoors, music, brain busters, campers' choice, and more!

Field trips may be all day (8am-5pm) or half day (afternoon), depending on location.

PARENT INFORMATION

Location & Times

Camp will operate all summer, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am – 6:00 pm. The only exception to this is July 4th. Campers may register for just one week or all weeks. Sessions begin June 3 and end August 30, depending on the Marshall Public School calendar. Camp will start and end each day at the Marshall Area YMCA. Activities will start at 8:00 am and last until 5 pm. Before and after those times we give campers the opportunity for free play at Kids' Gym.

Stay Connected

We want to keep you connected to camp information and announcements. Each Friday we send a parent newsletter to those registered with highlights and need-to-know details on upcoming weeks of camp. Please ensure your contact information is up to date so we can keep you notified of our adventures.

FACEBOOK: Like our page to see pictures of what fun adventures we are having. Search:
Marshall Area YMCA Youth Development

GENERAL CAMP QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

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How To Register

Step 1: Complete the registration forms and return to the Y or email it to rpaulsen@marshallareaymca.org. Forms can be picked up at the Y, emailed, or found online at www.marshallareaymca.org/youth-development/camp.
Step 2: Register for your weeks. This can be done in house at the Y or it is available online at www.marshallareaymca.org/youth-development/camp.

More detailed parent information will be given to each family when registering for camp.

Camp does have a capacity. Reserve your spot today!

Safety

Safety is our first priority. Children are taught respect for nature and others and the proper use and care of equipment. All summer camp staff complete Child Abuse Prevention, Blood Borne Pathogen, CPR, and First Aid Trainings. Staff are trained extensively in additional safety procedures involving travel, weather, and medication. Swimming activities only occur when a lifeguard is on duty. Bug spray and sun screen will be provided by the Y for outdoor play.

What to Bring to Camp

Campers should have a water bottle and appropriate outdoor clothing. Campers should wear tennis shoes and bring swimsuit & towel on designated swim days. Socks are required for play on our blue mats. Please no toys or electronics.

Financial Assistance

We believe every child should be able to participate in YMCA programs. Based on available resources, the YMCA provides scholarships and sliding fee scales to youth who can benefit from YMCA programs and can demonstrate financial need.

Program Accessibility

To ensure a positive experience, please let the YMCA know if you or your child has a disability requiring an accommodation. This information enables the YMCA to better meet your needs or those of your child, within available resources and within reason.

Swim Lessons

July 8-19 (Camp Weeks 6 & 7)

See our program guide for level information

Camp staff will bring campers registered in swim lessons to the pool and pick them up after lessons during the camp day <u>during</u> this time period only. Make sure to leave notice with the counselors that your child will be needing this service when you drop off your child.

Swim Lessons do fill quickly; please register early for this swim lesson session.

Please note that swim lessons require a separate registration from camp.

WEEKLY FEES

DISCOVERY CAMP		CAMP SPIRIT		CAMP LIT		
(Ages 3 – entering Kindergarten)		(entering grades 1 - 3)		(entering grades 4-7)		
	Full Week	\$155 Member \$195 Non-Member	Full Week	\$155 Member \$195 Non-Member	Full Week	\$155 Members \$195 Non-Members
	3 Day Week	\$95 Member \$125 Non-Member	3 Day Week	\$95 Member \$125 Non-Member	3 Day Week	\$95 Members \$125 Non-Member