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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. 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

Led by future professional educators, our Summer Day Camp 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, performing theatre, and regular trips to the local library.



LEADERS IN TRAINING

Entering 4th - 7th grade

Leadership, confidence, and responsibility are all traits Leaders In Training will take away from their Summer Day Camp experience. LITs work with mentoring camp staff to focus on cooperation, team building, and group leadership skills. Activities include community service projects, special L.I.T. field trips, and whole camp leadership opportunities such as helping to plan and implement activities. LITs 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)
BRAMBLE PARK ZOO (WATERTOWN)
CAMDEN STATE PARK
THE MARSHALL ARMORY

LYON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM (MARSHALL)
LYON COUNTY FAIR (MARSHALL)
JETT SKRIEN - ILLUSIONIST
SAFETY OFFICERS
FUNTIME FUNKTIONS

PLUS EVEN MORE SURPRISES TO BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE SUMMER!

June 4–8 Messy Olympics

What better way to kick off the summer than with the Y? We're going to get the summer rolling with a series of messy games and activities that are sure to include slime, goop, and sticky fun!

June 11–15 Space Station Vacation

Our fun will go to infinity and beyond this week as we learn about astronauts, space, and see an out of this world magic show by Jett Skrien!

June 18–22 Disney Week

Camp will be our own magical kingdom filled with Disney themed activities and our favorite characters!

June 25–29 Circus Madness

Come one, come all to the famous YMCA Summer Camp Circus! See attractions of all kinds, and even be a part of the show. This week includes a visit to the Bramble Park Zoo in Watertown, SD!

July 2–6 Stars & Stripes (no camp July 4th)

It's the most patriotic week of the year and we intend to celebrate at the Y! We'll visit the armory on Monday (7/2/18).

July 9–13 Splish Splash Week

Water fun all week long! Slip N Slide, Water balloons galore. Don't forget your swimsuits this week! We will visit Marshall's Outdoor Aquatic Center (weather permitting)!

July 16–20 Around the World

Grab your passport and join us for a trip around the globe. We'll get a taste of the many different cultures the world has to offer. Funtime Funktions will be presenting global games this week!

July 23–27 Deep Sea Exploration

Take a deep dive with us to the unknown. We will have minnow races this week.

July 30–August 3 Dino Dayz

Come get prehistoric with us this week! We're going to take our group of cave people to the Children's Museum of South Dakota in Brookings.

August 6–10 Hawaiian Hullabaloo

Get your grass skirts and learn to hula with us. We also hope you join us for our Camp Family Night luau this week.

August 13–17 Mermaids & Pirates

Whether you fancy a flipper or a peg leg, you're sure to enjoy this week's line up of activities!

August 20–24 Survivor Week

Brush up on your basic survival skills this week in camp; and don't forget about the over the top challenges and games!

August 27–31 Variety Pack

It's our last week of summer; so we're giving it all we've got left! Expect the unexpected this week as we celebrate the amazing summer we've had!

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)



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.

DRESS UP FRIDAYS

Each Friday we dress up according to our special theme!

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.



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.



SWIMMING

Tuesdays and Fridays camp spends the afternoon swimming in the Y pools. Great exercise and a whole lot of fun!

OUR SCHEDULE

7:30-8:00am	Kids' Gym (Drop Off)
8:00-9:00am	Morning Meeting
9:00-9:30am	Snack
9:30-10:00am	Group Game
10:00-Noon	Weekly Theme Activities
Noon-12:30pm	Lunch
12:30-1:00pm	Reading Centers
1:00-3:00pm	Area Park/Swimming
3:00-3:30pm	Snack
3:30-4:30pm	Arts & Crafts Sport Activity
4:30-5:00 pm	Clean up/Time to Share
5:00-6:00pm	Kids' Gym (Pick Up)

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

Swim days will be Tuesday and Friday, please bring swim suits and towels. Park trips Mondays & Thursdays weather permitting.

PARENT INFORMATION

Location & Times

Camp will operate all summer, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am – 6:00 pm. Campers may register for just one week or all weeks. Sessions begin June 4 and end August 31, depending on the Marshall Public School calendar.

Camp will start and end each day at the Marshall Area YMCA. It is important that all campers arrive by 8:00 am, as the entire camp may be traveling by bus or walking to an outdoor location for the day. Camp will return to the Marshall Area YMCA by 5:00 pm each afternoon.

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 epic explorations.

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

Complete a registration form and return to the Y, with camp session fee one week prior to the first session. More detailed parent information will be given to each family when registering for camp.

Registration is also available online at

www.marshallareaymca.org.

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 (no sandals) and bring swimsuit & towel on designated swim days.

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 16- 27 (Camp Weeks 7 & 8)

Preschool ages 3-5: 9:35-10:05 am

Youth ages 6 and up: 10:10-10:55 am

(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. Swim Lessons do fill quickly; please register early for this special camp session at the Welcome Center and mention that your child is in camp while registering.

WEEKLY FEES

DISCOVERY CAMP (ages 3 - entering Kindergarten)		CAMP SPIRIT (entering grades 1 - 3)		LIT CAMP (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