



BEST SUMMER EVER™

YMCA Summer Day Camp

JUNE 6 - AUGUST 26
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

» MARSHALL
AREA YMCA
REGISTER TODAY AT
marshallareaymca.org



DISCOVERY CAMP

PRESCHOOL AGES 3* - 5

Getting ready for Preschool? Discovery Camp (Disco) at the Y promotes school readiness activities with numbers, letters, reading, and by 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 1:10. Each week has a special theme that incorporates fun, learning, and DISCOVERING our core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility.

*Must be potty trained and able to change clothes for swimming on their own.



CAMP SPIRIT

ENTERING KINDERGARTEN-1ST 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. Counselor to camper ratio is 1:15. 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 and art project development, energizing games and regular visits with the local library. New experiences, core values and building friendships is the SPIRIT of camp!



CAMP COURAGE

ENTERING 2ND – 3RD GRADE

Camp Courage is the leap campers need to become leaders. Our four core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility are a focus in activities and the daily routine. STEM and art projects, reading 30 minutes each day, and educational field trips all contribute to the fight against summer learning loss and keeping your child prepared for the upcoming school year. Counselor to camper ratio is 1:15. Realize your potential, step out of your comfort zone and muster the COURAGE to be adventurous.



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 mentor camp staff to focus on cooperation, team building and group leadership skills. Activities include community service projects, special field trips and whole camp leadership opportunities such as, helping to plan and implement activities. An LIT camper will leave with a greater sense of oneself and the necessary lifelong skills to be a positive leader.

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.

STAR CHARTS

Each camper creates an empty Passport on their first day of camp. Their goal is to fill the passport with as many stars as they can over the summer by demonstrating the YMCA core values.

CARING
HONESTY
RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY

When Campers receive enough stars they can earn prizes. Some prizes include: Pizza Party, Nerf battle, Bounce Houses, and 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.



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).



PIE DAY FRIDAY

Campers that receive a star during the week are entered into our weekly pie lottery. If your name is drawn you have the opportunity to pie your "favorite" counselor while all campers watch.



CAMPER OF THE WEEK

Each week campers are selected and honored based on their display of core values.



CAMP GARDEN

The Master Gardeners of Marshall have partnered with the YMCA Summer Camp to help educate the campers about gardening and sustainability!

DAILY SCHEDULES

7:30–8:30

Free Play (Drop Off)

8:30–9:00

Morning Kick Off

9:00–9:30

Snack & Group Games

9:30–11:15

Activity Time

11:15–11:30

Prep for Lunch

11:30–12:15

Lunch

(Provided by Loaves & Fishes)

12:15–1:00

Reading & Recharge

1:00–3:00

Area Park/Swimming

3:00–4:30

Snack & Group Games

4:30–5:00

Wrap up/Time to Share

5:00–6:00

Free Play (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. They are typically on Wednesdays.

Drop off/Pick Up locations will rotate among camps. This time will either include free play on Kids' Gym or free play in the multi-purpose room with board games, Legos, and coloring.

Parents can pick up and drop off their children throughout the day. Please call the YMCA to ask where the kids are as the group may be away from the Y at a park.





PARENT INFORMATION

For full parent information, please see our Parent Handbook. This is available at the YMCA or online at marshallareaymca.org/summer-camp

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 6 and end August 26. Camp will start and end each day at the Marshall Area YMCA. Activities will start at 8:30 am and last until 5 pm. Before and after those times we give campers the opportunity for free play.

STAY CONNECTED

We want to keep you connected to camp information and announcements. Each Friday we email 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:

Jacob Benson Director of Community Programs
jbenson@marshallareaymca.org (507) 532-9622

SWIM LESSONS AND SPORTS PACKAGES

Add on to Camp by selecting one or more of our Summer Packages. Camp staff will transport your children to and from these programs for your convenience. A separate registration page is available for those who would like to utilize these Packages. Please ask at the front desk for this form.

SAFETY

Safety is our first priority. Children are taught respect for nature, 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. Counselor to child ratios and group sizes follows the Minnesota Department of Human Services guidelines at all times. Swimming activities only occur when a lifeguard is on duty and utilizes a wristband system according to camper swimming ability. Bug spray and sun screen will be provided by the Y for outdoor play.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We believe every child should be able to participate in YMCA programs. Based on available resources, the YMCA provides scholarships to youth who can benefit from YMCA programs and demonstrate financial need. For further information, please see our Financial Assistance application.

PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY

To ensure a positive experience, please let the YMCA know if you or your child have 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.



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. Disco kids should have a change of close packed in case of accidents. Socks are required for play on our blue mats. Please no personal toys or electronics.



WEEKLY FEES

All 4 camps

\$155 Members (One Adult or Family)

\$195 Non-Members

Register for 10 weeks and get the 11th week FREE!

HOW TO REGISTER

STEP 1: Complete the Summer Camp Registration packet. Forms can be picked up at the Y, emailed, or found online at: marshallareaymca.org/summer-camp

STEP 2: Return the Summer Camp Registration packet to the Y or email it to: jbenson@marshallareaymca.org.

STEP 3: Register for your weeks. This can be done when you fill out the Summer Camp Registration Forms or it is available online at: marshallareaymca.org/summer-camp



WEEKLY THEME

DESCRIPTION

Kick off week June 6 - 10	Starting the summer off right! With water games, park trips, and gym games we will start this summer off with Fun!
Around the World June 13 - 17	Get ready to experience a new country each day! New foods, celebrations, and cultures to experience.
Blast Off into Space June 20 - 24	3, 2, 1 - BLAST OFF! Campers will experience the worlds outside of our own! Who knows what we will find?
Minnesota Fun in the Sun June 27 - July 1	Water balloons, swimming, water relays and more, we'll spend more time in our swimsuits than camp clothes.
Party in the YMCA July 5 - 8	Celebrate Independence Day, bring your red, white and blue and be ready to Celebrate! (YMCA closed July 4th)
Swinter Swonderland July 11 - 15	Break out the holiday lights and carols, we'll be cooling things down this week. There'll even be snow!
Neat-ure Experience July 18 - 22	This week better have good weather! Campers will learn about the world around them and exploring how NEAT it is!
Doing it up Disney July 25 - 29	Princess and Princes, one and all, Join us for this magical week of Mickey Mouse Fun!
Super Heroes in Training August 1 - 5	What's your superpower? Meet some of our hometown heroes as well as learn what kind of heroes we can be this summer!
Animal Planet Adventures August 8- 12	Calling all animal lovers! This week we explore different animals and how they survive in the wild world!
Welcome to the Wizarding World August 15 - 19	This week campers discover their magical side! Wands, dragons, potions, and more!
Flashback through Summer August 22- 26	Re-play the games and the crafts that made this summer great!

FIND AN ADVENTURE

FIELD TRIPS & SPECIAL GUESTS SCHEDULED FOR ALL CAMPS

Marshall Outdoor Aquatic Center
Garvin County Park
Great Plains Zoo - Sioux Falls
SMSU Childrens' Theater

Lyon County Fair (week 10)
Safety Officers (week 1)
Fishing at Independence Park
Sioux Falls Washington Pavilion

Some Exact Dates TBD

**PLUS EVEN MORE
SURPRISES TO BE
ANNOUNCED DURING
THE SUMMER!**