

## **YMCA Mission**

To translate the principles of the YMCA's Christian heritage into programs that nurture children, strengthen families, build communities, and develop healthy spirits, minds and bodies for all.

## **Welcome to the West Philadelphia Branch 2009 Summer Camp!**

For more than 10 years the West Philadelphia Branch has been making summer fun and exciting for children in our community. YMCA Summer Camps programs are committed to nurturing children through the guiding principles of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.

YMCA Summer Camp programs are fun for children of all ages. Summer Camp activities include field trips, swimming, sports and activities that help campers discover the importance of living a life full of fitness and nutrition.

Give your child the gift of summer memories by enrolling them in our distinguished Summer Camp program.

Financial Assistance is available for qualifying families. Please contact the Welcome Center for more information.

## **General Overview**

The West Philadelphia Branch provides a safe and fun camping experience for all children. All of our YMCA Camp Programs are located at the Rocky Run YMCA. The YMCA Camp staff has planned a diverse menu of one to two week-long sessions for children ages 4 to 17. Great care has been taken to recruit staff with enthusiasm, personal warmth, camping skills and commitment to YMCA Character Development. Our activities are designed to enrich each child's physical and emotional growth through planned, organized, creative activities.

Our goal is to help your children grow while enjoying the setting of an outdoor camp. We offer arts & crafts, sports, games, nature, low ropes, adventure, performing arts, swimming, field trips, special events, story telling, camp songs and many other activities all on or around the West Philadelphia YMCA's facility. All activities are centered on a weekly theme. Please contact Roberta Crew for any questions about Camp at extension 2023/ [rcrew@philaymca.org](mailto:rcrew@philaymca.org). Please visit us on the web at [www.philaymca.org](http://www.philaymca.org) to learn more about our camp, including daily camp schedules, etc.

## **Registration Dates**

Full Privilege Members:        January 5, 2009  
Program Members:                January 12, 2009

## **Registration Procedures**

1. Registration for camp begins Monday, January 5, 2009. Camp registration can be taken at the West Philadelphia YMCA Welcome Center Desk from 9AM to 8PM, Monday through Friday; 9AM to 5PM, Saturday; and 11AM to 5PM, Sunday.
2. All campers must have a current YMCA membership; otherwise a YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity Full Privilege or West Philadelphia Branch Program Youth membership must be purchased. Please contact our Welcome Center or reference the West Philadelphia Branch Program brochure for more membership information.
3. Registration closes two weeks before each camp week begins. Please be sure to register in advance, as our sessions do fill up. Registration requires a non-refundable \$25 per week deposit. Deposits are applied to camp fees. Registration weeks are transferable until Monday, June 1, 2009. After June 1, 2009, no deposits will be interchangeable between camp sessions. In order to cancel/drop or transfer a camper week a Drop/Cancellation form must be filled out by the parent and approved by the Camp Director. Subsidized participants can contact the Camp Director to setup weekly deposits.
4. In order to complete the registration process, each camper must have the registration packet filled out in its entirety. Registration packets can be obtained at the West Philadelphia Branch or on-line. **All registration packet documents must be turned into the West Philadelphia Branch by Monday, May 4, 2009. If your child's registration packet is not in by the deadline your child will not be able to start camp.** Once the registration packet is complete, your child will be ready to have the best summer camp experience.

## **Supervision 1:1**

The West Philadelphia Branch YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity is not able to provide 1:1 supervision for any child in our branch programs. **If your child requires 1:1 supervision it will be the parent's responsibility to inform the YMCA and provide that service for their child.**

## **Age Placement**

Campers will be placed in their camp groups based on their age at the time of registration by the parent. We do not guarantee changes or transfers of children based on a birthday that occurs during our Day Camp operational dates (June 22-September 4, 2009). Parents with children that have birthdays falling within our camp program weeks will need to contact the Camp Directors to inform them of this type of request. The Camp Directors will try to accommodate changes based on their discretion and the camper's ability to adjust to the new camp age group.

## **Cultural Diversity**

The YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity embraces values and beliefs, which aggressively supports and reflect the inclusion and appreciation of all persons regardless of race, gender creed, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age or disability. In each community served we shall be a positive force for the appreciation of all persons as children of God, deserving of equal opportunity and promise.

## **2009 Summer Camp Session Dates**

Session 1	June 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26th
Session 2	June 29 <sup>th</sup> - July 3rd
Session 3	July 6 <sup>th</sup> -10th
Session 4	July 13 <sup>th</sup> -17th
Session 5	July 20th-24th
Session 6	July 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31st
Session 7	August 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7th
Session 8	August 10 <sup>th</sup> – 14th
Session 9	August 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21st
Session 10	August 24 <sup>th</sup> – August 28 <sup>th</sup>
Session 11	August 31 <sup>st</sup> -September 4 <sup>th</sup> ( <b>limited enrollment</b> )

## **Summer Camp Hours**

The Camp day runs Monday-Friday from 9:00AM – 4:00PM

## **Extended care hours**

7:00AM – 9:00AM and 4:00PM – 6:00PM at no additional cost. Extended care is included in the weekly camp fees.

## **Summer Camp Open House Dates**

### **Camp Information Nights**

Come to one of our camp presentations to have all of your camp questions and concerns addressed by our team of camp director and get your child registered.

Monday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>	6PM - 7:30PM
Tuesday, January 20 <sup>th</sup>	5PM - 7PM
Thursday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>	9AM - 11AM
Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	6PM-7:30PM

Wednesday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	5PM - 7PM
Wednesday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	5PM – 8PM (Splash Week)
Saturday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Check out the Camp information table during Healthy Kids Day festivities!
Monday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	5PM-7PM
Friday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9AM- 11AM

**Camp Open House Dates**

Don't miss out on our Open House Night! All camp families are invited to come and meet our some of our camp staff and take a tour of our facilities.

Saturday, May 16th	10AM-1PM
Friday, June 12th	5 PM – 7 PM

**Camp Fees/Payment Information**

All camp fees include extended care, breakfast, lunches, trips and camp tee shirt. We provide financial assistance and accepted subsidy/funding from CCIS, DPW and Madeline Moore grants. Camp payments must be paid in full (2) weeks prior to the start of each camp session. The YMCA accepts all major credit cards, cash and checks. Failure to make payment will result in the forfeiture of your camp deposit in addition to losing your child's spot in Camp.

Full Privilege Members:	\$152.00 per week
Program Members:	\$152.00 per week

**Refund/Credit Policy**

After Friday at 5 PM, no refunds or camp week exchanges will be given for the following week for any reason. All other refund requests will be granted at the discretion of the Camp Director and Executive Director. Refund payments are by check and require up to (3) weeks for processing.

### **Financial Assistance/Subsidy**

Financial Assistance is available for qualifying individuals and families. The assistance is made possible by the generous support of individuals, companies and foundations who contribute to the YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign. Financial Assistance can be used for any YMCA program or membership.

If you need help with payment of any portion of Summer Camp fees, please contact the Welcome Center at (215) 476-2700 to request Financial Assistance application. Financial Assistance is awarded on a first come first serve basis. All applications must be submitted by Monday, May 4, 2009.

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### **Parent Handbook**

Upon receipt of a completed enrollment form and payment of registration and membership fees, parent will receive a Parent Information Handbook. The handbook contains details about YMCA Summer Camp policies and procedures. Parents must sign and return the Receipt of Parent Handbook form located in the back of the handbook.

### **Transportation**

Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from Summer Camp for their child. Each day, parents are required to sign their child in at arrival and out at departure. Children will only be released to parents or adults listed on the child's registration form.

**Photo identification is required.**

### **Camp Staff**

Our camp counselors are carefully selected for their special skills, experience, enthusiasm, maturity and love for children. All camp staff receives the following:

- Screening through background and substance abuse checks
- Professional training and development
- A minimum of 40 hours of pre-camp training including First Aid and CPR, child abuse prevention, safety guidelines and program planning.

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