



STAY FOR ADVENTURE



YMCA OF BUCKS AND HUNTERDON COUNTIES



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WELCOME

Summer gets even better when you add the word "camp" after it..... Summer + Camp =

SUMMER CAMP!

Y campers come for the fun and stay for the adventure! When your camper(s) are at the Y, they are embarking on a fun adventure together with friends; where no two adventures are ever the same. All of our activities and adventures are done in a fun, safe, educational environment, facilitated by our exceptional, highly motivated staff.

ANDY COGEN Camp Carr Director campcarr@ymcabhc.org





STAY INFORMED WITH TEXT ALERTS!



Receive notifications from your Camp Hunterdon team including weekly hot sheets, weather-related updates and camp reminders.

SCAN THE QR CODE or click HERE

and fill in the form indicating **YES** in the space next to the text alerts you would like to receive.



PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS



- SCAN THE QR CODE or click HERE to access links:
- Monday, 1/29 | 12 PM
- Tuesday, 2/27 | 6 PM
- Wednesday, 3/8 | 12 PM
- Thursday, 4/4 | 6 PM
- Friday, 5/3 | 12 PM

NEW CAMPER TOUR: June 14, 2024 | 4-6 PM



CAMP HOURS

Camp: 9 AM-4 PM Early Care: 7-9 AM Late Care: 4-6 PM



June 17

CAMP ENDS

August 29

FAMILY CORNER

WHY

Camp Hunterdon

Kids grow, build skills and gain self-confidence in a safe, values-based environment. Camp Hunterdon has so much to offer youth from preschool through 9th grade. What makes us the best choice for your child?

- SAFE, ENJOYABLE AND AFFORDABLE option for families.
- FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING with WEEKLY full-day and extended before and aftercare options.
- CAMP CARR is located in CLINTON TOWNSHIP, with use of 26 wooded acres adjacent to the South Branch of the Raritan River as well as sports fields, archery range, hiking trails and an outdoor pool.
- ✓ WEEKLY THEMES, activities and special events.
- AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM that encourages learning, exploration and fun!
- ALL CAMPERS are SWIM TESTED FOR SAFETY and receive weekly safety around water instruction from Y swim instructors.
- ✓ HIGHLY TRAINED and ENGAGED camp staff.
- FIELD TRIP add-on options for 2 weeks! Register early to secure your spot!
- PIZZA THURSDAYS and FRIDAYS are included with weekly tuition for full day campers!
- CONVENIENT CURBSIDE DROP OFF and PICK UP procedures.
- WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS, TEXT ALERTS and private FACEBOOK GROUP to stay up to date with camp communication.
- ABILITY CAMP AVAILABLE for campers who need smaller ratios for safety and success. See page 7.



JOIN JUST FOR THE SUMMER!

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP

Purchase a Y SUMMER MEMBERSHIP and receive member pricing for camp and programs at ALL of our locations! Membership runs Jun 1-Aug 31.

| YOUTH | TEEN | FAMILY 1 | FAMILY 2 |
|-------|-------|----------|----------|
| \$89 | \$175 | \$353 | \$404 |

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

We are pleased to offer assistance to those who need a helping hand.

NEW APPLICANTS:

- Please submit a completed Financial Assistance Application along with support documentation.
- Applications can be found at **ymcabhc.org/camp**.
- Please allow 3 weeks for processing. All documents must be submitted before processing begins.
- Register early to secure your spot.

Financial Aid Application due at least one month prior to the day you would like for your child to begin camp.

CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FAMILIES:

- Please proceed to our online registration software to begin your registration.
- Please register early to secure your spot.

For more information on financial assistance contact **Catherine Refice**, Regional Director of Financial Assistance at **crefice@ymcabhc.org**.

Camp Carr

Camp Carr is located in beautiful Clinton Township along the South Branch of the Raritan River and adjacent to the South Branch Nature Preserve. Camp Carr is your traditional camp environment where children enjoy the outdoors – learning about nature, taking on new challenges, building their self-esteem and making new friends. Most of our counselors were campers themselves and have now returned to pass on their positive camp experiences to the next generation.

Each day campers follow a fun packed structured schedule. Each session has a theme week and special days.

CAMP SELECTIONS

ADVENTURE DAY CAMPS

Campers are grouped by grade to encourage skill-building as well as teamwork, sportsmanship, camaraderie, and friendship. Campers are grouped in the following categories, based on the grade they are entering in the fall:

| Jr. Camp | Pre-K (at least 4 yrs old)-K |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| Thunderbirds | K-1 |
| Rangers | 1-2 |
| Scouts | 1-2 |
| Wranglers | 2-3 |
| Pathfinders | 3-4 |
| Explorers | 4-5 |
| Trailblazers | 5-6 |
| Pioneers | 6-7 |
| CITs | 8-9 |



NEW! Adventure Camp Field Trip Add Ons

7/11 - Oakwood Lanes Bowling 8/6 - Somerset Patriots Game

See camp grid for more details

ABILITY CAMP

Available for campers who need smaller ratios for safety and success. Ability Adventure Camps are immersive, mainstreamed, inclusive summer camp programs for children and tweens in grades K-7 with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities or behavioral health concerns. See page 7 for more information.

SHOW OFF YOUR SPIRIT!

2024 WEEKLY THEMES

6/17-6/21 Passport to Summer Fun!

6/24-6/28 Discover Your Inner Superhero

7/1-7/5* All American Road Trip *NO CAMP 7/4

7/8-**7/12** H2O Splash!

7/15-7/19 Under Construction

7/22-7/26 Color Craze

7/29-8/2 Gold Medal Olympics

8/5-**8/9** Y's Got Talent

8/12-8/16 Welcome to the Carnival

8/19-8/23 Icky Sticky Creations

8/26-8/29* Summer Shenanigans *NO CAMP 8/30







AGES 13-14 YEARS OLD

Counselors in Training will have the opportunity to make new friends, build teamwork skills and have a great time being a part of the YMCA summer. We are looking for youth that embody our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. This program gives participants the opportunity to place the needs of others ahead of their own, share what they have learned and be a role model for younger campers.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The first year CIT program has been developed to pay special attention to developing the leadership skills of participants. This program in comparison to second year CITs will focus on building leadership skills, learning about the developmental stages of children and exploring the benefits of working cooperatively other youth.

Second year CITs spend a large portion of their day interacting with age-appropriate groups (campers 4-10 years old). They will review skills learned from the previous summer, along with taking part in new activities that enhance leadership skills.

All Counselor in Training Sessions are one week options.

LEARN MORE AND APPLY HERE!

HOW TO BECOME A CIT:

CIT candidates must apply. You will be contacted by listed email once your application has been reviewed so you can register. Registered CITs will be invited to a pre-camp training, usually held in June.

Second year CITs may register at any point once registration is open. There is no need to reapply once you have been through the application process and participated as a CIT.

Please note that being part of the CIT program does not guarantee employment.



ABILITY CAMP

Ability Camp is a "camp within a camp" designed for youth who, in order to be safe and successful, require smaller ratios than what you may find in a traditional camp environment. Ability camp is a fully mainstreamed, inclusive program that provides support for children and adolescents entering Kindergarten through grade 7 in smaller ratios, alongside their age-similar peers of all abilities. Counselors work to provide physical, emotional, behavioral and cognitive support to help campers fully participate and succeed in outdoor/indoor camp activities.

To be successful in Ability Camp, campers should be mainstreamed at least part of the day during school and be successful in a 1:3 ratio. Campers also must be independent with toileting and feeding. Students who require 1:1 support for any of the above are welcome at Ability Camp with the assistance of a personal care aid, TSS or other support person provided by the family.

ABILITY CAMP: GRADES K-7

Ability Adventure Camps are immersive, mainstreaminclusive summer camp programs for children and tweens entering grades Kindergarten through 7th with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities or behavioral health concerns.

An application is required for all Ability Summer Camp programs. For more information about Ability summer programs view a brochure on our website at ymcabhc.org/camp or email campcarr@ymcabhc.org.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Registration for Ability Camp programs is by application only. Parent input and involvement in planning and managing behaviors is also expected. Prior to enrolling in Ability Camp at the Y, parents/guardians must complete an intake application packet. Please see below for details regarding the application process.

- Contact the Camp Carr office at <u>campcarr@ymcabhc.org</u> to begin the intake process and to receive a link to the intake form.
- 2. Complete the intake packet and return to camp leadership staff.
- 3. The application intake packet is reviewed by Camp Leadership Staff.

FOR NEW CAMPERS*:

 Upon review, a new camper interview will be scheduled with camp leadership staff, at least one parent/guardian, and the camper present. Camp registration approval decision will be made after this meeting and then relayed to parents.

FOR RETURNING CAMPERS**:

- Form is reviewed by camp leadership staff. Camp registration approval decision will be made once form is reviewed.
- If approved to register, proceed to the Welcome Center to complete the registration packet and camp selection grid. Financial and liability waivers will be signed at this time and camp payments scheduled.

*Your child is considered a new camper if they have never attended an Ability Summer Camp program at YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties.

**Your child is considered a returning camper if they have previously attended at least one full week of Ability Summer Camp at YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties.



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SLITHER AND SPLASH

Start the summer with an unforgettable journey where curious minds can uncover the secrets of slithering snakes, magnificent turtles, and enchanting amphibians. This camp is perfect for nature enthusiasts, budding herpetologists and adventure seekers! You will even have a chance to get up close and personal with these incredible creatures! Join us for a week of discovery, laughter and the magic of reptiles and amphibians.

SURVIVING THE WILDERNESS

Embark on a wilderness adventure! This week will be packed with outdoor activities, survival skills, teamwork and personal development. Join us for an unforgettable journey into the wild, where every moment is an opportunity for exploration, growth and building lasting connections with nature and fellow adventurers.

FEATHERED FRIENDS

Fly into a week of bird explorations featuring our local feathered friends. From sparrows darting into the brush to hawks soaring in the air, we'll discover the features of the birds that fascinate us. We will learn about their captivating sounds, feathered adaptations and observe them in action at the park. Join us for a week filled with bird watching, discoveries and a whole lot of feathered fun!

BRANCHING OUT

Let's grow together and learn about all things plants, sticks and trees. Discover the powers of flowers and trees, build survival shelters with sticks and leaves and explore how even a dead tree teems with life as we look for salamanders, insects and fungi. Join us for a plant-powered adventure.

WILD AND CRAFTY CREATIONS

Where campers can release their creativity in the beauty of the great outdoors! We will combine the joy of exploration with creative expression, allowing young minds to draw inspiration from nature's beauty. Through a series of interactive and nature-infused craft projects and activities, this engaging camp fosters a love for both crafting and the environment in an interactive and exciting way.

BUG OUT

It's a buzzy, bug bonanza! This week campers focus on insects for a creepy-crawly adventure! Let your camper unleash their inner entomologist, exploring nature's tiny wonders, while making lifelong bug buddies. Don't let this opportunity crawl away!

MAMMAL MYSTERIES

Explore the captivating world of Hunterdon's mammals. With lessons on bats, beavers, bears and coyotes, each day promises hands-on fun, discussions and role-playing. Join us for a week of wild exploration, where learning about local mammals turns into an unforgettable adventure!

DRIP, DRIP, DRENCH

Prepare to get wet this week and dive into why water is so important to our world! We will meet aquatic turtles up close, explore the insects and crayfish of the Prescott Creek and of course, cool off with a favorite camp game, Drip, Drip, Drench! Let's end summer with a splash!



CAMP GRID

| | GRADE Sept'24 | TIME | MEMBER PRICE | NON MEMBER PRICE | WEEK 1 | WEEK 2 | WEEK 3 | WEEK 4 | WEEK 5 | WEEK 6 | WEEK 7 | WEEK 8 | WEEK 9 | WEEK 10 | WEEK 11 NO CAMP 8/ |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| | зері 24 | | | | 6/17-6/21 | 6/24-6/28 | | 7/8-7/12 | 7/15-7/19 | 7/22-7/26 | 7/29-8/2 | 8/5-8/9 | 8/12-8/16 | 8/19-8/23 | |
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| JR CAMP | AGES 4-5 | 9 AM-4 PM | \$338 | \$472 | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | |
| THUNDERBIRDS | K-1 | 9AM-4PM | \$338 | \$472 | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | |
| RANGERS | 1-2 | 9AM-4PM | \$338 | \$472 | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | |
| SCOUTS | 1-2 | 9AM-4PM | \$338 | \$472 | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | |
| WRANGLERS | 2-3 | 9 AM-4 PM | \$338 | \$472 | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | |
| PATHFINDERS | 3-4 | 9AM-4PM | \$338 | \$472 | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | |
| EXPLORERS | 4-5 | 9AM-4PM | \$338 | \$472 | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | |
| TRAILBLAZERS | 5-6 | 9AM-4PM | \$338 | \$472 | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | |
| PIONEERS | 6-7 | 9 AM-4 PM | \$338 | \$472 | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | |
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| NATURE CAMP | K-7 | 9 AM-12 PM | \$196 | \$274 | | SLITHER AND SPLASH | SURVIVING THE WILDERNESS GRADES 4-7 | HELD AT ECHO HILL | BRANCHING OUT GRADES K-3 | HELD AT ECHO HILL | BUG OUT | MAMMAL MYSTERIES | HELD AT ECHO HILL | | |
| AM NATURE PM ADVENTURE | K-7 | 9 AM-4 PM | \$389 | \$485 | | SLITHER AND SPLASH | SURVIVING THE WILDERNESS GRADES 4-7 | HELD AT ECHO HILL | BRANCHING OUT GRADES K-3 | HELD AT ECHO HILL | BUG OUT | MAMMAL MYSTERIES | HELD AT ECHO HILL | | |
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| CIT | 8-9 | 9AM-4PM | \$302 | \$423 | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9 AM-4 PM | |
| SESSION 11 | AGE 4- GRADE 9 | 8AM-5PM | \$338 | \$472 | | | | | | | | | | | 8 AM-5 F |
| ABILITY C | AMP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| THUNDERBIRDS | K-1 | 9 AM-4 PM | \$477 | \$667 | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | | |
| RANGERS | 1-2 | 9AM-4PM | \$477 | \$667 | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | | |
| PATHFINDERS | 3-4 | 9AM-4PM | \$477 | \$667 | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | | |
| TRAILBLAZERS | 5-6 | 9 AM-4 PM | \$477 | \$667 | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9 AM-4 PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | 9AM-4PM | | |
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| EXTENDE | CAR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EARLY CARE: | ALL | 7-9 AM | \$50 | \$60 | 7-9 AM | 7-9 AM | 7-9 AM | 7-9 AM | 7-9 AM | 7-9 AM | 7-9 AM | 7-9 AM | 7-9 AM | 7-9 AM | |
| 5 DAY LATE CARE: | AGES ALL AGES | 4-6 PM | \$50 | \$60 | 4-6 PM | 4-6 PM | 4-6 PM | 4-6 PM | 4-6 PM | 4-6 PM | 4-6 PM | 4-6 PM | 4-6 PM | 4-6 PM | |
| FIELD TRIE | | Advent | ture Ca | mn On | lv | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Auvell | | nip Oil | 'y | | | Oakwood | | | | Somerset | | | |
| ADVCAMPERS | ALL AGES | 9AM-4PM | \$45 | \$45 | | | | Lanes Bowling 7/11 | | | | Patriots Game 8/6 | | | |

REGISTER NOW AT YMCABHC.ORG/CAMP

YMCA OF BUCKS AND HUNTERDON COUNTIES | Camp Carr 1 Camp Buck Road, Annandale, NJ 08801 | 908.735.5951 | ymcabhc.org

No camp on Thursday, July 4

No camp on Friday, August 30

Please note: Camps will be prorated for weeks 3 and 11

Updated 5/28/24

Camp Bucks and Camp Hunterdon will help ensure that your camper has a summer to remember. Our engaging camp offerings and activities provide opportunities for your child learns a new skill, make a new friend and create a summer full of memories.

READY TO **REGISTER**? **CHANGE** OF PLANS? HAVE A **QUESTION**?

Our Family Handbook can answer your additional questions regarding registration and billing, who to contact with questions about your camp location and more.

FAMILY HANDBOOK





Your **Camp's Facebook Group** is the group to join to get the inside scoop in the life of your camper. Stay in the know by signing up for text alerts to never miss a spirit day reminder, inclement weather notification or our weekly newsletters.

FRIENDSHIP. BELONGING. ENCOURAGEMENT.

WHAT FAMILIES ARE SAYING...

"AMAZING staff, really cares about the campers and super engaging.

Very inclusive to different learning styles too."

"Very well run and my child had a blast! Will definitely be coming back!"

"All of the staff are professional, warm and welcoming."

"Camp has been wonderful this summer for my kids. Both of them looked forward to going every day. The staff has been great and very flexible with our scheduling needs."