



**ADVENTURE
BEGINS HERE!**
YMCA OF COLUMBIA

SUMMER DAY CAMP

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**REGISTER
TODAY!**

columbiaymca.org/camp

WHY CHOOSE THE Y?

FRIENDSHIP, ACHIEVEMENT, AND BELONGING

SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY

When kids experience Y Camp, they experience something new every day. Like the power of a positive mentor, the confidence that comes from trying (and succeeding!), and the importance of healthy, long-lasting friendships. Of course, they don't know this – they just think they're having a whole lot of fun!

From water activities and sports to creative arts, each day is packed with age-appropriate activities, new friends and personal growth. In addition to traditional and specialty camp activities, we are uniquely devoted to physical activity, water safety and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) education. The Y's environment strives to foster your child's spirit, mind and body.

CREATING A SAFE & MEMORABLE CAMP FOR ALL

Staff, as role models, are selected for sound judgment, maturity, experience, enthusiasm and creativity. All staff are interviewed and go through a complete background check prior to being hired. Training occurs before and throughout the summer to ensure attention to detail. All staff are certified in CPR, First Aid and Child Abuse Prevention.

All of our camps focus on encouraging character development through caring, honesty, respect, responsibility and faith. Regardless of which camp you choose, you can be sure that camp staff are committed to developing these traits in campers.

Our average staff to student ratio is 1:12. By selecting a Y camp, you are investing in a safe, fun and memorable experience for you and your child!

If you have any questions, please refer to our Summer Camp Parent Handbook, or reach out to your local Camp Director.

ALL CAMPS FOCUS ON THE Y'S CORE VALUES

- » Caring
- » Honesty
- » Respect
- » Responsibility
- » Faith



CAMPS OFFERED

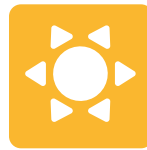


ADVENTURE CAMP

Unleash your inner adventurer! Kids ages 9-13 will dive deep into themed weeks like culinary arts, wilderness survival, or artistic expression. Explore beyond the camp! Field trips, challenges, and new friends await. Build confidence, teamwork, and leadership in a fun, supportive environment.

Location:

Washington Street UMC (Pages 12-13)



ALL-DAY TRADITIONAL

Designed for children ages 4-12, this action-packed program is bursting with exciting activities and new experiences. Each week brings a fresh theme, igniting imaginations and encouraging discovery.

Locations:

Jeep Rogers (Page 6)

Downtown (Page 8)

Northwest (Page 10)



COUNSELORS IN TRAINING (CIT)

Want to lead, learn, and have a blast this summer? Be a CIT, ages 14-15!

Get hands-on leadership training, guide younger campers, build your resume, and make a difference.

Locations:

Jeep Rogers (Page 11)

Downtown (Page 11)



PRESCHOOL CAMP

Tiny Tots, Big Fun for ages 3-4! Your child will make friends, explore themes, sing & play - all summer long! Experienced counselors create a safe space for your little one to blossom through weekly adventures, crafts, and games.

Location:

Jeep Rogers (Page 6)



SPORTS

Find Your Game, Spark Your Joy: Sports Camps for 6-14! Spark your passion (or find a new one!) in our half-day camps.

Explore football, soccer, volleyball, and more! Learn from experienced coaches in a fun, safe environment. Hone skills, play drills & games, connect with friends.

Location:

Jeep Rogers (Page 7)



TEEN CAMP

Escape the digital world and level up your summer with real-life adventures, challenges, and new friends.

Teens ages 12-13 will learn valuable skills like communication, teamwork, and social smarts for success in college and beyond.

Location:

Jeep Rogers (Page 6)

2024 SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 3 - AUGUST 2, 2024

THREE AREA LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU!

Jeep Rogers Family YMCA (Pages 6-7)

900 Lake Carolina Drive, Columbia | 803.451.8439

Offers Preschool Camp, Traditional Camp, Sports Camp, CIT, and Teen Camp.

Northwest Family YMCA (Page 8)

1501 Kennerly Road, Irmo | 803.407.8007

Offers Traditional Camp.

Downtown YMCA (Page 9)

1447 Hampton Street, Columbia | 803.799.9187

Offers Traditional Camp at Select Richland One Locations, Adventure Camp, CIT, Friday Fun Day, and Grand Finale.

FEE RANGE

Weekly Deposit Fee*: \$10

Half Day Camps: \$70-\$150

Full Day Camps: \$120-\$220

NOTE: Registrations must be completed 3 days prior to the start of the camp in which you wish to enroll. Two weeks notice required for cancelations for a refund.

***Weekly deposit fees are non-refundable.**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Y is committed to providing quality programs to all children and families regardless of their financial circumstances. We offer financial assistance through our Annual Campaign financial assistance program. Applications are available at any Member Services desk. If your child will be attending camp at multiple sites, a separate application must be completed at each. Applications are due by May 24, 2024.

HOW TO REGISTER



ONLINE

columbiaymca.org



IN-PERSON

Visit the Member Services Desk at any of our local YMCA branches



WEEKLY THEMES

TRADITIONAL AND PRESCHOOL



SUPERHERO TRAINING **JUNE 3-7**

Develop your superhero identity and test your skills through crafts, games, obstacle courses and more, while learning about the superheroes in our community.



CAMP CARNIVAL **JUNE 10-14**

Step right up and join us for a week of camp inspired by carnival novelties, games and fun. Come one, come all to camp carnival!



NATURE AND SCIENCE **JUNE 17-21**

Bugs, blooms and beakers! Discover nature's secrets and science's wonders through hands-on experiences that emphasize fun in the outdoors!



MYSTERY **JUNE 24-28**

Pull out your magnifying glass and figure out who dunnit? Solve puzzles, escape rooms, scavenger hunts and more!



CONSTRUCTION **JULY 1-5**

Get your hard hats on as you discover your inner architect and engineer! Join us for a week of imagination, creation and building.



AROUND THE WORLD **JULY 8-12**

Explore cultures from around the world through a variety of crafts, games and activities kids anywhere are sure to enjoy.



STORYBOOK **JULY 15-19**

"Once upon a time" launched many great adventures! Join us for a journey through the stories we love to share.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT **JULY 22-26**

From on stage to behind the scenes, art and entertainment takes many forms. Explore painting, drawing, drama and music that are bound to entertain!



UNDER THE SEA **JULY 29-AUGUST 2**

What lurks beneath the surface? All things fishy come out to play as you discover the beautiful, bizarre and truly odd things in the deep blue sea.



JEEP ROGERS FAMILY YMCA

900 Lake Carolina Dr, Columbia | 803.45 1.8439

TRADITIONAL CAMP

FOR AGES 5-11. New experiences, skill building, a sense of community and lasting friendships are all part of Traditional Camp. Weekly-themed activities allow campers to create arts and crafts, explore science and technology, swim, appreciate nature, and better understand our many cultures. Campers will build self-confidence, appreciate teamwork and sportsmanship while gaining independence as they nurture their spirits, challenge their minds and strengthen their bodies. Kids can explore diverse interests and have fun along the way!

WHEN: Monday-Friday, 7 am - 6 pm

COST PER WEEK:

Member \$160, Nonmember \$200

TEEN CAMP

FOR AGES 12-13. Teen Camp is all about character building, challenging yourself and making lasting friends whether on an adventure trip or learning a new skill or trait. From the teen camp experience, campers discover newfound confidence and strength, and gain valuable life skills such as communication, collaboration, and social skills while away from their screens. They will learn how to trust in themselves and each other as they work together to explore, problem-solve, and achieve common goals. The Teen Camp curriculum is designed to offer choice as campers work with their counselor to plan weekly activities. Campers must be 12 years old by June 3.

WHEN: Monday-Friday, 7 am - 6 pm

COST PER WEEK:

Member \$175, Nonmember \$215

WEEKLY SESSION		THEME
1	JUNE 3-7	SUPERHERO TRAINING
2	JUNE 10-14	CAMP CARNIVAL
3	JUNE 17-21	NATURE AND SCIENCE
4	JUNE 24-28	MYSTERY
5	JULY 1-3,5	CONSTRUCTION
6	JULY 8-12	AROUND THE WORLD
7	JULY 15-19	STORYBOOK
8	JULY 22-26	ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
9	JULY 29-AUG 2	UNDER THE SEA

PRESCHOOL CAMP

FOR AGES 3-4. In our Preschool Camp, your camper will enhance their social skills, develop friendships, and participate in theme-based activities. Throughout the day, campers will participate in hands-on and engaging activities including free play, arts and crafts and interactive songs. Campers must be 3 years old by June 4, 2024.

WHEN: Monday-Friday, 8 am - Noon

COST PER WEEK:

Member \$70, Nonmember \$85

QUESTIONS?

Email Youth Development Director Catie Young at catieyoung@columbiaymca.org

SPORTS SPECIALTY CAMP

FOR AGES 6-14. Does your child have a special interest? Campers can explore passions or discover a new one through our half-day specialty camps. Campers can pursue their interests with other campers while learning new skills in a safe and fun environment.

WHEN: Monday-Thursday, 8 am - Noon
Note: Fridays are weather make-up days.

COST PER WEEK:

Members \$100, Nonmembers \$150

QUESTIONS?

Email Sports Director D.J. Halfacre at djhalfacre@columbiaymca.org

SESSION	CAMP
WEEK 1: JUNE 3-6 (NO SPORTS CAMPS)	
2	JUNE 10-13
3	JUNE 17-20
4	JUNE 24-27
	DIAMOND SPORTS
	OUTDOOR VOLLEYBALL
WEEK 5: JULY 1-5 (NO SPORTS CAMPS)	
6	JULY 8-11
7	JULY 15-18
8	JULY 22-25
	FLAG FOOTBALL



Diamond Sports

Your child will learn the basics of baseball, kickball, and wiffleball, and have the opportunity to play all three. You can enjoy everyone's favorite games while learning a new one, all at the same time!



Flag Football

Emphasizes basic to advanced skills instruction and practice in the areas of passing, receiving and defense. Campers will learn the rules of football as well as team concepts and sportsmanship. Ideal for players looking to improve their skills, or those who want to learn the fundamentals.



Volleyball (Outdoor)

Campers will practice skills such as passing, setting, and serving as well as play skill based games. Campers will get the opportunity to play in volleyball matches all week, with a small tournament held at the end of the week.



Soccer

Campers will be split up by age and practice skills such as dribbling/passing/and shooting. Campers will play small sided and full field games as well as fun soccer game variations like World Cup.



Nerf

Grab your Nerf blaster, load it up, and get ready for a thrilling week of camp! We will warm up by honing in on our aim as we practice hitting targets, then we will work up to team games. Campers will work on teamwork as they play Nerf games of tag, capture the flag, hide-and-seek and more. Bring your own Nerf Blaster or use one of ours, this camp is sure to be a blast!

DOWNTOWN YMCA

1447 Hampton Street, Columbia | 803.799.9187

TRADITIONAL CAMP AT SELECT RICHLAND ONE SCHOOLS

For ages 5-12. Our Traditional Camp experience is provided onsite at Richland One schools. Campers will build self-confidence through character education, appreciate teamwork and sportsmanship while gaining independence as they nurture their spirits, challenge their minds and strengthen their bodies. A healthy breakfast and lunch are provided by Richland One. Register for Friday Fun Days to supplement their experience!

WHEN: Monday–Thursday, 7 am – 6 pm
(Friday Add-On Available)

COST PER WEEK:
Members/Nonmembers: \$120

WEEKLY SESSION	THEME	
1	JUNE 3-6	SUPERHERO TRAINING
2	JUNE 10-13	CAMP CARNIVAL
3	JUNE 17-20	NATURE AND SCIENCE
4	JUNE 24-27	MYSTERY
5	NO CAMP	
6	JULY 8-11	AROUND THE WORLD

LOCATIONS:

- Caughman Road Elementary
- Hyatt Park Elementary
- Hopkins Elementary
- Satchel Ford Elementary
- South Kilbourne Elementary

FRIDAY FUN DAYS

For ages 5-12. Supplement your child's Traditional Day Camp experience with Friday Fun Days! A variety of fun and exciting field trips are planned each week to complement the weekly themes from Traditional Day Camp. Friday Fun Days are by REGISTRATION ONLY and space is limited – don't miss your chance to join us on our adventures!

WHEN: Fridays | Drop-off: 7:00-8:45 am
The bus will leave promptly at 9:00 am to our destination and will return to the church around 3:00 pm.

LOCATION: CHURCH OF APOSTLES
1520 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201

COST PER DAY: \$35

SUMMER SOAR PROGRAM: BEFORE/AFTER CARE ADD-ON

For ages 5-12. Attending Richland One Summer SOAR? Extended day add-ons are available through YMCA Traditional Day Camp! Through YMCA AM and PM SOAR add-ons, children can participate with Traditional Day Camp in a variety of activities to nurture their spirits, challenge their minds, and strengthen their bodies. Register for Friday Fun Days to supplement their SOAR experience!

WHEN: Monday–Thursday | 7:00–9:00 am and 3:00–6:00 pm

COST PER WEEK:

- AM SOAR Add-On: 7:00–9:00 am, \$35
- PM SOAR Add-On: 3:00–6:00 pm, \$35
- AM & PM SOAR Add-On: 7:00–9:00 am AND 3:00–6:00 pm, \$55

Traditional Camp may end on July 12th, but we've got the perfect solution to those who still need camp the last three weeks of summer... the Grand Finale!

GRAND FINALE

For ages 5-12. End your summer on an awesome note with the YMCA Grand Finale! All programs will come together the week after Traditional Day Camp ends at the Church of Apostles for a week full of field trips and adventures.

WHEN: Monday-Friday, 7 am - 6 pm

SCHEDULE:

Drop-Off: 7:00 am - 8:45 am

Bus Leaves: 9:00 am

Bus Returns: 3:00 pm

Pick-Up: 3:00 - 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Church of the Apostles
1520 Bull Street, Columbia

COST PER WEEK:

\$175 Member, \$200 Nonmember

QUESTIONS?

Email Youth Development Director Catie Young at catieyoung@columbiaymca.org

WEEKLY SESSION

7 JULY 15-19

8 JULY 22-26

9 JULY 29-AUG 2



NORTHWEST FAMILY YMCA

1501 Kennerly Road, Irmo | 803.407.8007

TRADITIONAL CAMP

For ages 4-12. Dive into a summer of community and growth at traditional camp! Every week brings a fresh theme, bursting with creative arts and crafts, scientific discoveries, and nature explorations. Your child will swim, explore, and connect with local heroes, building bonds that last a lifetime. Camp fosters independence, confidence, and teamwork, as campers challenge themselves, support each other, and grow together. This is where new passions ignite, friendships blossom, and spirits soar. Watch your child thrive in a supportive environment, where fun and learning go hand-in-hand.

WHEN: Monday-Friday

HOURS: 7 am - 6 pm

COST PER WEEK:

Member \$160, Nonmember \$200

QUESTIONS?

Youth Development Director Jackie Serpico
at jackieserpico@columbiaymca.org

WEEKLY SESSION		THEME
1	JUNE 3-7	SUPERHERO TRAINING
2	JUNE 10-14	CAMP CARNIVAL
3	JUNE 17-21	NATURE AND SCIENCE
4	JUNE 24-28	MYSTERY
5	JULY 1-3, 5	CONSTRUCTION
6	JULY 8-12	AROUND THE WORLD
7	JULY 15-19	STORYBOOK
8	JULY 22-26	ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
9	JULY 29-AUG 2	UNDER THE SEA

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Outdoor Fun
Team Building
Splash Pad
Swimming Pool
Arts & Crafts
Community Visitors
Critical Thinking Project
Field Trips

FIELD TRIPS:

Movie Theater
Adventure
Congaree National Park
Orangeburg Waterpark
Richland Library
Museum of Art
Leo's Landing
And more!



COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING

FOR AGES 14-15. The Counselor in Training (C.I.T.) program provides teens with training in using effective leadership skills throughout their lives and how to effectively lead children. CITs are provided with training, leadership, and mentors as they assist in day camp programs. CITs must attend the training date (May 18) that will ensure they are prepared to work with youth. Program requires an application and interview.

WHEN: Monday-Thursday

TIME: 9 am - 4 pm

Note: Must commit to a minimum of 4 weeks.

LOCATIONS: Downtown, Jeep Rogers

COST PER WEEK:

Member \$75, Nonmember \$90

An application process is required for this program.

Applications can be found at the Member Services Desk, online at columbiaymca.org, or scan the QR Code.



QUESTIONS?

Youth Development Director Catie Young at catieyoung@columbiaymca.org

CIT PROGRAM PERKS

- » Teens will be mentored by positive YMCA role models.
- » Teens will be certified in First Aid and CPR.
- » Teens develop and improve leadership skills to use throughout their life.
- » Teens develop friendships with other teens that share their passion for working with children.
- » Teens gain real world skills that they can use in future careers.
- » Teens have fun serving as role models making an impact on the lives of younger children.
- » Teens earn community service hours that will help with college applications, presidential awards, and more.



ADVENTURE DAY CAMP

Washington Street UMC, 1401 Washington Street, Columbia

For ages 9–13. Weekly Adventure Camps will be available to children ages 9–13 who want to dive deep into specific weekly themes that they will learn about for a full week. Children are encouraged to register for weeks they are interested in; Traditional Day Camp is available for weeks that don't offer a theme your child is interested in. Adventure Camp is designed to foster independence, additional social-emotional development opportunities, and provide exposure to a variety of interests and skills. Due to the nature of the activities offered, all participants' behavior must be able to be redirected quickly.

LOCATION: Washington Street UMC
1401 Washington St, Columbia

WHEN: Monday–Friday
Drop-off: 8–9 am | Pick-up: 4–5 pm

WEEKLY SESSION		
1	June 3–7	Summer in the City
2	June 10–14	Wilderness
3	June 17–21	Spoken Word & Poetry
4	June 24–28	On the Water 1
5	July 1–3, 5	Culinary Kids
6	July 8–12	Social Action
7	July 15–19	Move Across the Midlands
8	July 22–26	Visual Arts
9	July 29–Aug 2	On the Water 2

COST PER WEEK:

\$170 Member, \$200 Nonmember
Plus \$20 per-person fees for select weeks:
On the Water 1&2, Move Across the Midlands



SUMMER IN THE CITY

Become a tourist in Columbia this week and explore what makes this capital city unique! From museums and parks to historic homes and Salamander walking tours, campers will enjoy the experiences Soda City has to offer.



WILDERNESS

South Carolina has wonderful county, state and national parks, and Wilderness camp is all about exploring them! Campers will hike, swim, and experience nature around us. Campers must have shoes that are able to walk multiple miles per day; a large water bottle or hydration backpack is encouraged.



SPOKEN WORD & POETRY

In partnership with Rebirth Enterprise, campers will use spoken word poetry as a tool to build self-confidence, concern for others and release emotions in a healthy way. The week will culminate in a Spoken Word Showcase to share what each camper has created!



ON THE WATER (+\$20 PP)

Between South Carolina's lakes, rivers, and pools, there is so much water to explore. Campers will enjoy splashing in the water, boating, fishing, and all things water!



CULINARY KIDS

Understanding the fundamentals of cooking and baking prepares everyone for a well-fueled life. Explore the process behind your favorite foods, experiment, and engage the senses from farm to plate. This is a 4-day camp week; there is no camp on July 4.



MOVE ACROSS THE MIDLANDS (+\$20 pp)

Be ready to run, jump and play - this week is full of sports, hiking, swimming, and so much more as we explore how we can move our bodies in the Midlands. Campers must have shoes that are able to walk multiple miles per day; a large water bottle or hydration backpack is encouraged.



SOCIAL ACTION

Humane societies, food banks, and many other organizations rely on volunteers to address an important problem or service in the community. Together, campers learn about the different organizations across the midlands, and work together to make the world a better place through a week of volunteering opportunities.



VISUAL ARTS

Enjoy a week of creativity through different visual art mediums. Activities may include pottery, canvas making, macrame and more. Display your artwork at the end of the week during the camp art showcase!

Note: Activities are subject to availability and safety conditions. Updates will be communicated via email closer to the start of summer. For any weeks that an additional per person fee is indicated, families will receive a credit for that amount if particular events/activities are canceled and cannot be rescheduled that week.

QUESTIONS?

Email Youth Director Catie Young at catieyoung@columbiaymca.org



PAYMENTS

COLLECTIONS, ENROLLMENT AND REGISTRATION

PAYMENT & COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE

WEEK OF CAMP	DRAFT DATE	CANCELLATION FORM DUE BY (For refund minus \$10)	
1	June 3-7	May 28	May 19
2	June 10-14	June 4	May 26
3	June 17-21	June 11	June 2
4	June 24-28	June 18	June 9
5	July 1-3, 5	June 25	June 16
6	July 8-12	July 2	June 23
7	July 15-19	July 9	June 30
8	July 22-26	July 16	July 7
9	July 29-August 2	July 23	July 14

ENROLLMENT AND REGISTRATION

Registration for all sessions opens March 1, 2024. You may register your camper online at columbiaymca.org, or in person at any of our local YMCA branches.

- **Enrollment requests** must be completed for each child participating. This includes the registration, health history, payment, and waiver sections. These may be completed online, or in person at any Y facility.
- **There is a \$10 non-refundable deposit** at the time of registration per week, per camper.
- All **tuition** must be paid in full in order for a camper to attend each weekly camp. Parents may pay the full amount at registration for all weeks, OR may choose a weekly bank draft payment. All weekly drafts will occur the Tuesday prior to the week registered. The weekly deposit will reserve camper's space, and will be applied to the weekly tuition.
- **Payment** is due for every week registered regardless of attendance.
- Weekly tuition is NOT prorated for any reason.
- Cancellation and refunds for any reason require a written notice given to the Y **two weeks prior to registered weeks.**
- **Registration for a week of summer camp that takes place within 3 days of the start of care will incur a price increase of \$15.**
- Upon registering for the YMCA Summer Camp Program, you are responsible for payment of all program dues associated to your child's enrollment in the program.
- We reserve the right to discontinue service if an account becomes 5 days delinquent. We understand that occasional financial situations arise; please keep the YMCA Program Director informed as to your family's situation in advance of delinquency so we can work with you.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

CAMP SHIRTS

CAMPERS: As part of your registration you'll receive a Summer Camper t-shirt, your official uniform for unforgettable field trips and exciting activities. Don't forget to wear it with pride as you embark on new journeys with your fellow campers. And if you want to stock up on camp spirit, additional t-shirts will be available for purchase – perfect for showing off your camp memories all summer long!

Your Summer Camp t-shirt is more than just clothing; it's a symbol of your camp community and the incredible experiences that await you this summer!



WHAT TO PACK



- WATER BOTTLE
- TOWEL
- BACKPACK
- SUNSCREEN (Spray Preferred)
- CLOSED TOE SHOES
- AFTERNOON SNACK
- SWIMSUIT

*PLEASE CONTACT YOUR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR SPECIFIC LOCATION NEEDS.

NOTE: Please leave all phones, tablets, toys, trading cards, and electronics at home. Day camp is a chance to unplug and grow.

The YMCA is not responsible for lost items.



OUR MISSION

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

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