



We provide safe, engaging, fun and meaningful camp experiences with enriching activities, fitness, and social and emotional learning for children ages 3-15. Campers enjoy a variety of activities and themes every day with friends and peers exploring math, science, arts, sports, nature and global diversity. Our curriculum promotes teamwork, enhances selfesteem and builds skills while incorporating the Y core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Our staff receive over 20 hours of pre-camp training including certification in CPR for the Professional Rescuer, First Aid with EpiPen administration, asthma inhaler training, antibullying prevention, behavior management, child abuse awareness and much more. We also have a full time first responder on staff for summer camp.

Our camps are accredited by the American Camp Association and meet up to 300 standards for health, safety and program quality.

For any questions regarding camp, you may contact the Welcome Center at 908-301-YMCA (9622) during operating hours or the Camp Information Hotline at x405. Leave your name, phone number, age of your child(ren) and a brief message...a member of our camp team will get back to you!

THE CAMP WEEKS

Blast Off Week!...June 24-26

Week 1 June 29-July 3

Week 2 July 6-10

Week 3 July 13-17

Week 4 July 20-24

Week 5 July 27-31

Week 6 August 3-7

Week 7 August 10-14

Week 8 August 17-21

Week 9 August 24-28

Are you ready for it?



Senior Director Child Care Services, Camps and Teens Y staff since 1999



Director of Camp and Mountainside School Age **Child Care** Y staff since 2011



anner Shannon McGillis Jackson **Assistant Vice President** of Child Care Services Y staff since 2001

SPECIAL OFFERS

Early Bird Special Valid 1/8-1/28 only

advertised camp rates! (Not valid for Before or After Care.) Early Bird pricing is based on 2025's full advertised rates before any discounts.

Multi-Child Discount

the same family registered for the same week(s) of any camp with the exception of Before Care, Discount is applied to the camper(s) with the lower camp fee and must be done during the same transaction.

REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration begins Thursday, January 8 for Family Members and Tuesday, January 13 for Program Members. Full payment is required for Early Bird Registration. Deposit only registration and Non-Member registration begins February 2. We recommend that you register early as camps fill quickly.

ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT IN AMILIA

In order to register, you must have an active account in our registration system. Visit our website to activate your account.

The following is required at registration:

- Active membership for camper (unless camp is available to a non-member)
- Deposits (or full payment after the due dates below)
- Health History form (completed online in advance)

Save time during the checkout process by completing forms ahead of time. Carts are only active for a limited time. In-person registration is also available at the Main Y Facility.

Financial assistance recipients must register directly through the Program Registrar. See contact details under Financial Assistance section.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

- Deposit: \$100 per session. (\$20 for Before care and After care)
- Payment: Full balance is due March 30 for Blast Off and weeks 1-4 and April 30 for weeks 5-9. Balances will be automatically charged to the credit card authorized in your Amilia account on the dates above. Declined deposits/ payments will be considered a cancellation if not resolved within two weeks.
- Waitlist: A deposit is not required to be placed on a waitlist.
 If a spot becomes available, you will be notified via email and will have 24 hours to accept and register for the camp.
- Late pick-up fee: \$20 for every 15 minutes after camp end time.

CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS

- If you request a refund or credit between March 1 and June 9, please note that the \$100 per session deposit is non-refundable. This policy also applies to those who paid in full at the time of registration.
- Requests for changes and cancellations must be in writing and emailed to: camp@westfieldynj.org.
- Changes are permitted up to two weeks prior to session without a change fee. There is a \$25 fee per change if made within two weeks of a camp start date.
- Canceling any week of camp follows the policy below:
 - On or before February 28: Option of refund (less 5% service fee) or full amount in Y credits.
 - March 1- April 30: Option of refund (less 5% service fee) or Y credit. Both refund/credit options exclude the session deposit. NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 30.
 - May 1- June 9: If camp session has a waitlist and your spot can be filled, you will receive Y credit (excluding deposit) for that week of camp.
 - After June 9: All cancellations are final. No credits or refunds will be issued for any reason.
- Deposits are non-refundable after February 28.
- Membership fees are non-refundable.
- Deposits are not transferable to siblings or other programs.
- Y credits expire one year from the date issue and may be used by any family member.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We believe in serving the needs of all members of our community including those who may be unable to pay the full cost of membership or programs. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify for Traditional, Extended Day and Leadership camps. Applicant must live or work in Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside or Westfield.

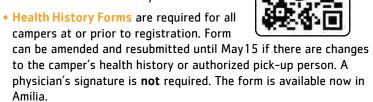
Being approved for financial assistance does not guarantee a camp spot; registration process is still required.
Recipients must register directly through Kirsten Mahler at kmahler@westfieldynj.org.

Requests for camp are **due by March 1**, but early application is strongly recommended. Applications received after this date will be considered on an as-available basis.

Application is available online and at all Westfield Area Y branches. Contact Shannon McGillis at smcgillis@westfieldynj.org or 908-301-9622 x268 for more details.

MEDICAL FORMS

Forms are available online. Scan this QR code to access the Health History Form.



- Medical Distribution Form is due on first day of camp if your child requires medication (e.g. use of an EpiPen, asthma inhaler, or any other medication). Medication must be in its original container labeled with child's name and prescription. A physician's signature is required. Both the form and medication must be handed to the Camp Director at drop-off on first day.
- Allergy Action Plan Form is due on child's first day of camp if they have allergies. A physician's signature is required on the form. Both the form and medication must be handed to the Camp Director at drop-off on first day.

SUMMER NEWS & FORMS

Be sure to check your email to receive newsletters, permission slips and other required forms for camp.

MEMBERSHIP

Family category members receive priority registration, the lowest camp fees, and full membership privileges.

Camper's membership type must remain the same from the date of registration through the end of their last camp session. If membership is upgraded, the original rate at registration still applies; no refunds or fee adjustments will be honored.

Cranford YMCA Family Members receive the Program Member rate for Westfield Area YMCA camps, excluding Pioneer Camp.

Non-members may register for one week of S.T.E.A.M. camps at the non-member rate starting February 2. A membership is required to register for more than one week.

To learn more, ask at the Welcome Center or contact Scott Weber at 908-301-9622 x280 or sweber@westfieldynj.org.



TEELA O'MARRA CHEN

"I became a camp counselor because I want to spread hope and joy while supporting the youth of my community. The bonds I formed with my counselors became irreplaceable, and I'd like to provide another child with the same safe space I was given."



JOIN OUR CAMP STAFF!

Make a positive lasting impact on the lives of others this summer. To learn more about staffing opportunities, visit our website www.westfieldynj.org/jobs.

The Westfield Area Y is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer

IN-CAMP SUPPORT Offered weeks 1-7

LEARN MORE & APPLY!

Camp is fun for everyone! At the Westfield Area Y, we believe camp should be inclusive, providing as many opportunities as possible for children to join in the camp fun. In-camp support helps us to achieve this goal by operating within the traditional Y camps each summer. Each camper who qualifies is matched with an aide who is able to provide support as needed throughout the camp day. Some examples of modifications/accommodations our aides are able to provide are:

- Opportunities for breaks from the main group/activity
- · Picture schedules/interactive schedules
- Direct prompts and assistance when preparing for transitions
- Use of sensory toys
- Extra time for transitions

In an effort to extend this opportunity to as many children as possible, we are only able to guarantee that an aide will be assigned to a camper for two weeks of camp. Beyond two weeks, we can only offer support if we have appropriate staff available. If you believe your child might benefit from our in-camp support, please reach out to us as soon as possible to see if our aide would be able to provide the appropriate support needed to help your child have a fun, and successful, camp experience!

Contact Carly Kaplan, Inclusion Coordinator, at **ckaplan@westfieldynj.org** or Marty Collett, Senior Director Child Care Services, Camps and Teens, at **mcollett@westfieldynj.org** or 908–301–9622 x223 **by April 1**.



PUDDLE JUMPERS

Ages 3-5: 8:30AM-12:30PM 2-week session · 3 & 5 day option Week 1-2, 3-4, 5-6,7-8

Develop friendships and build skills through inquiry, exploration, and fun weekly-themed activities in this air-conditioned location. Young campers are introduced to the camp experience with outdoor playground time, water play, arts & crafts, camp sing-a-longs, games, and guest performances. Campers must be at least 3 years old at the start of the session and toilet trained. The 3-day session is Tuesday-Thursday.

Fee (5-day): \$580 F, \$630 P Fee (3-day): \$435 F, \$510 P Location: Lincoln School, Westfield

Puddle Jumpers Themes

Week 1 Party in the USA
Week 2 Enchanted Fairytale

Week 3 Under the Sea
Week 4 Holiday Hoopla

Week 5 Outta This World

Week 6 You're Going to Hollywood

Week 7 Dino Dig

Week 8 Superheroes





Interested in full-day Preschool options?

Ages 3-5

(Must have turned 3 by 10/1/25)

- 2,3,4 or 5-day options
- 2 monthly sessions (June 29-July 31 & August 3-28)
- Limited space available

Contact Shannon McGillis at smcgillis@westfieldynj.org for pricing, availability and more information.



SUNSHINE

Entering K-grade 2: 8:30AM-4:30PM 1-week session Week 1-9

It's like walking on sunshine at camp! This fun and educationally structured environment encourages exploration time through centers and outside discovery. The development of children's self-esteem and their social-emotional learning are reinforced and expanded throughout the day. Each week we explore a different theme that comes alive through art and science projects, games, and activities. Sunshine also includes sports, team building, themed dress-up days, playground time, and much more. Each week includes a special event or trip and recreational swim.

Fee: \$465 F, \$545 P

Location: Robert and Virginia Bauer Family Branch

EXPLORER

Entering K-grade 2: 8:30AM-4:30PM 1-week session · 3 & 5 day option Week 1-8

This fun-filled camp is in an air-conditioned location and includes tons of outdoor fun! Age-appropriate activities include field games, playground time, sports, art projects, team building and water games. Each week includes a special event or trip and recreational swim. The 3-day session is Tuesday-Thursday.

Fee: \$465 F, \$545 P

Fee (3-day): \$280 F, \$330 P

Location: Washington School in Garwood





DISCOVERY

Entering grades 3-6: 8:30AM-4:30PM 1-week session Week 1-9

Discover the adventures of summer camp in an indoor air-conditioned facility. Campers experience the summer in a fun and supportive environment with skilled and nurturing staff. Each week offers a new theme to investigate through exciting activities and special projects including arts and crafts, science, team building, group games, outdoor fun, recreational swim, and a special event or trip.

Fee: \$430 F, \$505 P Location: Main Y Facility



BLUE SKY

Entering grades 2-6: 8:30AM-4:30PM 1-week session Week 1-8

This is an active camp that allows children to explore the wilderness that is around them. Pack your sunscreen and bug spray, we love the sunshine and fresh air that the Watchung Reservation has to offer! We experience the great outdoors through hikes, compass activities, animal watching, and just playing in the dirt. Other activities include traditional sports, team-building games, creative art projects, and S.T.E.A.M. projects. Use of the Loop Playground and Trailside Museum are incorporated into the weekly schedule. Grey skies and rain never ruin Blue Sky, we simply bring the fun to an indoor space! Each week includes a special event or trip and recreational swim.

Fee: \$485 F, \$555 P

Location: Watchung Reservation

Drop Off & Pick Up: Roosevelt Intermediate School





Entering grades K-4: 8:30AM-4:30PM 1-week session **Blast Off-Week 9**

Make new friends, be creative, and try new things for one week or all summer long! This outdoor-based camp experience is located at the Cranford YMCA allowing opportunities for recreational swim. We also have a designated outdoor space for games and activities as well as an indoor space if the weather rains on our parade. Each week campers explore different themes that come alive through fun and engaging activities, games, and arts & crafts.

Fee: \$440 F, \$515 P, \$465 CR

Fee (Blast Off Week): \$290 F, \$310 P, \$305 CR

Location: Cranford YMCA

NEW! After Care available View pq. 13 for details.



COUNSELORS IN TRAINING

Entering grades 9-10: 8:30AM-4:30PM 3-week session Week 1-3, 4-6, 7-9

CITs learn and experience what it takes to be role models and leaders while making a meaningful difference in the lives of their campers. CITs spend two weeks immersed in at least two of the Y's younger camps. They are coached throughout the day to prepare and lead activities and have the opportunity to reflect on their performance, discuss areas of improvement, and develop their own creativity and initiative. CITs learn behavioral management techniques, how to properly facilitate activities, create schedules, and develop interpersonal and communication skills. This camp is great for teens who enjoy working with children and/or aspire to careers in childcare or child development. CIT campers also swim weekly with a trip or special event each session.

Fee (3-week session): \$855 F, \$960 P Location: Robert and Virginia Bauer Family Branch



LEADERS IN TRAINING

Entering grades 6-8: 8:30AM-4:30PM 3-week session Week 1-3, 4-6, 7-9

LIT camp pairs experiential leadership education with traditional and non-traditional games. The session starts with icebreakers and classic camp games while learning the teamwork and leadership qualities required to make these activities successful and fun. Campers then move into designing their own activities, games, and puzzles with the help of our trained staff. Using and developing their leadership qualities, they will explain the rules, facilitate the activity, and provide/receive feedback. Through self-reflection, communication, and teamwork, the goal is for each camper to build self-esteem, appreciation of themselves, confidence, and the ability to work with anyone, anywhere, anytime! LIT campers also swim weekly with a trip or special event each session.

Fee (3-week session): \$855 F, \$960 P
Location: Robert and Virginia Bauer Family Branch

HANDS ON ART

Entering K-grade 2: 8:30AM-12PM Entering grades 2-5: 12:30-4:30PM 1-week session (Weeks 3, 5, 7)

Week 3: Wheels of Color, Week 5: Through the Ages,

Week 7: Multi-Media

Prepare to engage your imagination and natural creativity! Our inspired artists work with a variety of materials such as paint, clay, sand, pastels and natural materials from the surrounding environment to create and develop fun projects, acquire new skills and express personal style. This is the camp where creativity thrives!

Fee (AM): \$355 F, \$410 P, \$435 NM Fee (PM): \$395 F, \$475 P, \$495 NM

Location: Robert and Virginia Bauer Family Branch



CHESS

Entering grades 1-2: 12:30-4:30PM Entering grades 3-5: 8:30AM-12:30PM 1 week session (Weeks 2, 9)

Looking for a fun hobby? Chess not only improves thinking processes and academic performance, it also helps build self confidence and sportsmanship. Campers will learn basic chess knowledge, have playing opportunities, and experienced players can learn more complex strategies. Taught by Director of Sports Programs Nick Morelli, whose chess Elo rating topped 2000.

Fee: \$435 F, \$495 P, \$515 NM Location: Main Y Facility



Entering grades 1-2: 8:30am-12:30pm Entering grades 3-4: 12:30pm-4:30pm Week 8

Go "behind the scenes" to learn how some of your favorite magic tricks come to life and master your own bag of tricks with a professional magician. Before you know it, you will be entertaining your family and friends! Each young magician gets a set of magic tricks and props to keep.

Fee: \$435 F. \$495 P. \$515 NM Location: Main Y Facility

YOUNG SCIENTISTS

Entering K-grade 2: 8:30AM-12PM Entering grades 2-5: 12:30-4:30PM 1 week session (Weeks 2, 4, 6)

Week 2: Ka-Boom!, Week 4: Up, Up and Away, Week 6: Sticky Icky

Fun discoveries and hands-on learning are in store as we mix Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math into this creative and exploratory camp. Kids work both individually and as teams to tackle complex challenges employing elements of science, engineering and design. Campers gain a better understanding of how basic scientific properties affect the world around us.

Fee (AM): \$355 F, \$410 P, \$435 NM Fee (PM): \$395 F. \$475 P. \$495 NM

Location: Robert and Virginia Bauer Family Branch



HALF-DAY COMPLEMENT AND **BEFORE/AFTER CARE AVAILABLE** to make a full day of fun for all S.T.E.A.M. camps! See page 13 for details.

NEW! CODING

Entering grades 3-5: 8:30AM-12:30PM Week 3

Learn the fundamentals of computer programming at your own pace with MIT's Scratch, a beginner-friendly software designed for kids. Using colored drag-and-drop command blocks, create animations, music, and games as you build a strong foundation in coding.

Fee: \$435 F, \$495 P, \$515 NM Location: Main Y Facility





NEW! WEATHER SCIENCE

Entering grades 1-2: 12:30pm-4:30pm Entering grades 3-5: 8:30am-12:30pm Week 4

Discover the science of weather through hands-on projects and experiments. Build instruments like rain gauges and anemometers, explore phenomena such as snowstorms and tornadoes, and learn the water cycle. Record and graph data, act as weather observers, and use tools to analyze patterns in the atmosphere.

Fee: \$435 F, \$495 P, \$515 NM Location: Main Y Facility

NEW! KITCHEN CHEMISTRY

Entering grades 1-2: 12:30PM-4:30PM Entering grades 3-5: 8:30AM-12:30PM Week 1

Understand the chemistry behind food and cooking through hands-on and fun experiments using kitchen ingredients. Create amazing chemical reactions while learning about the science behind it.

Fee: \$435 F, \$495 P, \$515 NM Location: Main Y Facility

NEW! JURASSIC LAND

Entering grades 1-2: 12:30PM-4:30PM Week 3

Journey back to the dinosaur age and discover different species, discovering their habitats and diets, and explore how earth has changed to understand their extinction. Become a paleontologist as you dig for fossils and identify bones, then build your own dinosaur out of everyday materials.

Fee: \$435 F, \$495 P, \$515 NM Location: Main Y Facility





NEW! ROLLER COASTER ENGINEERING

Entering grades 3-5: 8:30AM-12:30PM Week 7

Future roller coaster engineers will apply the basics of physics (Newton's laws, force, energy, gravity, speed, and friction) while applying the engineering design process to create and test their own roller coaster using everyday materials.

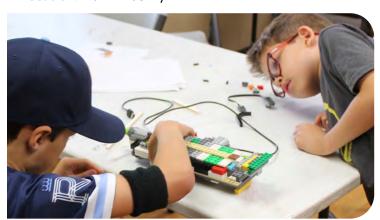
Fee: \$435 F, \$495 P, \$515 NM Location: Main Y Facility



Entering grades 1-2: 12:30PM-4:30PM Entering grades 3-5: 8:30AM-12:30PM Week 6

Create spa products while uncovering the science behind them. Through hands-on experiments, combine creativity with chemistry to craft items such as bath bombs, sugary scrubs, aromatic bath salts, soaps, and more.

Fee: \$435 F, \$495 P, \$515 NM Location: Main Y Facility



NEW! ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Entering grades 1–2: 12:30PM–4:30PM Entering grades 3–5: 8:30AM–12:30PM

Discover the basics of electronics by building circuits that power lights and alarms. Explore conductors, make instruments from everyday items, and conduct hands-on experiments with different educational kits like Snap Circuits, Makey Make, and littleBits.

Fee: \$435 F, \$495 P, \$515 NM Location: Main Y Facility



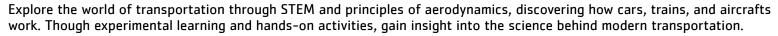
Entering grades 1–2: 12:30PM–4:30PM Entering grades 3–5: 8:30AM–12:30PM Week 5

Learn about renewable energy through engaging hands-on projects. Using the engineering design process, create and build innovative machines powered by the sun, wind, or water, and tackle real-world challenges like cleaning up oil spills with creative solutions.

Fee: \$435 F, \$495 P, \$515 NM Location: Main Y Facility

NEW! TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING

Entering grades 1-2: 12:30PM-4:30PM Week 7



Fee: \$435 F, \$495 P, \$515 NM Location: Main Y Facility



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ALL SPORTS

Entering grades 1-5: 8:30AM-4:30PM 1-week session Week 1-3, 5-7, 9

Join us for a jam-packed week of sports and fun! This camp offers soccer, basketball, capture the flag, team building games, recreational swim and more! Outdoor games held at Roosevelt School Field, weather permitting.

Fee: \$465 F, \$530 P

Location: Main Y Facility Gym



BASKETBALL

Entering grades 1-5: 8:30AM-4:30PM 1-week session Week 4, 8

Campers work and play in the areas of dribbling, shooting, passing, defense and game strategy. Fun drills are used to enhance their skills, knowledge, and ability to play as an individual and as a team. Campers are divided into age groups for team play.

Fee: \$465 F, \$530 P

Location: Main Y Facility Gym







HALF-DAY COMPLEMENT

Entering K-grade 5 8:30AM-12:30PM or 12:30PM-4:30PM 1-week session Week 1-9

Half-day complement is only available before or after all S.T.E.A.M. camps to create a full day experience. Enjoy traditional camp activities such as arts and crafts, games and outdoor play. Camp days can be further extended with Before or After Care.

Fee: \$285 F, \$320 P Location: Main Y Facility

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

WESTFIELD

Before and After Care is available for all camps based in Westfield except for Puddle Jumpers.

BEFORE CARE

7:00AM-8:30AM
1-week session
Week 1 - 9
Fee (5-day): \$85 F, \$100 P
Location: Main Y Facility

AFTER CARE

4:30PM-6:00PM 1-week session Week 1 - 9 Fee (5-day): \$85 F, \$100 P Location: Main Y Facility

CRANFORD

Available for Pioneer Camp only.

AFTER CARE

4:30PM-5:30PM
Blast Off - Week 1-9
Fee (5-day): \$85 F, \$100 P
Location: Cranford YMCA





AFTERNOON ADVENTURES

Entering K-grade 6 12:30-3:30PM 1-week session Week 3-6

Fee (5-day): \$160 F, \$190 P, \$200 NM Location: Edison Intermediate School

Enjoy afternoons full of fun in this traditional camp for children enrolled in Westfield Summer Workshop for the Arts or Westfield STEM camps! Day can be further extended with Before or After Care (only available to Y members).

Puddle Jumpers

- Wear closed toed shoes
- A reusable water bottle
- A peanut/tree nut free snack
- ☐ A change of clothes, just in case
- ☐ A bathing suit, towel, and pool shoes on Water Play Days
- A back pack/tote bag to carry everything

Sunshine and Explorer

- Wear closed toed shoes
- ☐ A reusable water bottle
- ☐ A peanut/tree nut free lunch and 2 snacks
- ☐ A change of clothes, just in case
- ☐ A bathing suit, towel, goggles and pool shoes
- ☐ A back pack/tote bag to carry everything

Blue Sky and Pioneer

- Wear closed toed shoes
- ☐ A reusable water bottle
- ☐ A peanut/tree nut free lunch and 2 snacks
- ☐ A change of clothes, just in case
- ☐ A bathing suit, towel, goggles and pool shoes
- ☐ A back pack/tote bag to carry everything
- ☐ Sunscreen

Discovery and Sports

- Wear closed toed shoes
- A reusable water bottle
- ☐ A peanut/tree nut free lunch and 2 snacks
- ☐ A bathing suit, towel, goggles and pool shoes
- ☐ A back pack/tote bag to carry everything

Leaders in Training/ Counselors in Training

- A reusable water bottle
- ☐ A peanut/tree nut free lunch, a back up snack
- ☐ A bathing suit, towel, goggles and water shoes
- ☐ A back pack/tote bag to hold everything
- Sneakers
- Sunscreen

STEAM, Hands on Art, Young Scientists and Half Day Camps

- A peanut nut/tree nut free snack
- ☐ A reusable water bottle
- ☐ Wear closed toed shoes
- ☐ A back pack/tote bag to carry everything
- *If also attending Half Day Complement, will also need a peanut/tree nut free lunch

Notes:

- Pool items will only be needed on the days your child will be swimming. Details will be provided prior to the camp session.
- On Field trip days, all lunch and snack items may be best in disposable containers/bags.
- Crocs/sandals/flip flops are only to be worn as pool shoes. Due to safety, they are not permitted otherwise.
- Children are not allowed to use their cell phones/smart watches during the camp day.
- Personal items from home are highly discouraged. The YMCA is not responsible for lost items.
- No glass bottles or food containers.

