

Camp Sunshine

WESTFIELD AREA Y

Summer 2026 Camp Newsletter



Welcome to Camp



DAILY SCHEDULE:

8:30-9:00am Valet Drop off & Sign in at the Bauer Branch Please stay in car

9:00am Circle Time

9:30am-12:30 Snack, Fun Activities, Gym or Lawn Games and Lunch

12:30pm Some Groups start traveling to Main Y for swimming. This depends on their swim days.

Swim Times 12:45 or 1:45

Those groups return to the Bauer Branch at different times and do lots of fun theme based activities

Such as: Art, Playground Time, Room Games etc.

4:00-4:30PM Valet pick-up at the Bauer Branch

See Example of Schedule and Theme Weeks on next page

Welcome to Camp Sunshine 2026!! Hello, I'm Thomas Greene and I am the Camp Sunshine Director this summer! I joined the Westfield Area Y family back in 2001 and I have worked with children ranging from ages 3 to 14 years old. My favorite part of camp is meeting new friends and bringing my Pinterest boards to life.



Say hello to our Assistant Director, Jennifer Robertson! She has been involved with the Westfield Y since childhood, enjoying many wonderful programs. The YMCA is in her DNA! From touring the globe as a Theatre Performing Artist & being in the Cosmetics industry, Jen came back to the Y working in Aquatics & now Child Care/Camp. Jen can't wait to meet you & bring the *Camp Vibes Only* to Sunshine this summer!

Camp Checklist

***No Peanut/ Tree Nuts Products**

***Wear Sneakers (No Crocs, Flip Flops or Sandals: Only allowed for Swim)**

*** Sunscreen Cream applied before camp**

*** Bring a labeled "As is" lunch with 3 snacks (No microwaveable items)**

*** On Swim Days bring bathing suit, towel, goggles, sandals etc.**

*** Each group will swim twice a week. It's usually instructional.**

***Extra bag of clothes in case of accidents**

***Bring a Label Reusable Water Bottle**

***Please send in a labeled folder each day**

Please feel free to call me with any additional questions or concerns during camp hours at (908) 966-6028.

Important Information

- 1) Each group has a dedicated indoor space. It includes their own bathroom.
- 2) Children wash hands regularly.
- 3) Medications must be handed to director on first day at drop off with prescription on the box or bottle along with completed paperwork that are signed by a physician. (Note: This can be found on our website).
- 4) Before and Aftercare will be held at the Main Y.
- 5) Please call the camp phone if your child will be absent.

Valet Drop and Pick Up Procedures:

Valet drop off runs from 8:30-9:00am please remain in your car and line up in the back of the Bauer Branch building. We will come to each car and check your child in and our staff will escort them into their classroom.

Valet pick-up runs from 4:00-4:30pm in a line at the back of the building of the Bauer Branch. Please have your photo I.D. ready. Please remain in your car on line, and a staff member will bring your child to you. Please note you are responsible for buckling up your child in the car.

How to Contact Us:

Camp Cell Phone: 908-966-6028

Email: tgreene@westfieldynj.org

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Location

Bauer Branch 422 East Broad St, Westfield NJ

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Sunshine Camp Themes 2026

- 1) American BBQ and Picnics
- 2) Pet Pals
- 3) Wickedly Fun
- 4) All Stars
- 5) Animated Madness
- 6) Spooky
- 7) Music Icons
- 8) Things With Wings
- 9) Under the Sea

Example of Camp Sunshine Schedule on the Next Page

Example of a Possible Camp Sunshine Schedule 2026

8:30 – 9am	Valet Drop off : Back parking lot of our Bauer Branch
9:00-9:45	Wash Hands Circle Time: -Attendance -Fun Question of the Day Discussion -Self Positivity Discussion
9:45-10:30	Gym Time or Lawn Games
10:30-11:15	Wash Hands/ Am Snack
11:15- 12:00	Educational Refresher - Math Problems Activity And Center Time
12:00-12:45	Children Wash Hands/ Clean up the room/ Lunch Time
12:45-1:30	Playground OR Swim if your child's swim day
1:30-2:15	Room Games
2:15- 3:00	Art Time: -Paper Plate Jelly Fish
3:00-3:45	Literacy Time: -Storytime, Reading Comprehension, Site Words
3:45-4:00	Clean Up Time, Wash Hands, Get Ready For Dismissal
4:00-4:30	Valet pick up