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YMCA SUMMER DAY
CAMP

Registration
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Monday,
March 30th



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Welcome to YMCA Summer Day Camps!

This guide is for campers and parents to help prepare for YMCA day camp this summer. Whether it's your very first time at one of our unique YMCA Summer Day Camps or you're a returning camper, we hope that this guide will help answer some of your questions.

Being at camp is a fantastic experience. At the YMCA, our goal is to provide a safe and exciting environment for children to enjoy their summer, make friends, and learn new skills.

We expect all campers and staff to treat each other with respect and help others enjoy their time during camp.

After reviewing the information in the following pages, if you need more information, have questions, or you would like to discuss your child's individual situation or needs, please reach out to our Child, Youth and Family Supervisor: Julie Hrycyk

You can reach Julie at: julie.hrycyk@ssmymca.ca

Mission Statement

The Sault Ste. Marie YMCA is dedicated to building a safe, caring, healthy community by providing all youth with the opportunity to achieve personal growth in spirit, mind and body.

Our camps are based on the following guiding principles:

GROUP EXPERIENCE: Campers will have opportunities for social development, group interdependence, interpersonal problem solving, fun, skill development, and responsibility. We ask that campers do not bring electronic devices, as it distracts from focusing on one's self, the group, and personal development at camp.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY: Campers will be in an inclusive environment in every camp, where people of different ages and abilities will also be present. The YMCA is a shared space and campers will be experiencing a diverse group of people working to improve their health and well-being and connecting with each other.



Important Information

Sault Ste. Marie YMCA Summer Day Camps have been making summer memories and providing fun camp adventures for decades.

We believe YMCA camps are like no other childhood experience, one that every child deserves, where everyone is welcome and everyone matters. We believe every child should have the chance to take part in the excitement of a camp experience! We hope to see your child at one of our amazing camps this summer!

AFFORDABLE FEES - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We know that budgeting for your child's camp can sometimes be a challenge. That's why at the YMCA of Sault Ste. Marie, we offer financial assistance to families who are unable to pay the full fee.

With the assistance of our Strong Communities Campaign, the YMCA fulfills its mission by striving to ensure that children, regardless of their financial circumstances, can enjoy a positive summer day camp experience.

Please email info@ssmymca.ca and we would be happy to assist anyone limited by their financial situation.

You can find the **SSM YMCA Day Camp Financial Assistance Form** *at the back of this booklet*. You can also fill it out and return it to the Y in advance of your application.

COMMUNICATION

Open communication is just as important to us as the delivery of high-quality camp experiences. For that reason, we strive to communicate with families before and after every session. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your camp staff team.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Refunds for camp fees are available up to 7 days prior to the camp start date. However, a \$20.00 administration fee will be deducted from the refunded amount. Refunds will be issued to the payer of the fee.

No refunds will be provided within 7 days of the camp start date.

We will take all precautions to maintain the integrity of camp programs without alteration. Camp fees will remain unchanged in the event that certain areas of the camp are inaccessible due to maintenance, repair, or refurbishment conducted by the Sault Ste Marie YMCA, or in cases of program cancellations or facility closures due to inclement weather.

CHILD PROTECTION

All visitors to the Sault Ste. Marie YMCA must scan their membership or companion cards or present government-issued photo identification in order to enter the facility.

Day Camp Counsellors will require that parents and guardians provide government-issued photo identification for signing campers in and out of camps.

STAFF AT THE YMCA

We pride ourselves in hiring the most qualified camp staff.

- All staff hold current Standard First Aid and CPR-C certification, and complete a training program prior to camp that includes Healthy Child Development, safety, and emergency procedures.
- Staff 18 years and over have completed a Vulnerable Sector Check.
- All lifeguards hold National Lifeguard certifications.

Your Day At Camp

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Arrival and departure times can be busy. We kindly ask for your patience and request that you wait until you have spoken with a counsellor, so they can properly record your child's attendance and departure.

ARRIVAL

Each day, campers will arrive at the YMCA (235 McNabb Street) - sign in will be in the Activity Centre/Lower Level, starting at 8:30am and no later than 9:00am. Once signed in, campers will meet their counselors for the day.

END OF DAY / DEPARTURE

End of camp and pick up time each day is between 4:00pm and 5:15pm.

You can pick up your camper at any time throughout the day if needed, but we respectfully ask you to ensure that they are picked up no later than 5:15pm.

Please note: if your child is NOT picked up by 5:15 pm, we will try to contact you and any other individuals included on the authorized pick-up list.

If you are picking up your child prior to the scheduled end of day, please be prepared for 15 minutes wait time at the front desk to allow for scheduling of a counsellor to support your camper in preparation for departure (packing lunch, jackets, shoes, changing after swimming, etc.). Thank you for your understanding.

MEALS AND SNACKS

There will be a lunch break and two snack breaks during the day. We recommend sending healthy snacks and lunches that do not need refrigeration. Please note: **YMCA camps are Nut-free.** Please do **NOT** send food containing nuts/nut products.

STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

YMCA Summer Day Camps do not run on Statutory Holidays. (Wednesday, July 1, 2026 and Monday, August 3, 2026)

PHOTOS

We may ask your permission to document camp experiences through photographs. These images may be used by the Sault Ste. Marie YMCA for promotional purposes with your consent.

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What to Bring to Camp

We advise getting your child involved in packing for the day, every day, so they can easily recognize their belongings.

EYEGLASSES/CONTACTS

For children who require eyeglasses or contacts, please make sure your child brings them every day.

MEDICATION

All medications are to be sent to camp in their original packages, clearly labelled with the camper's full name and date of birth. We ask that you fill in and sign the **Consent to Administer Medication Form** (*found in your online registration package*) if your child needs to take medication during camp. Staff will NOT be able to administer medication without this completed form. Medications will be sent home with the camper at the end of day. We cannot store medications overnight.

SHOES, SANDALS, AND FLIP-FLOPS

Your child will need a pair of indoor running shoes while at camp. They will be participating in land-based activities, running, and games. They can also bring sandals or flip flops for around the pool, but it is not mandatory.

SUNSCREEN POLICY

It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that campers bring their own sunscreen to camp and that the parent/child apply it once before coming to camp in the morning. Staff will assist campers in re-applying as needed throughout the day.

LOST AND FOUND

Throughout the summer camp session, lost and found items are displayed for campers to identify and claim. Parents can view lost and found items at the end of the camp day.

The YMCA is not responsible for the loss or theft of items.

Please leave all valuable items at home and ensure that each piece of clothing and personal equipment is clearly labeled with your child's first and last name.

Camp Packing List - Daily

Must Have Items

- ☐ a small backpack
- ☐ a sun hat
- ☐ a sweater / sweatshirt
- ☐ a tube of sunscreen (minimum SPF 60)
- ☐ a nutritious PEANUT FREE lunch
- ☐ a reusable water bottle
(must have name on it)
- ☐ weather-appropriate clothing
- ☐ running shoes
- ☐ a swim suit (no string clasp bikinis, please)
- ☐ a towel(s)

- ☐ a bag for wet swimwear and towel(s)
- ☐ extra clothes (socks/pants/shorts/underwear/socks/sweater)
- ☐ medication(s) (see above)

Please do not bring:

- Pocket knives
- Matches
- Cell phones
- Electronic toys or devices
- Toy guns or water pistols
- Any other valuables

Expectations While At Camp

At YMCA Summer Day Camps, we work hard to support all campers and ensure that everyone's experience provides an opportunity for fun and learning.

RESPECT FOR YOURSELF

At camp, we live by basic principles of respect.

Everyone at camp must know their limits and take care of themselves. Please ensure your child has everything they need to get through the day. (See What to Bring)

We support campers to know when they need to take some time for themselves. Please encourage your child to tell counsellors if they need quiet time.

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

We also expect that all campers have respect for other campers and for counsellors. The YMCA believes that every participant has the right to a safe environment and equal treatment without discrimination.

A camp experience is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the incredible things a group can accomplish together while welcoming the differences in individuals.

While working in a group, challenges may arise and we work through them together in a safe and productive way. In a situation where a camper is unsafe and harming themselves or others, they may be removed from the program.

CODE OF CONDUCT

At YMCA Summer Day Camps, our staff are trained and experienced in providing high quality care for our campers, ensuring the needs of each individual are met. We expect that all staff, volunteers, campers, and parents are focused on supporting the YMCA to be a safe environment for everyone, both emotionally and physically.

If a situation arises where a camper threatens the safety or security of another camper, staff member, or themselves, we will make every appropriate effort to inform the parents involved, address the behaviour, and provide a positive camp experience for everyone.

Should disruptive behaviour continue, the child may be dismissed from camp at the discretion of the Supervisor or the designate. The camp will not be held responsible for any costs or provide a refund associated with a camper's dismissal on the grounds of disruptive behaviour. In extreme circumstances, a camper may be removed from the camp environment without warning if their behaviour jeopardizes the safety of other campers or staff.



Expectations While At Camp *(continued)*

BEHAVIOUR GUIDELINES

1. Staff will work with your child to regulate and direct to more appropriate behaviour.
2. Campers will be reminded of our behaviour guidelines and rules at each morning camp huddle.
3. Staff notifies the Site Lead and/or Supervisor and writes an incident report if behaviours continue.
4. Minor incidents will be discussed at camper pickup at end of day. Serious incidents will result in a phone call to the parents/guardians (when necessary).
5. A staff member will then discuss the incident and possible solutions that best suit the needs of everyone upon pickup with the authorized pickup person.
6. If the problem persists to 3 incidents, the Supervisor will call the numbers on file and the child must be picked up immediately and will not be allowed to return. (please see Refund/Cancellation Policy)

If a child's behaviour at any time threatens the immediate health and safety of anyone, the parent/guardian is notified and instructed to pick up the child immediately. They will not receive a refund/credit. The Sault Ste. Marie YMCA reserves the right to suspend the child from the program.

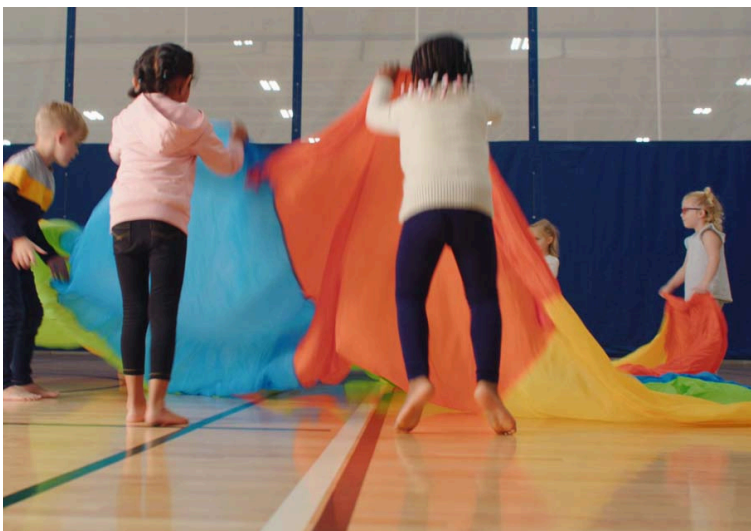
Camper Supervision

Participants are accounted for during the full duration of the camp day. They are signed in and out of each day and accounted for by their counsellors.

To pick up a child from camp, the individual must be listed on the alternate pickup list in the child's profile. Parents/guardians can add or update authorized pickup individuals by visiting Membership Services. Please ensure that your child's alternate pickup list is updated before attending camp.

All individuals picking up a child must present a valid photo ID at the time of pickup.

This policy helps us ensure the safety and security of all children in our programs. We appreciate your cooperation in following these procedures.



Policies and Procedures - Health & Safety

An enjoyable experience begins with a healthy participant. Your child's good health (physical, social, and emotional) is very important to us. Our programs emphasize careful planning to ensure high safety standards are in place and followed. **Please do not bring your child to camp if they are sick.**

At YMCA Day Camps, the health and safety of your child is our first priority. The Sault Ste. Marie YMCA is a well-equipped health and wellness centre and has support staff who are trained to handle emergencies. All camps are subject to change to be in accordance with Algoma Public Health guidelines.

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

Camp is a continually active place. We make sure that all our campers and staff stay healthy by promoting the regular application of sunscreen and bug spray, adapting our outdoor activities in the case of extreme weather, providing regular water breaks, and ensuring that snack breaks are scheduled throughout the day.

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FOOD ALLERGIES

While we cannot guarantee a completely nut free site, we do take every action possible to ensure that children and staff with nut allergies are protected.

To help us maintain an environment that is safe for campers with various allergies, please do not send lunches and snacks containing nuts.

ALLERGY PLANS

We work closely with every family whose child has allergies or medical needs to help ensure a safe and supportive camp experience.

Please make sure you complete your child's medical information in detail during online registration. You will be asked to review and confirm this information each time you register your child for a program or camp.

If your child has allergies, medical conditions, or additional information you feel is important for us to know, please ensure it is included in the registration form. If you have further details or concerns you would like to discuss, please reach out to the Child, Youth, and Family Supervisor prior to your child attending camp.

Providing complete and accurate information helps our staff prepare and respond appropriately to your child's needs.

LEARNING/MEDICAL/BEHAVIOURAL INFORMATION

****IF APPLICABLE****

At our camp, parents must complete all medical and behavioural questions within the registration form to ensure that our counsellors have a comprehensive understanding of each child's needs. This information is critical to creating a fun, inclusive, and adaptable environment. Additionally, any child who requires an Educational Assistant (EA) or one-to-one support must have a designated support staff member accompany them. Your cooperation helps us prepare a camp experience that is safe, supportive, and ready for anything! Please contact Julie Hrycyk for further questions, at julie.hrycyk@ssmymca.ca

YMCA Summer Day Camps - Programs

Glitter and Glue

Weeks 1,3,5,7 (ages 6-12 yrs)

Welcome to our fun-filled summer camp for children who love to create, explore, and get a little messy along the way! Campers will dive into hands-on arts and crafts projects each day, using paint, paper, glitter, glue, and plenty of imagination to bring their ideas to life. Beyond the craft table, kids will enjoy daily swims and exciting activities that keep them active and energized. Glitter and Glue is the perfect blend of creativity and movement, where every child can shine!

Price: \$270 (10% discount for SSM YMCA members)
Week 1 pro-rated to 4 days.

Active All-Stars Camp

Weeks 1-10 (ages 6-12 yrs)

Get ready to run, jump, throw, and play as an Active All-Star – the ultimate summer camp for kids who love to move! From classic sports to wacky games, every day is packed with action, energy, and friendly competition. Plus, we mix in all the best camp fun: daily swims, park trips, gym time, and some games to keep you on your toes! Whether you're scoring goals, racing to the finish line, or just playing for fun, this camp is all about teamwork, movement, and making epic summer memories!

Price: \$270 (10% discount for SSM YMCA members)
Week 1 pro-rated to 4 days. Week 6 pro-rated to 4 days.

Camp Splashdown

Weeks 1-10 (ages 6-12 yrs)

Dive into the ultimate water adventure at Camp Splashdown! With two fun-filled swim sessions every day, you'll be making a splash with all kinds of water games, races, and cool activities in the pool. It's not about mastering skills – it's all about having fun in the water! And when you're not swimming, you'll enjoy classic camp fun like park trips, gym time, and some exciting games to keep things fresh and fun! So, grab your swimsuit, splash into adventure, and let's make this summer unforgettable!

Price: \$270 (10% discount for SSM YMCA members)
Week 1 pro-rated to 4 days. Week 6 pro-rated to 4 days.

Flip & Fly Gymnastics Camp

Weeks 1,3,5,7 (ages 6-12 yrs)

Get ready to flip, jump, and soar at Flip & Fly Gymnastics Camp! This camp is all about having a blast while practicing your favourite gymnastics moves on the bars, beams, and floor – no pressure, just pure fun! Plus, you'll get to show off your skills in a fun end-of-camp performance for your family. When you're not tumbling, enjoy exciting daily swims, park trips, and gym time. Come join us for a summer full of fun, flips, and family fun!

Price: \$270 (10% discount for SSM YMCA members)
Week 1 pro-rated to 4 days.

Lil' Explorers Camp

Weeks 1-10 (ages 4-5 yrs)

Welcome to Lil' Explorers Camp, where the adventure never ends! Designed for our youngest campers, this camp is all about fun, friendship, and exploration! Each day is filled with age-appropriate games and exciting activities that will keep everyone engaged, giggling, and working together. With a focus on cooperation and making new friends, we'll have a blast with daily swims, park trips, and gym time. It's the perfect place to grow, play, and make memories—come explore with us this summer!

Price: \$270 (10% discount for SSM YMCA members)
Week 1 pro-rated to 4 days. Week 6 pro-rated to 4 days.

Camp Curtain Call

Weeks 2,4,6,8 (ages 6-12 yrs)

Check out our new and exciting summer experience for kids who love to sing, dance, act, and shine on stage! Campers will explore theatre, music, and movement through fun, high-energy activities that build confidence and creativity. Each day is filled with imaginative play and opportunities to express themselves in new and exciting ways. With a performance at the end of each week, (Camp Curtain Call) is the perfect place for young performers to find their spotlight and take a bow!

Price: \$270 (10% discount for SSM YMCA members)
Week 6 pro-rated to 4 days.

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Outdoor Adventurers

Weeks 2,4,6,8 (ages 6-12 yrs)

Love exploring the world around you? Get ready for an action-packed summer, discovering the world around you! Campers will build outdoor skills through nature-based games, team challenges, and hands-on activities designed to spark curiosity and confidence. Each week includes swim opportunities and an exciting field trip to a nearby greenspace, giving young adventurers the chance to explore new trails and natural surroundings. Join us for the perfect place for kids to stay active, connect with nature, and create unforgettable summer memories!

Price: \$270 (10% discount for SSM YMCA members)

Week 6 pro-rated to 4 days.

Makers in Motion

Weeks 2,4,6,8 (ages 6-12 yrs)

Love to build, explore, and discover how things work? Campers will dive into hands-on STEM activities that spark curiosity and creativity, from designing and constructing to experimenting and problem-solving. Each day also includes a refreshing swim plus exciting sports and games to keep kids active and energized. Makers in Motion is the perfect blend of innovation and movement – where bright ideas and big fun come together!

Price: \$270 (10% discount for SSM YMCA members)

Week 6 pro-rated to 4 days.

Counsellors in Training (CIT)

Weeks 1,3,5,7 (ages 12-14 yrs)

Ready to boost your confidence, build new skills, and have fun doing it? Join CIT and conquer hands-on challenges and real-world leadership experiences-all while doing activities you enjoy. Learn the skills you need to volunteer in the camps and programs you love. Join in camp swims and game time fun. Make friends, try something new, and start becoming the leader you are meant to be!

Price: \$270 (10% discount for SSM YMCA members)

Week 1 pro-rated to 4 days. Week 6 pro-rated to 4 days.



WEEKLY THEMES

Get ready for a summer full of fun, adventure, and creativity with our exciting weekly themes! Each week, we'll dive into a new world of themed activities, games, and surprises—whether it's a tropical Aloha Beach Bash, a thrilling Stampede Spectacular, or wild Winter Olympics! Every theme brings fresh excitement and endless opportunities to make new friends, try new things, and create unforgettable memories. Come join the fun and let the adventure begin!

Week 1: Happy Birthday (Canada)

Week 2: Stampede Spectacular

Week 3: International Adventures

Week 4: Fairy Tale Fantasy

Week 5: Mission: Space

Week 6: Winter Olympics

Week 7: Carnival Craze

Week 8: Nature at it's Finest

Week 9: Aloha Beach Bash

Week 10: Animal Antics

YMCA Summer Day Camps - Calendars

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	Canada Day Summer Day Camps do not run	2	3	4
	Summer Day Camp			WEEK 1		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Summer Day Camp WEEK 2					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Summer Day Camp WEEK 3					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Summer Day Camp WEEK 4					
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Summer Day Camp WEEK 5					

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	Civic Holiday Summer Day Camps do not run	4	5	6	7	8
	Summer Day Camp WEEK 6					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Summer Day Camp WEEK 7					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Summer Day Camp WEEK 8					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Summer Day Camp WEEK 9					
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Summer Day Camp WEEK 10					

Funky Fridays

Funky Fridays

Every Friday is PAJAMA DAY! Come in your comfiest clothes, but please leave your stuffies and slippers at home.

Friday lunches get funky with a PERFORMANCE for all our campers to enjoy. Watch as Camp Curtain Call and Flip & Fly gymnasts show off their moves and see some of our summer fun in action. Family and friends of our performers are invited to cheer them on and celebrate their awesome achievements! Performances begin at 12:15pm every Friday.

Registration Information

Get ready for an unforgettable summer of adventure, friendships, and fun!

Registering online is the quickest and easiest way to secure your child's spot in camp.

1. Visit our registration page: Visit <https://bit.ly/OnlinePortalSSMYMCA> or scan the QR code below.
2. Use the Activity Search Bar on the website.
3. Type in the name of your camp or program to quickly find the session you want.
4. Select your program and follow the prompts to complete registration.

It only takes a few minutes, and you'll receive instant confirmation once your registration is complete!

Our camps fill up quickly each summer. Register early to make sure your child doesn't miss out on the fun!

Need Help?

Our Membership Sales & Service team is happy to assist you. Please contact a team member at (705)949-3133 or info@ssmymca.ca if you have any questions.

Financial Assistance Available

The YMCA believes every child deserves the chance to experience camp.

Financial assistance is available. Please see the application form on page 14 for more information.

Search for your camp in the Activity Search bar.

Financial Assistance form found on page 14.

Scan the QR code to access registration:

SCAN ME



YMCA PA DAY CAMP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—APPLICATION

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME:

Date of application:

	Household members—name
Adult 1	
Adult 2	
Child 1	
Child 2	
Child 3	
Child 4	
Child 5	
Child 6	
Child 7	
Child 8/ Adult 3	

Source of income (proof of income needed)	Adult 1	Adult 2	Adult 3
Employment income			
ODSP			
OW/EI			
GST/Trillium			
Pension			
Child tax credit			
Support payments received			
CPP/OAS			
WSIB			
Insurance payments			
Camp specific fund- ing	YES/NO	Amount:	
Housing subsidy	YES/NO	Amount:	
Investment income	Yes/NO	Amount:	

YMCA PA DAY CAMP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—APPLICATION OFFICE USE ONLY

Parent or Guardian Name:

Subsidy awarded: YES /NO

Percentage of subsidy—weekly	Number of weeks approved:	Notes:	STAFF INITIAL

Note: Please make an appointment at Membership desk, Monday to Friday 7 am to 12 pm daily, to start your application. Please Bring Proof of all income, last year's tax assessments for all household members and/or last 3 months of all banking statements.

Approval of assistance does NOT guarantee a spot in our camps. You will need to register your campers for available spots at time of your registration.

DAILY YMCA SUMMER DAY **CAMP**



Looking for a flexible camp option this summer? Our Summer Daily Camps let you **choose the days that work best for your schedule...**

Whether it's one day, a few days a week, or all summer long! Each day, campers will be welcomed into a fun and engaging environment where our staff will help guide them to the camp that best fits their interests and comfort level. With a variety of activities happening daily, there's always something exciting to explore!

\$60+hst per day members

\$65+hst per day non-members

Drop-off & Pick-up Information:

Drop-off is between 8:30am and 9:00am. Pick-up is between 4:00pm and 5:15pm, although children may be picked up earlier if needed. If picking up early, please visit the front desk upon arrival, and they will radio a staff member to bring your child to the front.

For safety, a government-issued ID is required at pick-up. We can only release children to individuals listed as an Authorized Pick-Ups. If someone is not on the list, we will contact the primary phone numbers on the child's profile to request authorization.

Daily Activities & What to Bring:

Our staff will lead a variety of fun activities through the day, including crafts, swimming, gym time, and time in the activity center.

Please ensure your child brings the following:

- Water bottle (labelled with their name)
- Swimsuit, towel, and a bag for wet items
- Lunch & snacks (two snack breaks + lunchtime)
- Indoor shoes (crocs, flip flops, sandals are not suitable for the gym but can be used for swim time)
- Extra clothes including socks, underwear, T-shirt, pants / shorts (for messes or accidents)

We can't wait to see you soon for a fun-filled day at camp!

Advance Registration is required. Visit Membership Services to get your camper signed up.



For more than 125 years, the Sault Ste. Marie YMCA has been part of everyday life in our community. Many local families know the Y as the place where children learn to swim, teens build confidence, adults stay active, and seniors stay connected. Our inclusive fitness centre and aquatics programs are well known – and that is only part of our story. We are committed to ensuring these opportunities remain within reach for people across Sault Ste. Marie and surrounding areas. Community support helps children attend summer camps and sports programs, ensures access to swim lessons, strengthens programs for older adults, and gives parents peace of mind knowing their children are safe, supported, and welcomed at the Y. Whether through participation, volunteering, or charitable support, every connection to the YMCA strengthens our community. This Summer schedule reflects the many ways you can belong, contribute, and grow with us. For more information, visit www.ssmymca.ca.



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