



# Summer Day Camps 2022



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*We never met a kid whose  
potential we couldn't see!*

# Our Camps are a place of friendship, fun and learning where all kids can feel like they belong!

Sault Ste. Marie YMCA Summer Day Camps have been making warm summer memories and providing fun camp adventures for decades. We believe camp is like no other childhood experience – one that every child deserves – where everyone is welcome and everyone matters.

We are committed to investing in the potential of every child. That means partnering with you, as parents and caregivers, to help us get to know your child and help them become who they want to be. All YMCA Camps are guided by YMCA values and are carefully designed to support and challenge campers, ages 4-12. Participation in camps enhances the development of self-esteem, self-confidence and overall personal growth in mind, body and spirit.

We know there are many reasons for choosing YMCA Camps as a summer vacation destination. Ultimately, it all comes down to one thing: The YMCA is a home away from home where campers are given skills, opportunities and support to realize their full potential within the camp community. Committed staff, dedicated to creating a safe, fun and memorable camp experience, have been hired to help campers reach their goals.

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!

## **OUR MISSION**

The Sault Ste. Marie YMCA is a charitable organization that promotes the development of spirit, mind and body by encouraging healthy lifestyles, personal growth and service to the community.

## **WHAT YMCA DAY CAMPS MEAN TO PARENTS**

As the leading provider in both camping and child care in Canada, we have provided quality learning environments to children for more than 100 years.

Our staff are well-trained, imaginative, committed and caring. That means you, as a parent, can feel comfortable and secure about bringing your children to YMCA Day Camps.

## **WHAT YMCA DAY CAMPS MEAN TO YOUNG PEOPLE**

YMCA Day Camps are places for fun, friendship and adventure. They're places where young people, ages 4-12yrs, can learn, explore and expand their creativity and develop skills while having a good time.

This is a place where campers learn many recreational activities and play in a friendly and fair environment. Traditional camp activities, crafts, songs and games, are a part of your child's experience.

Whether campers are shooting hoops, exploring the community or getting in touch with their creative side, YMCA Day Camps are a place for sharing, caring and growing.

*Sincerely,*

*Your YMCA Day Camp Team*

## **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.

## **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. Camp Councilors will require that parents/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 Criminal Reference Check. All lifeguards hold National Lifeguard certifications. Most importantly, our staff is committed to the well-being of your child.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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.

**The YMCA does not guarantee a nut-free facility. If your camper has a nut allergy, please include this information on the registration and medical forms. \*All camps are subject to change to be in accordance with Algoma Public Health guidelines.**

# Registration Information

## HOW TO REGISTER

Campers must be registered for camp by 6:00pm the Friday before the start of camp.

**Step #1:** Register by e-mail with your completed form, or you can also register in person by making an appointment. Please ensure you include an appropriate method of payment and a recent photo of your child(ren).

### You can also register online.

How to create an online account with the Sault Ste. Marie YMCA.

If you are already a member and we have your email address, click the forgot my password link.

If you are new to the Sault Ste. Marie YMCA click the "create an account" link and enter all the necessary information.

You will then be able to register and pay for memberships, and day camps online while staying connected to your Sault Ste. Marie YMCA account through this online portal.

<https://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/ssymca.Home>

**After registering online, you must visit our Membership Services desk in person to complete the registration.**

**Step#2:** Get ready for camp! Follow the "What to Bring to Camp" preparation list and read over the Standards of Behaviour.

## CONTACT US

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## FAMILY RATE

Families receive a 10% discount for each additional camper registered. Campers must be siblings.

## CAMPER LUNCH

Lunches are not provided. Children play hard throughout the day and need constant nourishment and fuel. Please make sure that your child has a nutritious lunch and enough snacks to help them play all through the day. Reusable water bottles **MUST** be labelled.

## SUPPORT

If your child requires one on one support, please contact the Child Youth and Family Supervisor Makayla for further information.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Written notification by fax, e-mail or mail is required for cancellations or to switch camp sessions, and must include the camper's full name and session dates.

Session changes will be made to the best of our ability and are dependent on availability. All changes must be made a minimum of two days prior to the start date of camp. A fee of \$20 will be applied for each change.

Cancellation refunds are as follows:

- More than one week prior to the first day of the camp session: Full refund less a \$20 administration fee.
- Less than one week: No refund.
- Medical emergency prior to the camp start date or mid-camp that prevents a camper from attending: Full credit will be issued for the remainder of the camp if a doctor's note is presented. A \$20 administration fee will be applied.
- Campers leaving camp mid-session due to behavioural reasons will not receive a refund/credit.
- Campers absent on the day of camp without the above mentioned notice: No refund/credit.

## THE YMCA CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT

One of the goals of the Sault Ste. Marie YMCA is to provide healthy, safe and secure environments. To help us achieve this we encourage personal growth by providing kids with character-building values that help them grow into responsible and caring adults. We offer safe and fun summer camps supervised by mature, responsible and enthusiastic staff.

To help ensure this goal is met, campers are expected to follow the Code of Conduct and to interact appropriately.

As a camper, I pledge that:

- I will make honesty the basis of all relationships and interactions;
- I will care for myself, those around me and our environment;
- I will accept all campers and allow each camper equal opportunities and involvement;
- I will respect myself, others and our environment
- I will be responsible for my own actions, attitudes and behaviours.

# YMCA Summer Camp

## Weekly Summer Day Camp Themes:

- Week 1: Wonderland Adventure
- Week 2: Crafty Critters
- Week 3: YMCA Olympics
- Week 4: Superhero Academy
- Week 5: Animal Planet
- Week 6: Water World
- Week 7: Embrace Outer Space
- Week 8: Movin & Groovin
- Week 9: Aloha Summer

## KIDS CLUB (4-5 years)

Get ready, get set, go to Kids Club Camp! Our Kids Club Camp provides a safe, caring environment that is designed to meet the needs of our youngest campers. Daily activities include games, crafts, music, and play. Daily outdoor activities in our fenced childcare playground are sure to impress!

## DANCE CAMP (6-12 years)

### Weeks 2,4,6,8

Qualified and experienced dance instructors will lead our Dance Camp. A variety of dance fundamentals will be taught focusing on different styles of dance each week. Campers will receive one hour of dance instruction per day in our activity centre while traditional camp games, activities, crafts, will fill the remaining hours.

## GYMNASTICS CAMP (6-12 years)

### Weeks 1,3,5,7, 9

Back and new and improved, Gymnastics Camp is an excellent opportunity for those interested in developing their gymnastics skills. Lead by certified, experienced gymnastics coaches, campers will receive instruction in a Beam, Vault, Floor, Bars and Rhythmic throughout the week. Additionally campers will enjoy the traditional camp games, activities, crafts. Walking trips to a nearby neighbourhood park to play outdoor games will add to the fun! While enjoying some outdoors time in the sun. With an emphasis on fun, fitness, team work, and a sense of good sportsmanship, this summer is going to be blast!

## CREATIVE DISCOVERY (6-12 years)

Creative Discovery Camp, focuses on introducing developing creative skills and developing learning experiences from messy science experiments to historical adventures. Campers will spend a portion of each day participating in traditional camp games, activities, will fill out the rest of the day. Each week campers will be taking field trips into the community, campers will have the opportunity to create crafts from objects found in nature.

### Creative Discovery Topics

- Week 1: Theatre
- Week 2: Survivor
- Week 3: Art
- Week 4: Architecture
- Week 5: Science
- Week 6: Water Week
- Week 7: Camper Skills and Talents
- Week 8: Music
- Week 9: Mindfulness and Strength

## YMCA FARM CAMP (7-12 years)

The Sault Ste. Marie YMCA is pleased to announce we will be offering YMCA Farm Camp! Farm camp will include curriculum-based learning from Agriculture in the classroom Canada (AITC-C), daily swims, crafts and games and tend to their own vegetable garden located on site. Farm camp will be offered in two 2 week sessions over the course of this summer! Session 1 will run July 4-15<sup>th</sup> and Session 2 will run August 1-12<sup>th</sup>.

## SWIMMING CAMP (6-12 years)

Learn to swim in our popular new and improved Swimming Camps! Campers will receive a two swims per day, one swimming lesson lead by our certified swim instructors, as well as a fun filled recreational swim. Walking trips to a nearby neighbourhood park to play outdoor games will add to the fun! While enjoying some outdoors time in the sun. With an emphasis on fun, fitness, team work, and a sense of good sportsmanship, this summer is going to be blast! Parents are asked to send campers with two bathing suits and towels, one for their lesson and one for their fun swim.

## SPORTS & GAMES CAMP (6-12 years)

Our very popular Sports & Games Camp is back! Campers will spend one hour each day in skill development and game play, focusing on a different sport or game each week (see below). Traditional camp games, activities, crafts, and a daily camp swim will fill out the rest of the week. Walking trips to a nearby neighbourhood park to play outdoor sports & games will add to the fun! With an emphasis on fun, fitness, and team work, this summer is going to be a blast! Our weekly

Schedule includes the following sports & games:

**WEEK ONE:** Disc Sports

**WEEK TWO:** Basketball

**WEEK THREE:** Floor Hockey

**WEEK FOUR:** Soccer

**WEEK FIVE:** Football

**WEEK SIX:** Volleyball

**WEEK SEVEN:** Basketball

**WEEK EIGHT:** Racquet Sports

**WEEK NINE:** All Ball

## PRIDE CAMP (6-12 years)

A new addition this year, Pride Camp will engage campers with an activity-based curriculum based on age-appropriate discussions of gender, identity, inclusion, and diversity. This exciting week of activities will be full of fun, conversation, and glitter. Like other Y camps, campers will spend part of the day exploring the theme of the week and then will also participate in other “traditional” camp games, activities and crafts. The curriculum is designed by Dr. Deb Woodman (Algoma University) who has experience developing Pride based youth programming in the community for many years.



## YMCA OFF SITE DAY CAMPS

### YMCA CAMP ST. KATERI OUTDOOR

#### ADVENTURE CAMP (7-12 years)

Calling all outdoor adventurers to the new and exciting Outdoor Adventure Camp. While enjoying the outdoor spaces of St. Kateri all campers will have opportunities to explore the water and woods during daily camping activities. All campers will be able to explore the wonders of the outdoors each week by participating in nature walks, archery, kayaking, canoeing, outdoor sports and games, crafts and weather permitting a weekly bonfire. Campers will also have opportunity to witness the various types of wildlife in the area including frogs, turtles, and birds.

\*Water activities may be subject to change in accordance to Algoma Public Health guidelines.

Transportation must be provided by parents to St. Kateri Drop off will begin between 8:30 and 9:00am. Parents will be asked to pick their campers up at St. Kateri between 4:30-5:00pm

**Certified lifeguards are on duty at all times and qualified, caring instructors supervise all camp activities.**

Waterfront activities do not include swimming.

All campers participating in Canoeing and Kayaking are required to wear a Lifejacket which are provided at all times. If possible, please provide your child's own life jacket, properly labeled.

Bike Weeks are back! The Bike weeks are Week 4 and Week 8. Bike Week is designed for campers who are confident and skilled in the operation of their bicycles and all campers will be required to wear helmets. Bikes and helmets are not provided. **Campers are asked to be dropped off by parents with their bikes at St. Kateri each Friday between 8:30-9:00am and picked up between 4:30 - 5:00pm.** Bikes will remain at the camp for the week.

# YMCA Camp Expectations

## STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

Everyone has the right to feel safe and be safe at YMCA Day Camps. With this right comes the responsibility to respect all people involved in Day Camps and to take pride in making Day Camps a positive place.

All Sault Ste. Marie YMCA Day Camp participants are encouraged to:

- Demonstrate the YMCA core values of honesty, caring, respect, responsibility and social inclusion;
- Respect and comply with all YMCA Day Camp policies and procedures;
- Respect differences in people, their ideas, and opinions;
- Show proper care and regard for the natural world, camp property and the property of others;
- Not inflict or encourage others to inflict bodily harm on others;
- Take appropriate measures to help those in need and, if necessary, seek staff assistance to resolve conflict peacefully;
- Respect persons who are in a position of leadership;
- Respect and comply with all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws.

## WEATHER/SUN SENSE

YMCA Day Camps involve a great deal of outdoor time. To ensure every child can fully participate in all outdoor and indoor activities, campers must bring suitable clothing for all types of weather. Sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat and water bottles are required for all Day Camps. Bug spray is also suggested for Camp St. Kateri. It is important that campers understand the importance of sunscreen and bug spray AND know how to apply both before coming to camp. Due to circumstances, campers must be responsible for themselves when applying sunscreen and insect repellent.

## BEHAVIOUR GUIDELINES

When a child does not follow the standards of behaviour guidelines, we take the following steps:

1. Staff directs the child to more appropriate behavior;
2. The child is reminded of the behaviour guidelines and rules and a discussion takes place;
3. Staff notifies the Day Camp manager and supervisor;
4. If the behaviour persists, a parent is notified of the problem and the staff documents the situation;
5. Staff schedules a progress check or a follow-up conference;
6. If the problem persists, staff schedules a conference that includes the parent, child, staff, and the Day Camp manager and supervisor to discuss a solution that best suits the needs of everyone;
7. If a child's behaviour at any time threatens the immediate health or safety of anyone, the parent is notified and instructed to pick up the child immediately;
8. If the problem persists and a child continues to disrupt the program, the Sault Ste. Marie YMCA reserves the right to suspend the child from the program.

**I have read and agree to the Standards of Behaviour, the Behaviour Guidelines and the Cancellation/Change Policies listed in the Summer Camp brochure and will review this information with my child.**

# YMCA Summer Day Camp 2022 Schedule & Fees

## SUMMER DAY CAMP WEEKS

CAMP SESSION	Fees Mem/Public	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Kids Club</b> (ages 4 - 5)	\$200/\$240	Jul 4 - 8	Jul 11 - 15	Jul 18 - 22	Jul 25 - 29	Aug 2 - 5	Aug 8 - 12	Aug 15 - 19	Aug 22 - 26	Aug 29 - Sep 2
<b>Creative Discovery</b> (ages 6 - 12)	\$200/\$240	Jul 4 - 8	Jul 11 - 15	Jul 18 - 22	Jul 25 - 29	Aug 2 - 5	Aug 8 - 12	Aug 15 - 19	Aug 22 - 26	Aug 29 - Sep 2
<b>Dance Camp</b> (ages 6 - 12)	\$200/\$240		Jul 11 - 15		Jul 25 - 29		Aug 8 - 12		Aug 22 - 26	
<b>Gymnastics Camp</b> (ages 6 - 12)	\$200/\$240	Jul 4 - 8		Jul 18 - 22		Aug 2 - 5		Aug 15 - 19		Aug 29 - Sep 2
<b>Sports and Games</b> (ages 6 - 12)	\$200/\$240	Jul 4 - 8	Jul 11 - 15	Jul 18 - 22	Jul 25 - 29	Aug 2 - 5	Aug 8 - 12	Aug 15 - 19	Aug 22 - 26	Aug 29 - Sep 2
<b>Swim Camp</b> (ages 6 - 12)	\$200/\$240	Jul 4 - 8	Jul 11 - 15	Jul 18 - 22	Jul 25 - 29	Aug 2 - 5	Aug 8 - 12	Aug 15 - 19	Aug 22 - 26	Aug 29 - Sep 2
<b>Farm Camp</b> (ages 7 - 12)	\$237/\$257	Jul 4 - 8	Jul 11 - 15			Aug 2 - 5	Aug 8 - 12			
<b>Pride Camp</b> (ages 6 - 12)	\$200/\$240			Jul 18 - 22						
<b>Camp St. Kateri *</b> <b>Outdoor Adventure Camp</b> (ages 7 - 12)	\$237/\$257	Jul 4 - 8	Jul 11 - 15	Jul 18 - 22	Jul 25 - 29	Aug 2 - 5	Aug 8 - 12	Aug 15 - 19	Aug 22 - 26	

**CAMPERS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR CAMP BY 6:00PM  
THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE START OF THEIR WEEK AT CAMP.**

**ALL CAMPS HOUSED OUT OF MCNABB STREET RUN FROM 9:00AM - 4:30PM,  
WITH DROP OFF BETWEEN 8:30AM - 9:00AM AND PICK UP BETWEEN 4:30PM - 5:00PM.**

**OFFSITE CAMPS\* RUN FROM 9:00AM - 4:30PM,  
WITH DROP OFF BETWEEN 8:30AM - 9:00AM AND PICK UP BETWEEN 4:30 - 5:00PM.**

Week 5 is a 4 day week, fees are pro-rated accordingly.



## WHAT TO BRING CHECK LIST

- ◇ Backpack or Bag
- ◇ Extra Masks
- ◇ Water bottle **MUST BE LABELLED**
- ◇ Hat & Sunglasses
- ◇ Sunscreen/Insect Repellent\*
- ◇ Outdoor clothing
- ◇ Appropriate/extra clothing
- ◇ Medication (if needed)\* Must be in prescription bottles.
- ◇ **Allergen aware**, nutritious lunch and snacks for morning and afternoon
- ◇ Appropriate indoor and outdoor footwear (flip flops and sandals are not appropriate footwear for any camps)
- ◇ Label belongings - Camper's belongings **MUST** be labelled. \*
- \* Please notify your counsellor if your child is taking any medication, and have the Medical form filled.
- ◇ **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SHOULD BE LEFT AT HOME**  
Open-toed shoes and sandals, "wheeled bottom" shoes, toys (stuffed animals), valuables, iPods, jewelry, skateboards, cell phones, or any other electronics should remain at home.
- ◇ The YMCA will not be responsible for any lost or stolen articles.

## ACCESS FOR ALL

No one should miss out on a YMCA Day Camp experience. That's why the YMCA offers financial assistance and payment plans to assist those whose financial circumstances would otherwise prevent them from affording summer camp. Please contact us or visit our website at [sault.ymca.ca](http://sault.ymca.ca) for a confidential application.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

At the Y we understand the philanthropic need to give back to your community. Our Strong Communities Campaign funds many programs and services that are helping to enrich lives. Donations provide an opportunity to send children from Sault Ste. Marie and area to camp, help a child from a priority neighbourhood learn to swim, support seniors or give parents piece of mind knowing their children are in a safe place while they work. The Strong Communities Campaign supports all ages and stages. No one is turned away from the Y. We can't do this work alone! When you support the Y, you are helping to build healthy communities, where everyone belongs. The impact you, your business or your group of friends can make is life-changing.

To donate, please contact:

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