

2023 SUMMER DAY CAMPS BROCHURE



*YMCA Day Camps create experiences
that last a lifetime!*

Important Information

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

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 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 Criminal Reference Check. All lifeguards hold National Lifeguard certifications.

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.



HOW TO REGISTER

*** NO ONLINE REGISTRATION ***

Early Bird Registration begins April 3 - 15

General Registration begins April 17 - Aug 25

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

Step 1: Register in person at the Membership Services desk by filling out a registration form and medical/behavioural forms (if necessary).

Please provide any and all '**authorized pick-ups**' for your child/children. All pick-ups require a Photo ID and children will only be released to those on the Authorized Pick-up list.

ALL CONTACT INFORMATION MUST BE FILLED OUT

(Phone numbers, email, emergency contacts, authorized pick-ups).

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

FAMILY RATE

Families receive a 10% discount for each additional sibling camper registered in the same camp.

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.

MEMBERS

To get the membership pricing, you **MUST** be Y member from sign up until the end of summer.

SUPPORT

If your child has 1:1 support throughout the school year, your child will require a 1:1 support worker for the entire duration of registered camps. Please contact the Child, Youth and Family Supervisor for more information.

Child, Youth and Family Supervisor; Makayla Porcheron

Phone: 705-945-5178 ext 224

Email: makayla.porcheron@ssmymca.ca

CANCELLATION POLICY

Email or in-person requests for cancellations, refunds or to change camp sessions 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 (the Monday of camp). A fee of \$20 will be applied for each change.

Cancellations/refunds must be reviewed and approved by Makayla Porcheron, Sydney Compeau and/or Michael Goodship.

Cancellation refunds are as follows:

- More than one week prior to the first day of camp is a full refund minus the \$20 administration fee
- less than one week (Monday to Monday) no refund.
- Medical emergency prior to the camp start date or mid-camp that prevents the camper from attending will result in a full credit applied to the child's account off a doctor's note is presented. A 20\$ administration fee will be applied in this case.
- Campers absent on the day of camp without the above-mentioned notice will result in no refund or credit.
- Campers leaving camp mid-session due to behavioural reasons will not receive a refund/credit

Debit refunds will be issued by cheque and may take a few weeks to process. You will be notified by email or by phone when your cheque is available for pick up at Membership Services, please remember to provide a Photo ID upon pick-up.

The 3-strike rule for behavioural incidents:

- Strike 1 & 2: A call will be placed to the phone numbers on file by the Camp Counsellors, Site Lead or Supervisor & Site Lead/Supervisor or Camp Counsellor will speak to the authorized pick-up about the issue.
- Strike 3: The Site Lead or Supervisor will call the phone numbers on file and the child must be picked up that day and will not be allowed to return.
- Behavioural incidents will also be based on severity. If the issue results in any safety concerns for themselves, other children or the YMCA staff, the child will not be able to return.

McNabb Site Camps

Cheer-nastics

Ages 6-12

Weeks 2, 5, 8

Brand new, our Cheernastics camps will introduce the fundamentals of cheerleading with a mix of gymnastics to our campers! Campers will receive one hour of cheer instruction per day in our activity centre while traditional camp games, activities, crafts, and daily swims will fill the remaining hours. Walking trips to a nearby neighbourhood park to play outdoor games will add to the fun! We will be hosting a little show on Fridays to demonstrate the skills learned throughout the week. [Member price: \\$210](#)
[Non-Member price: \\$250](#)

Creative Discovery

Ages 6-12

Weeks 1-9

The 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, crafts, gym activities, and swimming. On occasion, we will visit a playground to go out and enjoy those sunny days be sure to pack your sunscreen!

Creative Discovery Weekly 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

[Member price: \\$210](#)

[Non-Member price: \\$250](#)

Dance

Ages 6-12

Weeks 1, 4, 7

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, and daily swims will fill the remaining hours. Walking trips to a nearby neighbourhood park to play outdoor games will add to the fun! We will be hosting a little show on Fridays to demonstrate the skills learned throughout the week.

[Member price: \\$210](#)

[Non-Member price: \\$250](#)

Environmental Explorers

Ages 6-12

Week 1

The Sault Ste. Marie YMCA is pleased to announce we will be offering YMCA an Environmental Explorer's Camp! This camp is a mini-outdoor adventure camp located on our very own McNabb site! We will have Entomica coming in one day to introduce exciting and interesting creatures to the children while daily swims, crafts, games and tending to their vegetable garden located on-site will fill the rest of the week. Walking trips to a nearby neighbourhood park to play outdoor games will add to the fun!

[Member price: \\$210](#)

[Non-Member price: \\$250](#)

Gymnastics

Ages 6-12

Weeks 3, 6, 9

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

Member price: \$210

Non-Member price: \$250

Kids Club

Ages 4-5

Weeks 1-9

Get ready, get set, and 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. These campers will be swimming twice a week for 30 minutes in our leisure pool (Tuesday & Thursday) while our daily activities include games, crafts, music, and play. On occasion, we will visit a playground to go out and enjoy those sunny days be sure to pack your sunscreen!

Member price: \$210

Non-Member price: \$250

Helping Hands

Ages 6-12

Week 2

This brand new camp is to provide a quality day camp experience for children and youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Campers will enjoy the traditional camp games, activities, crafts and daily swims while ensuring that a camper will receive a great amount of care and support to help them create some fantastic summer camp memories that they deserve!

Member price: \$210

Non-Member price: \$250

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to Northside Toyota Auto Group for their generous donation toward the Helping Hands Summer Day Camp. Thanks to their donation, we are able to offer this camp at **no cost** to the first 12 registrants.



Sports & Games

Ages 6-12

Weeks 1-9

Our very popular Sports & Games Camp is back! Campers will spend one hour each day in skill development and gameplay, focusing on a different sport each week (see below) with our sport-specific combines being held on Monday and Friday. Traditional camp games, a few youth fitness classes, 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 teamwork, 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

[Member price: \\$210](#)

[Non-Member price: \\$250](#)

Swim

Ages 6-12

Weeks 1-9

Campers will receive two swims per day including a fun-filled recreational swim and even a few youth aquafit classes! Walking trips to a nearby neighbourhood park to play outdoor games will add to the fun! While enjoying some outdoor time in the sun. With an emphasis on fun, fitness, teamwork, and a sense of good sportsmanship, this summer is going to be a blast! Parents are asked to send campers with two bathing suits and towels, one for their lesson and one for their fun swim.

[Member price: \\$210](#)

[Non-Member price: \\$250](#)

Pride

Ages 6-12

Week 3

Returning 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. Walking trips to a nearby neighbourhood park to play outdoors and daily swims will add to the fun!

[Member price: \\$210](#)

[Non-Member price: \\$250](#)

Outdoor Adventure Camps

St. Kateri

Ages 8-12

Weeks 1-8

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 hikes. Campers will also have the 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 with Algoma Public Health guidelines.
- Transportation must be provided by parents to and from the St. Kateri site, located at 1639 Goulais Avenue. Drop-off will begin between 8:30 and 9:00 am and parents will be asked to pick their campers up at the St. Kateri site between 4:30-5:00 pm.
- 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 is provided at all times. If possible, please provide your child's own life jacket, properly labelled.
[Member price: \\$220](#)
[Non-Member price: \\$260](#)

Waterfront Adventure

Ages 8-12

Week 1-8

We are pleased to announce we will be offering a Summer Day Camp at Sault College's Waterfront Adventure Centre! Your camper will enjoy days of fun in the sun activities playing beach volleyball, pickleball, canoeing and kayaking on the St. Mary's River and daily trips to Bellevue Park and the Splash Pad.

- Transportation must be provided by parents to and from the Waterfront Adventure Centre, located at 18 McPhail. Drop-off will begin between 8:30 and 9:00 am and parents will be asked to pick their campers up at the Waterfront Adventure Centre between 4:30-5:00 pm.
- Certified lifeguards are on duty while using the watercraft 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 is provided at all times. If possible, please provide your child's own life jacket, properly labelled.
[Member price: \\$220](#)
[Non-Member price: \\$260](#)

YMCA Summer Day Camp 2023 Schedule & Fees

SUMMER DAY CAMP WEEKS

CAMP SESSION	Fees Mem/Public	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cheer-nastics (ages 6 - 12)	\$210/\$250		Jul 10 - 14			Aug 8 - 11			Aug 21 - 25	
Creative Discovery (ages 6 - 12)	\$210/\$250	Jul 4 - 7	Jul 10 - 14	Jul 17 - 21	Jul 24-28	Jul 31 - Aug 4	Aug 8 - 11	Aug 14 - 18	Aug 21 - 25	Aug 28 - Sep 1
Dance (ages 6 - 12)	\$210/\$250	Jul 4 - 7			Jul 24-28			Aug 14 - 18		
Environmental Explorers (ages 6 - 12)	\$210/\$250	Jul 4 - 7								
Gymnastics (ages 6 - 12)	\$210/\$250			Jul 17 - 21			Aug 8 - 11			Aug 28 - Sep 1
Kids Club (ages 4 - 5)	\$210/\$250	Jul 4 - 7	Jul 10 - 14	Jul 17 - 21	Jul 24-28	Jul 31 - Aug 4	Aug 8 - 11	Aug 14 - 18	Aug 21 - 25	Aug 28 - Sep 1
Helping Hands (ages 6 - 12)	\$210/\$250		Jul 10 - 14							
Sports & Games (ages 6 - 12)	\$210/\$250	Jul 4 - 7	Jul 10 - 14	Jul 17 - 21	Jul 24-28	Jul 31 - Aug 4	Aug 8 - 11	Aug 14 - 18	Aug 21 - 25	Aug 28 - Sep 1
Swim (ages 6 - 12)	\$210/\$250	Jul 4 - 7	Jul 10 - 14	Jul 17 - 21	Jul 24-28	Jul 31 - Aug 4	Aug 8 - 11	Aug 14 - 18	Aug 21 - 25	Aug 28 - Sep 1
Pride (ages 6 - 12)	\$210/\$250			Jul 17 - 21						
St. Kateri (ages 8 - 12)	\$220/\$260	Jul 4 - 7	Jul 10 - 14	Jul 17 - 21	Jul 24-28	Jul 31 - Aug 4	Aug 8 - 11	Aug 14 - 18	Aug 21 - 25	
Waterfront Adventure (ages 8 - 12)	\$220/\$260	Jul 4 - 7	Jul 10 - 14	Jul 17 - 21	Jul 24-28	Jul 31 - Aug 4	Aug 8 - 11	Aug 14 - 18	Aug 21 - 25	

Weekly Summer Day Camp Themes:

Week 1: Retro Week
 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: Moovin' & Groovin'
 Week 9: Aloha Summer

Wacky Wednesdays!

Every Wednesday, we ask that your child participates in our weekly themes by dressing up with our counsellors. For example, for Moovin' & Groovin' week, all staff wear concert t-shirts, merchandise from musicals and Broadway shows etc. During our water week, we have a water balloon fight and water games outside with the other camps!

Day Camps Information

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.

Questions about camp?

Contact us by email:
makayla.porcheron@ssmymca.ca or by
phone:
705-945-5178 ext 224

Camp hours

Monday to Friday from 9 am - 4:30 pm
Drop off from 8:30 am - 9 am
Pick up from 4:30 pm - 5 pm
Camp does not run on stat holidays
(July 3 & August 7 stat holidays)

Behaviour Guidelines

1. Staff directs the child to more appropriate behaviour
2. The child is reminded of the behaviour guidelines and rules through a discussion
3. Staff notifies the Site Lead and/or Supervisor and writes an incident report
4. Staff notifies the parents/guardians by calling the phone numbers on the child's file and describes the incident
5. A staff member will then discuss the incident and possible solutions that best suit the needs of everyone upon pick-up with the authorized pick-up 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)
 - a. 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 and they will not receive a refund/credit. The Sault Ste. Marie YMCA reserves the right to suspend the child from the program.

Don't forget to pack

- Reusable water bottle
- A hat, sunscreen, change of clothes and running shoes
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Nutritious peanut/nut free lunch

Sunscreen policy

Please note that sunscreen is not supplied to campers by the YMCA. 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.

Core Value Beads

At Y Day Camps, we are proud of our unique Y Values Bead program where we encourage campers to demonstrate Y core values and in turn they can earn beads! Each of our Y core values are associated with a colour bead. Throughout the week, beads are awarded to campers demonstrating our core values and are worn as a constant reminder of what we value as a camp community.



Red Caring Bead

Acceptance, compassion, generosity, sensitivity, and thoughtfulness.



Blue Honesty Bead

Integrity, fairness, and sincerity, Being trustworthy and trustful.



Yellow Respect Bead

Acknowledging the worth of yourself and others. Treating others justly.



Green Responsibility Bead

Accountability for your actions, words, and obligations. The duty to do what's right.



Orange Inclusiveness Bead

Being welcoming. Fostering a sense of belonging for all.

MEMBERSHIP RATES

MONTHLY FEES (ALL FEES PLUS TAX)

Youth (up to 14)	\$31.28
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Student 15 +	\$39.12
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Adult	\$57.02
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Adult Plus	\$79.46
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Senior 60 +	\$45.65
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Senior 60+ Plus	\$68.10
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1 Adult Family*	\$80.76
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2 Adult Family*	\$124.14
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1 Adult Plus Family*	\$109.63
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2 Adult Plus Family*	\$186.38
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1 Adult & 1 Adult Plus Family*	\$158.61
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*FAMILY: A family consists of 1 or 2 adults, with children 17 and under who are currently students, living under the same address.





SAULT STE. MARIE YMCA



WHY GIVE?



KEEP A CHILD SAFE

Give a child a safe and fun place to go after school



HELP TEENS BUILD CONFIDENCE

Help a youth build confidence and experience nature at a YMCA Summer Camp



GIVE FAMILIES TIME

Help an entire family enjoy 'unplugged' time together

DONATE TODAY!

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OR CONTACT NATASHA COLLETT
NATASHA.COLLETT@SSMYMCA.CA