



Y Neighbourhood Day Camps

2024 Guide

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Welcome to Y Neighbourhood Day Camps

At Y Neighbourhood Day Camps, memories are made close to home. Children will take part in a range of traditional day camp activities in gymnasiums, local parks/green spaces, and activity rooms, as well as themed weeks with special guests and field trips to related offsite locations.

We are very fortunate to have an incredibly passionate and knowledgeable camp leadership team. With countless years of experience in childhood recreation programs and leadership training, our team is focused on making sure your camper has fun while gaining new skills to help them thrive at camp and beyond! We know that every camper has different needs; our leaders make the camp experience welcoming, engaging, and inclusive for all. At Y Neighbourhood Day Camps, we help children create memories and friendships for life!



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CAMP LOCATIONS

Y Neighbourhood Day Camps are offered at various locations across Ottawa from Stittsville to Clarence-Rockland. Please make sure you select the appropriate neighbourhood when registering your child for camp.

BARRHAVEN (Weeks 1 - 7)

- **Berrigan Elementary School**
199 Berrigan Dr, Nepean

CLARENCE-ROCKLAND (Weeks 1 - 9)

- **Clarence-Rockland Y**
1525-1 Du Parc Ave, Rockland

DOWNTOWN (Weeks 1 - 7)

- **Glashan Public School**
28 Arlington Ave, Ottawa

DOWNTOWN (Weeks 8 - 9)

- **Taggart Family Y**
180 Argyle Ave, Ottawa

KANATA (Weeks 1 - 7)

- **W. Erskine Johnston Public School**
50 Varley Dr, Kanata

NEPEAN (Weeks 1 - 7)

- **Lakeview Public School**
35 Corkstown Rd, Nepean

OTTAWA SOUTH (Weeks 1 - 7)

- **Robert Bateman Public School**
1250 Blohm Dr, Ottawa

STITTSVILLE (Weeks 1 - 7)

- **Shingwàkons Public School**
480 Cope Dr, Kanata

VANIER (Weeks 1 - 7)

- **Manor Park Public School**
100 Braemar St, Ottawa

613-832-1234

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SAFETY

Whether on an out trip, on a field, in a gym, or at the splash pad, our staff members emphasize safety in all activities. Counsellors are trained in First Aid and CPR, and lifeguards are nationally certified.

EXTENDED DAY CAMPS

Morning and/or afternoon extended day camp hours are available for an additional fee to accommodate caregivers' schedules. Please see registration information on page 4 to learn more.

INCLUSION PROGRAMS

We are proud to offer supportive programs for participants with developmental disabilities who require additional supports. This program allows campers the opportunity to participate in our camp programs with additional counsellor support ensuring that their experience is a positive one. Each camper will be assessed independently and assigned, with the help of the camper's family, a one to one or low ratio camper to counsellor experience within our camp's ability to provide the necessary support that will ensure a healthy and safe learning environment. Please note that space is limited and prices vary depending on programs. Specialty programs are subject to cost of program plus inclusion fees. To learn more, please contact our camp office at 613-832-1234 or **day.camps@ymcaottawa.ca**.

Program Overview

Neighbourhood Day Camp programs are separated into 4 age categories:

- **Tiny Tots** (4Y-5Y)
- **Y Creators** (6Y-7Y)
- **Y Rovers** (8Y-9Y)
- **Y Adventurers** (10Y-12Y)

Campers will enjoy different activities each week. Some programs are available only at select locations.

*Please note that all campers in all programs will be expected to attend the weekly out trip associated with their camp. Caregivers will be informed of any special activities or guests prior to their week of camp by email.

Find the right camp for your child in four easy steps:

1. Choose the appropriate age category.
2. Choose the location that works best for your family.
3. View available camp options.
4. Select the week(s) that works best and register!

*Short week - prorated fees.

TRAVEL THROUGH TIME

Fasten your seatbelt as we travel through time to rediscover moments throughout history and maybe even see what the future holds! Each day our time travellers will engage in century-old camp games and leave their mark on history. **Out trip - Canada Agriculture and Food Museum**

*July 2 - 5 \$235

H2O EXTREME

Enjoy a week of traditional camp activities with a highlight on water games and activities! Campers will take trips to local splash pads and parks for water games, take a virtual trip to an aquarium, and travel offsite to a nearby waterpark! **Out trip - Mont Cascade Waterpark**

July 8 - 12 \$293

TOTALLY SCIENTIFIC

With a focus on scientific discovery and hands-on activities, this will be a week to remember! Campers will get a chance to learn more about the natural world from a scientific point of view while still participating in all kinds of traditional summer camp activities. This week will offer a variety of scientific explorations with a focus on hands-on experiments. **Out trip - Canadian Aviation and Space Museum**

July 15 - 19 \$293



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NATURAL WORLD

This week we'll be focusing on the importance of being outside and the importance of nature! Campers will participate in a number of nature-related activities each day, including outdoor walks (weather permitting), nature-related crafts, and STEM projects! **Out trip – Canadian Museum of Nature**

July 22 - 26 \$293

CENTRE STAGE

Find the spotlight and find yourself in the arts for this specialized week! This program will focus on developing skills in the arts and finding passion in self-expression. We'll encourage campers to step out of their comfort zones to learn more about music, drama, and art, and will finish the week with a special talent show event! **Out trip - Drumming with the Rythym Room**

July 29 - August 2 \$293

SPORTS FOR ALL

This week will be all about sports with a focus on building some skills! With so many fun games to choose from this week, there will be something for everyone to learn. Some of the sports we'll play include soccer, football, basketball and some other non-traditional sports. **Out trip – TD Place to visit the Ottawa REDBLACKS**

*August 6 - 9 \$235

COUNTY FAIR

Time to have some fun at the County Fair this week with bouncy castles, face painting and high energy games! County Fair week will be filled with exciting crafts and classic carnival games and activities that campers will love as we near the end of the summer. **Out trip - Camp Otonabee for a Carnival**

August 12 - 16 \$293

SPACE

Join us as we look up at the stars and blast off to outer space! This program will have campers exploring the solar system, learning about space, engaging in fun crafts like creating rocket ships, and having fun while participating in classic summer camp games. **Out trip - Visit from Ontario Planetarium**

August 19 - 23 \$293

AROUND THE WORLD

This week we are focusing on how big the world really is! We want our campers to learn about all of the different countries, cultures, and exciting places our world has to offer through crafts, showcases, and activities! **Out trip - Parliament: The Immersive Experience**

August 26 - 30 \$293



Extended Day Camp

Ages: 4Y-12Y

Extended Day Camp is available in the morning and afternoon for all day campers to accommodate parents'/guardians' schedules.

7AM - 9AM \$30/wk

4PM - 6PM \$30/wk

To register for Extended Day Camp, select the appropriate section when registering for camp.

How to Register for Y Camps



This year Y Camps Ottawa is working with a new registration system in the hopes of providing a more user-friendly and efficient registration experience for camper families! Camper information from previous years will not transfer over, so all families will be required to create a new account prior to registration.

Visit our website and follow the links to set up an account with your household and camper information. Once your account is created and registration opens, you will be able to register campers in applicable camp programs. Full payment can be made at the time of registration, or payment plans are available to be set up upon registration. Please note that an initial payment will be required in order to activate a payment plan.

Y Member Discount

Y Members are individuals who pay a monthly fee for a YMCA membership, giving them access to the health, fitness and aquatics facilities. Y members receive a 10% discount on all YMCA camp programs.

If you are a Y member, register for the camps through CampBrain. Once your camper's registration is completed, email us at day.camps@ymcaottawa.ca to have a 10% refund placed on your account.

For more information about Y memberships, please email the membership team at memberships@ymcaottawa.ca.

Once registered, please be sure to download the Y Neighbourhood Day Camp Family Handbook. Included in your handbook is important information about what your child should expect at camp, what they should bring with them, as well as Y rules and code of conduct. Family Handbooks can be found online on our website.

Should you require additional assistance with registration or have any questions, please call 613-832-1234 to speak with a camp staff or email day.camps@ymcaottawa.ca.

EXTENDED DAY CAMP

Extended Day Camp (EDC) is available for our day campers to accommodate parents'/guardians' schedules. Extended morning hours run from 7AM-9AM, and afternoon hours are 4PM-6PM. Additional charges apply.

7AM - 9AM \$30/wk | **4PM - 6PM** \$30/wk

To register for EDC, select the appropriate section when registering for camp.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Thanks to the generous support of donors and various fundraising initiatives year-round, we are able to provide financial assistance for families who otherwise could not afford the experience for their children. Visit our website to download a Financial Assistance Application Form. For more information, please call the camp office at 613-832-1234.

CAMP REFUND AND TRANSFER POLICY

Transfer requests must be made in writing by emailing day.camps@ymcaottawa.ca. Please include your camper's name, your name, and the weeks they are both unregistering from and transferring to in your request. All transfers must be completed 10 business days prior to the session start date, provided there is space in the program.

All refunds must be requested in writing by emailing day.camps@ymcaottawa.ca. Please include your camper's name, your name, and the week they are unregistering from in your request. There are no refunds for children who are asked to leave the camp due to behavioural and/or safety issues. Please read our Camper Code of Conduct in the Family Resource section of our website for more information regarding our camper expectations and bullying policy.

Request for refund **16+ business days** before session start date → **100% refund** of program fees

Request for refund **15-6 business days** before session start date → **75% refund** of program fees

Request for refund **5-1 business days** before session start date → **50% refund** of program fees

Request for refund once program has begun → **No refund** of program fees





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