



Y Neighbourhood Day Camps

2025 Summer Day Camp 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, splashpads 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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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 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. To learn more, please contact our camp office at 613-832-1234 or day.camps@ymcaottawa.ca.

Inclusion applications for the 2025 season will open on February 27, 2025.

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)

Pinecrest Public School*

1281 McWatters Rd, Nepean

ORLEANS (Weeks 1 - 7)

Orleans Wood Elementary School*

7859 Décarie Drive, Orleans

OTTAWA SOUTH (Weeks 1 - 7)

Roberta Bondar Public School*

159 Lorry Greenberg Dr, Ottawa

STITTSVILLE (Weeks 1 - 7)

Shingwàkons Public School*

480 Cope Dr, Kanata

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SAFETY

Whether on a field trip, at the park, 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.

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 field 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. **Field trip – Canadian Museum of Nature**

June 30 - July 4* \$256

MOVING MACHINES

Moving Machines is a hands-on camp where kids explore the mechanics and technology behind vehicles, from cars to planes. Through exciting projects and activities, campers learn how machines move and the science that powers them. **Field trip – Canada Aviation and Space Museum**

July 7 - 11 \$320

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

This week we'll be focusing on the importance of being outside and enjoying nature! Campers will participate in a number of nature-related activities each day, including outdoor walks (weather permitting), nature-related crafts, and STEM projects! **Field trip – Canadian Museum of Nature Dominion Arboretum (East Sites) or Pinhey's Point Historical Site (West Sites)**

July 14 - 18 \$320



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INTO THE WILD

Into the Wild is an exciting camp where kids dive into the animal kingdom, learning about wildlife, their habitats, and conservation efforts. Through hands-on experiences and field activities, campers gain a deeper understanding of animal behavior and the importance of protecting nature. **Field trip – A Visit from Little Ray's Reptiles**

July 21 - 25 \$320

LOCAL LEGENDS

Local Legends week is a unique camp where campers connect with their community through interactive experiences at the local museum, visits to their local libraries, and engaging activities with Fire, Police, and EMS services. Campers will discover the amazing stories and people that make their city special through hands-on adventures. **Field trip – Visits from a variety of community organizations and services**

July 28 - August 1 \$320

FUN AT THE FARM

Campers dive into farm life through creative crafts and fun activities like planting seeds. Campers will discover the importance of where their food comes from and explore what it takes to be a farmer. **Field trip – Canada Agriculture and Food Museum**

*August 5 - 8 \$256

COUNTY FAIR

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

August 11 - 15 \$320

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! **Field trip – Drumming with the Rythym Room**

August 18 - 22 \$320

HISTORY HUNTERS

Blast into the past! This week campers will explore how our current world came to be. Campers will participate in scavenger hunts, and engage in hands-on activities like crafting historical tools and learning old-fashioned skills. **Field trip – National Gallery and Parliament Hill**

August 25 - 29 \$320



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

To register for camps, go to ycampsottawa.campbrainregistration.com

1. Create or log into your CampBrain account.
2. If you did not register for camps in 2024, create camper profiles for each of the campers you'd like to register.
3. Select the camps and add-ons you wish to register your camper(s) for. You will have 30 minutes to complete the registration from this point onward.
4. Complete all personal forms and medical forms for each camper.
5. Select the payment option that works best for your family. Full payment can be made at the time of registration, or you can choose a payment plan that works for your family. Please note that an initial payment will be required in order to activate a payment plan. Fees for camp can be paid by Visa, Mastercard, or Visa/Mastercard Debit.
6. Review your camp selections and enter your credit card details. Click Submit.
7. If your registration was submitted and accepted, a confirmation screen will appear and you will receive a confirmation email right away. If your registration says it is processing, you are registered for the camp. The system is just taking some time to think. Return to the page later that day, and you will see the registered icon appear.
8. Congratulations – You are now registered for camp this summer!
9. Now, under Camper Paperwork, upload a photo of your camper.

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.

Y Member Discount Code

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.

Y Members must pay the camp fees in full at the time of registration. Please note, due to system settings, CampBrain is unable to process discounts at this time. In order to receive 10% off your registration fee, you must follow up with an email to our camp office after registration at day.camps@ymcaottawa.ca.

When the camp office confirms you are an active member, the refund will be issued back to the card that was used to pay for the camps. The refund may take up to 10 business days to appear on your credit card statement.

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 Camps 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.

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 Y Financial Assistance Application Form. For more information, please call the camp office at 613-832-1234 or email us at day.camps@ymcaottawa.ca

VIRTUAL FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHTS

The Y Neighbourhood Day Camps team will be hosting pre-registration information sessions where camper families will have the opportunity to learn more about Y Camps and the programs we offer. Day camper information sessions will provide registered campers and their families a chance to learn more about what to expect at camp, ask questions and interact with a camp staff who they will likely see during their week at camp!

Pre-Registration sessions will be held over Zoom on Thursday, February 13 and Tuesday, February 18 at 7PM.

Camper information sessions will be held over Zoom on Tuesday, May 6 and Thursday, June 12 at 7PM.

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 Preparing for Camp 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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