

Summer Camp FAQ's

When can I register?

Summer Camp registration will launch online and in-person on April 1st!

What do they do in Y Camp?

What makes Y Camp stand out from other day camp programs is its comprehensiveness. Y Camp keeps kids physically active through games, sports, and pool time; creativity is sparked and cognition is expanded through crafts, skits, camp songs, literacy activities, and STEAM projects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics); and character is developed through our Y Ties Initiative, conflict resolution, skill building, and by instilling the Y's Core Values (Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, and Caring) throughout the day. That's just the tip of the iceberg! Each week is a new and exciting adventure, jam-packed with tons of fun activities that appeal to a wide range of interests and abilities.

What does their day look like?

Attention Channel Surfers: Your YMCA camp counselors need your help! Late one night, the evil Static reached through the TV screen, stealing the YMCA Character Slate. In an effort to save the slate, the counselors jumped into the TV and are now stuck on Channel Y. The only way for them to return home is to surf the channels, gaining stripes for the Character Slate along the way. You will roam with dinosaurs, follow the yellow brick road, explore the temple of the Lost Y, and even get lost in space. Do you have what it takes to bring your counselors back to reality?

A Channel Surfers Typical Day

Please note that the following is a sampling of a typical day at Y Camp. Activity schedules vary by branch, age group, and day of the week.

- 7:00 AM – TUNE IN TO SILVER SCREEN SUMMER
 - Gear up for a fun day of art, games, and activities with your friends! Campers will start their day at interactive activity stations that include board games, literacy, crafts, and small group games.
- 8:00 AM – ATTENTION CHANNEL SURFERS!
 - Your counselors need your help! Assemble at the YMCA for your weekly mission. Channel surfers will solve riddles and engage in daring missions as they attempt to complete the Character Slate.
- 9:00 AM – LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!
 - Power up for a day of movie adventures with a healthy snack! Channel Surfers will then break into age groups for a morning of engaging academic enrichment. Each week, we will be exploring famous films through a variety of lenses including: STEM, art, literacy, and sports. To complete your character slate, you'll need to journey through the jungles of Jurassic Y, experience the magic of the Wizarding World of the YMCA, and more!
 - Is your Channel Surfer extra passionate about STEM, sports, or art? Weekly specialty camps will be available during this time, for an additional fee.
- 12:00 PM – FUEL UP!
 - Fuel up with a healthy lunch before cooling off in the pool! Alternative activities are available for those who prefer to stay indoors.
- 2:00 PM – THE SHOW MUST GO ON

- Continue collecting pieces to the Character Slate while completing movie missions, exploring inventions, and creating works of art inspired by your favorite movies!
- 4:00 PM – CAMPFIRE
 - Join your fellow Channel Surfers to wind down, and enjoy a healthy snack! Channel Surfers will reconvene to celebrate today's achievements and participate in interactive activity stations.
- 6:00 PM – CURTAIN CALL
 - Rest up for another day of adventure! See you again soon

What do the teens do?

*LEADERS-IN-TRAINING (L.I.T.) | AGES 12-15 Our Leaders-In-Training Camp is specifically designed for teens! In addition to many of the traditional activities, L.I.T.'s partake in a variety of unique experiences that include fun community service projects, special guest speakers, creating our weekly camp newsletter, becoming Heroes, and more! BECOME A HERO | Y TEENS GIVE BACK! The Become A Hero Initiative is designed to offer our Leaders-In-Training opportunities to strengthen their leadership skills while gaining volunteer experience and possibly school community service credits (inquire about this at your child's school). This initiative allows L.I.T. Campers to work alongside positive role models as they lead activities with younger campers, serve on the lunch prep team, and are guided through a series of volunteer exercises within our Y.

How much is it?

- Traditional Camp
 - 5 years -\$165
 - 6-15 years -\$155 (\$20 dollars off for HEINRICH MEMBERS)
- Half Day (8am-1pm OR 1pm-6pm)
 - 5-15 years -\$100
- Drop-Ins
 - 5-15 years -\$50 a day
- Specialty Camp
 - On-Site Art/Science -\$190
 - On-Site Sport -\$175
 - ** It is a base fee for the week. You only register for one of the weeks. You will never charge the parent for both traditional camp and specialty camp in the same week. **

Is lunch or snack provided?

- Heinrich, Sky View –Yes, a cold lunch and an afternoon snack is provided through our partnership with Three Square. We ask that parents please provide a nutritious morning snack for their camper.

Do you accept children with special needs?

- The Y is committed to equal access for all in our programs and services. We strive to provide the best camp experience for your child and ask that you consult with the Camp Director regarding the special needs of your child prior to registration. We will work to provide reasonable accommodations. However, all children must be able to function in a 1:12 ratio. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide one-on-one care.

Do they swim?

- Swimming in our pools is a favorite Y Camp activity. We ask that all parents help make this an enjoyable experience by sending your child to camp with their swim suit underneath their day clothes. This helps to reduce the chances of lost clothing and will speed up the transition to pool time. Safety first! All children (and adults) must pass a swim test before swimming in our pools (this is an industry standard). Campers who successfully pass the swim test will wear a green wristband on their left wrist. Please allow your camper to wear that wristband throughout the week. Otherwise, they will be required to pass the swim test daily. Campers who do not pass the swim test (or do not wish to take it) will get to enjoy the shallow areas of the pool or be required to wear a life jacket (provided by the Y). Campers who do not wish to participate in swim time will engage in alternate activities. All of our Y Leaders are CPR and First Aid Certified. Our life guards are certified through the American Red Cross.

Can I bring medication for my camper?

Yes, the Y will store your child's medication in the Camp Director's office. The Camp Director will administer all medication. We ask that you please complete a Medication Authorization form and submit it with your child's medication. Medication must be in its original container with the prescription label & directions affixed. The prescription label must include the child's full name, dosage amount, and time(s) to be administered. Please check in all medication (including inhalers, epi-pens, etc.) to the Camp Director during sign-in. Campers are not allowed to keep medications in their backpacks, lunch bags, etc.

How many staff do you have?

- We feel confident that we have the best staff around! The YMCA hires only highly-qualified, well-vetted staff members, each of whom have diverse backgrounds that help us create the perfect team. Unlike many other day camp programs, the Y only hires camp staff who are age 18 or over, while reserving a small handful of spots for Junior Counselors (ages 16-17) and volunteers in an effort to develop future camp leaders. Most of our Y Leaders are college students enrolled in psychology or education majors, are full-time teachers during the school year, serve as community leaders, have years of childcare experience under their belt, and/or were once Y Campers themselves. All of our Y Leaders are extensively screened through a process that involves a thorough application review, inter-active interview, references checks, drug testing, and a background check through FBI and state databases. All Y Leaders are then certified in First Aid, CPR, and AED. In addition, they each undergo over 20 hours of intensive pre-summer training on working with children, behavior management and modification, group dynamics, safety standards, program implementation, and more. This is followed by continued in-service trainings throughout the summer. We take pride in the high expectations that we set for our Y Leaders and evaluate them on a regular basis. We also place tremendous emphasis on safety standards by offering a remarkable counselor-to-camper ratio of 1:15 or less.

What safety measures do you have in place due to COVID-19?

- The YMCA of Southern Nevada follows all state and local guidelines. We work directly with the SNHD and State Licensing to ensure that all safety measures are in place. Some of the measures that are in place due to our current environment are reduced group sizes of children, lower ratios to a 1:12 ratio in all camps, increased cleaning schedules, extensive nightly cleaning of all camp areas, curbside drop off and pickup, and much more.