TRADITIONAL & SPECIALTY CAMPS ALL SUMMER!

For campers entering 1ST – 6TH GRADE

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Dear YMCA Families,

Welcome to Champaign Family YMCA’s 2020 Summer Day Camp program! We think about camp 365 days each year and strive to create ‘The Best Summer Ever’! Thank you for choosing to have your children spend their summer with us.

While traditions and rituals are woven into the very fabric of camp, it is also a place of new experiences and fresh ideas. Each year at our camp, we strive to find the magical balance between celebrating our past and building our future. With that in mind, we look forward to exciting new activities in 2020 and welcoming back camp classics!

When families enroll their children in Champaign Family YMCA’s Summer Camps, they embark on days filled with recreational activity, arts and crafts, hiking to the Camp Shiffer artesian well, singing, and swimming everyday! They can learn how to cook nutritious meals in our Bon Appetite and Culinary Creations camps, or hone their athletic skills in Basketball and our NEW camps Fear Factor, Space is the Place, and Amazing Race! Our signature traditions – morning devotions, stories, songs and cheers, weekly themes, and the annual Camp Carnival – all introduce campers to the roles that creativity and imagination play in sports, education, and nature.

In addition to these exciting activities and many more, Camp Shiffer’s Traditional Camp offers one of the most breathtaking natural settings in the county for children. Furthermore, we are guided by our mission to serve all. Children from all backgrounds come together to try new and exciting things in a safe environment supervised by our caring, well-trained and professional staff, all while building friendships and memories.

Nicky Naylor

Nicky Naylor, YMCA Camp Director
Champaign Family YMCA is dedicated to hiring only the most qualified and experienced counselors to care for our campers. Many have been with us since they were young, journeying from camper to counselor in training (CiT) to counselor. They know our history, culture, traditions, and terrain as if they have Camp Shiffer running through their DNA. The Y receives a large pool of applications each year and emphasis is placed on hiring a mix of experienced school teachers, ambitious college students, and select HS juniors and seniors.

Before being hired, all YMCA staff, including our counselors, are given background and criminal history checks.

Counselors undergo extensive training in our policies and procedures, CPR and First Aid, as well as those of the American Camp Association, which stress health and safety.
SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Traditional and Specialty Camps

Traditional Camp (6-12 yrs.): Campers will enjoy the great outdoors at Camp Shiffer with several nature activities, games, certified ARCHERY demos, and crafts. Campers will come back to the Y for swimming each day.

Bike n Park (9-12 yrs.): BACK FROM 2019 CAMP! Participants will learn how to use those gears to pedal efficiently and maximize fun as we explore Urbana and the surrounding area by bike. Bike safety is taught first and foremost, then build your bike handling skills as you learn the rules of the road and how to fix a flat tire. *Child must provide their own bike, helmets provided.

Basketball Camp (6-12 yrs.): Campers build on fundamental skills while developing proper shooting and dribbling techniques. Campers will be placed in groups based on age and ability. A basketball show demonstrating skills will be showcased on Friday.

Adventure Camp (6-12 yrs.): Are you looking for an adventure? Do you like a variety of activities? Adventure Camp activities range from archery to water games, hiking to team building games; this camp is full of non-stop fun and excitement!

Mad Scientist (8-12 yrs.): Green glowing liquids, strange objects flying through the air, messages written in secret code and a mystery substance that changes from solid to liquid. Our campers will experience the excitement that you can expect from a mad scientist. The week will conclude with a field trip to COSI.

Sports Sampler (6-12 yrs.): Campers will learn skills and techniques in several traditional sports, including soccer, baseball, broom hockey, tennis and track and field. Friday ends with a fun field day.

Cheer & Tumble (6-12 yrs.): This camp focuses on tumbling, stunts, teamwork, and cheers. The week will conclude with a performance for parents and other campers.

Fear Factor Week (6-12 yrs.): NEW 2020 CAMP! Campers enjoy a kid friendly version of this fun camp theme. Campers will conquer their fears as they are challenged to try something new. Will you be brave enough to be crowned our Fear Factor Champion?

Aquatics Camp (6-12 yrs.): This camp will explore the world of aquatic sports and skills all while teaching safety around water. Daily water activities, pool visits, and a field trip to finish the week will have campers wanting to come back! Campers must be able to swim the length of the pool and tread water for 1 minute.

Nature Nuts (6-12 yrs.): Campers become nature experts as they explore an artesian well, learn how to use a compass, and gain wilderness survival skills.

Woodworking (8-12 yrs.): Campers will be exposed to many of the basic tools used to create a project. Squares and rulers, files and sandpaper, planes, hand drills, screw drivers, and of course, hammers and nails are all used. Through interactive demonstrations and practice, children are constantly working on the processes used to join, shape, and surface wood. They will create a project specifically designed for young hands.

Amazing Race (6-12 yrs.): BACK FROM 2019 CAMP! Join the adventure! Campers will complete a wide variety of challenges that will test their mental and physical abilities. Do you have what it takes to win?

Culinary Creations (8-12 yrs.): Campers will learn about a wide variety of foods and where they come from. Each day the campers will prepare a healthy lunch, while learning to slice and dice as they work with a special guest cook each day and Restaurant Friday! Campers will also be learning cooking terms and how to write a recipe.

Art & Music (9-12 yrs.): Explore different forms of art and music with local artists and musicians. Campers will show off their masterpieces in an art show on Friday.

Total Drama (9-12 yrs.): Campers will enjoy a week of dramatic expression, film-making, acting techniques, and functioning as playwrights. To close the week of theatre and acting, a play will be performed on Friday.

Community Adventures (9-12 yrs.): Campers will learn about how they can impact the community through local projects and teamwork. The campers will also spend a day geocaching in our community.

Bon Appetite (6-12 yrs.): Campers will learn a wide variety of cooking techniques. They will also prepare complete meals from start to finish and will cook for staff and parents on “Restaurant Friday!”

Water Wipeout (6-12 yrs.): Campers will spend the week getting wet and having fun. The campers will have a blast playing outdoor water games, slip and slide, and much more.

Space is the Place (6-12 yrs.): BACK FROM 2019 CAMP! In this fun and exciting new camp, campers will learn about outer space. From how many constellations there are and what planets you can see in the night sky, to why planes and rockets fly. Campers are guaranteed to have a blast!

Animal Adventures (6-12 yrs.): Campers will learn about land and water animals and their habitats. During this week the campers will also take a field trip to the Idle Hour Ranch!

Inventor’s Workshop (6-8 & 9-12 yrs.): Campers will spend the week designing and building. Several manufacturers will come in to work with the children along with a field trip to see machines in action.
WEEKLY SCHEDULE AND FEES

To Register:
1. Go to the YMCA, complete a registration form, and pick up a parent packet.
2. Place a $20 deposit for each week your child will attend camp.

Members: $98  Non-Members: $138
(Activity fees indicated where they apply)

Before and After Care: Available from 6:30-9 am and 4-6 pm
Members: $25  Non-Members: $40

Cost Savings: Purchase a youth or family membership to get member prices on camp, and enjoy the Y during non-camp times as well!

May 29th and Aug 10th–14th (if needed): Pre & Post-Summer Camp Fun Club (6-12 yrs.) In preparation and conclusion of Summer Camp offerings, campers participate in a variety of team building activities that THEY choose! Stop in the Y Welcome Center for daily and/or weekly rates.

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*Weekly field trips are subject to change due to weather or busing arrangements*
LET’S GET STARTED!

Registration Begins:
Members – Monday, February 10, 2020
Non-Members – Sunday, March 1, 2020

TWO EASY WAYS TO REGISTER

Online: Go to www.champaignfamilyymca.org & click on Childcare / Summer Day Camps
In Person: Visit our Welcome Center for more details, a parent handbook, or to get registered today!

PAYMENT OPTIONS

All registration options will require a nonrefundable $20 deposit per week at the time of registration. All camps are to be paid in full by the Sunday before camp starts.

Before and After Camp Care requires advance registration but can be paid the week before service.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Would you like to be more involved in your child’s camp experience? Reach out to let us know if you’d like to participate in a camp, eat lunch with your camper, volunteer for a field trip, etc... We would love to have you!

CAMP HOURS

Camp runs from 9 AM – 4 PM daily. Camper drop off starts at 8:45 AM and camper pick-up takes place from 3:45-4:15 PM at shelter located behind the Y.

Before and After Care is available 6:30-9 AM and 4-6 PM.

SWIMMING & FITNESS EVERYDAY!

Don't forget your towels and swim suits EVERYDAY. Campers will have the opportunity for fun swim time or outside water play every single day of camp, no matter what camp you are in! In addition to swim time, fitness instruction and exciting group classes will be offered during your child's camp experience throughout the week.

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

It is our desire to keep camp an electronics-free zone. We want campers to enjoy the moment and make new friends at camp without the distractions of social media and the intrusions of digital technology. **Electronic devices are not permitted to be out during camp times and will be confiscated and returned to parents at pick-up.** An office phone will be made available to campers to make calls at the staff’s discretion.

SPIRIT THEMED WEEKS

Every week is Spirit Week at Y Camp! Watch for information on the Shelter House whiteboard at pick up or drop off times to prepare your camper for the week ahead. Examples in the past have been fun themes such as super heroes, Disney, Wild Wild West, Hawaiian, etc...

FAQs / IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DON’T FORGET YOUR Y MEMBERSHIP!

Family & Youth Members: Receive member rates on all camps and priority registration dates! **BEST VALUE**

Non-Members: You don’t need to have a membership to participate in YMCA camps and programs, but you will be required to pay full price and not have access to any YMCA facilities except for during those program times.

TYPICAL CAMP DAY

Campers and parents will find comfort in knowing the schedule of activities remains basically the same each day with minor changes.

**Before Camp Schedule**

6:30-7:30 Free play in designated area
7:30-8:00 Snack
8:00-8:45 Group games and activities
8:45-9:00 Transition to day camp

**Day Camp Schedule**

8:45-9:00 Sign in, group games at shelter house
9:00-9:15 Flag Song / Devotion
9:30-11:15 Specialty or Traditional Camp Activities
11:30-12:15 Lunch and Free Play
12:15-12:45 Craft and Clean up
1:00-3:00 Swim in camp groups / Reading and STEAM time
3:15-3:30 Trading Post (snack time!)
3:30-3:45 Games, Songs, Camp stories combined
3:45-4:00 Group games and for dismissal

**After Camp Schedule**

4:00-4:15 Transition to post camp
4:15-5:45 Group outside or gym games and activities
5:45-6:00 Clean Up

PARENT HANDBOOK / WAIVERS / EMERGENCY CONTACT FORMS

All required forms can be found at www.champaignfamilyymca.org on the Summer Day Camps page or at the Y Welcome Center.

Your 2020 Parent Handbook will detail all you need to know about your child’s camp experience!

Any camper may have his or her photograph taken during the course of activities, and it is understood that the YMCA has permission to use such photos for promotional purposes unless otherwise indicated on the participant photo waiver.

LOST ARTICLES

All camper personal items left at camp at the end of each session are kept on site until the Friday after your camper’s session has ended. Please feel free to label all of your camper’s belongings if this may be an issue. We recommend not sending new and/or valuable items to camp.

CONTACT US

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