



# FIND YOUR PEOPLE. FIND YOUR PURPOSE.

SUMMER CAMP 2025 GUIDE



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# CAMP LEADERSHIP



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## STAFF COMMITMENT STATEMENT

We believe that the camp experience is transformational for all ages. Serving hundreds of thousands of kids, the Y offers a variety of programs from Preschool and School-Age to Teen and Overnight camps. Camps give kids the chance to make new friends, learn new skills and engage in indoor and outdoor adventures. We utilize the YMCA core values to teach campers how to be more independent and contribute to a group through physical, social and educational activities.

## PAYMENT & REGISTRATION

All camp registration is done online. If you do not already have a YMCA online account, we recommend getting one set up before camp registration opens. Camp Registration for YMCA Members opens on February 14. Registration for Non-Members is February 28.

A non-refundable & non-transferable deposit of \$25 is required for each week your camper plans to attend. This deposit will be deducted from the overall weekly fee.

Full camp payment is due on the 15th of the month prior to the month of camp. For example, if your camper is signed up for camp(s) in June, full payment for all June camps is due May 15.

## CAMP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**You can apply for financial assistance before camp registration begins. Financial assistance is available through Connecting Kids or the Mankato Family YMCA.**

Families in need of financial assistance can contact Dustin Slaughter for Y Campership forms.

### Overnight Camp Access Grant **NEW!**

The Mankato Family YMCA has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Y of the USA to offer scholarships for first-time and diverse campers. All funds will be applied to the 2025 camp season. Don't miss this opportunity—apply now to see if you qualify! For questions, contact Dustin at [dslaughter@mankatoymca.org](mailto:dslaughter@mankatoymca.org).



Contact Connecting Kids for more information on their application process by scanning the QR code.



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	WEEK 1 June 9-13	WEEK 2 June 16-20	WEEK 3 June 23-27	WEEK 4 June 30 - July 3	WEEK 5 July 7 - 11	WEEK 6 July 14 - 18	WEEK 7 July 21 - 25	WEEK 8 July 28- Aug 1	WEEK 9 Aug 4 - 8	WEEK 10 Aug 11 - 15	WEEK 11 Aug 18 - 22	WEEK 12 Aug 25 - 29
PRESCHOOL	ADVENTURERS Ages 3-5	Roly Poly Woods	Polar Express	Outback Adventure	Captain America	Deck the Halls	Back Yard Barn	Color Me Fun	Watch Me Grow	Game On	Ahoy Me Alphabet	Lights Camera Action
SCHOOL-AGE DAY CAMPS	DISCOVERERS Entering Kindergarten	Buggin' Out	Artic Adventure	Safari Seekers	Red, White & Boom *4 DAYS* Limited Space Available	Holly Jolly Heatwave	Barnyard Blast	COLOR WARS	The Power of Plants	Super Duper Sports	Alphabet Soup	Neon Takeover Limited Space Available Funfair Frenzy Limited Space Available
	EXPLORERS Entering Grades 1-3	Endless Sunshine	A Wish Upon A Star	A Camping We Will Go		Holly Jolly Heatwave	Splish Splash Bash	COLOR WARS	Rainforest Rumble	The Game Plan	Sci-Fi Spectacular	
	VOYAGERS Entering Grades 4-5	Sun's Out Fun's Out	Campfire Chronicles	Calling All Champions		Holly Jolly Heatwave	Innovation Vacation	COLOR WARS	Just Add Water	Tropical Paradise	Mystery Madness	
SPECIALTY DAY CAMPS	SPORTS CAMP Entering Grades 2-5	Multi-Sports	Dance	Un-conventional Sports	Flag Football	Soccer	COLOR WARS	Basketball		Volleyball		
	STRIDE CAMP Entering Grades 3-5		STRIDE for ALL									
	CHESLEY SKATE: GROMMIES Entering Grades 1-5	Grommies	Grommies Just Girls	Grommies				Grommies Just Girls		Grommies	Grommies	
	CHESLEY SKATE: HAWKS Entering Grades 6-8					Hawks						
PATHFINDERS CAMP Entering Grades 6-8					Lego Robotics	Kids in the Kitchen	COLOR WARS	Cultivate Curiosity		Nature's Playground		
OVERNIGHT CAMPS	TRADITIONAL CAMP Entering Grades 3-8	June 8 - 13	June 15 - 20	June 22 - 27					August 3 - 8			
	LEADER IN TRAINING Entering Grades 9-10	June 8 - 13	June 15 - 20	June 22 - 27					August 3 - 8			
	COUNSELOR IN TRAINING Entering Grades 11-12	June 8 - 13	June 15 - 20	June 22 - 27					August 3 - 8			



# PRESCHOOL CAMPS

NOTE: Fee includes all camp supplies and a camp t-shirt (one t-shirt per camper per summer).

## CAMP FEE PER SESSION

### ADVENTURERS CAMP

\$240 Members

\$270 Non-Members

### \*CAPTAIN AMERICA

\$192 Members

\$222 Non-Members

### HALF DAY CAMPS

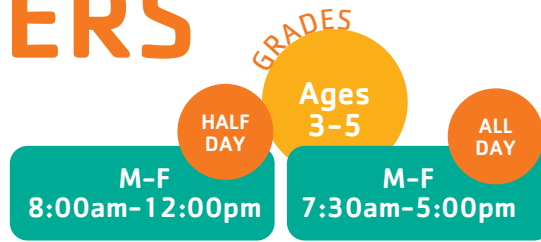
\$125 Members

\$140 Non-Members

## ADVENTURERS

For Preschool-Age Campers: 3-5 years old

Theme related games, art, music, and stories; plus swimming, snacks, playtime, outdoor play and field trips are included each week! Come explore and enjoy our YMCA Adventurers Camp for our littlest campers! Full or half days are available.



June 9-13

Roly Poly Woods

Join us on a scientific adventure with nature to see how insects help us day to day. Where do they live, do they hibernate, can you touch them, what do they eat? These questions & more will be answered with hands on science, art, fun stories, & music.

June 16-20

Polar Express

Climb aboard the polar express to an arctic adventure. It may be hot here, but it's still cold in the arctic. Where do the people & animals go, what do they eat, how do they stay warm? We will learn about the northern lights & how snow is formed. Lots of activities and hands on interaction.

June 23-27

Outback Adventure

Jump in the jeep and let's camp out in the outback. We learn to stay safe while camping or exploring the great outdoors. We will also learn about the Australian Safari. Where is Australia, how can I get there, what would I need to pack, are there wild animals? Let's pull out our gear and find out!

June 30 - July 3  
\*4 Days Only\*

Captain America

Is it a bird, is it a plane, and is it fireworks? In this "4 day camp" we will explore what makes America special to so many. Why we celebrate the 4th of July. What makes a hero a hero? We will learn some special song. And of course how to make safe choices while enjoying the events. So grab your cape and let's celebrate.

July 7-11

Deck the Halls

It's "CHRISTMAS" in July!! I wonder where Santa & the elves go for summer vacation. Let's find out by using our imagination, science, & exploration. Some jolly fun, music, and crafts.

July 14-18

Back Yard Barn

Pulling out the tractors and chasing down the chickens. We'll be learning about life on the farm. What do farmers do, do all farmers have animals, & do we need farmers? We'll learn about healthy eating, from seed to table, & all the animals with hands on science, stories & music.

July 21-25

Color Me Fun

Bring your old clothes because it's about to get colorful. This week is about empowering our children to be active members of our community. We'll be joining the older groups, learning through team work & determination. We'll be assigned a team color of the week, taking food donations for the Echo Food Shelf & participating in the Penny War Challenge. This is the camp everyone is talking about - so don't miss out on this messy fun time.

July 28 - Aug 1

Watch Me Grow

We grow every day and so does the world around us. We are going to use science this week to see just what makes that happen. What we can do to help ourselves grow, how we can help others to grow, and how to care for the world so we can continue to grow healthy and strong in it.

Aug 4-8

Game On

Get out the shoulder pads. This week we will look at the different types of team sports & play some of them. We'll learn about the Olympics & Special Olympics. This is a large motor-skill camp, learning about teamwork, why it is important & how we all have special skills that play into teamwork, but also that its OK if we don't always win. We'll talk about how to encourage others & control our emotions if it doesn't go the way we want.

Aug 11-15

Ahoy Me Alphabet

We will catch a ship with the pirates of "Shiver Me Letters" By June Sobel. We will go on some Pirate adventures looking for the lost letters of the alphabet. This is a hands-on adventure of learning sounds & pronunciation, and preparing students for reading. Plus looking for the golden letter. Does X really mark the spot? Let's find out together.

Aug 18-22

Lights Camera Action

We are diving into nature. We will be making our own cameras and binoculars to go out and study nature in action. The teachers will take down notes of observations the students make from ground to sky. We will study these and then make our own little scrap books to share our observations with others.



# IMPORTANT SCHOOL-AGE CAMP INFORMATION

ALL DAY

## SCHOOL-AGE ALL-DAY CAMP:

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

## CHESLEY SKATE HALF-DAY CAMP:

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

HALF DAY

NEW for 2025

## SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM:

Due to construction beginning, Mankato West High School will be unable to assist with providing lunch for the Mankato Family YMCA summer camp program this year. Additionally, we unfortunately do not have the resources to provide transportation to other schools. As a result, we kindly ask that all campers bring a packed cold lunch each day for summer 2025. Thank you for your understanding and support!

## CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT:

The safety and of all children is our #1 priority. Each child must be signed in and out every day by a YMCA staff. Only authorized individuals will be allowed to pick up a child. Check In is between 7:30am-8:30am. Check Out occurs from 4:30-5:30pm.

## LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY PICK-UP:

If campers are arriving late to the YMCA (after 8:30am) and the camp in which the camper is registered for has already departed, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to get their camper to the location of the camp. If a camper needs to be picked up prior to end of day (before 4:30pm), it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to meet the camper at the location in which their camp resides.

## WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP:

Backpacks are strongly encouraged to come to camp every day. Bring a refillable water bottle, sunscreen and bug repellent every day. Sunscreen\* should be applied before arriving at Camp; staff are not permitted to apply sunscreen to campers but they will remind campers to apply it often! Bring swimsuit and towel on swim days! Label everything! \*Sunscreen is not provided.

## FIELD TRIPS:

A unique field trip is built within your camp experience. **Lunch is not provided on field trip days.** Please note: field trips are subject to change.

## CAMP T-SHIRTS:

Camp t-shirts must be worn on field trip days! The camp fee includes one t-shirt, which is distributed the first week of camp that your child(ren) attend. Additional shirts can be purchased for \$10 through our Director of Youth Development.

## WHAT TO WEAR:

Campers should dress comfortably for the weather and must wear closed-toe shoes. **Flip-flops/sandals/crocs are only permitted on the pool deck.** Label everything, especially your child's camp t-shirt!



## PARENT HANDBOOK:

Extended policies are included in our Summer Camp Handbook, which can be found online or at the Front Desk.



## DEPOSITS AND FEES:

A \$25 non-refundable & non-transferable deposit per session is required to save your spot. Deposit is applied to the final balance.



## PAYMENTS:

Payments must be received by the 15th of the month prior. Example: June camps are due May 15th. If payment is not received, your child will be dropped from the camp program and deposit will be forfeited. Payments will be set up on a draft and can be scheduled online through your account.



## WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED AT CAMP:

Personal electronics (including smart watches, cell phones & tablets), toys or games from home, shoes with wheels and weapons of any kind are not permitted at camp. Large sums of money, jewelry, or anything else of value should not be brought to camp. The Y is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal items.



## REFUNDS & DROP POLICY:

No refunds or credit will be issued for any days not attended. Those who wish to withdraw their registration for a camp must do so no later than **two (2) full weeks** before the camp is scheduled to start. The initial \$25 deposit used to register for a camp session is non-refundable & non-transferable. No refunds will be given after the **two (2) week** policy prior to the start of camp. If you are registered for a program and you cancel your membership, you will be billed for the non-member rate of the program.



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Financial assistance is available through Connecting Kids or the Mankato Family YMCA. Families in need of financial assistance can contact Dustin Slaughter for Y Campership forms. Contact Connecting Kids for more information on their application process.



## BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT:

The following behaviors are inappropriate and may result in suspension or dismissal. Behavior that directly or indirectly threatens the safety of participants, staff, or campers self, behavior that intentionally causes destruction to YMCA property, behavior that results in a consistent disruption to the YMCA Summer Camp program, behavior that does not align with the Mankato Family YMCA Core Values.



## KEEP IN TOUCH WITH REMIND:

Session-specific REMIND codes will be released once you're registered for camp. Make sure to download the REMIND app to get messages regarding all things camp!

# SCHOOL-AGE DAY CAMPS

Join us for fun and adventure at the Mankato Family YMCA Summer Day Camps! Each week is filled with action-packed days full of activities focused on our core values: Caring, Honesty, Responsibility, Respect and Faith. Campers will learn through ways of discovery, exploration and community involvement on how to build positive relationships with peers and adults while gaining a sense of self-confidence, self-efficacy and independence.

## » LIMITED AVAILABILITY CAMPS

These camps are combined day camps for grades K-5 and have limited availability due to staffing. If a camp is full, we encourage you register so you can get placed on the waitlist. Our Director of Youth Development will reach out to you if/when spots are available. Please note Red, White & Boom is only a four-day camp, taking place Monday - Thursday, with no field trip scheduled.

Register for these camps under '2025 LIMITED AVAILABILITY Day Camps' through your online account.

### CAMP FEE PER SESSION

**RED, WHITE & BOOM**  
 \$192 Members  
 \$222 Non-Members

**LIMITED SPACE CAMPS**  
 \$240 Members  
 \$270 Non-Members

**June 30 - July 3**  
**\*4 DAYS\***

**Red, White & Boom**

Let's celebrate America! With our short time this week, campers will be busy creating festive crafts, playing themed games, and celebrating the start to July! Grab your red, white, and blue gear and let's party! (NO FIELD TRIP THIS WEEK)

**Aug 18-22**

**Neon Takeover**

This high-energy, vibrant camp theme is all about creating your own vivid adventure in a world where neon color and creativity come to life. Whether it's during neon-themed crafts or brilliant games, campers will have the chance to immerse themselves in a world of fluorescent fun. With bright neon decor, dazzling activities, and the spirit of creativity, this camp will keep campers energized, inspired, and popping with color all week!

**Air Insanity**

**Aug 25-29**

**Funfair Frenzy**

The frenzy is a dazzling spectacle of games, performances, and unforgettable adventure! This camp brings the excitement of a classic carnival to life with vibrant colors, sweet treats, thrilling games, and whimsical activities. Campers will be immersed in the magic of a carnival and will have kids laughing, competing, and celebrating in true carnival fashion. Whether you're taking on the "sideshow" challenges, getting your face painted, or busting a move on the dance floor, there's never a dull moment in this lively, action-packed camp!

**Field Trip TBD**



# DISCOVERERS

Designed for children entering Kindergarten Fall 2025.  
(Must be 5 years old by camp session date.)

Learning beyond the classroom - Discoverers Camp encourages children to explore, create and develop through a variety of age-appropriate activities. Our weekly themes promote opportunities to advance their social skills, character values, as well as, fostering a love for learning.

GRADES  
**Entering K**  
ALL DAY  
M-F  
7:30am-5:30pm



CAMP FEE PER SESSION



DISCOVERERS  
\$240 Members  
\$270 Non-Members

**June 9-13**

**Buggin' Out**

How does a caterpillar turn into a butterfly? Did you know spiders are good for the earth? Why should we save the bees? All these questions and so many more will get answers through a variety of activities that will help the campers know that bugs aren't that scary!

**June 16-20**

**Artic Adventure**

Brrrrr! We are diving deep into the Arctic where we learn about snow, ice, polar bears, and penguins! Discoverers will get magical powers to melt a snow glacier revealing what was buried under the hard and cold surface! We will also be designing our own igloos and animals to go with it!

**June 23-37**

**Safari Seekers**

Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime—where every camper ventures into the heart of the wild! We invite campers to embark on a safari-style expedition, exploring the wonders of nature and discovering safari animals. Each day, campers will learn about a new animal through the lens of their very own home-made binoculars.

**July 7-11**

**Holly Jolly Heatwave**

Join in where the holiday spirit shines bright under the summer sun! This festive, fun-filled theme brings the magic of holidays to the middle of summer, combining the best of both worlds: the joy of traditions and the excitement of sunny summer activities. Campers will experience a wonderland packed with holiday-inspired games, crafts, and celebrations—without the snow, but with all the cheer!

**July 14-18**

**Barnyard Blast**

Moo! Baa! Cluck! It's farming week! Campers will learn about everything on the farm from crops to animals to machinery! Through interactive crafts and hands-on experiments, our Kindergarteners will be full of fun facts related to everything in the barn!

**July 21-25**

**COLOR WARS**

Red, Yellow, Blue, Orange. What color will you be? This week is all about friendly competitions to test our campers physical, mental, and emotional strength! Throughout the week, we will be teaching the kids helping others through our 'Giving Back' and Penny Wars challenge! We will kick the week off with a large opening ceremony where the 'Color Spirit' will assign team colors and conclude the week with crowning the 2025 Color Wars Champion! Thursday, we will head down to Sibley Park for our large group competitions that include water, paint, and so much more! Make sure to ask your camper which color they are on!

**July 28 - Aug 1**

**The Power of Plants**

Did you know that little seed turns into a beautiful plant? Campers will get their very own opportunity to watch a seed turn into a flowering plant. They will also watch a science experiment turns white flowers- not white! Through crafts and other activities, campers are sure to learn that plants are vital to our environment!

**August 4-8**

**Super Duper Sports**

Basketball, Soccer, and T-ball are just a few of the sports that we will be playing this week! Our Discoverers will learn about teamwork and the importance of cheering everyone on! This week is filled with active games and energy filled counselors! Game on!

**August 11-15**

**Alphabet Soup**

Every day is a celebration of our letters, from A to Z. We'll dive deep into the world of letters through creative activities, games, and challenges that inspire curiosity, teamwork, and imagination. Each day will highlight a new letter of the alphabet, and campers will have the chance to explore it through fun hands-on projects, storytelling, and physical activities. We will end the week with an alphabet parade where campers will show off their favorite letter. It's a perfect mix of learning and excitement, all while having a blast with friends!



# EXPLORERS

Explorers experience a fun-filled recreational and educational camp program designed around individual weekly themes. Programming includes nature exploration, group games, hands-on STEM activities, crafts, field trips, and swimming.



GRADES

Entering  
1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

ALL  
DAY

M-F  
7:30am-5:30pm

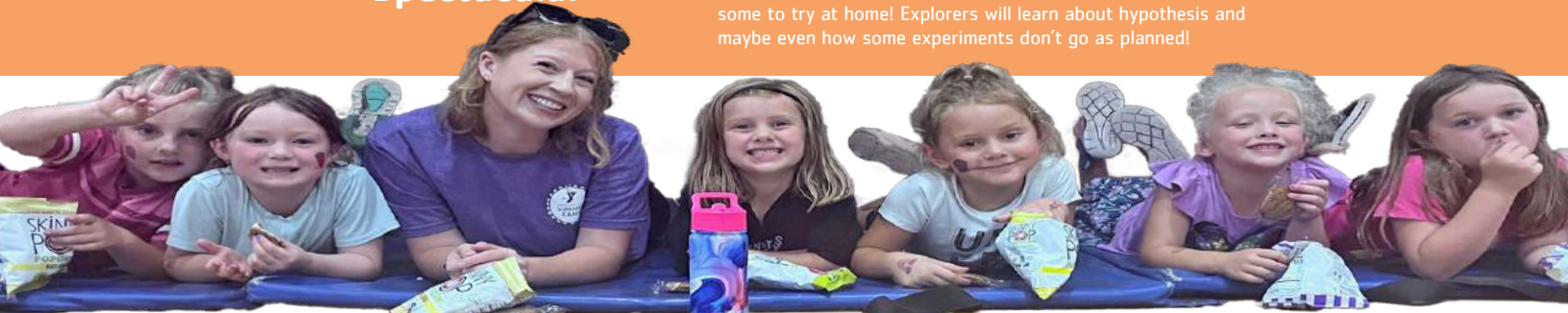


CAMP FEE PER SESSION

EXPLORERS  
\$240 Members  
\$270 Non-Members



<b>June 9-13</b>	<b>Endless Sunshine</b>	What says summer more than bubbles, sunshine, and friendship? Jump start summer as we begin building connections through activities and games! Campers will get the opportunity to create not only their own dreamcatcher but a suncatcher as well!	Chutes & Ladders Park
<b>June 16-20</b>	<b>A Wish Upon A Star</b>	Join our favorite characters, Mickey, Elsa, Buzz Lightyear, Ariel, and so many more as we celebrate the wonderful world of Disney this week! We will be testing our Explorers knowledge through bingo, jeopardy, and other games! Each camper will get to create and design their very own set of Mickey ears! This week all dreams will come true!	Urban Air
<b>June 23-27</b>	<b>A Camping We Will Go</b>	Let's go explore nature! Our explorers are going on a camping trip and what do we need? A tent! We will be building our own tents and going on a scavenger hunt to find things we need for our campsite! Campers will be working to create their very own lantern to light up the world as well!	Como Zoo & Conservatory
<b>July 7-11</b>	<b>Holly Jolly Heatwave</b>	Join in where the holiday spirit shines bright under the summer sun! This festive, fun-filled theme brings the magic of holidays to the middle of summer, combining the best of both worlds: the joy of traditions and the excitement of sunny summer activities. Campers will experience a wonderland packed with holiday-inspired games, crafts, and celebrations—without the snow, but with all the cheer!	Cascade Bay
<b>July 14-18</b>	<b>Splish Splash Bash</b>	It's water week! With the help of our favorite games; drip, drip, drop, sponge relay, and water blaster- we are sure to make a splash! Our week will be filled with all things water and fun! We encourage you to pack a swimsuit, towel, and extra clothes every day!	Central Park Splash Pad
<b>July 21-25</b>	<b>COLOR WARS</b>	Red, Yellow, Blue, Orange. What color will you be? This week is all about friendly competitions to test our campers physical, mental, and emotional strength! Throughout the week, we will be teaching the kids helping others through our 'Giving Back' and Penny Wars challenge! We will kick the week off with a large opening ceremony where the 'Color Spirit' will assign team colors and conclude the week with crowning the 2025 Color Wars Champion! Thursday, we will head down to Sibley Park for our large group competitions that include water, paint, and so much more! Make sure to ask your camper which color they are on!	Field Day at Sibley Park
<b>July 28 - Aug 1</b>	<b>Rainforest Rumble</b>	Let's embark on an unforgettable journey into the vibrant world of the rainforest, exploring its unique animals, plants, and ecosystems through fun and interactive activities. From jungle games to creative crafts, your child will become a rainforest enthusiast, learning all about the wonders of nature!	Stages Theatre - Madagascar
<b>August 4-8</b>	<b>The Game Plan</b>	Whether it be basketball or soccer- we got the sport! Each day, campers will focus on two different sports along with crafts and activities surrounding those sports! We will also be talking about teamwork and the importance of including everyone on the team! It will be a memorable week for all of our sports fans!	Grand Slam
<b>August 11 - 15</b>	<b>Sci-Fi Spectacular</b>	Science here. Science there. Science is everywhere! A seed is sprouting. A lava lamp is formed. A volcano erupted! Every day, your camper will have experiments to tell you about and even some to try at home! Explorers will learn about hypothesis and maybe even how some experiments don't go as planned!	Children's Museum of Minnesota







# VOYAGERS

Voyagers will stretch their imaginations through social, educational, and adventurous activities. Our personalized approach helps campers challenge themselves, encourage self-confidence, develop character and foster friendships.

GRADES

Entering  
4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

ALL  
DAY

M-F  
7:30am-5:30pm



## CAMP FEE PER SESSION

VOYAGERS  
\$240 Members  
\$270 Non-Members



<b>June 9-13</b>	<b>Sun's Out Fun's Out</b>	How can we think about summer without the sun? Join us for a bright and exciting week as we welcome summer and all it has to offer! Voyagers will be creating their own sense of fun through various activities and games all based around summer!	Conquer Ninja Gym
<b>June 16-20</b>	<b>Campfire Chronicles</b>	Who's going camping? We are going camping! Will you survive? Voyagers will learn navigation through geocaching, acquire skills in campfire starting & building, and finally master the art of shelter building! Join us on this nature filled week where we tackle the crazy obstacle of the great outdoors!	Urban Air
<b>June 23-27</b>	<b>Calling All Champions</b>	Play Ball! Hut-Hut-Hike! Goal! We've got all the traditional and non-traditional sports for our campers! Get your game face on as we focus on one traditional and one non-traditional sport each day! Campers will learn the strategies and skills of each game in order to be successful! Through our carefully designed activities and sports- campers will understand that sometimes we win and sometimes we lose. Put on your rally hat and let's go!	Grand Slam
<b>July 7-11</b>	<b>Holly Jolly Heatwave</b>	Join in where the holiday spirit shines bright under the summer sun! This festive, fun-filled theme brings the magic of holidays to the middle of summer, combining the best of both worlds: the joy of traditions and the excitement of sunny summer activities. Campers will experience a wonderland packed with holiday-inspired games, crafts, and celebrations—without the snow, but with all the cheer!	US Bank Stadium
<b>July 14-18</b>	<b>Innovation Vacation</b>	Through STEM activities and mindful programming- campers will need to conquer their daily task using their imagination and out-of-the-box thinking! Voyagers will test their minds through lock boxes and other time racing activities to achieve goals! Let's take a break from our normal everyday thinking and let our minds wander and be free!	Allianz Field
<b>July 21-25</b>	<b>COLOR WARS</b>	Red, Yellow, Blue, Orange. What color will you be? This week is all about friendly competitions to test our campers physical, mental, and emotional strength! Throughout the week, we will be teaching the kids helping others through our 'Giving Back' and Penny Wars challenge! We will kick the week off with a large opening ceremony where the 'Color Spirit' will assign team colors and conclude the week with crowning the 2025 Color Wars Champion! Thursday, we will head down to Sibley Park for our large group competitions that include water, paint, and so much more! Make sure to ask your camper which color they are on!	Field Day at Sibley Park
<b>July 28 - Aug 1</b>	<b>Just Add Water</b>	Be sure to pack your swimsuit or extra clothes each day because it's water week! We will be playing some of the craziest and wettest games campers could think of! Grab a water balloon and join in the fun! It's about to be a week no one could ever forget!	Cascade Bay
<b>August 4-8</b>	<b>Tropical Paradise</b>	Name a better way to beat the August heat than with an escape to the tropics! Campers will experience various fruits through making their own smoothies along with learning about tropical animals! Throughout the week, campers will design, create, and produce their very own boat to conquer the "sea". That's right, we have brought back our beloved homemade boat races! You won't want to miss this epic week!	SeaQuest
<b>August 11-15</b>	<b>Mystery Madness</b>	The thrill of solving puzzles and uncovering secrets awaits! This camp is a perfect blend of adventure, intrigue, and fun for campers. Get ready to put on your detective hats and work as a team to solve exciting mysteries, crack codes, and uncover hidden clues in the wild world of mystery! Whether it's solving a treasure hunt, unmasking a hidden culprit, or unraveling a series of puzzling challenges, campers will use their creativity, problem-solving skills, and teamwork to crack the case.	Science Museum



# SPORTS CAMP

Sports camp focuses on a progression curriculum that ensures campers will gain technical skills, sports knowledge, along with life lessons such as respect, teamwork and responsibility.

**GRADES**  
**Entering**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**  
**ALL DAY**  
**M-F**  
**7:30am-5:30pm**

## CAMP FEE PER SESSION

**SPORTS & STRIDE**  
**\$240 Members**  
**\$270 Non-Members**



<b>June 9-13</b>	<b>Multi-Sports</b>	Multi-Sports camps gives your camper the chance to experience up to 3 different sports each day, and over 12 sports in one week. During the mornings campers will focus on developing their skills within each sport and gain a basic understanding of the sport.	Conquer Ninja Gym
<b>June 16-20</b>	<b>Dance</b>	Dance camp is filled with music, routines and technical skills within the beauty of dance. We will end the week with a recital to showcase what they've learned, which parents/guardians are invited to.	Urban Air
<b>June 16-20</b>	<b>STRIDE for ALL</b>	STRIDE for ALL camp provides lessons on leadership, character development, healthy choices, goal-setting, and cooperation, all within the framework of a fitness and running plan. Campers will volunteer in our community and finish the week with a fun run which parents/guardians are invited to.	Volunteering at Feed My Starving Children
<b>June 23-27</b>	<b>Unconventional Sports</b>	Unconventional Sports Camp gives your camper the chance to learn up to 3 different unconventional sport each day, & over 12 sports in one week. During the day, campers will gain a basic understanding of the sport & try playing all the new sports. Some of the sports campers will learn about are pickleball, disc golf, skateboarding, gaga-ball, 9-square, broomball, archery & many fun sports.	Grand Slam
<b>July 7-11</b>	<b>Flag Football</b>	Flag Football camp is filled with drills to gain technical skills and knowledge in the sport. Campers will learn the fundamentals of football. We will wrap up with a scrimmage on Friday to showcase what they've learned, which parents/guardians are invited.	U.S. Bank Stadium
<b>July 14-18</b>	<b>Soccer</b>	Soccer camp is filled with drills to gain technical skills and knowledge in the sport. Campers will learn skills on dribbling, passing, shooting, and ball control. We will wrap up with a scrimmage on Friday to showcase what they've learned, which parents/guardians are invited.	Allianz Field
<b>July 21-25</b>	<b>COLOR WARS</b>	Red, Yellow, Blue, Orange. What color will you be? This week is all about friendly competitions to test our campers physical, mental, and emotional strength! Throughout the week, we will be teaching the campers about helping others through our 'Giving Back' and Penny Wars challenge! Thursday is our large group competitions that includes water, paint, and so much more! Make sure to ask your camper which color they are on!	Field Day at Sibley Park
<b>July 28 - Aug 1</b>	<b>Basketball</b>	Basketball Camp is filled with drills to gain technical skills and knowledge in the sport. Campers will learn the fundamentals of basketball and the rules of the game. We will wrap up with a scrimmage on Friday to showcase what they've learned, which parents/guardians are invited.	Cascade Bay
<b>August 11-15</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>	Volleyball Camp is filled with opportunities to learn the fundamentals of volleyball. Campers will be focusing on skill development and working up to playing a game of volleyball. We will wrap up with a scrimmage on Friday to showcase what they've learned, which parents/guardians are invited.	Science Museum



# CHELSEY SKATE PARK CAMP

One full week of skateboarding! Improve your skills and learn more, meet new friends and have fun!

**Please note:** Bring your own lunch Monday - Friday. Refrigeration and microwave available for bagged lunches.

Extended Care will be offered from 1:00pm - 2:00pm for \$3. If you wish to stay at the Park past 2pm, you will need to pay the admission fee.

**GRADES**  
**Entering**  
**1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**

**HALF DAY**

**M-F**  
**8:00am - 1:00pm**

**CAMP FEE PER SESSION**

CHELSEY SKATE PARK  
 \$210 Members  
 \$240 Non-Members

**Camp Meets @ Chesley Skate Park**

**Skateboards, helmets, and full pad rentals included in fee.**

**BMX & Scooters can be brought from home.**

**PARK HOURS**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
 2PM - 9PM

**SATURDAY**  
 1PM - 8PM

**SUNDAY**  
 1PM - 7PM

**DISCOUNTED PRICES & HOURS**

**SAVE!** UNDER 18: \$3  
 18 & OVER: \$6

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
 2PM - 5PM

**SATURDAY**  
 1PM - 3PM

June 9-13	Grommies (Grades 1-5)
June 16-20	Grommies JUST GIRLS (Grades 1-5)
June 23-27	Grommies (Grades 1-5)
July 14-18	Hawks (Grades 6-8)
July 28 - Aug 1	Grommies JUST GIRLS (Grades 1-5)
Aug 11 - 15	Grommies (Grades 1-5)
Aug 18 - 22	Grommies (Grades 1-5)



# PATHFINDERS


Pathfinder counselors provide intentional programming for young adults to gain skills in life lessons using hands-on experiences. Our campers enjoy hanging out in a safe environment where they can be themselves, develop a sense of belonging, build deep relationships and experience accomplishments and defeat in social settings.

**GRADES**  
**Entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**  
**ALL DAY**  
**M-F**  
**7:30am-5:30pm**



**CAMP FEE PER SESSION**

**PATHFINDERS**  
**\$240 Members**  
**\$270 Non-Members**



**July 7-11**

## Lego Robotics

Our Lego Robotics week is perfectly designed for the inventive and tech-savvy youth of today! In it, campers will get to build and experiment with LEGO Mindstorms NXT robot kits. They will build and program several different robots that can race, perform tasks, and more! As campers navigate this week, they are sure to learn more about themselves and the importance of perseverance!

Edina Aquatics Center

**July 14-18**

## Kids in the Kitchen

A full of food! Kids in the Kitchen is designed to give campers the skills necessary to make a well-balanced meal from scratch! The week will begin with simple recipes and concepts surrounding recipe reading, grocery budgeting, and kitchen safety. Mid-Week, we will put our talents to the test by bringing back the beloved restaurant "yHop" (a spin off of iHop). Our week wraps up with our version of 'Chopped' where campers will need to plan, budget, shop, prepare, cook, and serve a recipe of their own! which color they are on!

Volunteering at Feed My Starving Children

**July 21-15**

## COLOR WARS

Red, Yellow, Blue, Orange. What color will you be? This week is all about friendly competitions to test our campers physical, mental, and emotional strength! Throughout the week, we will be teaching the kids helping others through our 'Giving Back' and Penny Wars challenge! We will kick the week off with a large opening ceremony where the 'Color Spirit' will assign team colors and conclude the week with crowning the 2024 Color Wars Champion! Thursday, we will head down to Sibley Park for our large group competitions that include water, paint, and so much more! Make sure to ask your camper which color they are on!

Field Day at Sibley Park

**July 28 - Aug 1**

## Cultivate Curiosity

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Through partnership with the South Central College- Agriculture department & the Minnesota State University, Mankato Engineering Center of Excellence, pathfinders will be journeying through careers and activities in agriculture and STEM. With an up close and hands on approach, this week is sure to expose your camper to the importance of science and exploration!

Daily Trips to MSU & SCC

**August 11 - 15**

## Nature's Playground

The great outdoors is our playground! Nestled in the heart of nature, this camp invites campers to explore, play, and connect with the natural world around them. From archery to fishing, and everything in between, campers will experience the thrill of outdoor activities while learning valuable skills like problem-solving, patience, and environmental stewardship. Whether you're hitting the bullseye with a bow and arrow, casting a line to catch a first fish, or discovering the wonders of our trees, Nature's Playground is the ultimate outdoor experience.

Climb Zone, Mall of America



# OVERNIGHT CAMPS

## FIND YOUR PEOPLE. FIND YOUR PURPOSE.

Nestled on 19 acres off the shores of Lake Washington in Southern Minnesota, Camp Patterson is a co-ed resident camp that allows campers who are entering grades 3-12 to experience a week full of outdoor fun and learning through a variety of activities.



WEEK 1 **June 8 - 13**

WEEK 2 **June 15 - 20**

WEEK 3 **June 22 - 27**

WEEK 4 **August 3 - 8**

Overnight camp sessions begin on Sunday between 1- 2pm at Camp Patterson. Dismissal from camp commences on Fridays between 1-2pm.

### YMCA Overnight Camp Philosophy

The purpose of the Mankato Family YMCA Summer Camp program is to create a safe, fun and inclusive environment where every child has the opportunity to grow and feel valued.

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

TRADITIONAL CAMP  
\$450 Members  
\$480 Non-Members

LEADER IN TRAINING  
\$450 Members  
\$480 Non-Members

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING  
\$370 Members  
\$400 Non-Members



# » TRADITIONAL OVERNIGHT CAMP AT CAMP PATTERSON

GRADES

Entering  
3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>



Guided by caring and enthusiastic adults, the weekly schedule is balanced to allow campers the opportunity to bond with their cabin-mates while participating in a variety of structured activities such as canoeing, arts & crafts, archery, outdoor education and large group games.

## CAMP FEE PER SESSION

### OVERNIGHT CAMP

\$450 Members

\$475 Non-Members



# TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

## » LEADER IN TRAINING

GRADES  
Entering  
9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

The Leadership In Training (LIT) program offers a transformative experience for young campers, focusing on building essential leadership skills, fostering self-awareness, and understanding the power of giving back to the community. Through this program, LITs will develop invaluable qualities such as empathy, emotional intelligence, resilience, and a strong sense of individuality. They will not only gain transferable skills for their future but also cultivate a deeper sense of purpose and confidence. Join the Leader In Training program this summer and empower your child to grow, lead, and make a lasting impact.

### CAMP FEE PER SESSION

LEADERS IN TRAINING  
\$450 Members  
\$475 Non-Members



## » COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

GRADES  
Entering  
11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

The Mankato Family YMCA Overnight Camp Counselor In Training (CIT) Program offers a unique opportunity for individuals to explore the mission and purpose of our camp while developing valuable leadership skills. CITs will have the chance to shadow experienced staff in specific program areas, guide younger campers through their favorite activities, and plan three exciting afternoon events for younger campers. This hands-on experience is designed for campers who are passionate about working with children and have the aspiration to become a YMCA Summer Camp staff member in the future. It's the perfect way to build confidence, gain practical skills, and deepen your connection to the YMCA community.

### CAMP FEE PER SESSION

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING  
\$370 Members  
\$395 Non-Members



## » JUNIOR COUNSELOR

The Junior Counselor (JC) program at the Mankato Family YMCA Overnight Camp offers an exciting opportunity for individuals who have completed the Counselor in Training (CIT) program and are eager to gain hands-on experience before becoming a full-time camp counselor. Designed for those not yet 18, this program allows participants to immerse themselves in the daily life of a cabin counselor. JCs will be actively involved in cabin time, leading both large and small group activities, assisting with mealtime, supporting check-in/check-out processes, and experiencing the full scope of a counselor's responsibilities. Paired with an experienced mentor, JCs will receive guidance, build meaningful connections with fellow staff, and gain the skills needed to succeed in future camp roles. This program is perfect for those who are aspiring to become a camp counselor in the coming years. To apply, please contact our Director of Youth Development for more details.





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