

SUN, SMILES, & SAWMILL VIBES



Sawmill Summer Camp 2026
Hamilton Area YMCA

Sun, Smiles & Sawmill Vibes Await!



At Sawmill, campers entering kindergarten to age 15 can soak up the sunshine, share plenty of smiles, and experience the fun and friendships of summer camp! Whether your child is joining our Day Camp adventures or exploring passions in our Specialty Camps, each day brings new discoveries.

With 50 acres of outdoor fun, campers can splash in the pool, try STEM experiments, create art, play sports and games, enjoy recreational activities, and participate in special theme weeks. Every moment is designed to inspire joy, friendship, and personal growth.

No matter which camp you pick, you can rest assured your camper is enjoying the best summer fun in a supportive, top-notch program that recognizes every child's potential.



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide a safe, fun and welcoming environment for our campers, staff and families. Camp programming is designed to foster growth and independence. We hire and train counselors who are leaders in our schools, in sports, and in our community. Our staff connect with each individual camper to help provide countless opportunities for them to make friends and build relationships.

The Hamilton Area YMCA has offered youth programming such as summer camp for 75 years. In 2002, our Y expanded by opening its Sawmill Branch - a dedicated home to Summer Camp and Recreation.



Visit hamiltonymca.org to register!



DAY CAMP OFFERINGS

SMALL FEET (ENTERING KINDERGARTEN)

Small Feet will include lots of hands-on learning and fun. Weekly themes, games, and arts and crafts, are carefully planned to engage this age group. Campers will have a safe and fun camp experience giving many opportunities to make new friends.

PIONEERS AND ADVENTURERS (AGES 6-7)

All of the experiences of Small Feet above PLUS...our Pioneers and Adventurers will experience fun activities such as art, STEM, team building, and sports and recreational games, which will all provide opportunities to create new friendships

EXPLORERS AND TRAVELERS (AGES 8-9)

All of the experiences of Pioneers and Adventurers above PLUS... Campers will have experiences with new activities like Human Foosball, Traversing wall, badminton, and Kickball on the baseball fields all a short hike away. Each of these activities helps campers expand their horizons.

SEEKERS AND PATHFINDERS (AGES 10-11)

All of the experiences of Explorers and Travelers above PLUS... Seekers and Pathfinders give campers a fun camp experience with an emphasis on independence and learning. Campers enjoy fun-filled activities such as team-building activities at the traversing wall and more! All designed to build confidence and encourage new ideas. Campers will experience a day of off-site exploration with field trips scheduled every other week. Field trips provide campers a sense of adventure as they leave camp to explore.

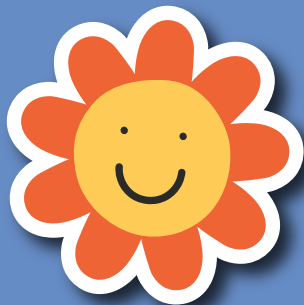
TRAILBLAZERS (AGES 12-13)

All of the experiences of Seekers and Pathfinders above PLUS...This camp is designed to build camper leadership skills, explore different volunteer roles within our camp, and ways to make a difference in their camp community with group projects. Campers will experience a day of off-site exploration with field trips scheduled every other week. Field trips provide campers a sense of adventure as they leave camp to explore.

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT) (AGES 14-15)

All of the experiences of Trailblazers above PLUS... Calling all future counselors! CIT camp is for those that have an interest in working with children and maybe even a job as a camp counselor...CITs have the chance to work with our elementary-age campers. Campers will experience a day of off-site exploration with field trips scheduled every other week. Field trips provide campers a sense of adventure as they leave camp to explore.





SPECIALTY CAMP OFFERINGS

All of the experiences of Day Camp PLUS...Our specialty camps for campers ages 5 - 15 allow campers to spend more time during the week focusing on one skill set. Campers will still participate in traditional camp games, activities and swim but will have ample time outside of that to devote on learning developing a new skill.



ART CAMP

June 29 - July 3 | July 6 - 10

Our art camp is designed to stimulate creative expression through projects and activities that change each week. Campers have fun, develop artistic techniques, and learn about the principles of visual art and historical periods through a variety of projects that utilize an assortment of media, including painting, drawing, and sculpture.

HIGH-PERFORMANCE BASKETBALL CAMP

June 29 - July 3 | July 6 - 10

Our high-performance basketball camp the goal is to provide a safe environment for players at all levels to improve their skills and gain confidence on the court. Through training, players will learn how to play in games with or without the ball. They will learn how they can use their skill sets effectively against other players and how they can improve their performance during games by practicing drills that focus on specific skills that they need help improving.

PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

July 13 - 17 | July 20 - 24

Join us for an action-packed week at Gymnastics Camp! Designed for kids of all skill levels, our camp offers coaching in tumbling, bars, beam, and floor. Campers will build strength, flexibility, and confidence while having fun with themed games, team challenges, and creative movement sessions. Whether your child is a beginner or a competitive gymnast, this is the perfect place to learn new skills, and make friends.

SPORTS CAMP

July 27 - 31 | August 3 - 7 | August 10 - 14 | August 17 - 21

Join us for a fun, jam-packed week of sports and team building! This camp offers a multi-sport experience with team building games. Your camper will engage in a variety of sports activities that will develop confidence, promote social and interpersonal skills, keep them active and healthy, and challenge them to try new things – all in a safe environment led by positive adult role models.

TENNIS CAMP & LACROSSE CAMP

July 13 - 17 | July 20 - 24

Tennis & Lacrosse Camp is a program to introduce or improve children's skills, fitness, and knowledge of the game. This camp will work with players of all skills levels. We plan to enhance their techniques, strategies, and knowledge of the game.

TRAVEL CAMP (AGES 10 - 15)

July 20 - 24 | July 27 - 31 | August 3 - 7

Campers embark on weekly excursions to exciting destinations. Pack your bags...the world is waiting for you!





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Special Events &
Experiences.

Camp Dates

June 22 – August 28

2026 Day Camp Rates

Register for 1 week • \$406

Register for 2 – 4 weeks • \$376

SAVE \$30 per week

Register for 5 – 7 weeks • \$356

SAVE \$50 per week

Register for 8 – 10 weeks • \$316

SAVE \$90 off week

WHEN REGISTERING ONLINE, USE CODE: 2026

Apply the discount in the cart before finalizing checkout to activate the savings!

2026 Pre & Post Camp Rates

Pre Camp: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. • \$40 per week

Post Camp: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. • \$50 per week

Payment Information

For detailed payment information visit our website.

- Simply leave a \$100 deposit per week and lock-in the lowest rate! Then you can pay in full or in equal payments February – May
- No Membership Required – pay a one-time \$35 registration fee
- Discount is only available for Day Camp. Specialty Camps, Diverse Abilities Camp and Travel Camp are not eligible

Online Registration

Register, make payments, complete medical information, sign waivers, and submit immunization records all online.

EXPANDING YOUR CHILD'S HORIZONS

Special Events & Experiences



Special visitors will be at Sawmill weekly and are sure to be the highlight of the week! Think Music Play Patrol, a petting zoo, the famous Yoyo Champion, and more! All of these and more will come to our camp so each camper can experience the fun without leaving Sawmill!

Swim Lessons



Swim lessons provide important life skills that could save a life and will benefit youth and teens for a lifetime. Weekly swim lessons are offered to campers ages 4 – 13 at various afternoon time slots beginning at 2:45 p.m. Our swim instructors are Y-USA certified. Their training includes CPR, AED, First Aid, and Oxygen Administration.

The YMCA Four Core Values



We strive to embody the core values of the YMCA – **Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility** – which are the cornerstone of what we teach our campers. These values are used to highlight expectations, encourage positive behaviors and cement the meaning of the camp experience into the minds of campers.

Y Bucks



When we see campers upholding our four core values and demonstrating things like sharing, displaying acts of kindness and including others, they will earn Y Bucks! Y Bucks can be used in our camp store for fun prizes at the end of each week.

Camper Accomplishments



We find that campers often accomplish things they never expected – like passing the deep end swim test, making their way through the climbing wall, and making new friends! We recognize these accomplishments made throughout the week!

Weekly Awards



- Camper of the Week
- Core Value Star of the Week
- Counselor of the Week
- Deep End Test Award

Opportunities For Growth



We are proud to have partnerships with community-based organizations such as the Girl Scouts, Penn Medicine, Hamilton Township Health Department, and more. In addition to all of the exciting programming we offer, these organizations provide activities that strengthen our campers' social, emotional, and behavioral competence.



girlscouts



The Hamilton Township Health Department creates a culture of health by increasing accessibility and promoting health equity through honest and credible services and community engagement.

The Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. STEM programs increase a strong sense of self, positive values, challenge seeking, healthy relationships and community problem solving. Girl Scouts empower today's girls to become tomorrow's leaders.



Penn Medicine
Princeton Health

Penn Medicine offers several programs to our campers such as the Safe Sitter program, designed for kids that are ages 11 – 14, that teaches CPR and babysitting safety, and RAD Kids which teaches self-defense for all ages.

Bike & Pedestrian Safety

Partnering with schools and communities in Mercer County to implement safe walking and bicycling programs.

Caring & Well Trained Staff

Each of our staff undergoes a series of interviews, reference checks and a complete background/criminal history check. Our leadership team are college graduates who are working professionals in the fields of education and child development with more than 40 years of camp experience. Our senior counselors are at least 18 years of age with prior experience working with children. Many of our staff have been former campers and have gone through our counselor in training program. All staff participate in over 35 hours of YMCA pre camp training. Topics include age appropriate activities, behavior management, risk management, health and safety, child abuse prevention and more. All staff are certified in First Aid and CPR. There is a camp nurse on-site each day.

Parents Trust Us

When you drop your child off at camp, we know that you are trusting us to provide high-quality care. With a low, camper-to-staff ratio, each child receives the attention they need to grow in a safe, supportive environment. The Hamilton Area YMCA has been proudly serving the Community for more than 70 years and over two decades at our Sawmill Branch.

Everyone belongs at the Y.

We believe in serving the needs of all members of our community including those who may be unable to pay the full cost of membership or programs. Financial assistance applications are encouraged and are due by May 1. The process is confidential. E-mail: rturner@hamiltonymca.org for more information. We are an approved summer camp for State Subsidies such as **Child Care Connection**.

THEME WEEKS



WEEK 1 - SUNRISE WEEK: Welcome to Sawmill! Spread joy and positivity.

WEEK 2 - STARS STRIPES AND CELEBRATIONS: Patriotic theme week to celebrate the 4th of July

WEEK 3 - SPARKLES AND SHINE WEEK: Creativity and self-expression at its best.

WEEK 4 - SUPER COLOR WARS CLASH: Campers will compete for the spirit stick through challenges, contests and games.

WEEK 5 - SPORTS MANIA WEEK: Cheer on your favorite team!

WEEK 6 - SWEET TREAT WEEK - A week of deliciousness and creativity!

WEEK 7 - SURF'S UP WEEK: Ride the waves and embrace water fun!

WEEK 8 - SCIENCE & DISCOVERY WEEK: Explore the wonders of the world through science.

WEEK 9 - SUPERHERO WEEK: Power up with super fun activities.

WEEK 10 - SUNSET WEEK: A week of favorite activities that showcase what Sawmill is all about.



Contact Us!



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Summer Camp
at the Sawmill Branch:
609.581.9622 ext. 21100



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For full camp descriptions, pricing, registration forms and online registration!

Plus you can access:

- Parent handbook
- Camp staff bios and training
- Tuition assistance options
- Theme weeks and special events
- What campers should bring to camp
- FAQs & more!

Typical Camp Day

Camp day schedule and activities will vary and are subject to change.

7:30 - 9:00 a.m. - Pre Camp*
9:00 a.m. - Morning Meeting
9:15 a.m. - Sports Activity
10:00 a.m. - Swim
10:45 a.m. - Arts and Crafts Activity
11:30 a.m. - Lunch
12:15 p.m. - STEM Activity
1:00 p.m. - Community Partner Activity
1:45 p.m. - Specialty Program
2:30 p.m. - Group Game/Choice
3:15 p.m. - Afternoon Meeting
3:45 - 4:30 p.m. - Prepare for Departure
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Post Camp*

*Campers enrolled in pre and post camp will participate in camp structured activities.



What To Bring To Camp

Make sure to write your child's name on everything.

- Backpack
- Bathing Suit
- Change of Clothes
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Non-perishable Lunch & Snack - we offer Jersey Mike's as an option to purchase lunch!
- Positive Attitude

What to Wear

- Comfortable clothes that can get dirty
- Water shirts are great all day wear
- Closed toe shoes
- A baseball or bucket hat
- Anything else weather related needed to play outside



Open Houses at the Sawmill Branch

Meet the Camp Director, Senior Camp Staff, Medical Staff, Pool Supervisor and the staff of our Specialty Camps.

Saturday, March 7 • Saturday, April 11 • Saturday, May 9
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.