

# 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.

## Weekly Awards

- Camper of the Week
- Core Value Star of the Week
- Counselor of the 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!

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## Field Trips

We are proud to offer field trip experiences to our campers who are ages 10 and up. Campers will have a field trip every other week during the summer. Field trips provide campers a sense of adventure as they leave camp to explore.



## 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](mailto:rturner@hamiltonymca.org) for more information. We are an approved summer camp for State Subsidies such as **Child Care Connection**.

# THEME WEEKS

### WEEK 1

#### Summer Kick-off

Kick-off summer with fun activities to get you ready for camp!

### WEEK 2

#### Party in the USA

Patriotic themed week to celebrate the 4th of July!

### WEEK 3

#### Messy Week

Experience messy happenings around Sawmill!

### WEEK 4

#### Color Wars

Campers will compete for the spirit stick through challenges, contests and games.

### WEEK 5

#### Entertainment Week

Experience a variety of themed shows and entertainment from the past.

### WEEK 6

#### Wet & Wild

Fun activities involving water.

### WEEK 7

#### Y's Got Talent

Campers showcase why they're future stars

### WEEK 8

#### Sports Week

Cheer on your favorite team! GO TEAM GO!

### WEEK 9

#### Holidays Around the World

We're celebrating some of our favorite holidays.

### WEEK 10

#### Sawmill Faves

A week of favorite activities that showcase what Sawmill is all about!