

Welcome!

At the Y, we strive to embody our core values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility in everything we do. Our camps are designed to provide a nurturing and fun environment where children are empowered to learn, grow, and make lasting friendships.

What makes our camps unique? We offer a wide variety of programs that can be tailored to your summer needs. From adventure and sports camps to outdoor explorations and creative activities, we ensure your child has the opportunity to develop new skills, discover their passions, and build self-confidence—all in a safe, welcoming space.

Join us for a summer full of discovery, connection, and growth!

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The Whatcom Family YMCA is an association of individuals with shared values which enhance the community with programs for the spirit, mind and body.

We know that lasting personal and social change comes about when we all work together. At the Y, strengthening the foundations of community is our cause. Every day, we work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

"I want to go back next year!" - 2024 Camper

READY. SET. ADVENTURE!

Why the Y?

Experience and trust is what you have come to expect at our camp programs in Whatcom County. This is because we create weekly Huddle Groups that focus on three unique elements as a foundation for all of our youth programming.

Achievement

Our campers will gain new knowledge, skills and abilities that help them realize their passions, talents and potential. Camp counselors will lead progressive skill clinics that will build confidence and learn new things. Campers will be challenged to try new things and expand their interests..

Relationships

Camp is all about developing good relationships. Campers will make new friends and form positive relationships with adult role models.

Belonging

Our camps create a sense of community where kids feel safe, welcome, and can express their individuality.

Outdoors and Field Trips!

Our day camp program is committed to getting youth outdoors as often as possible. We know that being in an outdoor environment can offer a variety of opportunities that allow campers to be physically active and enjoy new experiences.

Our weekly schedules consist of field trips to local parks, the Bellingham School District's Gordon Carter Conservation site, and more. Campers will learn to be responsible and resourceful, work in groups, solve problems and make decisions that will help them grow as individuals—all while having fun and feeling like they belong.



AGE GROUPS

"We loved how inclusive it was."
- 2024 Parent

Discovers (Entering 1st Grade)

YMCA Discoverers specifically meets the needs of our youngest campers so they can play constructively, learn cooperatively, and make friends. Our goal is to expand children's horizons by providing developmentally appropriate, creative and fun play experiences. Each day, campers have the opportunity to socialize through activities that foster sharing and cooperation.

Seekers (Entering 2nd-3rd Grade)

Seekers stay active and learn in new ways at summer camp. Whether it's learning a new skill or game, working on a project with new-found friends, going on an exciting field trip or just enjoying some play time, camp provides room to grow and help kids build resilience and confidence.

Explorers (Entering 4th-5th Grade)

Each week offers adventures with exciting themes that are woven into the day's activities. Explorers learn to respect and enjoy nature while having fun, hiking, exploring, crafting, swimming, field trips and much more. Y camp staff build teamwork and provide challenging, safe activities for each small group.

Challengers (Entering 6th-8th Grade)

Y staff provide a challenging and team-based camp designed specifically for middle schoolers that allows them to explore our community, develop new talents and head outdoors for an adventure. Each week offers Challengers opportunities for friendship and exploration in engaging activities with weekly themes shaping the day's plan.



ADVENTURE CAMP

SUMMER CALENDAR BY WEEK

	WEEK	THEME				
1	June 16 – 20 *No Camp June 19	Mario Galaxy				
2	June 23 - 27	Studio Ghibli				
3	June 30 – July 3 *No Camp July 4	Land Before Time				
4	July 7 – 11	Pokemon				
5	July 14 - 18	Scooby Do				
6	July 21 - 25	Into the Unknown				
7	July 28 - August 1	Avengers				
8	August 4 - 8	Under the Sea				
9	August 11 – 15	Inside Out 1				
10	August 18 – 19 *No Camp August 20-22	Inside Out 2				



GENERAL WEEKLY SCHEDULES

DISCOVERERS (GRADE 1)								
Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
Alderwood	Skills Clinic & Swimming at the Y	On -Site "Staycation"	Field Trip	On –Site "Staycation"	On–Site (Gordon Carter Conservation Site Starting Week 6)			
Happy Valley	On–Site (Gordon Carter Conservation Site Starting Week 6)	On –Site "Staycation"	On –Site "Staycation"	Field Trip	Skills Clinic & Swimming at the Y			

SEEKERS (GRADE 2-3)								
Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
Alderwood	Gordon Carter Conservation Site (Every Other Week)	Skills Clinic & Swimming	Gordon Carter Conservation Site	Field Trip	Gordon Carter Conservation Site			
Happy Valley	Gordon Carter Conservation Site (Every Other Week)	Field Trip	Gordon Carter Conservation Site	Skills Clinic & Swimming at the Y	Gordon Carter Conservation Site			

EXPLORERS (GRADE 4-5)									
Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
Both Locations Will Combine	Gordon Carter Conservation Site	Field Trip	Skills Clinic & Swimming	Gordon Conserva					

CHALLENGERS (GRADES 6-8)									
Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
Both Locations Will Combine	Gordon Carter Conservation Site	Skills Clinic & Mini Field Trip	Field Trip	Skills Clinics & Swimming or Slip N Slide	Adventure Day				

TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

JUINOR COUNSELORS GRADES 8-12

The Junior Counselor Program allows teens to further develop their leadership skills while they gain experience working with children. Adventure Camp staff serve as mentors while providing guidance and feedback as Junior Counselors volunteer to be a positive role model to our younger Adventure Campers.

- Teens must be pre-registered and have an approved volunteer schedule
- MERIT background check required; instructions provided after registration
- Negative TB test required for youth 14 years of age or older
- Mandatory training to be held on Saturday, June 14, 9am 4pm
 - Training date subject to change due to changes in school district schedule.



YOUTH INSTITUTE GRADES 9-12

Our amazing Youth Institute Program will continue to provide valuable hands-on experience in media, technology, and leadership.

Eligibility and an application process is required. Limited spots available. Learn more and apply today by visiting us online!

Other exciting Teen Adventures may be announced soon. Stay up to date by visiting our website or scanning the QR code!

ROGRAMS

ADVENTURE CAMP 2025 RATES

Registration Fees

- \$50 1st child (\$10/additional child); non-refundable
- Use the discount code "CAMPSIBLING2025" if you have additional children. This applies to Adventure Camp and Challenger Camp.

Deposits

• A \$25 non-refundable deposit per child per week is due upon registration; each deposit is applied towards weekly rate.

Weekly Fees for Adventure & Challenger Camp

- Regular Camp Rates
 - Members: \$355 per week | Non-Members: \$390 per week (Week, 2 & Week 4-9)
- Prorated Weeks
 - Week 1: Members \$284 | Non-Members \$313 (4 days); no camp June 19
 - Week 3: Members \$284 | Non-Members \$313 (4 days); no camp July 4
 - Week 10: Members \$142 | Non Members \$157 (2 days); no camp Aug 20–22



Online registration requires all registration & deposits must be paid at the time of registration. All future payments must be scheduled to an automatic electronic payment plan. Families currently using a 3rd party subsidy (DSHS, DCYF, etc.) are encouraged to call the Camp Office at (360) 255-0585 to register over the phone. All age groups are DSHS eligible for youth 12 and under; where applicable.

Cancellations/Refunds

- Full Refund (minus deposit): 3 or more weeks notice
- Half Refund (minus deposit): 1-2 weeks notice
- No Refund: 1 week or less notice

Cancellations must be made online through our Cancellation Form or made in writing to our registrar at registrar@whatcomymca.org.

Other Financial Policies

- Absences due to illness, behavior issues, or other unforeseen circumstances do not result in credit or make-up time.
- Vacation Credit will not be available. With week to week options, we suggest you plan your weeks of camp around your vacation schedule.
- Discontinued attendance without cancellation does not result in credit.
- Please see Summer Parent handbook for all other fees and related financial policies due to No Call/No Show, Late Pick Up, etc.

ADVENTURE CAMP REGISTRATION

Online Registration:

- 1. Find the online registration link at: whatcomymca.org/adventure-camp
- 2. Complete all registration questions and have an updated Child Profile.
- 3. Pay deposits for applicable weeks.
- **4.** Pay any past due balances from any YMCA program prior or at the time of registration.
- 5. Download the Parent Handbook.

Important Dates

Registration Opens: Monday, February 17 Camp Begins: Monday, June 16* No Camp Holidays: June 19. July 4

Camp Ends: Tuesday August 19

*Subject to school district calendar changes due to weather)

Other Info Locations**:

- Alderwood Elementary School 3400 Hollywood Ave, Bellingham WA
- Happy Valley Elementary School 1041 24th Street, Bellingham WA

Times:

- Drop Off Between 7:30-8:45am
- Pick Up Between 4:30-6pm
- **Locations subject to change due to availability.

Ouestions?

Contact us at registar@whatcomymca.org or by calling 360 255 0585.



For information on fees visit our website or scan the QR code:



Explore the Gordon Carter Conservation Site!

Get ready for adventure! The Gordon Carter Conservation Site is a natural playground where campers immerse themselves in forests, learning, and fun. For over 60 years, it has been a cornerstone of outdoor learning in Whatcom County.



This summer, YMCA campers will continue the tradition with exciting activities like trail exploration, wildlife observation, and hands-on games. We're excited to return and give more kids the chance to connect with nature, learn new skills, and create unforgettable memories!

> **Gordon Carter Conservation Site** 3801 South Bay Drive Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

ADVENTURE CAMP ADVENTURE CAMP

	MPS AT LANCE	Days of the Week	Times	Entering Grades in Fall	June 16 - 20	June 23 - 27	June 30 - July 3	July 7 – 11	July 14 – 18	July 21 - 25	July 28 - August 1	August 4 - 8	August 11 – 15	August 18 - 22
	CAMPS												○ = Pa	rtial Week
R E	Discovers	Monday - Friday		1	•	•	•	•		•				
ADVENTURE	Seekers	Monday - Friday	Drop Off: 7:30 - 8:45am Program Hours: 8:30am - 4:30pm	2 - 3	•	•	•	•	•					
VEN	Explorers	Monday - Friday	Pick Up: 4:30 - 6pm	4 - 5	•	•	•	•	•					
ΑD	Challengers	Monday - Friday		6 - 8	•	•	•	•	•					
	Mini Mountaineers	Monday & Wednesday	60 Mins Start Time Varies by Week	Pre-K/K					•	•	•			
N G	Craggin' Kids	Monday-Friday	9am - Noon	1 - 4				•	•	•	•	•	•	•
MB	Yosemite Youth	Monday-Friday	1 – 4pm	5 - 8				•					•	
	Top-Roping Teens	Monday-Friday	1 – 4pm	9 - 12								•		•
	Outdoor Climbing	Monday-Friday	M-W, 9am-2pm R-F, 9am-5pm	6 - 12					•		•			
NON NON	Girls Have Heart	Monday-Friday	9am – 1 pm	3 - 6	•									
GIRLS ON THE RUN	Girls Have Power	Monday-Friday	9am – 1 pm	3 - 6					•					
S	Elementary	Monday-Friday	10am - 3pm	2 - 6	•							•		
A-L ZER	Middle School	Monday-Friday	10am - 3pm	6 - 9				•						
TRAII	Trails to Tides	Monday-Friday	10am - 3pm	2 - 6						•				
В	Lap the Lakes	Monday-Friday	9:30am - 4pm	6 - 9										•
JTH	Sports Camp	Monday - Thursday	9am - 3pm	1 - 6	•		•		•	•		•		
YOUTH	Sport and Swim	Monday - Friday	9am - 3pm	1 - 6				•			•			
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While Adventure Camp wraps up on August 19, we're keeping the fun going! Join us for Back to School Camp from August 20–22, designed to keep youth active, engaged, and excited for the new school year.

Details are coming soon, be sure to check back online for updates!

Don't miss this perfect end to summer! Space will be limited!

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CAMPS AT A GLANCE

CLIMBING CAMPS & PROGRAMS

Climbing camps! Join us at the climbing wall this summer for a week of indoor (and sometimes outdoor) adventure, building strong friendships, and reaching new heights!

All Camps take place at our downtown location in Bellingham where are two climbing walls are located! The Outdoor Climbing Camp will be a mix of climbing wall and trips.

Mini Mountaineers Camp Entering Grades Pre-K/K Sessions:

- Monday-Wednesday | 3 4pm
 - July 14 July 16
 - July 28 July 30
- Monday-Wednesday | 1 2pm
 - o July 21 July 23
- Monday-Wednesday | 2:15 3:15pm
- July 21 July 23

Cost Per Session:

• \$60 Members | \$90 Non-Members

Craggin' Kids Camp Entering Grades 1 - 4

Sessions:

- Monday Friday, July 7 11
- Monday Friday, July 21 25
- Monday Friday, August 4 8
- Monday Friday, August 11 15
- Monday Friday, August 18 22

Times:

• 9am-Noon

Cost Per Session:

• \$270 Members | \$300 Non-Members





Yosemite Youth Camp Entering Grades 5 - 8

Sessions:

- Monday, July 7 Friday, July 11
- Monday, August 11 Friday, August 15

Times:

• 1 - 4pm

Cost Per Session:

• \$270 Members | \$300 Non-Members

Top-Roping Teens Camp

Entering Grades 9 - 12 Sessions:

- Monday, August 4 Friday, August 8
- Monday, August 18 Friday, August 22

Times:

• 1 - 4pm

Cost Per Session:

• \$270 Members | \$300 Non-Members

Outdoor Climbing Camp

Entering grades 6 - 12 Sessions:

- Monday, July 14 Friday, July 18
- Monday, July 28 Friday, August 1

- 9am 2pm, Monday-Wednesday (@ Y)
- 9am 5pm, Thursday + Friday (Offsite)

Cost Per Session:

• \$400 Members | \$500 Non-Members

QUESTIONS ABOUT CLIMBING PROGRAMS? Reach out to climbing@whatcomymca.org

GIRLS ON THE RUN

Our week long summer camp allows girls to build self-esteem, make friends, set goals, and feel accomplished after the end-of-the-week 5K around beautiful Lake Padden.

Campers entering grades 3rd-6th are invited to participate in a condensed camp version of our popular school-year character-building program. We combine the best of Girls on the Run with all the fun of camp! During the week-long sessions, girls will build friendships in fun and inclusive settings and learn important life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and trail exploration.

This camp is open to anyone identifying as a girl or gender-expansive entering grades 3rd-6th in fall of 2025. Fee includes t-shirt, water bottle, drawstring bag, take home surprise, and snacks.



Girls Have Heart

Session 1 | Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27

Time:

• 9am - 1pm

Location:

• Meet at Lake Padden, Near Playground **Cost Per Session:**





Girls Have Power

Session 2 | Monday, July 14 - Friday, July 18

Time:

• 9am - 1pm

Location:

• Meet at Lake Padden, Near Playground

Cost Per Session:

• \$235 Members | \$265 Non-Members



QUESTIONS ABOUT GIRLS ON THE RUN? Reach out to us at gotr@whatcomymca.org

GIRLS ON THE RUN

SWIM LESSONS

The world is 70% water, and kids are 100% curious! Equip them with a life-saving skill—join swim lessons at the Whatcom Family YMCA. We're making waves at our downtown Bellingham location, plus returning to Sudden Valley and Regency Park this summer.



Downtown Bellingham Y **Progressive Swim Lessons**

Tuesday/Thursday Classes • June 24 - July 17

- July 22 August 14
- August 19 September 11

Wednesday Classes

• July 23 - September 10

Saturday Classes

July 19 - September 6

Times and levels vary. Scan the QR code or visit us online for more details.

Downtown Bellingham Y **Safety Around Water Lessons**

Monday Classes

- June 2 July 14
- July 21 September 8

Sudden Valley and Regency Park Lesson Schedules Coming Soon! Check online for the latest info!



QUESTIONS ABOUT AQUATICS PROGRAMS? Reach out to us at aquatics@whatcomymca.org



TRAIL BLAZERS **CAMPS**

We believe all kids deserve the chance to experience the life-changing power of camp. The Trail Blazers camps build connections between our youth and our trails. We provide participants with the opportunity to explore the outdoors in new ways which presents endless opportunities to laugh, lead and make lasting friendships.

Campers learn how to challenge themselves at whatever pace they are at, work as a team and overcome obstacles. We will meet at Squalicum Park Park each morning before taking the YMCA buses to various parks, beaches and forests.

Camps run Monday – Friday and each camp is five hours long (unless otherwise specified) so there will be plenty of time for exploring these special places.

	WEEK	THEME	GRADES
1	June 23 - 27	Elementary School Camp	2 - 6
2	July 7 – 11	Middle School Camp	6 - 9
3	July 21 - 25	Trail to Tides	2 - 6
4	August 4 - 8	Elementary School Camp	2 - 6
5	August 18 - 22	Lap the Lakes	6 - 9

QUESTIONS ABOUT TRAIL BLAZERS CAMPS? Reach out to us at trailblazers@whatcomymca.org



TRAIL BLAZERS CAMPS

Elementary School Camp Entering Grades 2 - 6

- Session 1 | Monday, June 23 Friday, June 27
- Session 2 | Monday, August 4 Friday, August 8

Join us as we challenge ourselves to go further on the trails while having fun, making friends and discovering new places! This camp is for any pace explorer willing to try new things and are ready to have A BLAST! There will be lots of opportunities for campers to challenge themselves and support their fellow campers!

Middle School Camp Entering Grades 6 - 9

• Session 1 | Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11

We are all about having fun while exploring our amazing backyard on foot! You don't have to be the fastest runner, or have years of experience underfoot. We just ask you to bring a desire to improve your move-ability, a willingness to try new things, and an appetite for fun!

We will take the Y bus each day to a new gem of Whatcom County. We'll get into the Chuckanut Mountains, onto Blanchard Mountain, explore places like Point Whitehorn and more! After our 3–5 mile adventure each day we will head to different beaches for lunch, team-building activities, etc.

- Times:
 - 10am-3pm
- Location:
 - Drop-off at Squalicum Creek Park.
 We will drive to a different location each week.
- Cost Per Session:
 - \$295 Member | \$325 Non-Member
 - Includes: Trail Blazers swag, a snack, transportation.



Trails to Tides Camp Entering Grades 2 - 6

TRAIL BLAZERS CAMPS

• Session 1 | Monday, July 21 - Friday, July 25

This week we are going to be chasing the low tides and exploring from land to sea! Each day we will take a new trail to a new beach. We will explore, play, learn & picnic before heading back on the trails that day! Trails will be 2 – 4 miles round trip from the beach, making it less of a journey. We will go at all paces and also incorporate scavenger hunts, craft projects and team challenges.

- Times:
 - 10am-3pm
- Location:
 - Drop-off near the Squalicum Creek Park.
 We will drive to a different location each week.
- Cost Per Session:
 - \$295 Member | \$325 Non-Member
 - Includes: Trail Blazers swag, a snack, transportation.

Lap the Lakes Camp Entering Grades 6 - 9

• Session 1 | Monday, August 18 - Friday, August 22

Join us to explore a new lake every day! We will do it all, from boating at Lake Padden and exploring Silver Lake to ending the week with a trip to Baker Lake! This is an incredible opportunity for those adventurers looking to take a step up and do more than just run in our backyard! No additional experience necessary, just a positive mindset and readiness for adventure! This camp is 6 hours because we will be traveling further and covering more trails!

- Times:
 - o 9:30am-3:30pm
- Location:
 - Drop off near the Squalicum Creek Park.
 We will drive to a different location each week.
- Cost Per Session:
 - ∘ \$350 Member | \$390 Non-Member
 - Includes: Trail Blazers swag, a snack, transportation.



YOUTH SPORTS CAMPS

Sports Camp Entering Grades 1 - 6

- Session 1 | Monday, June 23 Thursday, June 26
- Session 2 | Monday, June 30 Thursday, July 3
- Session 3 | Monday, July 14 Thursday, July 17
- Session 4 | Monday, July 21 Thursday, July 24
- Session 5 | Monday, August 4 Thursday August 7

At this 9am–3pm camp kids will play soccer, baseball, flag football, ultimate frisbee, kickball and more. Located at Downer Fields next the the Arne Hanna Aquatic Center, kids will learn the basics of these sports while practicing sportsmanship, teamwork and basic game strategies. Bathrooms are available onsite. Each child must be sent with closed toe shoes, athletic wear, lunch, water bottle, two snacks and sunscreen to last the duration of camp.

• Times:

• Drop-off: 8:45-9am | Pick-up: 3-3:15pm

Location:

• Downer Ball Fields, 1114 Potter St, Bellingham, WA 98229

What to Bring:

 Bring lunch, two snacks, and plenty of water. Parents need to sunscreen kids before camp and provide a spray on sunscreen that can be self applied. Close toed shoes required and breathable athletic wear recommended. Flip flops and shoes without backs are not allowed.

Cost Per Session:

• \$255 Member | \$285 Non-Member









Sports & Swim Camp Entering Grades 1 - 6

Session 1 | Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11 Session 2 | Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1

This camp combines a variety of sports in the downtown Y gym and swimming pool. Each day campers will have fun playing basketball, kickball, indoor soccer and other court sports while also receiving a daily 30 minute group swim lesson led by a YMCA certified swim instructor, and 45 minutes of open swim time.

• Times:

• Drop-off: 8:45-9am | Pick-Up: 3-3:15pm

• Location:

Basketball Gym, 3rd Floor Whatcom Family YMCA, Bellingham WA

. What to Bring:

• Campers should bring a swimsuit, towel, water bottle, closed toed shoes, lunch and two snacks.

• Cost Per Session:

• \$315 Member | \$345 Non-Member







OUR STRENGTH IS IN COMMUNITY

The Y is a nonprofit like no other. In 10,000 neighborhoods across the nation, we have the presence and partnerships to not just promise, but deliver, positive change.

- The Y is community centered. For nearly 130 years, we've been listening and responding to our communities.
- The Y brings people together. We connect people of all ages and backgrounds to bridge the gaps in community needs.
- The Y nurtures potential. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.
- The Y has local presence and global reach. We mobilize local communities to effect lasting, meaningful change.

