

What are your kids doing this summer?



2020 Summer Camps

Join us this summer... the YMCA camp experience gives children the chance to meet friends, develop skills and build confidence.



**YMCA of
Stratford-Perth**
Building Healthy Communities

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 Stratford-Perth Family YMCA

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Spend your summer exploring with us

Summer camps can have a lifelong impact on your child's life, so choosing the right camp is important. At the YMCA your child can participate in a wide variety of high quality camps run by qualified and mature staff, who will help your child to create lifelong memories and friendships.



THE YMCA COMMITMENT

The YMCA is committed to offering quality programs that focus on fun, security, self-esteem and personal growth for your children. Our programs stress a concern for the individual, a climate of co-operation, quality leadership and a philosophy that promotes personal growth and skill development.

SAFE – CARING – FUN

With YMCA Day Camps, your children will have a FUN, SAFE and REWARDING summer – and here is how we make it happen:

STAFF

We believe our continued success and the well being of your child depends on skilled and caring staff. Staff are selected for their maturity, competence, experience, enthusiasm and ability to relate to children. Our staff are trained in Child Protection, YMCA Healthy Child Development, Lifesaving Society Safeguard, Behaviour management, safety and emergency procedures, programming and a wide variety of other areas to ensure the best possible experience for your child. Staff have educational backgrounds in Recreation, ECE or another related field and are certified in Standard First Aid and CPR.

SUPERVISION

One way we guarantee the safe supervision of your child is by monitoring the staff to child ratios. We limit the number of campers any single staff member is responsible for based on both age and necessity.

CAMPERSHIP ASSISTANCE

We believe that every child should have the opportunity to have a summer day camp experience. No child will be denied a YMCA camp experience regardless of financial circumstance. Campership assistance is available upon request. Please e-mail spy.camp@sp.ymca.ca to arrange an appointment.

The City of Stratford Childcare division also provides financial assistance for licensed child care and recreation program costs to qualifying families. To find out more about Child Care Fee subsidy, please call 519-271-3773 x200.

CAMPER HANDBOOK

Will be available online, through email and in limited print copies once you've successfully registered your camper(s). This guide has been designed to help you feel at ease with the camp process and to answer most, if not all of your pre-camp questions. Please watch for your copy!

Camper Information

HOURS OF OPERATION

Day Camps operate from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. We understand the demand of busy families! That is why we offer safe, convenient care options for your child before and after camp hours. Supervised care for campers is available starting at 6:30 am and available again at the end of the day until 5:30 pm at no extra cost.

Please note that all day camp and extended care locations will be closed on Statutory Holidays: Wednesday, July 1 and Monday, August 3, 2019.



HOW TO REGISTER:

A non-refundable \$30 deposit (\$15 for Day Trips) is required at time of registration. Payments can be made in full or as a direct debit from Visa/MasterCard or bank account on Monday, June 1 for July Camps and Monday, July 6 for August Camps.

Register in person at the YMCA of Stratford-Perth, 204 Downie Street, Stratford, ON, N5A 1X4. You can also register online on our website: www.ymcastratfordperth.ca

Pay by cash, credit card, cheque or pre-authorized payments.

SIGN IN AND OUT OF CAMPERS

Campers must be signed in and out by an adult 16 years of age or older. The staff will ask for photo identification. Campers will be released only to those authorized to pick up as indicated on the registration form. Parents/guardians must contact the Day Camp Supervisor to make changes to the authorized pick-up list.

LUNCHES

Children are to bring their own peanut free litter less lunch, beverage and snacks each day. Campers will not have access to a refrigerator or microwave. We will offer pizza slices for sale on Fridays to support our YMCA Strong Kids Campaign

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

We believe all children deserve a chance to make new friends, try new skills and experience the exciting opportunities that are available to them at summer camp! The Stratford-Perth Family YMCA is pleased to offer summer experiences for children with special physical, behavioural and developmental considerations. In order for us to do our best to ensure your child's needs are met please indicate any special considerations your child may have on the Camper Information Form. There is an additional "Integration and Accessibility Camper Profile" that you will be asked to fill out (available at 204 Downie Street, or via e-mail). Please note: Failure to identify your child's special considerations may result in the loss of their summer camp space.

BEHAVIOUR GUIDANCE PROCEDURES

It's our goal to provide a healthy, safe and secure environment. The YMCA teaches core values through activities based on caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Children who attend programs are expected to follow the behaviour guidelines and interact appropriately within the group. Admission into and discharge from day camp will be at the discretion of the YMCA.

The following guidelines are put in place to ensure all campers enjoy their camp experience. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in suspension or removal from Day Camps.

- People are responsible for their actions
- We respect each other and the environment
- Honesty will be the basis for all relationships and interactions
- We will care for ourselves and those around us

VALUE BEADS

As always we will have a YMCA Value focus to teach and foster value based actions with our campers. Summer Camp Value Beads will be given out to recognize character and personal achievements. As an important form of recognition at camp, beads promote positive behaviour and are worn as a constant reminder of what we value as a camp community. You can find more specific information in our Camper Handbook.

HOT WEATHER POLICY

YMCA staff will modify camp activities to accommodate for hot weather in order to ensure the health and safety of all participants. This will include frequent water breaks, water activities, less active games and the use of shaded and cooler areas of the camps. These precautions will allow all campers to enjoy a fun and safe camp experience, even on the hottest of days.

ALLERGIES AND EPI-PENS

If you identify your child as requiring an epi-pen for life threatening allergies, the epi-pen will need to accompany your child to camp each day. For their safety, they will not be admitted to camp without their epi-pen. The Anaphylaxis Plan and Administration of Medication Forms must be returned with the Registration Form to complete enrollment. The anaphylaxis and medication administration form can be found on our website at www.ymcastratfordperth.ca

CAMPER CHECKLIST

Running shoes, hat, sunscreen, bug spray, nutritious snacks, lunch, water bottle, swimsuit & towel.

CANCELLATIONS/WITHDRAWAL POLICY

All cancellations must be made in writing and brought to the Stratford YMCA. Cancellation requests received prior to 7 business days before start of the affected camp week will receive a refund less the \$30 non-refundable deposit. Any refund requests received less than 7 business days prior to the affected camp session or during a camp session will not qualify for a refund. A doctor's note is required for cancellations due to medical reasons.



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Ages 12+

Teen Strength Days

Designed for eager and motivated teens who are interested in pursuing a Healthy Active Lifestyle. Teens will be shown basic work outs in our Fitness Centre as well as basic guidance on what a healthy lifestyle involves.



Kinder Camp

4-5 years

This camp is a perfect introduction to a summer camp experience! Each week campers will explore a variety of camp activities. Campers will be supervised at a 1:8 ratio, must be toilet trained and four years old on the first day of their session to attend.

Summer Explorers

(6-7 years) (8-9 years) (10-12 years)



Another exhilarating summer awaits your child where they can reunite with old friends and make new ones. Children will explore, learn, play and grow together. Active games, fun activities, crafts and swimming will fill your camper's day!

New themes each week!

Explorers Camp is also offered in St. Marys and Mitchell

For more information: tasha.scott@sp.ymca.ca

Ready, Set, Go!*

A licensed summer program for JK/SK children implemented by Registered Early Childhood Educators that promotes Kindergarten readiness and integration into school. For more information, please contact Angela Charbonneau at the YMCA 519-271-0480.

**Ready, Set, Go! is a licensed Child Care program.*



Day Trips

- August 31 **African Lion Safari**
 - September 1 **Bingemans Park**
 - September 2 **Grand River Rocks**
 - September 3 **The Factory**
 - September 4 **Sky Zone Trampoline Park**
- Ages: 6-12 years**

Personal Interest Camps

Photography Camp

Do you have a young eager camper who has an interest in photography? During this week of camp we will practice using different styles of cameras and sceneries. By the end of the week campers will have an entire portfolio of some of their favourite shots.

All Sorts of Sports Camp

Campers will develop the fundamental skills needed to play a combination of sports such as Basketball, Floor Hockey, Dodgeball, Soccer and Ultimate Frisbee.

Master Chefs

Calling all chefs! This camp is for children who enjoy being in the kitchen and are interested in learning basic cooking skills. Put on your aprons and get ready to chop, mix, stir, melt and bake. (Please be advised that we cannot ensure an allergy free zone.)

Gymnastics Camp

Gymnasts will start the week off fostering basic movement patterns and introducing skills on the beam, uneven bars, vault and floor. Progressions are based on the nationally recognized "CANGYM" program.



ALL DAY CAMPS operate
Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
with extended care available
from 6:30 – 8:30 am and 4:30 – 5:30 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Child must be the appropriate age of the program as of the first day of camp.

The Stratford-Perth YMCA Summer Camp is inclusive of all children.

We now have an Inclusion Lead on site, helping to ensure that our campers, more specifically those with special needs are provided with a fun and fulfilling camp experience suited to their individual needs.

If you feel your child may require unique staff support please contact Tasha Scott Supervisor, Child and Youth at 519-271-0480 or email tasha.scott@sp.ymca.ca

*Please Note that additional costs may apply for one on one care

