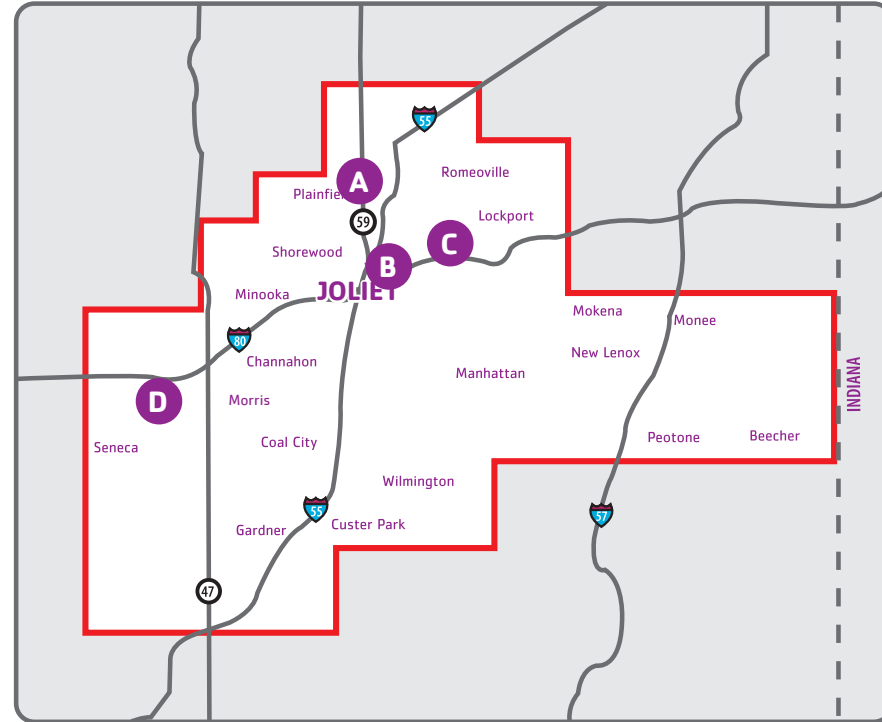


## ALL TOGETHER BETTER

With four convenient camp locations to choose from, the Y is your family's source for fun this summer:

- A C.W. AVERY FAMILY YMCA**  
15120 Wallin Drive, Plainfield  
Preschool, Grades K-8
- B GALOWICH FAMILY YMCA**  
749 Houbolt Road, Joliet  
Grades K-8
- C SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY CENTER**  
300 3rd Avenue, Joliet  
Grades K-8
- D SARATOGA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
4040 N. Division Street, Morris  
Grades K-8



## ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

In addition to summer day camp, the YMCA offers a wide variety of sports and specialty camps each summer.

### LET THE FUN BEGIN

#### Summer Sports Camps

When kids play sports they get more than just exercise. Besides being physically active, they develop higher self-esteem, perform better in school, and work better in groups. YMCA sports camps teach kids the fundamentals of the game while emphasizing the importance of teamwork.



The Y will be offering a variety of sports camps this summer, including:

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|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| • Basketball    | • Poms      | • Tennis    | • Preschool Sports |
| • Flag Football | • Wrestling | • Baseball  | • Soccer           |
| • Volleyball    | • Softball  | • Golf      | • Bowling          |
| • Cheerleading  | • Fishing   | • Dodgeball | • Track and Field  |

### IGNITE YOUR PASSION

#### Summer Specialty Camps

Is your child a budding artist or a LEGO guru? We offer a variety of specialty camps for children with specific interests or hobbies.



Each Y is unique and diverse, just like your child, so programs will vary by location. Please contact your local branch for sports and specialty camp offerings, schedules, and pricing.



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# SUMMER FUN STARTS HERE

## GREATER JOLIET AREA YMCA 2021 Summer Day Camp

### SAVE ON CAMP!

Did you know that Y members receive the lowest rates for camp? Ask us about membership today.



# SUN, FUN, AND FRIENDSHIP



## REGISTRATION

Registration begins  
on Saturday, March 13

**REGISTER  
EARLY!**  
Space is Limited.

## REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

Register for summer day camp by March 22, and  
pay a \$0 registration fee- a savings of \$45.

YMCA summer day camps offer an action-packed, adventure-filled experience, where young people can make new friends while having a whole lot of fun! At camp, kids laugh, learn, explore, and grow, while creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

The Y's summer camp program creates opportunities for kids to learn new skills, be creative, build self-confidence, and gain independence in a safe, fun, and nurturing environment. For these reasons and so many more, hundreds of area children attend summer day camp at the Y; to belong, achieve, and build relationships.

## OUR MISSION

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

## OUR CAMP PHILOSOPHY



Fostering friendships is vital to the camp experience. To ensure campers develop meaningful relationships, they are grouped by age and each group participates in frequent teambuilding and leadership activities. We are committed to creating a camp community that promotes healthy friendships amongst all campers and staff.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU



We believe the values and skills learned early on are vital building blocks for life. At the Y, children and teens learn values and positive behaviors, and can explore their unique talents and interests, helping them realize their potential. That makes for confident kids today and contributing and engaged adults tomorrow.



Each day, parents look to the YMCA to provide a safe and secure environment where children can learn practical social skills and develop positive values. Our **low staff-to-child** ratio also allows our team to give each camper the attention and guidance necessary to create a positive and safe environment.



Our reputation for consistency and safety, as well as our focus on youth development, gives parents the confidence they need to trust us with their children.

## OUR STAFF TEAM

At YMCA camp, caring and professional role models are committed to helping kids build confidence and character. The dedication and professionalism of our highly trained staff is extraordinary. All YMCA Day Camp staff are 18 years of age or older and have been trained or certified in the following:



- CPR
- AED
- First Aid
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Prevention/Recognition of Child Abuse
- Sexual Harassment Prevention
- Camp Safety

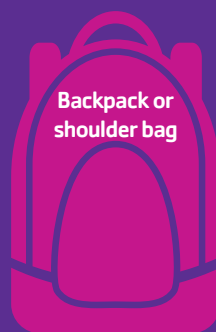
## CAMP HOURS

7 a.m.-6 p.m.

## WHAT TO BRING EACH DAY TO CAMP

Children should wear simple, non-restrictive clothing and gym shoes. Campers should dress for the weather, as most camp activities are held outside.

Every camper  
gets a  
free t-shirt  
and backpack.



**Athletic shoes and socks**  
(open-toe shoes are not permitted)



**Two healthy snacks and lunch**  
(unless provided by your camp site)



**Reusable water bottle**



**Hat or visor**



**Swimsuit and towel** (for select locations)



**Sunscreen and insect repellent**



**Mask**

Please remember to label all items. Unclaimed lost items will be donated to a local charity at the conclusion of camp.

## STAYING HEALTHY TOGETHER

Although our summer day camp program will look a little different this year, we remain dedicated to providing all YMCA campers and their families with a healthy and safe camp experience, full of fun and wonderful memories. To keep everyone healthy and safe, we've updated our cleaning practices and adapted our summer camp programs to meet safety recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local, state, and federal health officials by incorporating:

- Daily health screenings
- Temperature checks
- Small group sizes
- Social distancing
- Mask requirements

Per guidelines from the CDC and the American Camp Association, counselors and campers will be required to wear a mask or face covering at all times, with the exception of swim time. The YMCA will be providing each of our campers with a reusable mask, but all campers are welcome to bring their own masks from home. This will help to keep everyone healthy and safe this summer.

## AMAZING LEARNING EXPERIENCES

### Counselor in Training (CIT) Leadership Program

The summer camp environment provides a unique opportunity for youth to build leadership skills by gaining hands-on experience assisting our fantastic team of camp counselors with our younger campers. Open to registered summer day campers entering grades 7-8, the goal of the YMCA's Counselor in Training (CIT) Program is to teach teens leadership skills that can be used at school, home and in the community. Interested campers must fill out an application.

### Teen Volunteer Opportunities

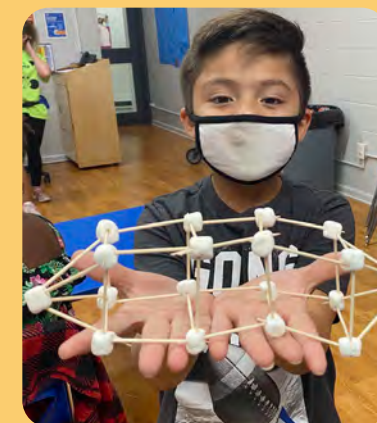
Volunteers play an important role in the success and quality of YMCA programs. Area high school students, entering grades 9-12, are invited to volunteer in a variety of capacities during summer camp. Prospective volunteers must submit a volunteer application.

To learn more about these opportunities, please contact the Camp Director at your local YMCA branch.

## A Typical Day at YMCA Camp

- Campers Arrive
- Opening Ceremonies
- Group Activities- Including teambuilding, arts and crafts, active play and STEAM activities
- Lunch
- Swimming (at select locations)
- Reading Time
- Closing Ceremonies
- Group Activities

For camp rates and weekly themes, please contact your local YMCA branch.



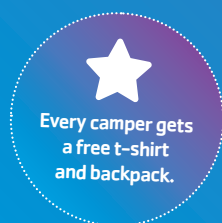
## EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT THE Y

At the Y, no one is turned away due to the inability to pay. In keeping with our mission, the Greater Joliet Area YMCA provides financial assistance, as funds are available, to those who qualify, based on a sliding fee scale. DHS funds are also accepted. To learn more about the Y's Financial Assistance Program, please visit [www.jolietymca.org](http://www.jolietymca.org) or stop by your local branch today.



# Summer Day Camp

Campers entering grades 7-8 are invited to submit an application for our Counselor in Training (CIT) Program.



## Back 2 School

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