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# BEST SUMMER EVER™



Summer 2018 Camp & Specialty Guide



# YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMPS

New Adventures. Forever Friendships.

## ADVENTURE AWAITS!

The Y is a place where everyone belongs and can be themselves while engaging in new experiences, building new skills and making new friends.

We are committed to providing kids with a safe and positive environment. Our well-rounded day camp programs are rooted in the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility while being intentional about fostering friendships, a sense of accomplishment, and belonging to all.

The YMCA of the Blue Water Area Day Camp team is here to cultivate your camper's curiosity, to encourage them to be adventurous with who they know and what they believe. We are dedicated to creating a space for youth to discover their passions and explore their potential.

## Five Reasons to Attend Y Day Camp Programs:

- Have fun while building new friendships and experiencing a sense of belonging
- Engage in a variety of activities that inspire creativity, critical thinking and a lifelong commitment to learning
- Develop relationships with caring adults
- Become part of a team
- Set and achieve a personal goal

## Staffing:

All staff members are selected for their dedication, enthusiasm and desire to allow children to reach their fullest potential. We are committed to hiring a diverse and inclusive staff.

## Open Arms Financial Assistance

At the Y, we believe that everyone should have the opportunity to participate in our programs. Through generous contributions to the annual Open Arms Campaign, the YMCA of the Blue Water Area provides financial assistance that enables all members of the community to enjoy YMCA programs, regardless of financial capacity. Financial assistance applications are available at the Welcome Center or on the website. **Applications for financial assistance must be submitted to Calvin Bassil by June 8th.**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### SPARKS, Sports & Swim:

Calvin Bassil

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### Camp Wanacombak

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School Age Program Director  
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**Online Registration begins  
Friday, April 27th!**

**To register, visit  
[www.bluewaterymca.com/programs](http://www.bluewaterymca.com/programs)**

## CAMP WANACOMBAK

There's no experience like the Y's Camp Wanacombak. We inspire kids to work together and play together, creating friendships that can last a lifetime! Rooted in caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, campers thrive, knowing they can relax in a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment. Our highly-trained staff helps campers realize that the Y is a place where they belong and can be themselves while trying new things, building new skills and making new friends.

Camp includes Safety Around Water and Think WIDER on the River Walk guided-inquiry programs. In addition, working with Port Huron Area School District, campers receive free breakfast and lunch and a morning and afternoon snack throughout the summer, all meeting HEPA Standards.

### **\*\*Volunteer Opportunity\*\***

**Camp Hours:** Monday - Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM starting June 18th

**Ages:** Completed Kindergarten through entering 8th grade

**Cost:** \$29.00 a day for YMCA Members  
\$30.00 a day for Community Members  
Additional \$10.00 a week for Wednesday field trip day

## How to Register:

**Space is limited.** Please contact **Audrey Mitchell**, School Age Program Director for availability. (810) 987-6400, ext. 115 or [amitchell@bluewaterymca.com](mailto:amitchell@bluewaterymca.com)

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## Summer Sparks Half-Day Camps

### SUMMER SPARKS HALF-DAY CAMPS

**SUMMER SPARKS** half-day camps are hands-on and highly interactive for campers ages 6 –12 who have completed Kindergarten. Choose an activity for the morning or afternoon or pick two and stay for the day. Breakfast and lunch is available to all campers through the Meet Up and Eat Up program. **Each class is limited to 12 participants.**

**Member Fee: \$35      Community Fee: \$65**

#### BATTLE OF THE JR. CHEFS

This fun competition of culinary masters will leave your mouth watering. Cooks will be divided into 2 teams and paired with one of our culinary experts. Each week, using the guidelines given, they will prepare their best dishes to be judged in a blind taste test to see who are the cooking masters.

Week 4 - AM session

Week 9 - PM session

#### FAMILY COOKING

The perfect combination of family bonding and delicious foods! Learn the correct way to peel, chop, mash, grind, beat, measure, and season. Then get to taste the results of your efforts. Finally, create a cookbook of the delightful creations created throughout the class to share at home. YUM!

Week 1 - AM Session

Week 10 - PM session

#### JR. CHEFS

Jr. Chefs will work in groups to create healthy snacks. Campers will be introduced to the concepts of measuring, mixing and portion control. Each day they will plan, prepare, sample and clean up our snacks. Jr. Chefs will also create a cookbook of some of their favorite recipes.

Week 2 - PM session

Week 6 - AM session

Week 11 - PM session

#### JR. SCIENTISTS

Let's explore the world of science! From velocity to volcanoes, we will spend the week learning and exploring. With a different focus each day, this program will be packed with activities for curious minds!

Week 1 - AM session

Week 6 - PM session

Week 11 - AM session

#### MUSIC

Strum a guitar, beat a drum, ring a bell! Campers will sample a variety of instruments and discover different musical styles. We'll even put on a mini performance on our last day!

Week 5 - AM session

Week 8 - PM session

Week 10 - AM session

#### PINT-SIZE PICASSOS

Paint, paint & paint! Discover the many periods of Picasso as we learn different painting techniques.

Week 1 - PM session

#### SAILING

Let's set sail for adventure! But before we do, campers will spend time on land learning knots, commands, and the parts of the boat. Weather permitting, we will be on the water at least two days.

Campers must pass a swim test in order to participate - swim the length of the pool, jump feet first off the diving block, and tread water for 1 minute.

Week 8 - AM session

#### SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Explore the language, customs and culinary delights of Mexico! Campers will learn simple Spanish words and phrases, songs and games. We will explore the history of Mexican holidays and sample yummy foods.

Week 4 - PM session

Week 9 - AM session

#### THINK WIDER ON THE RIVER WALK

Spend a week exploring the Blue Water River Walk! Campers will get up close and personal with the plants and animals that call the St. Clair River home. We'll spend time with the River Walk Stewards, the volunteers that work hard to keep our River Walk clean and healthy.

Week 1 - PM session

Week 5 - PM session

Week 10 - PM session

Is your child registered for Camp Wannacombak? Summer Sparks staff will pick your child up from camp and drop them back off at the conclusion of each SPARKS program!

#### HALF-DAY CAMP SESSION DATES    AM Session is 8:30 - 11:30 AM    PM 12:30 - 3:30 PM

Week 1 ..... June 18 - 22

Week 2 ..... June 25 - 29

Week 3 ..... July 3 Day Trip

Week 4 ..... July 9-13

Week 5 ..... July 16 - 20

Week 6 ..... July 23 - 27

Week 7 ..... No Program during  
Maintenance Week

Week 8 ..... August 6 - 10

Week 9 ..... August 13 - 17

Week 10 .... August 20 - 24

Week 11..... August 27 - 31

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## Sports Camps, Day Trip

### SPORTS CAMPS

#### BASKETBALL CAMP

**Pass. Dribble. Shoot.** Learn the fundamentals of basketball with positive coaching and personal attention. Your child will be introduced to a game filled with action, fun and teamwork.



Session I Dates:	June 25-29
Session II Dates:	August 13-17
Time:	5:00 - 6:00 PM
Age:	6 - 12 years old
Member Fee:	\$20 per session
Community Fee:	\$35 per session

#### VOLLEYBALL CAMP

**Bump. Set. Serve.** Learn the fundamentals of volleyball while increasing strength, endurance and skill in a team atmosphere. Meet new friends, build skills and try new things in a supportive environment. Our programs emphasize values, sportsmanship, friendship and most of all fun. All skill levels are welcome.



Session 1 Dates:	July 23 - 27
Time:	5:00 - 6:00 PM
Age:	7 - 18 years old
Member Fee:	\$20
Community Fee:	\$35

### DAY TRIP

#### STONEY CREEK METROPARK

Join us for a full day excursion to the Stoney Creek Metropark! Meet us at the Y at 8 AM for breakfast and supervised activities. The bus will depart at 9 AM sharp and return to the Y between 4 - 5 PM. The cost of the program includes swimming, kayaking, paddle boats, and disc golf.

Date:	July 7
Time:	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Member Fee:	\$40
Community Fee:	\$70

### NUTRITION SUPPORT

#### MEET UP AND EAT UP

Facilitated by the Port Huron Area School District in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education, the YMCA will be a host site for the Meet Up and Eat Up program. This summer food program was created to ensure that children in lower-income areas will continue to receive nutritious meals during long school vacations, when they do not have access to the school breakfast or lunch programs.

Monday - Friday :	June 18 - August 31
Time:	8-8:30 AM 12-12:30 PM
Age:	18 and Under
Fee:	Free
Location:	Campbell Room YMCA

