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# IT'S THE SUMMER TO DISCOVER



YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE 2013 Summer Programs

# MAKING MEMORIES TO LAST ALL YEAR

SUMMER CAMP 2013

Kids will learn, make new friends and have fun all summer long with YMCA Day Camps for children entering grades K-5. Camps are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and feature swimming, nature, arts and crafts, sports and field trips. All camps incorporate character-building activities to promote Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Campers should bring a backpack to keep track of their belongings, a sack lunch, water bottle, swimsuit and towel, bug repellent and sunscreen each day.

**FEES:** Full week camps are \$75 members/\$90 non-members if registered **before May 20**. Fees are \$85 members/\$100 non-members after May 20. Camp fees can be scheduled to draft the day camp starts.

## SUMMER CAMP SAMPLER — May 28-31

### INNOVATION CREATION — Tuesday, May 28

Become a scientist, inventor or architect. Have a blast working on a science experiment or competing in construction challenges.

### MYSTERY SOLVERS/AMAZING RACE

Wednesday, May 29, and Thursday, May 30

**MYSTERY** — A kids version of CSI. Campers will solve mysteries and enjoy scavenger hunts. (Grades K-2 Wednesday/Grades 3-5 Thursday)

**AMAZING RACE** — Race to Yanney Park in Kearney for a day filled with obstacles, scavenger hunts and all sorts of fun challenges. (Grades K-2 Thursday, Grades 3-5 Wednesday)

### YOUR WAY, YOUR DAY — Friday, May 31

Campers will have a say in what activities they want to do this day. Choose from arts and crafts or sports and games or swimming. Or, mix it up and try everything.



FEE: All four days, \$60 members/\$75 non-members. Individuals days, \$18/\$25.



## Register by May 20 for Best Rates

### ALL ABOARD! Y-EXPRESS

June 10-14

All aboard the Y-Express! Campers will travel around the world explore new countries and new adventures in this globe-hopping camp. Field trip to the Hastings Children Museum.



### CRANE RIVER THEATER DRAMA CAMP

June 24-28

We are partnering with the Crane River Theater group of Kearney for this exciting camp that gives children the opportunity to explore, create and have fun through imagination and play. The camp will feature the art of music, theater and performance. The final day will include a performance for families and friends.

"Once Upon A Time" (Grades K-2): Let the imagination run wild in one of our most popular classes. Kids will use a variety of methods to create superhero characters and incorporate them into their own version of well-known stories through songs, dance and imagination. Performance: 11 a.m. June 28.

"Let's Make a Musical" (Grades 3-5): Discover the art of creating and performing your own musical. Kids will create songs from popular melodies to tell a theatrical story of their very own. Performance: 2 p.m. June 28.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** No one will be denied participation in the YMCA Summer Camp due to an inability to pay the full fee. For families with financial need, we offer financial assistance through our generous donors.

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**SPLASH CAMP**

July 8-12

Prepare for a major soaking in this fun, water-filled splash camp. The week will include slip-n-slides and good old-fashioned water fun. The bus will take a kids on field trip to an area water park.



**MISSOULA DRAMA CAMP**

July 22-26

Audition and participate in the Missoula Children's Theater Production of "The Frog Prince," the story of a lonely frog who retrieves a golden ball for Princess Prim in exchange for friendship. When children are not practicing, they will have fun back at the Y with crafts, swimming and adventure. FEE: \$50 members/\$65 non-members.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY YMCA PARTY**

Aug. 5-9

Join in the party with a week-long birthday celebration as the YMCA of the Prairie turns 10 years old on Aug. 6! Celebrate with a birthday party, birthday party games and a special treat! Also, get to know your YMCA this week with activities designed to teach kids more about the great history of the YMCA.



**HAPPY THANKS MERRY HALLOWEEN CAMP**

July 15-19

Tis the seasons! Come and celebrate the holidays all week at the Y. Play games and create crafts related to some of the major holidays. Expand your creativity by making a Gingerbread House and decorating Easter eggs. Play capture the ghost and wear your favorite Halloween costume.



**OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

July 29-Aug. 2

Learn about local plants and wildlife, develop outdoor skills and spend time hiking and exploring the great outdoors. Enjoy fishing, scavenger hunts and nature explorations. Short field trips to area parks are included in this camp.



**PRESCHOOL CAMPS — For ages 3-4, 9-11:30 a.m. Limit: 24. FEE: \$20 members/\$40 non-members**

**LITTLE EINSTEINS SCIENCE CAMP**  
June 4-6

Your little scientist will get hands-on with science in this week's camp. They will make gooey slime, bubbles and homemade Play-Doh.

**LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER**  
June 18-20

Little ones can kick back with their friends, make sun visors, play some beach volleyball and soak in awesome summer fun.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**  
July 1-3

Children love Christmas so let them enjoy it in July, too. They will sing "Jingle Bells," make Christmas trees and hear Christmas stories.



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# SUMMER FUN BEGINS HERE

## BABY-SITTING CLINIC

**Ages 9-14, Fridays, May 3 & 10, 2-5 p.m.**

A workshop for girls and boys to learn the basics of baby-sitting, including safety tips, creative play ideas, and feeding and caring for infants, toddlers and young children. Offered in conjunction with University of Nebraska Extension in Phelps County. FEE: \$18 for YMCA or 4-H members/\$32 non-members. **Register by April 24.**



## MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOT CAMP

**Entering grades 5-8, Tues./Thurs., 11 a.m.-Noon**  
**Session 1: June 4-27 & Session 2: July 9-Aug. 1**

This boot camp will feature different training types to keep kids active. Class will work on speed, quickness, agility, explosiveness and strength. We will incorporate elements of fun and games, competitions and activities alongside workouts. Great for athletes or kids just looking to stay active. Coed class. Instructor: Brent Burgeson. Class limit: 20.

FEE: \$24 members/\$35 non-members. **Register by June 1.**

## YOUTH TENNIS LEAGUE

**Grades 1-8, Fridays, June 7-July 19, 9-10 a.m.**

Learn and compete in this summer league. Children will be divided for matches based on age and ability. The first meeting will be the at North Park tennis courts. After that, players may meet at other courts. FEE: \$18 members/\$32 non-members. Instructor: Ray Ruybalid. **Register by May 31.**

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAMP

**Ages 10-14, May 20-23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

The YMCA and the University of Nebraska Extension in Phelps County are teaming up again to offer a class that helps capture a child's energy to start their own business. Lunch is not included. Participants will need to bring a sack lunch. A one hour break will be taken at noon. Instructed by Janita Pavelka.



FEE: \$35 YMCA or 4-H members/\$60 non-members.  
**Register by May 15.**

## SUMMER CHEER CAMP

**Grades 1-5, Mon. & Tues., June 10-11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Summer Cheer Camp is back this summer under the direction of cheer coach Sheri Elsworth. Participants will learn cheer-leading fundamentals, gymnastics skills, new cheers and a routine. This year's theme will be disco. Participants will receive lime-green pom poms, shorts and a shirt with their fee. Participants will also have the chance to cheer at the Nebraska State Fair and at a Grand Island Danger football game. FEE: \$65, which includes cheer uniform, a ticket to the state fair and a ticket to the Danger football game.

**Register by May 8.**