



MCGAW YMCA

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WELCOME TO THE BEST SUMMER YET.

If you like these day camps, there's more
summer fun to be had at our overnight
camp in Fremont, Michigan.

Get details on McGaw YMCA Camp Echo
programs for Grades 3 through 12 at
www.YMCACampEcho.org.





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SPEND SUMMER GROWING

Day Camp Guide 2012
Pre-K through High School
MCGAW YMCA



WHAT THE BUZZ IS ALL ABOUT...

“The camp was just the experience we hoped our son would have... From wonderful friendly staff and teachers, to the different activities throughout the week. We were thrilled.”

- DAY CAMP PARENT, 2011

“This is the best program we've used so far. We felt it was very structured and aimed at encouraging the physical, mental and social growth of the children – which it did very well. Some camps are just a place to drop the kids – not Camp WaNaGo. From swimming classes to field trips and trips to the beach, I have watched my granddaughter grow both physically and socially. She was able to make many new friends this summer and I feel that her confidence in herself as a person has grown.”

- DAY CAMP GRANDPARENT, 2011

“The camp staff is organized and helpful, enthusiastic and responsible. I feel safe leaving my children in their capable and kind hands. And I know my kids will have a great time!”

- DAY CAMP PARENT, 2011

“We loved the whole program. The teachers were excellent and really worked with the kids. [They were] very well organized in how they carried out the program. Our granddaughter absolutely loved it and we feel she grew in many ways from being a part of it all summer. Thank you!”

- DAY CAMP GRANDPARENT, 2011



SUMMER DAY CAMPS 2012

WHERE VALUES ARE ALWAYS IN PLAY

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Current McGaw YMCA members may register for summer day camps starting January 16, 2012. Members of other YMCAs and non-members may register starting January 30, 2012. Day Camp registrations require a \$25 non-refundable deposit per child per week. Deposits may be transferred for the same participant from one week to another through March 23, 2012. Beginning March 24, 2012, a new deposit will be required if you wish to transfer or register for a different week of camp.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To apply, you must complete all three of the following steps:

1. Check the appropriate box on your completed registration form
2. Include your most recent Federal 1040 Income Tax form
3. Include at least 50% of the regular camp deposit

PAYMENT DETAILS

Full payment for each session is due on the dates listed below. After the due date, camp fees are not refundable. Monthly draft plans are available. The balance due can be automatically drafted from your checking account or credit card. The draft will be deducted as follows: **Weeks 1-3 on May 1, 2012; Weeks 4-7 on June 1, 2012; and Weeks 8-11 on July 1, 2012.**

Weeks of Camp

Weeks 1 & 2
Weeks 3 & 4
Weeks 5 & 6
Weeks 7 & 8
Weeks 9 - 11

Full Payment Due:

May 21, 2012
June 4, 2012
June 18, 2012
July 2, 2012
July 16, 2012

DOWNLOAD CAMP REGISTRATION FORMS ONLINE AT
WWW.MCGAWYMCA.ORG

Questions about registration? For Camp Rainbow, Camp WaNaGo, and Summer Adventure Club, please call 847.475.8580. For Junior Counselors in Training, we invite you to call 847.475.7400 ext 236.

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HAVE PEACE OF MIND.

You can have peace of mind when you enroll your children in day camps at the McGaw YMCA. With a low camper-to-staff ratio, each child will receive the individual attention that they need to grow in a safe and supportive environment.

What sets our camps apart is the quality of our staff. All of our day camp staff members are carefully selected for their enthusiasm, experience, and professionalism. Our staff are...

Trained: All day camp staff complete extensive pre-camp training including First Aid, CPR/AED, program planning, child abuse prevention, age-appropriate activities, and character development awareness.

Capable: Complete reference checks and extensive background checks are performed.

Qualified: All lead teachers are required to have college credits in Child Development or Education.

Committed: Staff possess extraordinary skills in working with children and a deep sense of commitment to the development of each camper.



CAMP RAINBOW: AGE 2 – ENTERING KINDERGARTEN

Camp Rainbow offers all the fun and learning experience of day camp, in a half-day program designed specifically for pre-schoolers. Arts and crafts, games, songs, field trips, beach days, and swim lessons (for children ages 3 and over) are just some of the activities they will enjoy. Campers are sure to love spending the summer in this fun-filled learning environment. For more information, contact **Jessica Saenz at JessicaS@mcgawymca.org or call 847.475.8580.**



HOURS PER WEEK:

9 AM – 12 PM, includes snack
3 Days (T / W / Th) – 2 yrs by Jan. 1 through 3 yrs
5 Days (M – F) – 3 yrs by Jan. 1 – entering K

COST PER WEEK

3 Days – \$115 members / \$170 non-members
5 Days – \$170 members / \$230 non-members

1

JUNE 11-15 PREHISTORIC FRIENDS

We'll start the summer off with a journey back in time. Put on your paleontologist hat as we unearth mysteries about dinosaurs. There will also be time for some uproarious fun as we get wild with our new prehistoric pals.

2

JUNE 18-22 CREATURES OF THE DEEP

Take a dive into the great oceans in this week of underwater exploration. Whales, dolphins, and sharks are just a few of the creatures we'll encounter in this aquatic session. We'll engage in wet and wild activities and make some fun discoveries about our great blue planet.

3

JUNE 25-29 LET'S GO ON A SAFARI

This week we will embark on a jungle safari complete with fun, excitement, and learning. We'll explore jungle animals and their habitats, and even spend a little time "monkeying" around during this wild and crazy session.

4

JULY 2-6 (NOT JULY 4) HOORAY FOR THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

This week we'll celebrate the Fourth of July with an educational and fun-filled session all about the U.S.A. We'll explore United States history and culture through patriotic-themed games and activities.

5

JULY 9-13 ZOOM! ZOOM! HERE WE GO

Get on board your favorite form of transportation and let's go! Planes, trains, and automobiles are just the beginning. Whether it's riding on a fire truck or sailing across the sea, we'll survey the different ways that people get around.

6

JULY 16-20 EXPLORING OUR NEIGHBORS NEAR AND FAR

In this week we'll learn about different people and cultures from all across the globe. It's a wide world out there, and this session is a great opportunity to discover the ways we are all unique and what makes everybody special.

7

JULY 23-27 MOVING & GROOVING

It's time to move it, move it! Campers will enjoy different types of dances and music from all over the world. Children will also learn about different musical instruments and build some instruments of their own.

8

JULY 30-AUGUST 3 THE WORLD OF CHEMISTRY

Is it magic or is it science? Put on your lab coats for this week of experiments and excitement. We'll make some big discoveries about the small things that make our world work.

9

AUGUST 6-10 WACKY WEEK

It is time to loosen up and get a little crazy. Get ready to go bonkers with fun! This week is filled with weird events, strange projects and funky sports games.

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AUGUST 13-17 "SENSE" YOU ASKED

How does my nose work? Why are my ears so important? We'll answer all your questions as we experiment with our senses and learn their importance during this illuminating session that's all about us.

11

AUGUST 20-24 WEATHER THE STORM

Whether it's rain, sunshine, or a blizzard, the forecast is sure to include loads of fun as we learn all about the weather. We'll play meteorologist as we explore what makes the seasons change and what's behind all this crazy Chicagoland weather.

LUNCH BUNCH EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Add to your camp experience with Lunch Bunch. Hot lunch is provided along with expanded activities and projects that extend the theme each week. Lunch Bunch includes lunch and is 5 days a week, Monday through Friday, from 12 PM to 2 PM (ages 3 by January 1 through entering K). **\$90 members / non-members.**



CAMP WaNaGo: ENTERING GRADES 1 – 5

At the YMCA, we build strong kids: strong in confidence and the character-building values that help them grow into responsible and caring youth and adults. Our campers learn life skills in a special community of fun and friendship that only a camp like WaNaGo can offer. Along with weekly field trips, swimming lessons, beach days, interest groups, and creative classroom and outdoor activities, children will gain better understanding of themselves and their world while building lasting friendships. **For more information, contact Chelsie DuPlanty at ChelsieD@mcgawymca.org or call 847.475.8580.**

1

JUNE 11-15 DINER DASH

What's cookin' good lookin'? We are burning down the house with our recipes, so if you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen!

2

JUNE 18-22 LIGHTNING, LAVA & LANDSLIDES

It can be 12 or 112 degrees outside, but we always weather the storm! From hurricanes to hailstorms, come learn how all types of weather happen.



3

JUNE 25-29 CRITTERS & CREATURES

Ooey, gooeey, soft, and cuddly, we'll be exploring anything from ants to zebras and everything in between this week. There is no room for monkeying around here... Okay, maybe just a little!

4

JULY 2-6 (NOT JULY 4) WHAT ARE WE MADE OF?

Pack up your imagination and family history for this exciting trip around the world! Learn about what makes us similar and what makes us different.

5

JULY 9-13 MOVIN' AND GROOVIN'

Do you think you can dance? Prove it by taking your moves to the dance floor. Get your body movin' and groovin' to cool and fun beats.

6

JULY 16-20 INVENTORS' WORKSHOP

Building above, below, and beyond. From the gears in a clock to the structure of the Willis Tower, nothing is too big or small to make a difference. If you can imagine it, you can build it!

7

JULY 23-27 WHO DID IT? CRIME LAB

Stand aside Sherlock Holmes, Camp WaNaGo is on the scene! What happened? Who did it? Where did they go? No problem is too tricky for us to solve!

8

JULY 30- AUGUST 3 WET & WILD

Splish and splash, no need to take a bath this week! What's summer without a little fun in the sun and a whole lot of waves? Prepare to be super soaked!

HOURS PER WEEK

Monday - Friday,
9 AM - 4 PM

COST PER WEEK

\$190 members
\$225 non-members
Includes lunch and snack

EXTENDED AM

7 AM - 9 AM
\$45 members / non-members
Includes breakfast

EXTENDED PM

4 PM - 6:15 PM
\$45 members / non-members
Includes snack



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AUGUST 6-10 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The comic book heroes can't compete with our community heroes. Our firemen, policemen, and many others have super powers that we can't believe! Let's pay our respects to the people who keep us safe.

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AUGUST 13-17 LOOK MOM... I'M A STAR!

Walk the red carpet and be ready to smile because it's your moment to sparkle under the spotlight. It's all drama when you hear those three words, "LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!"

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AUGUST 20-24 ONCE UPON A WANAGO SUMMER...

Once upon a WaNaGo summer lived a great group of kids! There were 6 classrooms, lots of trips, swimming, fun, and much more! These kids had the best summer ever and couldn't wait for next year.

SUMMER ADVENTURE CLUB (SAC): ENTERING GRADES 6 – 8

The YMCA is a great starting point for youth to learn about staying active and developing healthy habits they'll carry with them throughout their lives. Each week, campers will be engaged in activities including swimming, two fieldtrips, a beach day, creative workshops, team-building activities, and community outreach. Our counselors will lead the way as positive and fun role models who will ensure each camper has the experience of a lifetime. **For more information, contact Kenzi Huelskoetter at KenziH@mcgawymca.org or call 847.475.8580.**



1 JUNE 11-15 SAC SURVIVOR

In an action-packed week, we'll introduce our teams and get to know each other through character-building challenges.

2 JUNE 18-22 ALL AROUND THE WORLD

Travel the world in 5 days while learning about different traditions, food, dress, celebrations, and more. Campers will share their own family history and customs, too.

3 JUNE 25-29 MAD MECHANICS

Ever put thought into what makes clocks tick? Or cars run? We'll dive into how things work this week as we build our own Rube Goldberg projects, soapbox derby cars, robots and more.

4 JULY 2-6 (NOT JULY 4) EXPLORE CHICAGO

Campers will explore all that The Windy City has to offer; the lakefront, museums, the train system, and more. Each team will compete in the 2nd Annual Great Chicago Scavenger Hunt.

5 JULY 9-13 STOP, DROP & DANCE

This week campers will explore Latin rhythms, African beats, and contemporary dance moves. Campers keep moving all week and will compete in a Wii "Dance, Dance Revolution" dance-off.

6 JULY 16-20 EXPRESS YOURSELF

This week is all about you. Express yourself through poetry, art, film making, fashion design, music or however else you want. Show off your skills at our first YMCA design show!

7 JULY 23-27 INTO THE FUTURE

Fast forward to 2022. Where will you be? We're going to explore careers and work on skills such as interviewing, public speaking, and more to prepare you for a successful future!

8 JULY 30-AUGUST 3 YOUR WORLD. YOUR WAY.

Bring your work gloves, as well as your creativity this week, as we are taking care of our community! We will be decorating park benches, learning about Evanston, and making our world our own this week.

9 AUGUST 6-10 GAME ON!

Howzat! Don't know what that means? Come to camp and find out! Campers will participate in a wide variety of sports and athletic events this week, but ones that aren't quite so typical. Get ready for water polo, cricket, lacrosse, and much more!

10 AUGUST 13-17 A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

Michael Jordan. Michelle Obama. Steve Jobs. What is it that makes these people, plus many others, great leaders of the past and present? We'll find out this week as we discuss positive attitudes, making a difference and much more through guest speakers, fieldtrips, and more!

11 AUGUST 20-24 CHEF'S KITCHEN

Turn up the heat because we'll be in the kitchen. Bring your favorite recipes as we explore healthy and tasty options. Let's see who becomes our own SAC Top Chef!



HOURS PER WEEK – Monday-Friday, from 9 AM – 4 PM

COST PER WEEK – \$190 members / \$225 non-members, includes lunch

Breakfast Club – 7 AM – 9 AM – \$25 members / non-members Includes morning snack

Late Stay – 4 PM – 6:15 PM – \$25 members / non-members Includes afternoon snack

JUNIOR COUNSELORS IN TRAINING (JCIT): ENTERING GRADES 8 – 10

Join us for a 6-week leadership program to gain valuable counselor skills on the job. You will get hands-on experience in learning what it takes to run a summer day camp and be a counselor. Work with kids (K–2nd Grade) who are a part of our Foster Reading Center summer camp. Be role models while organizing games, leading trips to the beach, and managing conflict and safety while developing your leadership skills. For more information, contact Lawrence Carter at LawrenceC@mcgawymca.org or call 847.475.7400 ext 224.



WHY BE A JCIT?

AWESOME ACTIVITIES: Lead and play games, go wall climbing, enjoy beach trips, and more! The final week of camp will feature a trip to Six Flags and an end-of-camp celebration that JCIT participants will organize on their own.

BECOME A LEADER: JCIT participants will have their own team-building activities that will provide the opportunity for them to become a better leader. Activities will focus on developing positive communication skills and building unity with one another.

GET CERTIFIED: Upon successful completion of the program, JCIT participants will receive American Red Cross CPR/AED and First Aid Certifications before the summer is over.

BUILD YOUR FUTURE AT THE Y & BEYOND: Not only is JCIT a great way to begin building your leadership experience, those who successfully complete the entire camp will be given preference when the McGaw YMCA is hiring for camp counselors the following summer.



HOURS PER WEEK

6 week program, July 16 - August 24
Monday through Friday 12 PM - 5 PM

COST FOR 6 WEEK PROGRAM

\$185 members / \$285 non-members