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CAMP

HUNTERDON

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PASSPORT  
TO  
SUMMER FUN

THE GREAT  
OUTDOORS



LEGENDARY  
HEROES  
WEEK



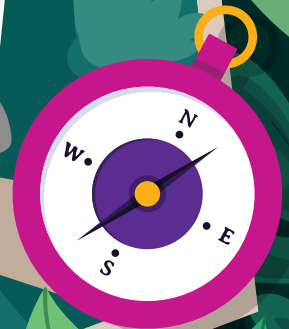
GOLD MEDAL  
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PASSPORT



RIVER CROSSING YMCA



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# WELCOME TO 2026 SUMMER CAMP!

With a passport to fun, children at camp engage in a variety of activities which promote physical well-being and summer learning, in addition to social and emotional growth. Activities include swimming, field games, arts and crafts, group activities, field trips and other exciting events.

The Y has programs convenient to home and work, meeting your child's interests and abilities. Children can enroll for just a few weeks at camp, or spend the entire summer with us. Our YMCA camps feature:

- **EXPERIENCED AND CARING STAFF** who serve as positive role models
- **ACTIVITIES AND GAMES** that develop leadership skills and promote cultural diversity
- **EXPOSURE TO AGE APPROPRIATE**, challenging and fun experiences
- **SAFE, NURTURING ENVIRONMENT** that fosters fairness, teamwork and cooperation
- **FIELD TRIPS** to fun and educational locations
- **HEALTH**, exercise and nutrition education
- **FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING** with weekly half-day, full-day and extended care options at multiple locations



## WHAT FAMILIES ARE SAYING...

"I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for the incredible experience you provided this summer at Y Camp! Your dedication, enthusiasm and care made a profound impact on my boys! Your ability to create a fun, safe and engaging environment was truly remarkable. Thank you for going above and beyond to make this summer unforgettable for my boys!"

"ABSOLUTE ROCKSTARS!!!! Thank you to all of the counselors and leaders who inspire and keep our children safe every day throughout the summer. It is exhausting and the days are long, but you're making a difference in those little people's lives."

**REGISTRATION  
OPENS  
JANUARY 13, 2026!**

Mark your calendar! Camp registration begins January 13! Spots fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

**EARLY BIRD  
DISCOUNT**

When you register  
before **MAY 4**



**SIBLING DISCOUNT**

Families who register more than one child receive 10% off camp registrations between 9 AM-4 PM for each additional sibling.

**CLICK HERE** to complete the Sibling Discount Request Form. **We are unable to honor the sibling discount after payments are drafted.**



# FAMILY RESOURCES

## Tuesdays: Dress Up!

Show your camp spirit by dressing up to match the weekly theme! From superheroes to wild west explorers, each Tuesday is a chance to get creative and join in the fun.



## Fridays: Events

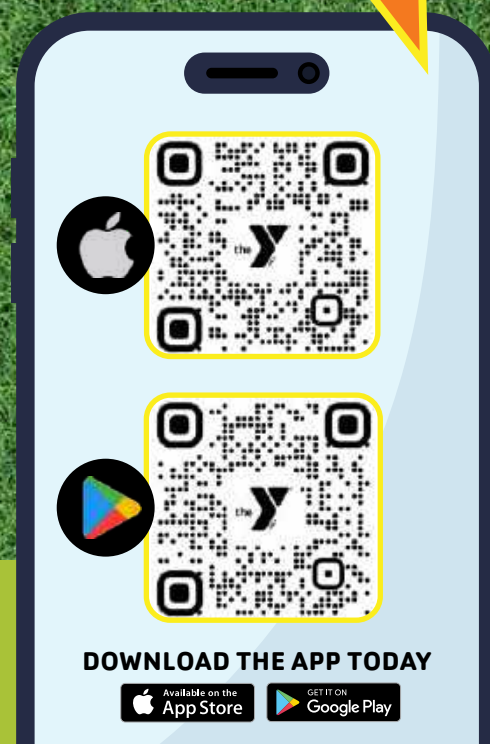
End the week on a high note with special games, challenges and theme-based activities that bring campers together for extra laughs and memories!



## STAY INFORMED WITH THE CAMP APP!

Complimentary camp app with push alerts, news, events, photos, hotsheets and more, all in one place for families.

To download, scan the QR code or visit [ymcarivercrossing.org](http://ymcarivercrossing.org)



DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY



Our **FAMILY HANDBOOK** can answer your questions regarding registration and billing, who to contact with questions about your camp location and more.



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!

We are pleased to offer assistance to those who need a helping hand.

### NEW APPLICANTS

- Please submit a completed Financial Assistance Application along with support documentation.
- Applications can be found at [ymcarivercrossing.org/fa](http://ymcarivercrossing.org/fa).
- Please allow 3 weeks for processing. All documents must be submitted before processing begins.
- Register early to secure your spot.

### CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FAMILIES

- Please proceed to our online registration software to begin your registration.
- **Please register early to secure your spot.**

For more information on financial assistance, contact Catherine Refice, Regional Director of Financial Assistance at [financialassistance@ymcarivercrossing.org](mailto:financialassistance@ymcarivercrossing.org).

**Financial Aid Application** due at least one month prior to the day you would like for your child to begin camp.

# WHY CAMP HUNTERDON?

JOIN JUST FOR  
THE SUMMER!

Kids grow, build skills and gain self-confidence in a safe, values-based environment. Camp Hunterdon has so much to offer youth from preschool through 10th grade. What makes us the best choice for your child?

- **EXCITING NEW THEMES!** For the third summer, the YMCA and the Hunterdon County Division of Park and Recreation are coming together to launch another fun summer of Nature Camps!
- **FLEXIBILITY!** Make it a full day or a half day. Mornings will be spent with the County Naturalist team, supported by the YMCA team. Together, campers will enjoy learning about the natural world around them.
- **NATURE CAMP** is provided in partnership with the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation.
- **SAFE, ENJOYABLE AND AFFORDABLE** option for families.
- **ECHO HILL CAMP** is located on a beautiful wooded campus offering the best environment for learning about nature.
- **EXPERT NATURE SPECIALISTS!**
- **WEEKLY THEMES**, activities and special events.
- **AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM** that encourages learning, exploration and fun!
- **HIGHLY TRAINED** and **ENGAGED** camp staff.
- **INDOOR** and **OUTDOOR OPTIONS** The camp property offers indoor program space which allows for rain day shelter. Moved in the early 70's from its original location, the old Stanton Station train station is one of the structures used.
- **PIZZA FRIDAYS** are included with weekly tuition for full-day campers!
- **CONVENIENT CURBSIDE DROP-OFF** and **PICK-UP** procedures.
- **CAMP APP** for improved communication with **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS**, **PHOTOS** and **HOTSHEETS** all in one place to best serve families. See page 4.
- **AM DROP OFF:** 8:45-9:15 AM
- **PM PICKUP:** 3:45-4:15 PM

## SUMMER MEMBERSHIP



Purchase a **Y SUMMER MEMBERSHIP** and receive member pricing for camp and programs at **ALL** of our locations! Membership runs Jun 1-Aug 31.

**YOUTH: \$124**    **FAMILY 1: \$407**  
**TEEN: \$188**    **FAMILY 2: \$467**

## PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

1. Wed, January 14, 6 PM  
[ZOOM LINK](#)
2. Wed, February 25, 6 PM  
[ZOOM LINK](#)
3. Tues, March 10, 4 PM  
[ZOOM LINK](#)
4. Tues, April 20, 4 PM  
[ZOOM LINK](#)



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# CAMP OVERVIEW

Welcome to Camp Hunterdon Echo Hill Nature Camp! In partnership with the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation, we are excited to launch the 2026 Nature Camps.

Our two esteemed organizations are uniting to provide premier nature camps, combining the expertise of professional environmental specialists with the renowned excellence of top-tier day camp programming. This collaboration is designed to offer an unmatched outdoor experience, seamlessly blending educational enrichment with the excitement of camp adventures. Our shared dedication to quality and passion for nature will create unique, enriching and unforgettable experiences for every camper.

\*In the event of inclement weather or heat advisory, campers are safely moved indoors.

## NATURE + ADVENTURE CAMPS

### GRADES K-7

Get Ready for the Ultimate Outdoor Adventure! We're thrilled to bring together the best of nature exploration and YMCA summer fun in one unforgettable day!

Each morning, campers will dive into the wonders of the outdoors with the Hunterdon County Environmental Team, who bring nature to life through hands-on discovery, wildlife exploration, and outdoor learning. From 9 AM-12 PM, campers will investigate forests, fields, streams, and everything in between—guided by experts who know our local habitats better than anyone!

Then the adventure keeps going! In the afternoon, the River Crossing YMCA Adventure Camp team steps in to lead the fun with high-energy games, creative crafts, team challenges, and classic camp excitement. It's the perfect blend of nature, play, imagination, and adventure.

For families seeking a seamless, action-packed experience, full-day camp is available from 9 AM – 4 PM. Campers will enjoy the age-appropriate Nature Camp in the morning and continue the fun with YMCA Adventure activities all afternoon long.

It's two amazing programs—one extraordinary day of summer magic!

## COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

### 13 AND 14 YEARS OLD

For rising 8th-10th graders: The Counselor in Training (CIT) program helps teens grow as positive role models, working with staff and young campers to develop leadership and responsibility.

## NATURE CAMP THEMES

### JUNE 29-JULY 3

Wilderness Warriors

### JULY 6-10

Water Wonders

### JULY 13-17

Herptile Heroes

### JULY 20-24

Fur, Paws, & Claws

### JULY 27-31

Feathered Friends

### AUG 3-7

Fintastic Adventures

### AUG 10-14

Environmental Explorers



# NATURE CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

## WILDERNESS WARRIORS

Embark on a wilderness adventure! Join us for a wilderness adventure packed with outdoor activities, survival skills, team-work and personal development. Join us for an unforgettable journey into the wild, where every moment is an opportunity for exploration, growth and building lasting connections with nature and fellow adventurers.

## WATER WONDERS

Prepare to get wet this week and dive into why water is so important to our world! We will meet turtles up close, catch critters of the Prescott Creek and cool off with favorite water games! This week is sure to be a splash!

## HERPTILE HEROS

Reptiles and Amphibians unite for this week filled with leaps of knowledge and slithers of fun. Meet our live animal guests, from colorful snakes to majestic turtles, and hear their stories! Participate in hands-on workshops where you can explore habitats, observe behaviors, and understand the critical roles these animals play in our ecosystems. Whether you're a seasoned nature enthusiast or new to the world of herps, this camp promises excitement, education, and inspiration for everyone.

## FUR, PAWS AND CLAWS

Let's journey through the fascinating world of Hunterdon's mammals! Each day, we'll dive into hands-on activities, interactive discussions, and imaginative role-playing as we explore the lives of bats, beavers, bears, coyotes, and more. Get ready for a week of wild fun and discovery, where learning about these amazing creatures transforms into an unforgettable adventure!

## FEATHERED FRIENDS

Fly into a week of bird explorations featuring our local feathered friends. From sparrows darting into the brush to hawks soaring in the air, we'll discover the features of the birds that fascinate us. We will learn about their captivating sounds, feathered adaptations and observe them in action at the park. Join us for a week filled with bird watching, discoveries and a whole lot of feathered fun!

## FINTASTIC ADVENTURES

Explore the watery world of ponds, streams, and rivers while discovering the amazing adaptations that help fish survive. Through games, crafts, and hands-on activities, we'll learn how fish breathe, eat, and move, and even try our hand at catching a few (for observation only!). Get ready to make a splash while uncovering the secrets of life below the surface!

## ENVIRONMENTAL EXPLORERS

Investigate the natural world through hands-on activities, outdoor games, and creative experiments that reveal how ecosystems work and why it's important to protect them. Each day will focus on a different environmental theme—from water and wildlife to recycling and renewable energy—encouraging curiosity and conservation. Get ready to explore, discover, and make a difference for our planet!



# ADVENTURE CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

## ADVENTURE CAMP

GRADES K-7

### NATURE MEETS ADVENTURE: THE ULTIMATE COMBO CAMP!

Get ready for a summer like no other! In this unique partnership camp, mornings are powered by the incredible Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation Naturalist Team and supported by YMCA staff—creating an unforgettable blend of exploration, discovery, and hands-on nature fun. Campers will trek through trails, investigate wildlife, identify plants, explore habitats, and dive into the wonders of the natural world through interactive adventures led by the experts who know it best!

After lunch at 12:30 PM, full-day campers shift gears and jump right into YMCA Adventure Camp, where each afternoon is packed with high-energy day-camp excitement. From weekly themes, games, crafts, and team challenges to classic outdoor fun, every day brings something new.

With nature-filled mornings and YMCA-powered afternoons, campers experience a full day of adventure, curiosity, creativity, and summer joy. Some activities will be done as one big team; others will separate into age-based groups to ensure developmentally appropriate (and extra-awesome) experiences.

Together, it's the perfect mix—nature, adventure and nonstop fun from start to finish!



## 2026 CAMP THEMES

### Star-Spangled 4th

June 29-July 3



### Science Shenanigans

July 6-10



### Sports Mania

July 13-17



### Seasons Alive!

July 20-24



### Legendary Heroes Week

July 27-31



### Battle of the Colors

August 3-7



### Era Explorers

August 10-14



# COUNSELOR IN TRAINING



## AGES 13-14 YEARS OLD

Counselors in Training will have the opportunity to make new friends, build teamwork skills and have a great time being a part of the YMCA summer. We are looking for youth that embody our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. This program gives participants the opportunity to place the needs of others ahead of their own, share what they have learned and be a role model for younger campers.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The first year CIT program has been developed to pay special attention to developing the leadership skills of participants. This program in comparison to second year CITs will focus on building leadership skills, learning about the developmental stages of children and exploring the benefits of working cooperatively with other youth.



Second year CITs spend a large portion of their day interacting with age-appropriate groups (campers 4 to 10 years old). They will review skills learned from the previous summer, along with taking part in new activities that enhance leadership skills.

All Counselor in Training Sessions are one week options.

## HOW TO BECOME A CIT

CIT candidates must apply. You will be contacted by listed email once your application has been reviewed so you can register.

Second year CITs may register at any point once registration is open. There is no need to reapply once you have been through the application process and participated as a CIT.

Please note that being part of the CIT program does not guarantee employment.



**LEARN MORE AND APPLY HERE!**



GRADE Sept 26	TIME	MEMBER PRICE	NON MEMBER PRICE	JUNE 29 -JULY 2	JULY 6-10	JULY 13-17	JULY 20-24	JULY 27-31	AUGUST 3-7	AUGUST 10-14
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## FULL DAY NATURE + ADVENTURE CAMPS

**PLEASE NOTE: When signing up for the full day option, your camper will be put in the age appropriate camp session.**

5 DAY: FULL DAY WITH NATURE CAMP	K-7	9 AM-4 PM	\$451	\$563						
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## HALF DAY NATURE CAMPS

**PLEASE NOTE: Spend a half day in Nature Camps and a half day in Adventure Camp**

5 DAY: AM	K-7	9 AM-12 PM	\$228	\$318						
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## COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)

CIT: 5 DAY	8-9	9 AM-4 PM	\$350	\$492						
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## EXTENDED CARE

LATE CARE - 5 DAY	ALL AGES	4-5 PM	\$28	\$34						
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**HELPFUL TIP:** Select the checkbox to save the weeks you register for camp.



**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 13**



**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT WHEN YOU REGISTER BEFORE MAY 4**



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**KEY**

= CAMP OFFERED

= NO CAMP OFFERED

# PHOTO GALLERY!

