

# REGIONAL YMCA 2025 SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

# BEST SUMMER EVER!

# **REGIONAL YMCA OF** WESTERN CONNECTICUT

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## Important Dates For Camp Greenknoll

January 1 – 31	Registration for Y Active Family Members and Returning 2024 Campers	
February 1	Registration Opens for All	
March 14	Tuition Assistance Application Deadline	
May 16	All cancellations/change requests due or forfeit the \$40/week deposit	

## **Special Membership Benefits**

Regional YMCA Family Memberships: Register before March 1st and receive \$50 off each week of camp at Camp Greenknoll only! (Membership must be active at the time of registration)

# **Special Membership Offer:** Join in January and pay \$0 Joiner's Fee.

## To sign up for a Family Membership, please visit www.regionalymca.org/join

# YMCA CAMP GREENKNOLL

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YMCA Camp Greenknoll offers an exciting Traditional Day Camp experience, where children ages 3-15 years thrive in a warm, inclusive environment. Campers can forge lasting friendships, build character, and unlock their potential in a space designed for fun and growth. At YMCA Camp Greenknoll, summer is a time for kids to truly be themselves, and every day is an opportunity to explore, learn, and create unforgettable memories.

Campers enjoy daily activities like swimming, S.T.E.A.M., archery, team building, arts and crafts, and enrichment programs that promote teamwork and leadership. With a focus on belonging, goal achievement, and relationship-building, we ensure every camper experiences a truly memorable and impactful summer.

Join us at YMCA Camp Greenknoll and give your child the **Best Summer Ever**!

#### WEEKLY SESSIONS

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WEEKLY SE	SSIONS	WEEKLY SESSIONS		
Week	Dates	Week	Dates	
Week 1	June 23	Week 6	July 28	
Week 2	June 30 (closed 7/4)	Week 7	August 4	
Week 3	July 7	Week 8	August 11	
Week 4	July 14	Week 9	August 18	
Week 5	July 21			

Week 6	July 28
Week 7	August 4
Week 8	August 11
Week 9	August 18

#### AGES:

3 – 15 years (children must be must be toilet trained)

**HOURS:** 

Camp Hours 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM

#### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT EXPIRES MARCH 1ST **RATES:**

- January 1st January 31st • \$300/week Campers with ACTIVE Family Membership\* Returning 2024 campers WITHOUT Active Family Membership (Non-Members) \$350/week
- February 1st: Registration is open to Everyone \$300/week Campers with ACTIVE Family Membership\* \$350/week Non-Members - no active Family Membership
- \$350/week . March 1st: Registration rate for all
- April 1st: Registration rate for all \$400/week •

#### Don't have a Family Membership? Get one today!

- Join in January and pay no joiners fee. •
- Receive a Family Membership discount of \$50 per camp week (register before March 1) •
- A Regional YMCA Full Family Membership is required and must be active at the time of camp registration to gualify for discount and must remain active through August 31, 2025. Become a Family Member, visit www.regionalymca.org/join.

#### **ADDITIONAL FEES:**

- One time registration fee of \$25 per camper. 0
- Deposit \$40 per week per camper, due at the time of registration; deducted from your weekly fee. (Example: If someone registers for 4 weeks of camp, the total due at the time of registration is \$185. 1 Camper for 4 weeks x \$40 deposit + \$25 registration fee = \$185)

Debit/Credit cards accepted for your convenience.

Tuition Assistance is available - visit website for application. Tuition Assistance applications are due no later then March 14.

**REGISTER:** Online at regionalymca.org.



- **FUN:** Campers will dive into a variety of fun activities, including arts and crafts, swimming, nature exploration, enrichment, and S.T.E.A.M. projects. They'll build self-confidence, learn teamwork and sportsmanship, and gain independence—all while nurturing their spirits and strengthening their bodies. Most importantly, they'll have a great time!
- **GROUPS:** At YMCA Camp Greenknoll, campers are organized into groups based on the grade they will be entering in the fall. Campers from Pre-K to 4th grade participate in coed groups, while those entering 5th grade and above are placed in same-gender groups. While these groups are not coed, they have plenty of opportunity to participate in activities that are coed. We maintain a minimum staff-to-camper ratio of 1:9 for Pre-K to 2nd graders and 1:12 for campers in 3rd grade and up.

Coed groups encourage campers to interact in ways that mirror real-life social dynamics, promoting healthy relationships and a deeper understanding between genders. This setup helps campers build essential social skills and fosters mutual respect, allowing them to connect as individuals.

We are committed to providing an inclusive and diverse environment that nurtures friendships. Through shared experiences, open communication, and respect, campers create lasting bonds that lead to meaningful friendships.

- Pre- K
- Kindergarten
- First
  Second
  - Second
- Third Fourth Fifth

Sixth

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- Seventh
  - Eighth and Ninth
    CLTs (14.8, 15 years of
  - CITs (14 & 15 years old)

There may be more than one group for a grade level depending on the number of campers registered.



# FUN DAY FRIDAY ACTIVITIES!

CAN'T DECIDE? ATTEND THEM ALL!

## WEEK DATE THEME DESCRIPTION

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Weeks	Dates	Funday Friday	Comments
Week 1	6/23/2025	Enchanted	Travel to the magical realm. Engage in enchanting activities like castle building and treasure hunts. It's a day filled with imagination, creativity, and whimsical fun for everyone.
Week 2	6/30/2025	Party In the USA (CLOSED 7/4)	Join the fun at YMCA Camp Greenknoll for an unforgettable Y celebration! Enjoy backyard games, exciting activities, and some friendly competition that's sure to bring everyone together for a great time!
Week 3	7/07/2025	Around the World	Travel the globe in one day! Campers will explore different cultures through fun games, crafts, and activities from countries around the world.
Week 4	7/14/2025	Color Wars	Get ready for one of the most exciting weeks of the summer! Join us at Camp Greenknoll for our annual Red vs. Blue Color Wars. Last year, the Blue team claimed victory, but can the Red team rise up and take the crown this time? The outcome is in your hands! Will you step up and lead your team to victory?
Week 5	7/21/2025	Camp Carnival	Step right up! Come one, come all, and join the fun at Camp Greenknoll's Carnival! Enjoy games, win prizes, and most importantly, have a blast while making unforgettable memories with friends!
Week 6	7/28/2025	Camp Show	A week of song, dance, and memories. Come to our camper show week as each group creates its own unique performance to present.
Week 7	8/04/2025	Pirate Adventure	Ahoy, campers! Dress up as pirates and join the treasure hunt, tackle "Walk the Plank," and battle in pirate ship games. It's a day of fun and adventure on the high seas!
Week 8	8/11/2025	Amazing Race	As one of the most recently sought team-building games, Amazing Race brings in a ton of fun for the team.
Week 9	8/18/2025	Wild, Wild, West	: Howdy, partners! Welcome to the Wild West, where campers are in : for an unforgettable adventure. Get ready to explore and see how : much gold you and your team can discover around camp!







# COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

### (CIT) PROGRAM AT YMCA CAMP GREENKNOLL

The YMCA Camp Greenknoll Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program is designed to help 14- and 15-year-olds develop leadership and teamwork skills while gaining experience in working with children. Through a combination of discussions, observations, and supervised interactions, CIT participants learn to take on responsibilities and professionalism by assisting in camp activities.

#### Key Program Features:

- Leadership and Job Training: CITs will engage in camp activities, learn responsibility, and work closely with camp groups.
- **Community Service:** Participants receive community service hours for their volunteer work, actual hours working with campers or helping with camp activities.
- **Mentorship:** Supervision is provided by the CIT Coordinator to ensure guidance and skill development.
- **Focus Areas:** Working with preschool and elementary-aged kids, creating lasting memories for campers, and developing skills for future endeavors such as college and careers.
- Program Benefits:
  - Opportunities for personal growth and skill development in leadership, responsibility, and teamwork.
  - Experience in childcare and mentorship.
  - Community service hours and practical training for future work or life situations.

The CIT Program is a great way for motivated teens to learn life skills while having fun in a supportive camp environment.



**Limited Enrollment:** Only 12 spots are available.

Visit our website for CIT application. CITs must complete an interview to be invited to register.

**Ages:** Open to individuals aged 14–15.

**Rates:** \$264 per week (July 4th week prorated at \$212)

\$214 per week with Active Family Membership\* (July 4th week prorated at \$172)

All changes/cancellations to chosen weeks must be finalized by May 16.

#### \*FAMILY MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT EXPIRES MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>

A Regional YMCA Full Family Membership is required and must be active at the time of camp registration to qualify for early registration discount and must remain active through August 31, 2025. To become a Family Member please visit www.regionalymca.org/join.

#### ADDITIONAL FEES:

- One Time registration fee of \$25 per camper.
- Deposit \$40 per week per camper, due at the time of registration; deducted from your weekly fee. (Example: Register for 4 weeks of camp, the total due at the time of registration is \$185. One camper for 4 weeks x \$40 deposit + \$25 registration fee = \$185)

#### **Tuition Assistance:** Tuition Assistance is available – visit website for application – due no later than March 14.

## **GREENKNOLL GATORS**

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#### **GOAL OF PROGRAM**

The Greenknoll Gators Camp Swim Team is a great way to get involved with swimming without having to give up something else! It's also an opportunity for YMCA campers to strengthen their swimming skills in a fun environment. Each week, swimmers work on developing stroke techniques and water safety. The Gators Swim Team is part of the Stateline Swim League. They are led by members of the Mako Swim Club coaching staff and will swim in the outdoor pool.

#### **SESSIONS**

Gator Season June 23 – July 31

#### AGES

6 - 16 years (children must have completed Kindergarten). Can swim 25 yards without stopping

#### HOURS

Monday - Thursday from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

#### **FEES** \$285

Full session payment due at time of registration.

Master Card, Discover, Amex, Visa, and debit cards accepted for your convenience.

#### **REGISTRATION FOR GATORS OPENS:**

Members: April 7 Non-Members April 14



# YMCA SUMMER CLUB AT **GRASSY PLAIN**

YMCA CHILDREN'S CENTER, 57 GRASSY PLAIN STREET, BETHEL **CONTACT: DEBBIE D'OSTILIO, DIRECTOR** E: DDOSTILIO@REGIONALYMCA.ORG P: 203.744.4890

#### **GOAL OF PROGRAM**

At Grassy Plain Summer Club, summer is the time for ADVENTURE, EXPLORATION and FUN! Our **FAB**ulous program centers on three areas proven to impact kids' development: **F**riendship, Accomplishment and Belonging.

Our highly trained staff helps campers ages 5–12 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. Campers are encouraged to pursue their interests through daily activities and theme weeks culminating with an in-house special enrichment program or an inflatable amusement such as the ever-popular 18' water slide. There are opportunities to connect with nature and spend time outside being physically active, participating in experiences that influence lifelong healthy habits and also opportunities to keep skills fresh all summer long with fun, engaging literacy and math activities. There are opportunities to foster campers' creative abilities such as Art, Drama and Writing, and ones to inspire wonder and ignite creativity through weekly STEAM projects. But most importantly, there are opportunities to reconnect with the simple joys of being a kid: Laughing, Singing, Dancing, Crafting, Discovering, Swinging, Sliding, Hiking, Playing and more!

At Grassy Plain Summer Club, the recreational and educational activities offered daily nurture the potential in every camper, building self-esteem, leadership skills, lasting friendships and treasured memories. Be a part of our community! Sign up for one week or all of them; either way your child will have THE BEST SUMMER EVER!

#### WEEKLY SESSIONS

Week	Dates to Run	Theme
Week 1	June 16	Welcome Back
Week 2	June 23	Nature Week
Week 3	June 30 (Closed 7/4)	Red, White & Blue
Week 4	July 7	Around the World

#### WEEKLY SESSIONS

Week	Dates to Run	Theme
Week 5	July 14	Color Wars
Week 6	July 21	Ultimate Survivor
Week 7	July 28	STEAM Week
Week 8	August 4	Beach Week
Week 9	August 11	Celebrating Art & Artists

#### AGES

5 – 12 years (children must have completed kindergarten)

#### **HOURS AND FEES**

Camp Hours 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM One time registration fee \$40.00 Weekly Fee: \$300 per week (week 3 Closed July 4th \$240) Master Card, Discover, Amex, Visa and debit cards accepted for your convenience, Tuition Assistance available. Visit website for application. Due no later than April 30.

### WHY CHOOSE SUMMER CLUB AT GRASSY PLAIN:

- State Licensed year round Center equipped with air conditioning
- Literacy and math games/activities
- Spacious classrooms/Two large playgrounds & large field
- Engaging STEAM projects
- Arts and crafts
- Gardening Program with Friday Vegetable Stand
  Fun Camp Days like a Jell-O Eating Contest,
- Fun Camp Days like a Jell-O Eating Contest, Dress-up Days & every Friday is Super Soaker Day!
- Focus on fitness/nutrition

#### **REGISTRATION DATES FOR SUMMER CLUB**

**February 1, 2025** Priority registration for children currently enrolled in any program at the Y.

March 1, 2025 Registration for all new campers.





## FRIDAY FUN DAY THEMES! PICK YOUR FAVORITE WEEK! CAN'T DECIDE? ATTEND THEM ALL!

### WEEK DATE THEME DESCRIPTION

Week 1	6/16/2025		Welcome to fun games, making, kickball tournaments and making friendships!
Week 2	6/23/2025	Nature Week	Let us explore nature this week through hiking, scavenger hunts and nature walks.
Week 3	6/30/2025	Red, White & Blue Week	Come join us by celebrating America's birthday this week!
Week 4	7/07/2025	Around the World!	Let us explore the continents, try some new foods, and learn about diverse cultures.
Week 5	07/14/2025	Color Wars	It's back, our fan favorite Color Wars! Campers compete to see which room can embody their color the best.
Week 6	07/21/2025	Ultimate Survivor	Teams compete in physical & mental challenges to take home the coveted title of Ultimate Survivors. Do not forget the Gross Food Challenge too!
Week 7	07/28/2025	STEAM Week	A week of Science, Technology, Engineering , Art, and Math! Who will survive our annual egg drop?
Week 8	08/04/2025	Beach Week	Fun water activities, water slides and learning about our oceans.
Week 9	08/11/2025	Celebrating Art & Artists	Van Gogh, Dali, Andy Warhol, and more. Who is your favorite?





# A SAFE PLACE FOR LITTLE ONES

2-HOURS OF EXPLORATION 3-DAYS A WEEK

### SPECIALTY SUMMER PROGRAMS 2025

### AGES: 2 – 4 YEARS OLD \* toilet training not required

These camps are great for tiny campers who might not be quite ready for a full camp experience but are ready to start slow! Each will will have a different theme for weekly learning and activities.

DAYS:	TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
TIME:	9:30 – 11:30 AM
PLACE:	HUISKING ROOM, YMCA BUILDING

### THEMES:

- UNDER THE SEA | JUNE 17-20
- LOST IN SPACE | JUNE 24-26
- CREATIVE ARTIST | JULY 1-JULY 3
- SPORTS WEEK | JULY 8-10
- TINY GARDENER | JUL 15-17
- MINI CHEFS | JUL 22-24
- SUMMER SAFARI | JUL 29-31
- A BUG'S LIFE | AUG 5-7

REGISTER

NOW

SUPERHEROES IN TRAINING AUG 8-14

MEMBER NON-MEMBER \$120/week \$180/week

Space is limited to 12 children.

REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 1

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# REGIONAL YMCA OF WESTERN CONNECTICUT SUMMER CAMPS

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YMCA CAMP GREENKNOLL GATORS CAMP SWIM TEAM TODDLER SPECIALITY CAMPS

### Greenknoll Branch

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### SUMMER CLUB AT GRASSY PLAIN

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