

YMCA of Brockville and Area offers summer camp options

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This year, the YMCA of Brockville and Area are focusing on the overall quality and safety of their Summer Day Camp programs.

"A lot more structure to the programming," said Director of Programs Jay Mater.

Children from four years old to 12 years old can make new friends, participate in novel activities and take pleasure in joining the fun at one of the many YMCA of Brockville and Area Day Camps being offered.

The camp list includes adventure, aqua, dance, French, recreational and sports, along with the opportunity for 12 to 16 years old to become counsellors in training or leaders in training.

"French is one of our specialty camps," shared Park Street Supervisor Korina Graham. "French will be running on week three and week seven."

For nine weeks, starting July 4 to Sept. 2, camps are available at either 345 Park St. location, Brockville Wesleyan Church, 33 Central Ave. or children are bused to Brown's Bay, with the bus leaving the Y at 8:30 a.m. Each week is themed: Superheroes, Under the Sea, Disney, Going Green - Environmental, Pirates, Olympics, Brockville's Got Talent, Survivor to Rock Stars.

Adventure Camp introduces campers to the world of adventure learning a variety of outdoor skills, fire lighting, scavenger hunts, swimming and much more.

As well, Aqua Camp is all water-based with swimming, skill developing, water sports, games and awareness to water safety. Included are arts, crafts, gym time, singing and outdoor activities.



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Excited about the upcoming YMCA of Brockville and Area 2016 Summer Day Camps are, from left, Brown's Bay Supervisor Emily Reavie, Park Street Supervisor Korina Graham along with the Director of Y Programs Jay Mater, all holding the camp brochure and relating to Fill the Bus – opportunity for children in outlining area to have free bus transportation to the Y located in Brockville.

"The Dance Camp will be right here at Park Street and we will work on flexibility, rhythm and coordination," said Graham. "We will have a dance recital at the end of the week. So on Friday, all the campers at Brown's Bay as well come back to the Y to show what they have learned over the week."

"They will be introduced to many different styles of dance based on their interest," added Brown's Bay Supervisor Emily Reavie.

Sports Camp will include the ever-popular pickleball, volleyball, squash, football and other activities.

The Recreational Camp is an all-in-one camp with some structure and unstructured activities like hiking, swim, crafts, sport and lots of fun.

Regarding the counsellor in training and leaders in training, some participants can become camp counsellors, learning water safety skills, canoeing and outdoor survival. Whereas for the leaders in training, these individuals learn communications skills, behaviour management getting a chance to learn lifeguarding skills, junior lifeguard to 12 and under. The bronze medallion is for those 13 and older.

"We no longer have to register for before and after care," said Mater. "So children can come as early as they like, beginning at 7:30 a.m., ending at 5:30 p.m., and no longer a fee."

The Y also provides transportation from outlining areas. Pick-ups and drop-offs vary, so check into this free transport. There are three routes including Spencerville, Cardinal and Prescott, Mallorytown, Lyn, Athens and Addison to the Y in Brockville.

Brochures are available detailing the camps and giving a registration sheet to make camp choices and payment type, or check the website at www.brockvilley.com.

Camp fees are available for members as well as non-members, and visitors are always welcome.

For those not familiar with camperships, this method applies to those with economic or special circumstances. Contact the Y at 613-342-7961 to find out more.

All counsellors are trained in first aid, CPR and have YMCA leadership skills, safety and emergency procedures, as well as in the YMCA healthy child development. All volunteers and staff undergo the criminal reference and vulnerable sector check.

When you sign up please consider what needs to be brought each day for summer camp. An extra set of clothing, towel, swim suit, water shoes, goggles, lifejacket (if required), two snacks and lunch (peanut free), sunscreen, water bottle, sports camp (non-marking running shoes) and a small bag or backpack to take to field.

Anyone that requires medication, the bottle must be labelled with child's name, and parents need to complete a request and consent for giving out medication form.

Let's go camping!