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# ADVENTURE CAMP 2023

# BEST SUMMER EVER®

**WHATCOM FAMILY YMCA**

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# ADVENTURE CAMP IS BACK!

This summer we are excited to get our campers back outdoors for a traditional day camp experience that includes local field trips, swimming, archery and more!

## Why our day camps are a step above!

### **Achievement:**

Our Campers will gain new knowledge, skills and abilities that help them realize their passions, talents and potential. Progressive skill clinics will build confidence and assist campers to discover who they are.

### **Relationships:**

Camp is all about developing good relationships. Campers will make new friends and form positive relationships with adult role models.

### **Belonging:**

Our camps create a sense of community where kids feel safe, welcome and can express their individuality.

## Outdoors and Field Trips!

This summer we will continue to get campers outdoors! We know that being in an outdoor environment can offer a variety of opportunities that allow campers to be being physically active during the summer.

Through daily field trips to local parks, the Bellingham School District's Gordon Carter Conservation site, and more, campers will learn to be responsible and resourceful, work in groups, solve problems and make decisions that will help them grow as individuals—all while having fun and feeling like they belong. We want this to be their BEST SUMMER EVER.





# DISCOVERERS GRADE 1

YMCA Discoverers is designed to specifically meet the needs of our youngest campers where campers play constructively, learn cooperatively, and make friends. Our goal is to expand children's horizons by providing developmentally appropriate, creative and fun play experiences.

Each day, campers have the opportunity for socialization through activities that foster sharing and cooperation. Discoverers have their own schedule to meet the emotional and physical needs of that age group.

WEEK	DATES	FIELD TRIP	THEME
1	June 21 – 23 (3 Days)	Star and Cornwall Parks	Minecraft
2	June 26 – 30	Birch Bay State Park	Zootopia
3	July 3 – 7 (3 Days   No Camp July 4 or 5)	Fairhaven Park (HVE)	Ratatouille
4	July 10 – 14	Lake Padden Boating & Hiking	Night at the Museum
5	July 17 – 21	Larrabee State Park	Harry Potter
6	July 24 – 28	Squalicum Park & Zuanich Park	Pokemon
7	July 31 – August 4	Gordon Carver Conservation Site	Madagascar
8	August 7 – 11	Gordon Carver Conservation Site	Hotel Transylvania
9	August 14 – 18	Birch Bay Waterslides	Lilo & Stitch
10	August 21–22 (2 Days Only)	Staycation	Jumanji



# SEEKERS GRADES 2-3

Seekers stay active and stretch in new ways at summer camp. Whether it's learning a new skills or game, working on a project with new-found friends or just enjoying some undirected play time, camp provides room to grow and help kids build resilience and confidence.

## SEEKERS'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

### FIELD TRIPS

WEEK	DATES	Bellingham South (Happy Valley Elementary)	Bellingham North (Alderwood Elementary)	THEME
1	June 21 - 23 (3 Days)	Swim @ Y	Staycation	Minecraft
2	June 26 - 30	Padilla Bay	Lake Padden Boating & Hiking	Zootopia
3	July 3 - 7 (3 Days   No Camp July 4 or 5)	Swim @ Y	Whatcom Falls Park	Ratatouille
4	July 10 - 14	Lake Padden Boating & Hiking	Birch Bay State Park	Night at the Museum
5	July 17 - 21	Imagine Children's Museum	Lynden City Park (Million Smiles Park)	Harry Potter
6	July 24 - 28	Lynden City Park (Million Smiles Park)	Imagine Children's Museum	Pokemon
7	July 31 - August 4	Larrabee State Park	Fairhaven Park	Madagascar
8	August 7 - 11	Birch Bay Waterslides	Larrabee State Park	Hotel Transylvania
9	August 14 - 18	Fairhaven Park	Birch Bay Waterslides	Lilo & Stitch
10	August 21-22 (2 Days Only)	Staycation	Staycation	Jumanji







# EXPLORERS GRADES 4-5

Each week offers adventures with exciting themes that are woven into the day's activities. Explorers learn to respect and enjoy nature while having fun, hiking, exploring, crafting, swimming, field trips, and much more. Y camp staff build teamwork and provide challenging, safe activities for each small group.

## EXPLORER'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATES	FIELD TRIP	THEME
1	June 21 - 23 (3 Days)	Rock Climbing	Minecraft
2	June 26 - 30	Padilla Bay	Zootopia
3	July 3 - 7 (3 Days   No Camp July 4 or 5)	Birch Bay State Park	Ratatouille
4	July 10 - 14	Lake Padden Boating & Hiking	Night at the Museum
5	July 17 - 21	Sledding at Mount Baker	Harry Potter
6	July 24 - 28	Skagit Skate	Pokemon
7	July 31 - August 4	Lake Padden Boating & Hiking	Madagascar
8	August 7 - 11	Washington Park	Hotel Transylvania
9	August 14 - 18	Birch Bay Waterslides	Lilo & Stitch
10	August 21-22 (2 Days Only)	Staycation	Jumanji





# CHALLENGERS GRADES 6-8

Y staff provide a challenging and team-based camp designed specifically for middle schoolers that allows them to explore our community, develop new talents, or head outdoors for an adventure.

Each week offers Challengers opportunities for friendship and exploration in engaging activities with weekly themes shaping the day's plan.

## CHALLENGER'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATES	FIELD TRIP	THEME
1	June 21 - 23 (3 Days)	Rock Climbing/ Scavenger Hunt	Trust
2	June 26 - 30	Lake Padden Boating & Hiking	Empowerment
3	July 3 - 7 (3 Days   No Camp July 4 or 5)	Birch Bay State Park	Inclusion
4	July 10 - 14	Sledding at Mount Baker	Leadership
5	July 17 - 21	Washington Park	Strategy
6	July 24 - 28	Skagit Skate	Environmentalism
7	July 31 - August 4	Snohomish Aquatic Center	Innovation
8	August 7 - 11	Lake Padden Boating & Hiking	Legendary
9	August 14 - 18	Birch Bay Waterslides	Courage
10	August 21-22 (2 Days Only)	Staycation	Caring






# JUNIOR COUNSELORS GRADES 9-12

The Junior Counselor Program allows teens to further develop their leadership skills while they gain experience working with children. Adventure Camp staff serve as mentors while providing guidance and feedback

- Teens must fill out an application and have volunteer schedule approved.
- Mandatory training will take place on Saturday, June 10 (time to be determined).
- Applications available online or at the Bellingham YMCA.



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Check out our other summer options for teens, such as **Youth Institute**, by visiting us online at [whatcomymca.org](http://whatcomymca.org)!





# HOW TO REGISTER

## Online Registration:

1. Find the online registration link at: [whatcomymca.org/adventure-camp](http://whatcomymca.org/adventure-camp)
2. Complete all registration questions.
3. Pay deposits and membership is applicable.
4. Pay any past due balances from any YMCA program prior or at the time of registration.
5. Download the Parent Handbook.

For information on fees  
visit our website or  
scan the code below:



## SUMMER CAMP MEMBERSHIP

All participants registered for summer camp will receive a FREE Youth or Teen Membership. YMCA Membership gives you many opportunities and benefits:

Reduced fees on all YMCA classes and programs!

Open swim, gym, courts, and basketball!

Community Climb included in membership!

And so much more..,

## Important Dates:

Registration Opens: **Wednesday, February 15**

Camp Begins: **Wednesday, June 21**

- NO CAMP:**
- Monday June 19 (camp training)
  - Tuesday June 20 (camp training)
  - Tuesday July 4 & Wednesday July 5
  - Wednesday August 23-Tuesday August 29 (BASE staff training)

Camp Ends: **Tuesday, August 22**

## Other Info

Locations:

- Bellingham North Side  
Alderwood Elementary\*\*
- Bellingham South Side  
Happy Valley Elementary\*\*

Times:

- Drop Off Between 7:30-9am
- Pick Up Between 4:30-6pm

**\*\*Locations subject to change**

