



MAKING SUMMER MEMORIES

ADVENTURE
CAMP | 2024

WHATCOM FAMILY YMCA
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ADVENTURE CAMP IS BACK!

Why the Y?

Experience and trust is what you have come to expect at our camp programs in Whatcom County. This is because we create weekly Huddle Groups that focus on three unique elements as a foundation for all of our youth programming.

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 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!

Our day camp program is committed to getting youth outdoors as often as possible. We know that being in an outdoor environment can offer a variety of opportunities that allow campers to be physically active and enjoy new experiences..

With our weekly schedules consisting of 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.



AGE GROUPS

Discovers (Entering 1st Grade)

YMCA Discoverers specifically meets the needs of our youngest campers so they can 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 to socialize through activities that foster sharing and cooperation.

Seekers (Entering 2nd–3rd Grade)

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

Explorers (Entering 4th–5th Grade)

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.

Challengers (Entering 6th–8th Grade)

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



DISCOVERERS

Entering 1st Grade

Summer Calendar by Week

WEEK	DATES	THEME	FIELD TRIPS
1	June 24-28	Shrek	Birch Bay State Park
2	July 1 - 3 (3 Days No Camp July 4 or 5)	Cloudy with the Chance of Meatballs	Hovander park
3	July 8 - 12	Ice Age	Cordata Park (Splash pad)
4	July 15 - 19	Minecraft	DISCO Party at Cordata Cordata/ Squalicum Creek Park
5	July 22 - 26	Pokemon Olympics	Gordon Carver Conservation Site
6	July 29 - August 2	Finding Nemo	Star Park & Hovander
7	August 5 - 9	Star Wars	DISCO Party at Northern Heights Northern Heights/Squalicum Creek Park
8	August 12 - 16	Monsters Inc.	Boating at Lake Padden
9	August 19-21 (Monday-Wednesday Only)	Super Mario World	Staycation

Standard Weekly Schedule

SITE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CORDATA	Skills Clinic & Swimming at the Y	Staycation	Field Trip	Staycation	Staycation (Gordon Carter Conservation Site visits later in summer)
NORTHERN HEIGHTS	Staycation (Gordon Carter Conservation Site visits later in summer)	Staycation	Staycation	Field Trip	Skills Clinic & swimming at the Y

SEEKERS

Grades 2-3

Summer Calendar by Week

WEEK	DATES	THEME	FIELD TRIPS
1	June 24-28	Shrek	Lake Paden Boating & Hiking
2	July 1 - 3 (3 Days No Camp July 4 or 5)	Cloudy with the Chance of Meatballs	Cordata: Birch Bay State Park Northern Heights: Hovander Park
3	July 8 - 12	Ice Age	Climbing Wall at the Y
4	July 15 - 19	Minecraft	Imagine Children's Museum
5	July 22 - 26	Pokemon Olympics	Fairhaven Park (Splash pad)
6	July 29 - August 2	Finding Nemo	Star Park & Hovander
7	August 5 - 9	Star Wars	Lynden City Park
8	August 12 - 16	Monsters Inc.	Squalicum Creek Park
9	August 19-21 (Monday-Wednesday Only)	Super Mario World	Padilla Bay

Standard Weekly Schedule

SITE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cordata	Gordon Carter Conservation Site	Skills Clinic & swimming	Gordon Carter Conservation Site	Field Trip	Gordon Carter Conservation Site
Northern Heights	Gordon Carter Conservation Site	Field Trip	Gordon Carter Conservation Site	Skills Clinic & Swimming at the Y	Gordon Carter Conservation Site



EXPLORERS

Grades 4-5

Summer Calendar by Week

WEEK	DATES	THEME	FIELD TRIPS
1	June 24-28	Shrek	Climbing Wall at the Y
2	July 1 - 3 (3 Days No Camp July 4 or 5)	Cloudy with the Chance of Meatballs	Boating at Lake Padden
3	July 8 - 12	Ice Age	Sledding at Mount Baker
4	July 15 - 19	Minecraft	Padilla Bay
5	July 22 - 26	Pokemon Olympics	Larrabee State Park
6	July 29 - August 2	Finding Nemo	Climbing Wall at the Y
7	August 5 - 9	Star Wars	WWU Planetarium
8	August 12 - 16	Monsters Inc.	Roller Skating at Skagit Skate
9	August 19-21 (Monday-Wednesday Only)	Super Mario World	Staycation

Standard Weekly Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Gordon Carter Conservation Site	Field Trip	Skills Clinic & Swimming	Gordon Carter Conservation Site	Gordon Carter Conservation Site



CHALLENGERS

Grades 6-7

Summer Calendar by Week

WEEK	DATES	FIELD TRIPS	THEME
1	June 24-28	Rock Climbing/ Scavenger Hunt	Trust
2	July 1 - 3 (3 Days No Camp July 4 or 5)	Lake Padden Boating & Hiking	Empowerment
3	July 8 - 12	Sledding at Mount Baker	Inclusion
4	July 15 - 19	Rasar State Park	Leadership
5	July 22 - 26	Camp Anderson	Strategy
6	July 29 - August 2	Snohomish Aquatic Center	Environmentalism
7	August 5 - 9	WWU Planetarium	Innovation
8	August 12 - 16	Roller Skating at Skagit Skate	Legendary
9	August 19-21 (Monday-Wednesday Only)	TBA	Courage

Standard Weekly Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Gordon Carter Conservation Site	Skills Clinics & Mini Field Trip	All Day Field Trip	Skills Clinics & Swimming or Slip N Slide	Adventure Day




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 22 (time to be determined).
- Applications available online or at the Bellingham YMCA.



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TO APPLY



Check out our other summer options for teens, such as **Youth Institute**, by visiting us online at whatcomymca.org!



HOW TO REGISTER

Online Registration:

1. Find the online registration link at: 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: **Thursday, February 15**

Camp Begins: **Monday, June 24**
(subject to school district calendar changes due to
weather)

NO CAMP:

- Wednesday June 19 (camp training)
- Thursday June 20 (camp training)
- Friday June 21 (camp training)
- Thursday July 4 & Friday July 5
- Thursday August 22–Firs Day of School
(BASE staff training)

Camp Ends:

Wednesday, August 21

Other Info

Locations**:

- Cordata Elementary
- Northern Heights Elementary

Times:

- Drop Off Between 7:30–8:45am
- Pick Up Between 4:30–6:00pm

****Locations subject to change due to availability.**



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