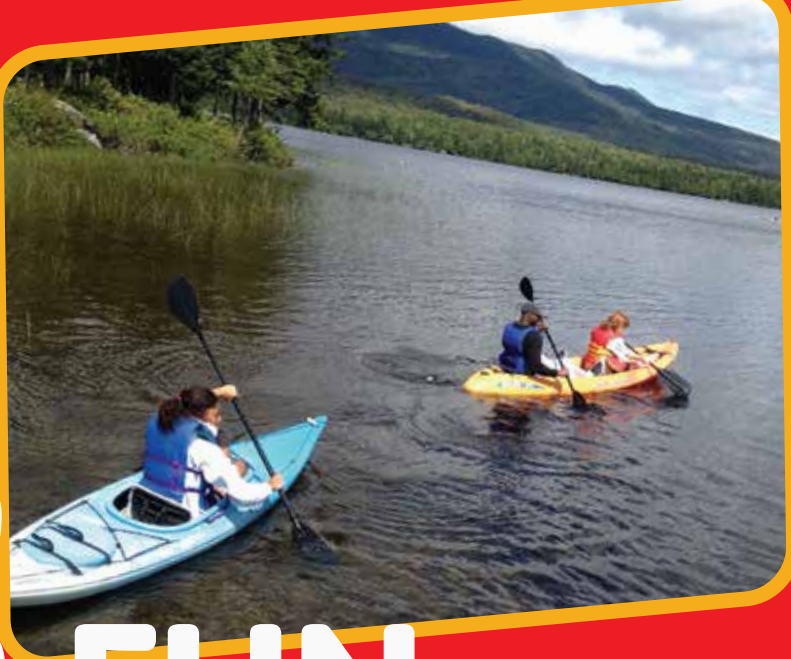




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# ENDLESS SUMMER FUN AND ADVENTURE



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**STAMFORD FAMILY YMCA  
2015 SUMMER CAMPS**

# MAKING FRIENDS...



Dear Families,

For the last 102 years we have been creating memories that are sure to last a lifetime. Summer camp is the perfect place to explore the great outdoors, learn new skills, foster independence, and meet new friends! Whether this is your first summer with us or your seventh, each summer guarantees you fun, laughter, and new adventures.

Your child will enjoy a diverse daily schedule filled with fun adventures tailored to each camp group. Our goal is to provide the children with a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment where they feel encouraged to learn, grow and thrive throughout the summer. We are thrilled to announce weekly field trips that highlight the weekly themes. Also, this summer the Y is bringing back our hugely successful Camp Mini and Camp WOW theatre production and is expanding our summer reading program. The following pages detail all of the opportunities for your child to learn, grow, and make memories that will last a lifetime this summer in one of our camps.

We look forward to seeing you!

Kind regards,

*Tiffany Wilson*

Tiffany Wilson  
Camp Director  
Stamford Family YMCA

**EXPLORE NATURE. LEARN TO SWIM.**

# MAKING MEMORIES!



**The Stamford Family YMCA is the perfect place for your children to spend their summer away from school. They'll be active and enjoying sports, arts, science, nature, swim lessons, field trips, theatre, and fun camp adventures. At the Stamford Y, children pursue their potential and explore new interests in a safe, nurturing environment. All children are encouraged to participate in our many camp activities through our "challenge by choice" philosophy. Your children will make lasting friendships and have fun discovering who they are and what they can do.**

## ABOUT OUR CAMPS

Day camp like many other programs at the Stamford Family YMCA is about learning skills, developing character and making friends. But few environments are as special as camp, where kids become a community as they learn both how to be more independent and how to contribute to a group as they engage in physical, social, and educational activities. The day camp experience is built on the Y's values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

## STAFF

The Stamford Family Y carefully selects and screens caring role models who demonstrate a passion for developing confidence and good character in our youth. The Y maintains a commitment to a recruiting process that includes comprehensive training and background checks. All of our staff are CPR/First Aid/AED certified. Approximately 80% of the staff return each year providing familiarity and continuity. Y counselors are dedicated to making sure camp is an amazing experience for every camper.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Stamford Family Y offers financial assistance for families who qualify. Financial assistance is given on a first come, first served basis and is determined by need. Applications for assistance are available at the Front Desk or online at [www.stamfordymca.org](http://www.stamfordymca.org).

## HOW TO REGISTER

Camp registration begins February 2015. All registration requires a non-refundable \$250 deposit and the balance for all sessions is due in full by June 19, 2015. Enroll in person at the Stamford Family YMCA for the session(s) of your choice or **log on and register online at [www.stamfordymca.org](http://www.stamfordymca.org)**.

**BE ACTIVE. BUILD CONFIDENCE.**

# CAMP MINI: PRE-KINDERGARTEN – KINDERGARTEN



## WHAT IS CAMP MINI?

For our youngest campers, Camp Mini provides enriched learning experiences in a safe and fun environment with qualified counselors. Children will enjoy activities like arts and crafts, swim lessons, nature, athletics, field trips, outdoor adventures and more, all incorporated into weekly themes. Campers must be three years old and toilet trained before attending.

# CAMP MINI: PRE-KINDERGARTEN – KINDERGARTEN

## CAMP MINI | PROGRAM DETAILS

- ⚙ Grades: For children who have completed one year of Pre-K or are currently in Kindergarten
- ⚙ Summer Camp Dates: June 22 – August 14
- ⚙ Staff to Camper Ratio: 1:6
- ⚙ Transportation: Provided to and from field trips by school bus
- ⚙ Drop off and pick up: Monday through Friday at the Stamford Family YMCA
- ⚙ Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm
- ⚙ Extended care hours available: Monday – Friday from 7:30am – 6:00pm
- ⚙ Lunch and afternoon snack provided daily
- ⚙ Breakfast provided to those campers enrolled in early care
- ⚙ Extra snack provided to those campers enrolled in after care
- ⚙ Weekly field trips highlighting each theme week
- ⚙ Swim lessons
- ⚙ Weekly visits to Cove Island Beach
- ⚙ ABC reading corner
- ⚙ Adventure to the Bronx Zoo
- ⚙ Austin Daily Hip Hop Workshop
- ⚙ Campers receive 1 Camp t-shirt



### SAMPLE CAMPER DAY

#### Morning

9:20 - 10:10	Arts & crafts
10:15 - 11:05	Swimming
11:10 - 12:00	Theatre
12:05 - 12:55	LUNCH

#### Afternoon

1:00 - 1:50	Play Area
1:55 - 2:45	ABC Corner
2:45 - 3:00	SNACK
3:00 - 3:50	Fields & Sports
3:50 - 4:00	Prep to go home

## CAMP MINI | DATES & RATES

A non-refundable deposit of \$250 per child is due upon registration. No credits or refunds will be given for any reason. THE BALANCE FOR ALL SESSIONS IS DUE IN FULL BY JUNE 19, 2015

Parent orientation & new camper orientation is Thursday, June 4, 2015, from 6 – 7 pm.

SESSION	FULL SEASON	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO	SESSION THREE	SESSION FOUR
<b>Dates</b>	June 22 - Aug 14	June 22 - July 3	July 6 - 17	July 20 - 31	August 3 - 14
<b>Member</b>	\$1,650	\$412.50	\$412.50	\$412.50	\$412.50
<b>Non-Member</b>	\$1,925	\$481.25	\$481.25	\$481.25	\$481.25

# CAMP WOW: FIRST GRADE – FIFTH GRADE



## WHAT IS CAMP WOW?

The Stamford Family Y offers campers our rich heritage of summer fun and new innovative opportunities to enjoy, learn, and create lifelong friendships through weekly field trips, “theme” weeks, beach days, and safe, fun and instructional activities. Throughout the summer, campers will enjoy swim lessons, athletics, nature studies, archery, dance and more.

# CAMP WOW: FIRST GRADE- FIFTH GRADE

## CAMP WOW | PROGRAM DETAILS

- ☀ Grades: For students currently in grades 1 through 5
- ☀ Summer camp dates: June 22 – August 14
- ☀ Staff to camper ratio: 1:8
- ☀ Transportation: Provided to and from field trips by school bus
- ☀ Drop off and pick up: Monday through Friday at the Stamford Family Y
- ☀ Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm
- ☀ Extended care hours available: Monday – Friday from 7:30am – 6:00pm
- ☀ Lunch and afternoon snack provided daily
- ☀ Breakfast provided to those campers enrolled in early care
- ☀ Extra snack provided to those campers enrolled in after care
- ☀ Weekly field trips highlighting each theme week
- ☀ Campers participate in annual theatre production
- ☀ Swim lessons
- ☀ Weekly visits to Cove Island Beach
- ☀ Reading lounge activities
- ☀ Journey to Dinosaur Place
- ☀ Lake Quassy Amusement Park
- ☀ Campers receive 1 Camp t-shirt



### SAMPLE CAMPER DAY

#### Morning

9:20 - 10:10	Basketball
10:15 - 11:05	Theatre
11:10 - 12:00	Swimming
12:05 - 12:55	LUNCH

#### Afternoon

1:00 - 1:50	Nature/science
1:55 - 2:45	Reading lounge
2:45 - 3:00	SNACK
3:00 - 3:50	Play area
3:50 - 4:00	Prep to go home

## CAMP MINI | DATES & RATES

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# TEEN ADVENTURE: SIXTH GRADE – EIGHTH GRADE



## WHAT IS TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP?

Is your teen looking for a summer filled with new experiences? Teen Adventure Camp is ideal for the teen who is up for a challenge and wants to explore. The Stamford Y's camp for teens will let you discover the great outdoors in the company of exceptional leaders. Activities may include canoeing, rock climbing, swimming, fishing, white water rafting, paint balling, skeet shooting and more.



# TEEN ADVENTURE: SIXTH GRADE – EIGHTH GRADE

## TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP | PROGRAM DETAILS

- ⚙ Grades: For students who are currently in grades 6-8
- ⚙ Summer camp dates: June 22 – August 14
- ⚙ Staff to camper ratio: 1:10
- ⚙ Transportation: Provided to and from field trips
- ⚙ Drop off and pick up: Monday – Friday at the Stamford Family YMCA
- ⚙ Hours: Monday – Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm
- ⚙ Extended care hours available: Monday – Friday from 7:30am – 6:00pm
- ⚙ Lunch and afternoon snack provided daily
- ⚙ Breakfast provided to those campers enrolled in early care
- ⚙ Extra snack provided to those campers enrolled in after care
- ⚙ Teens attend Moose River Outpost in Maine for one week during session 4
- ⚙ Weekly field trips highlighting each theme week
- ⚙ Swim lessons
- ⚙ Tennis lessons
- ⚙ Ropes course training
- ⚙ Weekly adventures
- ⚙ Campers receive 1 Camp t-shirt



### TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP | DATES & RATES

A non-refundable deposit of \$250 per child is due upon registration. No credits or refunds will be given for any reason. THE BALANCE FOR ALL SESSIONS IS DUE IN FULL BY JUNE 19, 2015

Parent orientation & new camper orientation is Friday, June 5, 2015, from 6 – 7 pm.

SESSION	FULL SEASON	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO	SESSION THREE	SESSION FOUR
<b>Dates</b>	June 22 – Aug 14	June 22 – July 3	July 6 – 17	July 20 – 31	August 3 – 14
<b>Member</b>	\$1,732.50	\$412.50	\$412.50	\$412.50	\$495.00
<b>Non-Member</b>	\$2,021.50	\$481.25	\$481.25	\$481.25	\$577.50

## C.I.T. PROGRAM: AGES FIFTEEN – SIXTEEN



### WHAT IS THE COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM?

The Counselor-in-Training Program at the Stamford Family Y is designed to offer qualified young people an opportunity to prepare for positions as camp counselors or recreation leaders. Emphasis is placed upon developing leadership skills, sensitivity to children, and program skills.

# C.I.T. PROGRAM: AGES FIFTEEN – SIXTEEN

## COUNSELOR IN TRAINING | PROGRAM DETAILS

Participation in the CIT program is by selection. Those interested in the program must complete an application process, which includes an application, references, and an interview.

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. CITs will be assigned to a specific age group and work with the senior and junior counselor for the summer, attend field trips and staff meetings and be an active participant in Summer Camp WOW.

CIT's in the Summer Camp WOW program are leaders in training and receive weekly evaluations from the Camp Director.

## CHALLENGES OF THE CIT PROGRAM

The CIT program is challenging for young people on many levels. First, it takes a large amount of energy to complete all of the daily tasks and responsibilities of a CIT and maintain a positive attitude. Second, it is a transition time. Participants are no longer campers and must be willing to be a role model, placing the campers' needs in front of their own. CIT program participants often times become future staff members.

## POTENTIAL QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- ⚙ Do I have a sincere desire to work with children?
  - ⚙ Would I like the opportunity to develop and improve my leadership ability?
  - ⚙ Do I enjoy learning in a hands-on environment?
  - ⚙ Am I ready to be committed; is a summer position right for me?
  - ⚙ Am I ready to be a role model for younger children?
  - ⚙ Can I handle the responsibility of being a camp counselor?
  - ⚙ Am I ready to put the camper's needs in front of my own?
  - ⚙ Am I able to work well with others in a variety of situations?
- ⚙ If the applicant answered yes to the questions above, then the CIT program may be an opportunity to gain valuable experience in a fun-filled environment.



## ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Applicants must be fifteen or sixteen, previous work experience with children or strong desire to work with kids.
- 2) CIT applicants prepare an application with references
- 3) Interview with Camp Director and Program Director
- 4) Notification of successful candidates

## RATES

- \$100.00 per session (members) \$150.00 (non-members)  
\$400.00 for full session (members) \$600.00 (non-members)



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