



SILVER BAY YMCA SILVER CAMP Summer 2024

WELCOME TO SILVER CAMP



Silver Bay YMCA's Silver Camp is designed to provide kids with new challenges to build confidence, foster self-worth, and to build relationships with others.

Whether your stay with us is long or short, your children will enjoy their time playing games and participating in sports, exploring nature, making crafts, and meeting new people.

OUR MISSION

To foster relationships, strengthen communities and nurture spirit, mind and body for all.

OUR IMPACT

Because of Silver Bay YMCA, connections between people and family are stronger. People are more connected, respectful and caring. They have the confidence to develop to their full potential and to positively impact the communities in which they work and live. As a result, communities are more dynamic, inclusive and diverse.

As stewards of Lake George, we inspire people to be stewards of the environment while they are visiting our magnificent campus and in their home communities.

A BRIEF OVERVIEW

ABOUT SILVER CAMP

Silver Camp is a Day Camp program for youth and is licensed and inspected annually by the New York State Department of Health. Campers are placed in age appropriate groups and most groups offer both half and full day programs.

WEEKS OFFERED

Camp is offered in 8, one-week sessions. Weekly sessions for 2024 are:

SESSION 1: June 24 – June 28

SESSION 2: July 1 – July 5

SESSION 3: July 8 – July 12

SESSION 4: July 15 – July 19

SESSION 5: July 22 – July 26

SESSION 6: July 29 – August 2

SESSION 7: August 5 – August 9

SESSION 8: August 12 – August 16

NEW THIS YEAR

Silver Camp will only be offering a full day session for Children ages 5 and up. This will include swim lessons and participants will still be able to be signed out early as needed. 3 and 4 year-olds will have their own program called "Child Watch." This will very closely resemble the camp program for our youngest groups in years past and is primarily an administrative shift. We will also be offering "Breakfast Club" for children registered for camp.

CHILD WATCH

Child Watch is available for both morning and evening sessions. The morning session is from 8:15am – 11:15am for potty-trained children ages 3 and 4 at the Silver Bay Children's Pavilion. The evening session is open to ages 3-15 and will run from 6:30pm-9:30pm. Child Watch for children ages 3 to 5 will be located in the Children's Pavilion while ages 6 to 15 will be in Fisher Gymnasium.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is only available for registered campers ages 5-15 and will be held at the Silver Bay Dining Hall from 6:30am- 8:00am. Children may be dropped off at any time within this window and will be brought to their respective age groups at the start of camp. Children will receive breakfast and be able to sit quietly doing a self-directed activity i.e. reading a book, having tablet time, or playing with anything they bring from home. PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.

HOURS OF OPERATION

BREAKFAST CLUB

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

CHILD WATCH AM

8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

At the Children's Pavilion

FULL DAY CAMP

Sign-in 8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Sign-out 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

CHILD WATCH PM

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

At Fisher Gym



SIGN IN - SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

An approved adult must sign each child in and out daily at each designated location. Parents/guardians will need to fill out an "Adults Approved for Pick-Up" form during the registration process. Campers will not be permitted to leave with any adults not listed on this form. Older Children in Ravens and Eagles can sign themselves out if a parent/guardian has completed the "Self Sign Out" form on the Silver Camp registration portal.

Please note that camp staff will not be available to accept drop-off's before 8:15 a.m. Similarly, kids must be registered for Breakfast Club in order to be dropped off at the Dining Hall and may not arrive before 6:30am.

Approved adults are welcome to sign out their campers at any point as needed. As camp groups will often be away from their home bases as they do activities around campus, we ask that anyone picking up campers outside of the designated times go to the front desk in the Inn. The front desk will be able to contact the correct age group who will bring the camper(s) and their belongings to the Inn.

CAMP GROUPS

Campers are placed in age-appropriate groups.

Campers must turn the minimum age for their respective group by 12/1

(Campers cannot be placed in a group other than the one appropriate for their age, no exceptions!)

WEE WOZZLES

Age 5 Childrens Pavilion

Our youngest full-day camp group is the Wee Wozzles for kids age 5. The Wee Wozzles are based in the Children's Pavilion and have use of the fenced in playground. Wee Wozzles will often do activities with the Wozzle group but will have the opportunity to take things more slowly as well as have plenty of time for free play.

ACTIVITIES FOR WEE WOZZLES MAY INCLUDE:

- Arts & Crafts
- Nature Center Visits and Nature Walks
- Playground Time and Free Play
- Song Time & Music
- Water Play with Sprinklers and Toys
- Swim Lessons and Beach Days
- Games & Sports Activities



WOZZLES

Age 6-7 Childrens Pavilion

The Wozzles are based at the Children's Pavilion but will frequently have activities elsewhere on campus.

ACTIVITIES FOR WOZZLES MAY INCLUDE:

- Arts & Crafts
- Nature Center Visits and Nature Walks
- Playground Time
- Song Time & Music
- Archery
- Climbing Wall
- Swim Lessons and Beach Days
- Games & Sports Activities



CAMP GROUPS

CHIPPIES

Age 8-9 Children's Tent

The home base for the Chippies is the Children's Tent behind the Children's Pavilion next to the Nature Center.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHIPPIES MAY INCLUDE:

- Arts & Crafts
- Nature Center Visits & Hikes
- Songs & Music
- Low Ropes
- Archery
- Climbing Wall
- Swim Lessons and Beach Days
- Games & Sports Activities



RAVENS

Age 10-11 Morse Hall North

Ravens are based in the North room on the ground floor of Morse Hall just across the stream from the Children's Pavilion.

ACTIVITIES FOR RAVENS MAY INCLUDE:

- Arts & Crafts
- Nature Center Visits & Hikes
- Songs & Music
- Low Ropes
- High Ropes
- Archery
- Climbing Wall
- Kayaking & Canoeing
- Swim Lessons and Beach Days
- Games & Sports Activities



CAMP GROUPS

EAGLES

Age 12-15 Morse Hall South

Our teen group is the Eagles, located in the south room on the ground floor of Morse Hall.

ACTIVITIES FOR EAGLES MAY INCLUDE:

Arts & Crafts
Hikes & Picnics
Low Ropes
High Ropes
Archery
Climbing Wall
Kayaking & Canoeing
Swim Lessons and Beach Days
Games & Sports Activities



A NOTE FOR CAMPERS

Full Day Camp includes Swim Lessons. Campers should be prepared to swim EVERY DAY! Each age group will have swim lessons built into their daily routine, weather permitting. Please see the weekly Breeze for each age groups individual schedule.

- Full Day Campers **MUST HAVE** a packed lunch every day! Silver Bay requests that parents avoid packing peanut products whenever possible as many of our campers suffer from severe peanut allergies.
- Only on campus guests with a meal plan can order bag lunches on the Silver Camp registration portal.
- As part of the YMCA Healthy Kids Initiative, soda/carbonated drinks are not an acceptable drink option for camp.

REMINDER: LUNCHES CANNOT BE REFRIGERATED SO PACK ACCORDINGLY

GENERAL INFORMATION

CAMP STAFF

Most of our counselors major in fields such as Education, Recreation, and Social Work. Not only do many of our counselors return year-after-year, but we also have a great number of staff who were once campers themselves.

WRISTBANDS

Campers are given a wristband at the beginning of each camp week. These wristbands allow Silver Bay staff to identify Campers easily in order to keep them safe. The bands are designed to stay on for a one week period and should be kept on or replaced for the entire week and removed on Fridays.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Unless the Legal Custody Form is uploaded on the Silver Camp registration portal stating that a parent is not allowed contact with a child, staff is NOT legally able to keep a non-custodial parent from picking up their child. Please upload the legal custodial document with your registration.

BEHAVIOR CODE

The Silver Bay programs follow the YMCA behavioral code of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility. All campers are responsible for following these basic rules of conduct as well as any other camp guidelines as determined by Silver Bay YMCA Staff in order to promote a safe, healthy camp atmosphere for both campers and staff members. Silver Bay reserves the right to contact parents/guardians in situations where a camper is unable to follow these basic guidelines. Further misconduct by the camper could result in a dismissal from the program with no refund. All parents/guardians and campers will be asked to sign a Behavioral Contract when registering for camp.

ATTIRE & BELONGINGS

Our campers spend most of their time outdoors participating in active games. It is important that they are prepared for the day. A newsletter, the Silver Camp Breeze, will be available weekly and will list all of the special events and activities that your child will be doing that week.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Here is a list of recommended items your child should bring with them DAILY:

Water Bottle, Sneakers, Sunscreen, Bug Spray, Towel & Bathing Suit, Sweatshirt, Backpack or Tote Bag. OPTIONAL: Hat/visor, rain jacket and boots.

Flip flops/sandals may be worn ONLY during beach day or when walking to/from swim lessons.

Campers should also leave all electronics and valuables at home as the YMCA is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.

Please be aware that many camp activities are messy and/or are done outside so have your camper dress accordingly. We recommend your child not wear their best clothing, play clothes are more appropriate.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

As a part of the registration process you will be required to upload your child's **most recent immunization and physical records from their physician's office.**

While we respect individual preferences and religious beliefs as relates to not administering vaccinations for their children we will require proof of vaccinations, including the MMR vaccination for Measles, for all children that wish to be registered in our day camp.

Prescription medications must be in their original containers with labeling that includes but is not limited to:

- Complete name of patient
- Date prescription filled
- Expiration date
- Directions for use/precautions (if any) and storage (if any)
- Dispensing pharmacy name & address
- Name of physician prescribing medication

All campers' medication must be accompanied by a patient-specific written order from a licensed prescriber.

Parents are responsible for bringing campers' medications to the Health Office. Camp counselors cannot accept medications including inhalers and epi pens.

CAMP STAFF CANNOT DISPENSE MEDICATIONS.

All campers must be able to self dispense medications.

Campers with special needs or behavioral concerns should include this information when registering.

Although we try to accommodate all children in camp, Silver Bay YMCA is not a special needs camp and may not have the resources or available staff to meet the needs of certain children.

In case of a medical emergency: parents/guardians will be notified immediately—if they are not easily reached staff will call the emergency contacts listed on the camper's enrollment form.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ON-LINE

Visit our on-line registration site at www.silverbay.org/youth-development for Silver Camp. Registrations must be made at least two weeks prior to the first camp session in which you plan to enroll your child in.

The New York State Department of Health requires annual submission of immunizations records from your health care provider. We cannot pull medical forms from previous years.

Financial Assistance is available through our Scholarship Program, Open Pathways. Simply fill out the scholarship form and upload a copy of your most recent Federal Income Tax Return when registering on-line.

PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION ONE WEEK BEFORE THE CHOSEN CAMP SESSION IF POSSIBLE AS THIS HELPS OUR REGISTRAR STREAMLINE THE PROCESS. HOWEVER, WE WILL ACCEPT SAME WEEK REGISTRATIONS IF NECESSARY WITH A MINIMUM 24 HOUR PROCESSING PERIOD FOR PAPERWORK.

**PLEASE NOTE: SILVER BAY DOES NOT ACCEPT DAY-OF
REGISTRATIONS FOR SILVER CAMP.**



FEE INFORMATION

DAY CAMP	WEEKLY PRICE
Regular	\$270
Early Bird*	\$265
Multi- Child Discount**	\$260
Breakfast Club (Must also be enrolled in camp)	\$60

CHILD WATCH	WEEKLY PRICE
Child Watch AM (Offered for 3 and 4 year olds only) Located in the Children's Pavilion	\$170
Child Watch PM (3-5 year olds) Located in the Children's Pavilion	\$150
Child Watch PM (6-15 year olds) Located in Fisher Gym	\$150

Early Bird Discount is available to all registrations completed by April 30th. (Cannot be combined with any other discount.)

Multi-Child Discount applies to three or more children (with the same parents/guardians) attending the same session of camp. Cannot be combined with any other discount.

CANCELLATION POLICY

A full refund, minus a \$25.00 processing fee per child, will be given to cancellations made more than two weeks before the child's registered start date. Cancellations made within two weeks of the child's registered start date and/or missed days within a camp session will not be eligible for a refund.

ABOUT CHILD WATCH

Child Watch is intended to provide a fun and safe environment for children while allowing their caretakers to take advantage of Silver Bay programs and have some time for themselves. Those providing supervision during Child Watch will still undergo the same quality of rigorous training as our camp staff and will be prepared to respond to any emergencies. Child Watch can be compared to group babysitting in that kids will have options for enrichment and entertainment under the care of professionals. The primary difference from camp is the more limited range of activities.

Kids in Child Watch will remain in their respective locations and will not be traveling to other program areas or going swimming. Children based in the Pavilion can expect to have free play, playground time, story and song time, as well as games and arts & crafts options. Children based in Fisher Gym will have sports activities, group games, some arts & crafts options, as well as the flexibility to read or play on their own devices.



SILVER CAMP CONTACTS

CAMP AND REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

Camp Registrar

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CAMP DIRECTOR

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Youth and Teen Director
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FIRST AID STATION

(518) 543-8833 ext 225

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Silver Bay YMCA

(518) 543-8833 ext 219
and explain your emergency
to a Front Desk Associate.

Please note: cell phone reception is poor in this area and our
Staff rely on two-way radios for communication.

