



SILVER BAY YMCA SILVER CAMP 2025

WELCOME TO SILVER CAMP



Silver Bay YMCA's Silver Camp is designed to provide kids with opportunities to try new things, gain confidence, and to build positive 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 cultivate 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, comprehensive and varied. 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 are provided with a wide range of fun and enriching activities.

WEEKS OFFERED

Camp is offered in 8, one-week sessions. Weekly sessions for 2025 are:

SESSION 1: JUNE 23 – JUNE 27

SESSION 5: JULY 21 – JULY 25

SESSION 2: JUNE 30 – JULY 4

SESSION 6: JULY 28 – AUGUST 1

SESSION 3: JULY 7 – JULY 11

SESSION 7: AUGUST 4 – AUGUST 8

SESSION 4: JULY 14 – JULY 18

SESSION 8: AUGUST 11 – AUGUST 15

SESSION TYPES

Silver Camp will only be offering a full day session for Children ages 5 to 12. 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. This year for 13-14 year-olds we are offering “Teen Camp”. This will closely resemble the camp program for our oldest groups in years past, but function more independently from younger age groups. We will also be offering “Breakfast Club” again this year and “Post Camp” for children registered for camp.

CHILD WATCH

Child Watch is available for both morning and evening sessions. The morning session runs from drop off between 8:15 and 8:30am to pickup between 11:15 and 11:30 am. This option is available for **potty-trained** children ages 3 and 4 at the Silver Bay Children’s Pavilion. The evening Child Watch session is open to ages 3-14 and will run from 6:00pm-9:00pm with flexible drop off/pick up through the duration of the session. All Child Watch sessions will be held in the Children’s Pavillion.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is only available for registered campers ages 5-15 and will be held at the Children’s Pavillion from 6:30am-8:00am. Children may be dropped off at any time within this window and will 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. Children will be walked over to the William Boyd Center Dining Hall for breakfast at 7:30am. At 8:15 a.m. campers will be brought to their respective age groups for the start of camp. PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.

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POST CAMP

Post Camp is only available for registered campers ages 5-15 and will be held at the Children's Pavilion from 3:30pm- 5:30pm. Children may be picked up at any time within this window Snack and be able to access the Playground and, various other activities like crafting.

TEEN CAMP

Silver Bay YMCA's Teen Camp is designed to provide teens 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. Teen Camp participants will gain much more freedom to explore all the activities Silver Bay, and the lake have to offer. They will have access Archery, Climbing Wall, Boathouse, High Ropes!



HOURS OF OPERATION

Breakfast Club

6:30am-8:15am

Child Watch AM

Sign-in 8:15-8:30 am

Sign-out 11:15-11:30 am

At the Children's Pavilion

Full Day Camp/Teen Camp

Sign-in 8:15-8:30 am

Sign-out 3:15-3:30 pm

Post Camp

3:30pm-6:00pm

Child Watch PM

6:30pm-9:30pm

Children's Pavillion



SIGN-IN AND 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 unless discussed with and approved by the Camp Coordinator. Anyone picking up campers should have and be prepared to show ID, although this will not be required daily for adults familiar to our staff. Older children in Ravens and Teen Camp (Eagles) can sign themselves out if a parent/guardian has completed the "Self Sign Out" form on the Silver Camp registration portal. They may also sign out younger siblings in camp if granted permission through the "Sibling Sign Out Form".

Please note that camp staff will not be available to accept drop-off's before 8:15am and after 8:30am as camp groups may leave their home bases after this time. Campers must be registered for Breakfast Club in order to be dropped off at the Children's Pavillion during the Breakfast Club window and may not arrive before 6:30am and after 7:30am.

Approved adults are welcome to sign out their campers at any point as needed. Camp groups will often be away from their home bases as they do activities around campus, so 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 9/1.
(Campers cannot be placed in a group other than the one appropriate for their age,
no exceptions!)

WEE WOZZLES

Age 5

Children's Pavilion

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



WOZZLES

Ages 6-7

Children's Pavilion

The Woosles are based at the Children's Pavilion but will frequently have activities elsewhere on campus. Activities for the Woosles 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
- Tennis

CHIPPIES

Ages 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 the Chippies include:

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



Ravens

Ages 10-12

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 the Ravens 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
- Tennis



Teen Camp

Ages 13-15

Morse Hall South

Our teen group is the Eagles, located in the south room on the ground floor of Morse Hall. As the oldest group, Eagles will have access to all of the activities that camp has to offer including:

- Arts & Crafts
- Hikes & Picnics
- Low Ropes
- High Ropes
- Archery
- Climbing Wall
- Kayaking & Canoeing
- Free Swim
- Games & Sports Activities
- Tennis



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 several of our campers have severe peanut allergies.

Only on campus guests with a meal plan can get lunch from the dining hall on the Silver Camp registration portal. Silver Camp will be having lunch in a sectioned off area in the William Boyd Center dining hall. You can buy the meal plan on our registration website.

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 many staff who were once campers themselves.



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.

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.



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 who wish to be registered in our day camp.

Prescription medications must be in their original containers with labeling that includes:

- Complete name of patient
- Date prescription was 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 all 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 site at www.silverbay.org/youthdevelopment/ for Silver Camp's link to our new registration website!. Registrations must be made at least two weeks prior to the first camp session in which you plan to enroll your child

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 NECCESARY WITH A MINIMUM 24 HOUR PROCESSING PERIOD FOR PAPERWORK.

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



Scan the QR code to
get instant access to
registration!



FEE INFORMATION

Day Camp	Weekly Price
Regular	\$270
Multi-Child Discount**	\$260
Teen Camp	200
Post Camp (Must also be enrolled in camp)	\$60
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 Fischer Gym	\$150

****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 Fischer 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
(518) 543-8833 ext. 312 silvercamp@silverbay.org

CAMP Coordinator

Jason Waddell
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
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.

