

MCGAW YMCA SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

SUMMER 2022

FIND YOUR FUN. FIND YOUR Y.

GREAT SUMMERS START AT THE Y!

Grow up with McGaw YMCA camps

 **DAY CAMP**
RISING 1ST–RISING 4TH GRADE

 **METAMEDIA**
5TH–6TH GRADE

 **OVERNIGHT CAMP**
3RD–12TH GRADE

 **EMPLOYMENT**
SUMMER DAY CAMP STAFF
& CAMP ECHO STAFF

 **FAMILY CAMP**
ALL AGES



MCGAW YMCA SUMMER CAMPS

Summer is the ideal time for kids to get outside and explore nature, make new friends, learn new skills and create meaningful memories. The McGaw YMCA has long been a leader in providing the best summer experiences where youth of all ages have the opportunity to thrive. Explore the possibility this summer with McGaw Y camps!

MULTI-GENERATIONAL FUN

Starting with the youngest campers entering 1st grade, through our middle-schoolers and teens, our camps offer recreational and educational activities that inspire creativity, build confidence and embrace fun. Many who have been through Y camps return to enjoy the camp experience alongside the next generation, as Summer Day Camp and Camp Echo staff, or by attending our popular Camp Echo Family Camp.

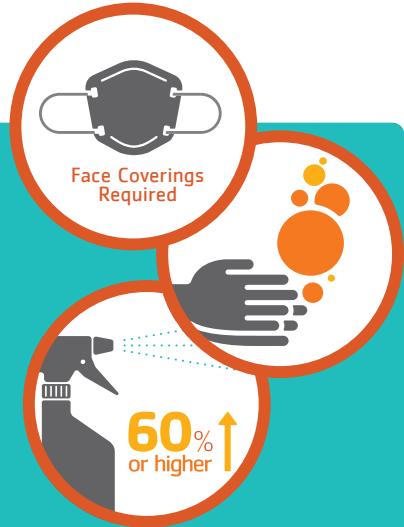
MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS FOR CAMP

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Our members enjoy many perks, including significant summer savings. **Learn more about member benefits on page 13 of this guide, or join online today at www.mcgawymca.org/join.**

SAFETY AT CAMP

We've adapted our programs and take advanced measures to help keep everyone safe from COVID-19 while attending camp. As we continue to navigate the pandemic, we will continue to follow the State of Illinois Day Camp guidelines and the American Camp Association (ACA) guidelines in order to plan a safe and healthy environment as allowed under state and local restrictions.



SUMMER DAY CAMP

JUNE 13 – AUGUST 12

WEEKLY THEMES

WEEK 1 JUNE 13–17	Y SPIRIT WEEK
WEEK 2 JUNE 20–24	IMAGINE THAT
WEEK 3 JUNE 27–JULY 1	THE GREAT OUTDOORS
WEEK 4 JULY 5–8	STARS AND STRIPES
WEEK 5 JULY 11–15	SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA
WEEK 6 JULY 18–22	SYMPHONY OF 5 SENSES
WEEK 7 JULY 25–29	READY, SET, VAN GOGH!
WEEK 8 AUGUST 1–5	MOVIN' & GROOVIN'
WEEK 9 AUGUST 2–6	SPLASH-A-PALOOZA

SUMMER DAY CAMP

June 13–August 12

Rising Grades 1–4 (CHILD'S GRADE IN 2022–23 SCHOOL YEAR)

At McGaw YMCA's Summer Day Camp, kids explore the outdoors, develop new skills, and build relationships that last a lifetime. We promise unforgettable experiences that incorporate a variety of choice-based enrichment activities such as archery, fishing, arts & crafts, sports, group games, team building, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) and more! **Returning for Summer 2022 – Swimming and Field Trips!**

Summer Day Camp is Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. –5:30 p.m. and will take place at an Evanston/Skokie School District 65 school. The final location for Day Camp will be announced in May.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A DAY CAMPER:

MORNING



DROP-OFF
8:00–9:00AM



BREAKFAST



TEAM TIME



VARIETY ACTIVITIES

AFTERNOON



LUNCH



CAMPTIVITIES!

END OF DAY



GROUP REFLECTION



SNACK



PICK UP
4:30–5:30PM

META MEDIA MEETS CAMP



JUNE 13 – AUGUST 12

MetaMedia is the Y's out-of-school space designed with and for middle school youth. STEAM programming is led by caring mentors and students are given a chance to explore their passions.

META MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS

We work in partnership with local universities, the Tiilt Lab, Science in Society, and the Digital Youth Network to offer a wide variety of interest driven enrichment activities such as; coding, music, science, construction, fashion design and more. It is our mission to create a communal environment that both promotes collaboration and empowers self-advocacy.



META MEDIA MEETS CAMP

June 13–August 12

Rising Grades 5–6 (Child's Grade in 2022–23 School Year)

In this McGaw YMCA summer day camp program, rising 5th and 6th graders will have the opportunity explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) enrichment in outdoor spaces with local community experts and partners.

Campers will participate in enrichment activities such as local field trips, roller skating, sports, building and construction, art making and more!

MetaMedia Meets Camp takes place Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

MAKER MINDSET



COLLABORATION



CURIOSITY



COMMUNITY



PERSISTENCE



RISK-TAKING

MAKER SKILLSET



GENERAL COMPUTING



DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION



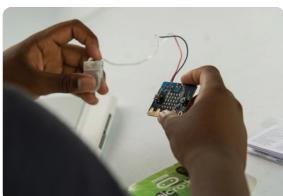
DIGITAL FABRICATION



PHYSICAL CONSTRUCTION



COMPUTATIONAL THINKING



DAY CAMP RATES

We offer flexible options for families registering for Summer Day Camp and MetaMedia Meets Camp. Register for the full 9 weeks of summer, or choose individual weeks. Sign up by May 15 to get the best rates.

Rates are discounted for McGaw Y members! Plus, the more weeks you register for as a member, the more you save.

MCGAW Y MEMBER PRICING PER WEEK

# OF WEEKS	BY MAY 15	AFTER MAY 15
1 Week	\$400	\$425
4 Weeks	\$370	\$395
6 Weeks	\$350	\$375
9 Weeks	\$340	\$365

NON-MEMBER PRICING PER WEEK

\$435 **\$460**

Not yet a McGaw YMCA member? Learn more about member benefits on page 13 of this guide, or join online today at www.mcgawymca.org/join.



REGISTRATION DATES FOR DAY CAMP



RETURNING CAMPERS

OPENS: MONDAY, JANUARY 3

If your child attended Day Camp Summer 2021 or is currently registered in one of our school year programs, they qualify for this first phase of registration.



NEW CAMPERS: NU/MCGAW YMCA MEMBERS

OPENS: MONDAY, JANUARY 17

If your child is a current McGaw YMCA member or the child of an Northwestern University affiliate, they qualify for this second phase of registration.



NEW CAMPERS: ALL

OPENS: MONDAY, JANUARY 24

If your camper is new to Day Camp and is not a McGaw YMCA member, they qualify for this third phase of registration.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
bit.ly/mcgawdaycamp



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REGISTER IN PERSON:

Visit the McGaw YMCA Children's Center at 1420 Maple Avenue in Evanston, Monday-Friday.

For registration questions, please contact us by email at childrenscenterinfo@mcgawymca.org, or by phone at 847-475-8580.



CAMP ECHO

FREMONT, MICHIGAN

SUMMER 2022

YOUTH CAMP DATES

SESSION 1*	June 12–17
SESSION 2*	June 19–24
SESSION 3	June 26–July 1
SESSION 4	July 10–22
SESSION 5	July 24–August 5
SESSION 6*	August 7–12

* Sessions 1, 2 and 6 are one-week sessions. All other sessions are two weeks.

FAMILY CAMP DATES

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND	May 27–30
WEEK 1	August 15–20
WEEK 2	August 22–27
LABOR DAY WEEKEND	September 2–5
WEEKEND 3	September 9–12



MCGAW YMCA CAMP ECHO OVERNIGHT CAMP & FAMILY CAMP

Since 1924, campers have enjoyed the wonders of summer camp at Camp Echo. We offer traditional overnight summer camp programs for youth as well as Family Camp for the whole family.

Camp Echo is located in Fremont, Michigan.

REGISTRATION DATES FOR CAMP ECHO



NEW & RETURNING CAMPERS

NOVEMBER 22 @ 12:00PM CST - DECEMBER 1 @ 12:00PM CST

Registration in this phase is NOT first come, first served. The Echo staff will randomly order and manually process applications received during this time in three waves: 1) 2021 Campers & Siblings 2) McGaw Y Members and 3) New Campers.



YOUTH REGISTRATION CONTINUES; FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS

JANUARY 6 @ 12:00PM CST - JANUARY 13 @ 12:00PM CST

Youth camp registration in this phase is first come, first served. Family Camp applications received after January 13 will be first come, first served.

**VIEW CURRENT RATES &
REGISTER ONLINE AT:
<https://bit.ly/campechoregister>**

Rates are discounted for McGaw Y members! For registration questions, please contact us by email at echoinfo@mcgawymca.org.



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JOIN THE YMCA

At the Y, you'll find more than just a place to work out. With opportunities to connect with new people, develop new skills and explore new interests, you'll discover new passions and a greater sense of purpose.



WORK AT THE YMCA

We are hiring for many positions at the YMCA, including staff for Camp Echo, Summer Day Camp, and MetaMedia Meets Camp. Visit our website or scan the QR code to view our job postings and apply today!



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BECOME A MCGAW YMCA MEMBER

When you become a member of the McGaw Y, you become part of a special community that values caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. We support and encourage each other in a welcoming, inclusive environment and we help promote growth in mind, body and spirit throughout Evanston. Our members enjoy many perks, including significant savings on YMCA summer camps.

MEMBER PERKS:

- Priority McGaw Y program registration
- Discounted rates on ALL McGaw Y programs, including swim lessons, youth sports, day camp, Camp Echo, and child care and out-of-school programs
- No contract to join, no annual fee
- Memberships for all family types
- FREE parking
- Flexible payment structure (monthly draft, semi-annually or annually)
- Fee assistance is available on all membership types, based on income and household size.
- State-of-the-art fitness facilities and amenities
- Indoor heated swimming pools
- Unlimited free group and water exercise classes at all fitness levels
- Free SMART START new member experience
- Up to 2 hours of FREE childcare during your workout*
- Membership privileges to Ys in Illinois and across the country (returning soon!)

*Family Memberships only

START YOUR MEMBERSHIP JOURNEY TODAY!

- **IN PERSON** at 1000 Grove Street
- **ONLINE** at www.mcgawymca.org
- **VIA PHONE** at 847-475-7400



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CAMP POLICIES & INFORMATION

MCGAW Y MEMBERSHIP

To receive member pricing for any of our YMCA camp offerings, your camper must be a member of the McGaw Y at the time of registration and remain a member through the end of the camp program.

DAY CAMP POLICIES

Day Camp registration is available online using our registration system. Parents can also register their campers in person at the McGaw YMCA Children's Center. Please use a separate form for each camper. Forms are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. All forms must be completely filled out, signed, and include payment in order to be processed.

GENERAL POLICIES

- Day Camp registration requires a \$25 deposit per week per camper. This deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable. Deposit payments apply towards camp fees.
- Full payment for each session is due as follows:
 - WEEKS 1 & 2: April 1
 - WEEKS 3 & 4: April 15
 - WEEKS 5 & 6: May 1
 - WEEKS 7 & 8: May 15
 - WEEK 9: June 1
- Payment must be received by the due dates. If registering for a camp week after the due date, full payment is due immediately. Camper will not be allowed to start with a balance due.
- Program fees are NOT refundable. Classes missed due to weather, holidays, choice of party, disruptive behavior may not be made up, credited or refunded.
- In order to provide a quality camp for all participants, camp registrations are due the second Friday prior to the start of that camp week, space permitting (e.g. If registering for week 2 of camp which begins June 20, the last day to register for that week is June 10).
- Wait lists are started when a camp session is filled. There is no fee for wait list enrollment. If your child is offered a spot in camp, the regular deposit will be due immediately and/or full payment will be assigned if the due date has passed.
- If you would like to make a change to your camper's registration, please submit a Summer Day Camp Change of Registration Form to the Children's Center. (Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable).

MULTI-CHILD DISCOUNT

- Summer Day Camp families will receive a \$25 discount for each week during which you have more than one child registered. This discount applies to the lowest fee.

CAMPER REQUESTS

- We will do our best to accommodate friend requests based on availability. Campers must be in the same grade. You may only request one camper, and that camper must also request you.

SPECIAL NEEDS

- We are fully committed to the participation of all individuals in our programs and make every effort to meet your child's needs based on our available resources.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholarships are available to families with documented financial need. To apply, submit a scholarship application and your most recent federal 1040 tax form along with your camp registration form. Your child must be a McGaw Y member in order to qualify.
- Your scholarship will be processed at the same time as registration. If we do not receive your 1040 at the time of registration, your scholarship will only be applied towards future payments.
- You will receive separate notification by mail about your scholarship award.
- If the scholarship award is not sufficient to enable your camper to attend, we will refund your deposit. You must notify us by the due dates specified in your scholarship award letter to be eligible for a refund of your deposit.
- If you are approved for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), you must include your approval letter with the Day Camp registration application to pay the reduced \$5 deposit per week.

BILLING & PAPERWORK INFORMATION

- A completed camp paperwork packet is required for each camper. Paperwork packets are due April 30. Paperwork must be complete for children to start camp. Parent paperwork packets and other informational materials will be sent to the parent's email provided at the time of registration. Invoices will be mailed two weeks prior to payment due dates. All invoices will be mailed or emailed to the camper's address provided at the time of registration. We are unable to send mailings to multiple addresses. Your parent information includes required state licensing forms as well as information about camp (what to bring, camp expectations, etc.).

PARENT MANUALS/COMMUNICATION

- The parent manual and camp calendar/ schedule is available on our website.
- All of our communications will be done through email. Please make sure we have your most current email address on file.

For registration questions about Summer Day Camp, please contact us by email at childrenscenterinfo@mcgawymca.org, or by phone at 847-475-8580.

CAMP ECHO POLICIES

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