



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## BACKYARD ADVENTURES



YMCA SUMMER CAMP 2026

# CAMP SALEM



# WELCOME TO Y SUMMER CAMP WHERE KIDS GO TO...

## ADVENTURE

We're here to inspire kids to play together, build friendships and memories that will create a lifetime of laughable moments.

## EXPLORE

We're here so that every kid is able to experience something brand new. Showing them that if they believe in themselves, anything is possible.

## DISCOVER

We're here to make your kid feel welcome, feel comfortable being themselves, and know they're a part of something great.

## BE CHALLENGED

We're here to help your camper reach their full potential as they are challenged through an energetic and high paced program.

## WHAT MAKES Y SUMMER CAMP SPECIAL?

- Y Camp activities create a foundation for building emotional intelligence and problem-solving skills in your child.
- Y Camps are led by caring and trained youth developers who are dedicated to bringing out what is special and unique about your camper.
- Integrating activity with nature is a priority that allows your camper to experience how great it feels to disconnect from electronics and connect with the great outdoors.
- At Y Camp, your camper will gain independence, build confidence, and develop a sense of responsibility for themselves.



# CAMP REGISTRATION

## REGISTER FOR CAMP

- Reserve your camp weeks: A \$10 non-refundable deposit per camp week is required at the time of registration and is subtracted from your weekly rate. The remaining balance will be processed the Monday prior to the week of camp.
- A two-week notice is required to cancel without being charged.



## THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS THE MONDAY BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP.

- Register in person: Salem Family YMCA  
1126 Kime Lane, Salem, Virginia
- Register online: [www.ymcavbr.org/camp](http://www.ymcavbr.org/camp)
- Enrollment Process: All enrollment paperwork will be processed digitally through SGA. You will receive an email with the required paperwork that must be submitted by the Monday before the first week of camp. Your child will not be admitted to camp unless all paperwork has been completed.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Do you offer a multi-child discount?** Yes! Families with two or more children signing up for the same camp week receive a \$5 discount per week of camp for each additional child.
- **Is a YMCA membership required to attend camp?** Membership is not required to register for camp. However, those who maintain a YMCA membership at the time of registration through the end of a camp session receive member rates.
- **Do you offer financial assistance?** The YMCA is a non-profit charitable organization that strengthens the foundations of our community and provides financial assistance for those unable to pay the standard rates. Visit your local branch to learn more.
- **How do I receive communication about weekly activities?** Weekly schedules will be available at camp sites each week. Site leaders will also send weekly emails with updates and detailed information in regards to the upcoming week. Please make sure we have your email address.
- **Are there field trips?** Yes! Y Summer Camp youth participants will be off-site at field trips on a weekly basis. We will be sharing field trip locations in the near future!



Campers can explore outdoor games, hiking, camping, nature exploration/experiments, sports, space, animals, grilling hot dogs/s'more, water games, etc. Focus on outdoor activities and outdoor exploration.



**June 1st-5th**

Youth Camp at Salem Family YMCA

## **BACKYARD OPEN**

**June 8th-12th**

Youth Camp at Salem Family YMCA

We will learn about the Soccer Open that is happening in our own North America this summer. We will also have fun learning some other sports like tennis, pickleball and basketball. Let's play!

## **WILDLIFE WATCHERS**

This week, campers will become nature explorers as they learn about animals and their habitats. From backyard critters to wild creatures, campers will observe, create, and discover what makes each part of the animal world so unique!





# COLOR WARS

June 15th-19th

Youth Camp at TBD  
Kinder Camp at Salem Family YMCA

This week at camp will be all about the colors we see every day, with plenty of fun activities to explore every shade and hue (including tie-dye shirts)! Our highlight? The fan-favorite Color Battle on Friday, where campers will compete in a colorful showdown that's sure to be a blast.

# GUARDIANS OF THE BACKYARD

June 22nd-26th

Youth Camp at TBD  
Kinder Camp at Salem Family YMCA

Dress like your favorite super hero this week and help us fight crime in our area! We will fight crime with a battle against our evil counselors that will be sure to be a memorable day. We will also fight crime by cleaning up our neighborhood and helping come up with ideas that help everyone be a hero every day.





## NATURE ARTISTS

June 29-July 2nd

Youth Camp at TBD  
Kinder Camp at Salem Family YMCA

Campers learn to see the world through an artist's eyes—observing colors, textures, sounds, and forms found in the natural environment—and use these inspirations to create meaningful art.



## BACKYARD DETECTIVES

July 6th-10th

Youth Camp at TBD  
Kinder Camp at Salem Family YMCA

Through hands-on activities like nature tracking, secret code-breaking, and backyard forensics, kids will learn to think like real detectives—asking questions, gathering evidence, and piecing together the facts. Each day brings a new case to crack, from tracking “mystery critters” to uncovering hidden treasures and solving riddles that test both brains and creativity.

## BUG BONANZA

July 13th-17th

Youth Camp at TBD  
Kinder Camp at Salem Family YMCA

We will explore the nature around us and all the things that creep and crawl. Come ready to dig deep and get dirty!



# WATER WONDER

July 20-24th

Youth Camp at TBD  
Kinder Camp at Salem Family YMCA

Splish splash our halfway point through the summer with a ton of water play! We will have obstacle courses, relays, and more soaking wet fun! Enjoy a large water balloon fight with all your friends AND counselors!



# SURVIVAL CHALLENGE

July 27th-31st

Youth Camp at TBD  
Kinder Camp at Salem Family YMCA

Outdoor adventures, problem-solving, and hands-on survival skills! Campers will learn how to build shelters, purify water, identify safe plants, and practice teamwork through daily challenges and games.



# GARDEN GROWERS

August 3rd-7th

Youth Camp at Salem Family YMCA

Campers will learn hands-on gardening skills, explore the life cycle of plants, and build a love for the earth through outdoor games, science experiments, and creative projects.



# BACKYARD SCIENTIST

August 17th-21st

Youth Camp at Salem Family YMCA

This week, campers will explore the wonders of science all around them! Through fun hands-on experiments and outdoor discoveries, they'll learn how curiosity and creativity can turn an ordinary backyard into a world of amazing scientific adventure.



**ADD ON  
RIPTIDES SWIM  
SCHOOL!**

# GENERAL CAMP INFO

## CAMP SALEM

### KINDER CAMP

#### Ages 3-Rising Kindergarten

Camper must be potty trained. No field trips.

#### LOCATION:

Salem Family YMCA (1126 Kime Avenue, Salem, Virginia)

#### CAMP DAYS & TIMES

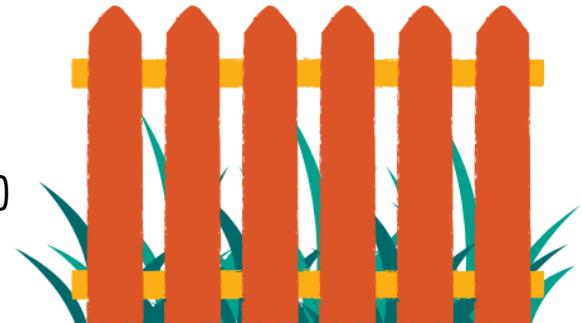
June 15- July 31st

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

#### WEEKLY RATES:

Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$160

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## YOUTH CAMP

### Ages 5-12

#### LOCATION:

- June 1-5, June 8-12, August 3-7, August 10-14, and August 17-21 will be held at Salem Family YMCA (1126 Kime Avenue, Salem, Virginia)
- June 15- July 31st will be held at (TBD)

#### CAMP DAYS & TIMES:

June 8th-August 7th

Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

#### WEEKLY RATES:

Members: \$190      Non-Members: \$205

Virginia DSS Assistance is available. If you do not qualify for DSS assistance, the YMCA is a non-profit charitable organization that provides scholarships for those unable to pay the standard rate.

