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# ENDLESS SUMMER FUN



**HAMDEN/NORTH HAVEN YMCA**  
**Camp Mountain Laurel**  
**2015 Summer Day Camp Brochure**

## NEW AND EXCITING AT CAMP MOUNTAIN LAUREL THIS SUMMER!

You can expect all of the annual favorites including swimming, archery, challenge course, sports, nature, arts and crafts, and counselor led activities. We will also continue to offer a variety of specialty camps throughout the summer.

There's something for every child, all in one location! Our campers range in age from 3-15 years old. Whatever camp program you choose, your camper is sure to have fun, make new friends, grow as a person, and make friends that will last a lifetime.

This summer, we have a wide variety of specialty camps offered each week. With new field trips and activities, specialty camps are a great opportunity to try something different this summer.

We look forward to you joining us at the Hamden/North Haven Y for a summer of fun-filled activities!



## WHY THE Y?



The Y has been a leading provider of summer camp for over 125 years and continues to provide children and teens with an enriching experience. The Y ensures campers are in a safe environment with trained Y Staff who instill our core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility to help build a child or teen's character. We are committed to strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

## HAMDEN/NORTH HAVEN YMCA CAMP MOUNTAIN LAUREL

The Hamden/North Haven Y Day Camp provides children and teens with an opportunity to have fun, develop character values, play and create memories that last a lifetime. Campers learn about sharing, sportsmanship and most importantly about themselves. Exploring nature, swimming, shooting bows & arrows and making new friends are just some aspects of the experience of participating in Day Camp. As summer approaches, the Hamden/North Haven Y reminds parents that camping is a unique and invaluable experience for children and teens. We have a summer of endless fun waiting here for everyone!

## OUR MISSION

**To put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.**

## HERE FOR YOU

The Y welcomes all who wish to participate in our programs. Each year, thanks to the generosity of many, we are able to provide assistance to youth and families in need. Please talk to us if you or someone you know could use assistance to send a child to camp.

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# CAMP MOUNTAIN LAUREL SPECIALTY CAMPS

## COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

Our Counselor in Training program is ideal for youth 14-15 years old. This is a great program for Camp Mountain Laurel campers who are interested in developing leadership skills while working with children.

CIT's will be mentored by veteran staff who will help foster independence and self-confidence in a secure setting. Campers who are interested in this program must complete the Counselor in Training Application and submit it to the Y for consideration of a CIT position for the summer.



## SWIM CAMP

Entering grades 1-9. Join the Y Aquatics staff for a week of swim training. This camp will focus on technique development, young swimmers will work to improve each of the four competitive strokes (freestyle, breast stroke, back stroke, and butterfly) while keeping cool and having fun! Campers must already have some basic swim skills to participate in this program.

## ANIMAL MANIA CAMP

Entering Grades 1-6. Let the wild adventure begin! Broaden your horizons as it pertains to a variety of animals and their natural habitats. Campers will visit local wildlife centers, aquariums, and wetlands during Animal Mania Camp. This is a popular camp that fills up quickly, reserve your spot today, spaces are limited.

## ROOKIE SPORTS

Entering grades 1-3. Campers will be introduced to a variety of sports activities and games. There will be a focus on fun, sportsmanship, and skill development each day.

We have offered more weeks of Rookie Sports Camp this summer to accommodate the growing interest in the program.



## SCIENCE CAMP

Entering grades 1-6. If science is in your future, then you don't want to miss out on this very exciting week of camp! Campers will visit different museums, wildlife centers, Audubon Societies, and more. This week of camp is popular and reaches capacity early in the season. Register early to ensure your spot in the program.

## YOUTH FIT CAMP

Entering grades 2-7. The Youth Fit Camp will develop skills the campers already bring to the court or field as well as learn the basic principles of fitness. These young athletes will develop sports specific skills while delving deeper into game strategy and play. Traditional camp activities will be incorporated into each day as well.

# CAMP MOUNTAIN LAUREL SPECIALTY CAMPS



## DESTINATION FUN

Entering Grades 2-9. Campers will travel throughout the State to different attractions. They'll enjoy many memorable experiences. They might visit a local beach, attend a baseball game, participate in water activities at a local venue, attend a movie, participate in bowling, visit a sub base, or take in a science museum. Each day will be unique and fun-filled!

## GET CRAFTY CAMP

Entering Grades 1-6. Our Arts & Crafts guru will lead the campers in fun art activities to take home at the end of the week, when completed. Sample projects may include kites, scrap booking, memory books, deco paging, pottery, etc. This is a great creative outlet for campers of all ages. Join us for a new, fun filled week!

## ULTIMATE ADVENTURER

Entering Grades 3-9. Like fun and challenging activities? Travel to a different destination and participate in a new activity each day. Trips may include sailing, tubing, cave exploration, canoeing, rock climbing, mountain biking, amusement parks, and a trampoline center.

## SNACK BAR

Back by popular demand! Your children can purchase cold water, juice, and a healthy snack during the camp day. Store accounts are available for purchase so that your child does not have to carry cash with them at camp.

## TRANSPORTATION

TIME	Bus 1
8:00/4:45	Hill House High School
8:20/4:30	Helen Street School
TIME	Bus 2
7:30/5:30	Dunkin' Donuts (State and Ridge Road)
7:45/5:15	Clintonville School
8:00/5:00	Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church
8:15/4:45	Spring Glen School

## OUTDOOR EXPLORERS

Entering Grades 2-9. This week will be a nature lover's dream! The campers will enjoy a variety of experiences over the course of the week. Some of these activities many include: hiking at a local park, fishing, exploring marsh lands and streams, canoeing, and visiting a local Audubon society.



## WHO IS OUR STAFF?

Future teachers, psychologists, and recreation professionals with a passion for making sure that every child who comes to camp at the Y leaves more confident along with many new friends and stories.

Eighty percent of our staff is 18 years or older and each receives a minimum of 40 hours of training in safety, positive behavior management, activity planning, and more. The majority of the staff are members of the School-Age Child Care Department working in the after school programs during the academic year. We strive for continuity of care as well as quality of staff working with your children throughout the year.

The staff is planning fun and exciting activities for campers to partake daily based on weekly themes.



## GRADE LEVEL GROUPINGS

Children are organized according to the grade they will be entering in the fall. Each day, campers will participate in various age appropriate activities

If your child requires special accommodations (social, behavioral, medical) please contact the Camp Director. The Y strives to provide each camper with the optimal summer experience.

ENTERING GRADE	CAMP GROUP
Pre K (Ages 3, 4, 5)	Discovery
Kindergarten - 1st	Greenhorns
2nd - 3rd	Explorers
4th - 6th	Pioneers
7th, 8th, 9th	Adventurers
14 - 15 year olds	CIT (Counselor In Training)

## CAMP MOUNTAIN LAUREL SCHEDULE

DATES	THEME
June 15-19	Summer Here we Come!
June 22-26	Around The World
June 29-July 3	Holiday Hoopla
July 6-10	Hollywood
July 13-17	Color Wars
July 20-24	Super Hero
July 27-31	Silly Sports
August 3-7	Out Of This World
August 10-14	Camp's Got Talent
August 17-21	Anything Goes

Our themes and field trip plans may change as we finalize details.

**The Y has programs available from the day school lets out until it begins again!**

We also offer an overnight camp experience, at **YMCA CAMP HI-ROCK!** A 'home-away-from-home' where campers will grow as individuals while having fun in a beautiful Berkshire Mountain environment.

**Visit [camphirock.org](http://camphirock.org) or call us for more specific details!**





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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

The Y camp day begins at 9:00am and ends at 4:00pm. The Before Care Program starts at 7:30am and runs until the camp day begins. The After Care Program runs from the time camp is dismissed until 6:00pm.

Bus transportation: For Hamden, North Haven and New Haven on a first come, first serve basis.

State regulations require that a fully completed and signed health form must be on file for each camper. Health forms are due no later than one week prior to the first day of camp. No camper will be allowed to attend camp without a current, complete form. A physical within the last two years is required with this year's signature and date from your child's physician.

Staff will host open house events prior to camp on:  
Saturday Mar 21 10 am - 1 pm  
Saturday Apr 25 10 am - 1 pm  
Saturday May 16 10 am - 1 pm

Please visit camp and meet the staff! We will show you the camp and answer any questions that you may have about camp, the upcoming summer and Y Membership.

Hamden/North Haven YMCA Camp Mountain Laurel, a licensed day camp through the Department of Public Health. It is also accredited by the American Camp Association.



The American Camp Association sets standards that, when followed by a camping program, help to ensure the program is at its best. Learn more about the ACA visit: [acacamps.org](http://acacamps.org)

## BECOME A Y MEMBER

Enjoy the many benefits of being a Y Member! Your camper and family can receive reduced program fees. Experience many free group exercise classes and free child watch. Socialize, connect and get healthy together. Call the Y Branch for more information! Financial Assistance available.

## 2015 CAMP FEES

Camp Choice	Weeks Offered	Member	Community Member
Monthly Youth Membership	Monthly	<b>\$24.99</b>	n/a
Classic Camp	All	<b>\$165</b>	\$240
Pre/Post Care	All	<b>\$36/\$38</b>	\$36/\$38
Swim Camp	6/22-26, 7/6-10, 7/27-31, 8/10-8/14	<b>\$210</b>	\$255
Ultimate Adventures	6/29-7/3, 8/3-8/7	<b>\$240</b>	\$280
Out Explorers	7/6-7/10, 8/10-8/14	<b>\$235</b>	\$275
Science Camp	7/20-7/24	<b>\$235</b>	\$275
Animal Mania	7/27-7/31	<b>\$230</b>	\$270
Destination Fun	7/13-7/17, 8/17-8/21	<b>\$235</b>	\$275
Rookie Sports	6/29-7/3, 7/20-7/24, 8/17-8/22	<b>\$210</b>	\$255
Get Crafty	7/13-7/17	<b>\$210</b>	\$255
Youth Fit	8/3-8/7	<b>\$210</b>	\$250

\$25.00 non-refundable, non-transferrable registration fee per camper required. \$50.00 deposit per camper per session required upon registration. EZ Pay Options are available. Payments can be made monthly, weekly, or biweekly prior to your child's start date of camp once deposits and fees have been paid. Final payments for each session are due the Wednesday prior to the start date of sessions of camp. Financial Assistance forms are due no later than May 1, 2015.

## REGISTRATION STEPS

- Step 1:** Download, pickup, or have us mail you the registration packet. Download at [hnhymca.org](http://hnhymca.org)
- Step 2:** Fill out the registration forms.
- Step 3:** Calculate the deposit.
- Step 4:** Write out your check and either mail or drop off forms at the Y.