



# Extend-A-Care YMCA

## Summer 2022 Kinder & Theme Camp Themes

Weekly Theme:	Description:
Sharks N' Minnows	Beginner, intermediate, and experienced swimmers welcome! With the help of dedicated YMCA swim instructors, your camper will receive four swim lessons that fit their current skills. Along with swimming, campers will take an in-depth dive into the ocean with shark and coral reef crafts, science activities exploring buoyancy, and oceanic active games submerged in fun! This week's splash-tastic literature will include Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall, The Kraken's Rules for Making Friends by Brittany R. Jacobs, and Science Comics: Coral Reefs by Maris Wicks. <u><a href="#">Note: Swim lessons will take place at Theme Camp only.</a></u>
Diggin' Up Dinos	Stomp with the stegosaurus and twist with the triceratops as the "terrible lizards" that ruled the Earth 160 million years ago come roaring back to life through modeling crafts, fossil treats, and more! Campers will be designing their own excavation tools, digging up fossils, and creating brachiosaurus origami this week! Literature will include Tyrannosaurus Wrecks by Stuart Gibbs, When Dinosaurs Came with Everything by Elise Broach, and Actual Size by Steve Jenkins.
ART-TASTIC!	Young artists will express themselves through various forms of art this week. Get ready for splashing paint, collage making, and costume designing! There is no limit to the imagination as we seek inspiration from My Museum by Joanne Liu, Henri Matisse: Drawing with Scissors by Jane O'Connor, and 13 Artists Children Should Know by Angela Wenzel.
A Galaxy Far, Far Away	Future astronauts, engineers, and scientists unite this week as we take a journey out of this world! Our campers will be inspired by the decade's race to space with activities that include designing a rocket, moon crater experiments, galaxy splat paint art, and literature such as Hidden Figures: The Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly, So You Want to be a Jedi? by Adam Gidwitz, Field Trip to the Moon by John Hare, and We're All Wonders by R.J. Palacio.
A Bug's Life	Calling all junior entomologists! Campers will study a few of the one million species of insects, while exploring what the natural environment has to offer with the support of Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping by Melanie Watt, Burt the Beetle Doesn't Bite! by Ashley Spires, and The Bug Club by Elise Gravel. Get ready for a week of creepy, crawly fun!
Superhero Academy	It's a Bird...It's a Plane...It's a YMCA Camper! Campers will learn about community responsibility, through art, STEM, and discussions that explore the real life superheroes who have helped shape the world we live in today. Our superheroes in training will be reading Even Superheroes Have Bad Days by Shelly Becker, Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World by Susan Hood, Resist: 40 Profiles of Ordinary People Who Rose Up Against Tyranny and Injustice by Veronica Chambers this week. Join us in creating the change you want to see in the world!
Invention Convention	Prepare for a week full of collaboration, engineering, and design as campers work on activities that encourage creativity and critical thinking skills. Along with building, inventing, and STEM challenges, literature will include Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty, Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton, and From An Idea To Lego: The Building Bricks Behind the World's Largest Toy Company by Lowey Bundy Sichol.
Mythical Creatures	Step into a magical place where campers will use their imagination and creativity to experience the legendary creatures that have been part of history and various cultures throughout the world. Captivating projects will include a Big Foot scavenger hunt, origami Cyclops' eyes, and the sculpting of their own creature from clay. Supporting literature, It Came in the Mail by Ben Clanton, Miss Turie's Magic Creatures by Joy Keller, Troll...Two...Three...Four by Steve Smallman, and The Unicorn Rescue Society: The Basque Dragon by Adam Gidwitz, will bring the creatures from past and present to life.
Olympiad	This week our campers find themselves among the gods and goddesses of Ancient Greece learning about the first Olympic traditions of the 8th century BC. Campers will spend the week running, skipping, and laughing through various challenges like tug-o-war, paint tic-tac-toe and more! Literature will include Olympig! by Victoria Jamieson and She's Got It by Laurie Hernandez and Kid Althetes: True Tales of Chidhood from Sports Legends by David Stabler.
Mad Scientists	Grab your lab coats and prepare for a week of discovering the world of science. Our junior scientists will discover the science behind slime creations, Mento bottle rockets, and gravity paitning this week while learning about the scientists that have helped change our daily lives. Supporting literature will include On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein by Jennifer Berne and Sanity & Tallulah by Molly Brooks.
Around the World in 5 Days	Campers, our flight is ready for departure. This week campers will embark on a multicultural trip around the globe, learning the customs, crafts, and games of diverse destinations. Our young travelers will experience the places of the world through literature such as National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of the World by Elizabeth Carney and Teatime Around the World by Denyse Waissbluth.