FIND YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURE

SOUTH SHORE YMCA DAY CAMP 2023

CAMP GORDON CLARK | ART SCAMP | NATURE ADVENTURES CAMP | MATCH POINT TENNIS CAMP

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MARCH 2023
WELCOME TO SOUTH SHORE YMCA DAY CAMP!

For over two decades, South Shore YMCA Day Camp has provided children with a rich, engaging day camp experience rooted in the YMCA core values of respect, responsibility, honesty, and caring. Here, campers explore the outdoors, discover new talents, form connections with new friends, and create memories that last a lifetime.

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PLEASE NOTE: There is no camp on Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

SOUTH SHORE YMCA CAMP GORDON CLARK
Located at Emilson YMCA Branch
75 Mill Street, Hanover, MA 02339
(781) 924-8338 | ssymca.org/campgordonclark

SOUTH SHORE YMCA NATURE ADVENTURE CAMP
Located at SSYMCA Natural Science Center
48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, MA 02061
(781) 659-2559 | southshorenaturalsciencecenter.org
OUR STAFF & PHILOSOPHY

Our philosophy is to make the most of our opportunity to have a positive influence on the lives of children. Everything we do here at camp—every activity we lead, every decision we make, every policy we apply—is guided by the firm belief that we are responsible for the children we lead. We are responsible for showing them the YMCA core values of how to be honest, caring, respectful, and responsible members of the community.

Camp is a place for children to make friends, to try new things, to explore, to take risks, to actively use their imagination and to be themselves. Add the support and encouragement of positive adult role models, and all these ingredients come together to boost confidence, self-esteem, social skills, and children’s overall healthy lifestyle.

“The counselors are amazing role models. They make a point to know my children and demonstrate encouragement and positive social interactions. I believe both my kids, but especially my older son who has been going to Y camp for a few years now, has grown to become a kind, considerate person.” - Camp Parent

A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

To those who joined us last summer, thank you for putting your trust in us as you sent your children to South Shore YMCA Camp Gordon Clark and Nature Adventure Camp. Our dedicated staff is hard at work preparing for an exciting, safe camp season with new experiences for all, and we are ready to welcome everyone for the summer of 2023.

Summer is always a memorable time. Kids are out of school and looking forward to spending time outside with their friends. Camp is a perfect opportunity to do these things with an endless number of adventures, through meeting new people, trying new activities, taking risks, and most importantly being themselves!

Camp has the ability to change people. It boosts confidence and self-esteem, builds social skills, encourage acceptance, and challenges campers to great things while having fun in a safe environment. Whether your family is returning to camp, or enjoying camp for the first time, we are excited to bring them into our world and give them the best summer they’ve ever had.

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INCLUSION STARTS HERE

We support a Unified YMCA camp environment that is welcoming to all campers with or without disabilities. All camp staff and Inclusion Specialists are trained in YMCA Universal Inclusion Strategies that address Zones of Regulation, Target Green Zone Behaviors, Redirection to Task, Sensory Replacement, Coping Tools, Self-Regulation, and Maladaptive Protocol. It is our goal to provide campers with the modification necessary to improve and encourage communication skills, social and emotional development, cooperative interactions, physical well-being, and friendships.

We understand that a camper with a disability does not have to achieve an identical result or level of achievement as a person without disability. Our camp eligibility criteria include a reasonable expectation that all campers can function independently within our standard camp ratios (6 years and under 1:5, 7 years and above 1:10). If a camper is unable to function independently within our ratios, we welcome the added support of outside organizations, Job coaches, Program/Residential Aids, 1:1 Direct Support Therapists, Applied Behavior Analysis, Peer Mentors, Special Education Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Personal Care Attendants, and Respite Care Providers. All outside organizations must be registered with the Inclusion Director and CORI/SORI are required. The YMCA does not provide 1:1 aide for campers. If it is determined that a camper requires more support than the established ratios our Inclusion Director will work with the families to explore support options.

For all Inclusion related questions before camp begins please contact: Camp Gordon Clark at cgc@ssymca.org or 781-924-8338.
TRADITIONAL DAY CAMPS

AGES: Grades K–10
LENGTH: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm
LOCATION South Shore YMCA Emilson branch
DATES & FEES See page 12 & 13 for camp dates and fees

These camps offer a fun, well-rounded camp experience with a little bit of everything. Campers are placed in co-ed groups by the grade they are entering in the fall where they have the opportunity to try new activities, learn from skills and make new friends – all under the supervision of enthusiastic role models.

AGES 3–5 & GRADES K–6
MORNING EXPLORERS Ages 3–5
An exciting, introductory week-long camping experience designed for our youngest campers. The activities and schedules are developmentally age appropriate and include daily swim. Morning Explorers gives young campers a great intro to the camp experience. This is a half day camp running from 8:00am – 12:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: Campers must be potty trained.

ENTERING GRADES 8–10
VOYAGERS Grade 8 & 9
The majority of Voyagers activities are held off-site and vary each session. Trips may include scavenger hunts, museum visits, hikes, beach trips, laser tag and/or PawSox games. Trips and program leaders are carefully selected to ensure camper safety. This program is perfect for the teen seeking a different and exciting camp experience. Schedule of programming will be available in June.

PIioneerS Entering K
TRAILBLAZERS Grade 1
PATHFINDERS Grade 2
Campers will experience a week full of camp favorites including archery, arts & crafts, field sports, new games, and drama among many other activities. Each co-ed group will have daily swim in our brand-new outdoor pools. Each week campers will join in activities that build community and create positive, life-long memories.

RANGERS Grade 3
NAVIGATORS Grade 4
MAVERICKS Grade 5
ADVENTURERS Grades 6 & 7
In addition to camp favorites, some new activities and an element of choice is introduced in the afternoons for our older campers. Campers will also enjoy open swim in our brand-new outdoor pools as well as a variety of activities they will participate in throughout the week with their group. Activities will include traditional favorites, such as soccer, archery or four square or may include exciting new options like Pickleball.
## SPORTS CAMPS

### AGES:
Grades 1-8

### LENGTH:
Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm

### LOCATION
South Shore YMCA Emilson branch

### DATES & FEES
See page 12 & 13 for camp dates and fees

Whether you are new to the sport or looking to improve your skill level, these camps offer something for everyone. Campers are grouped according to age and ability. Please note, all Sports Camps are half-day sports and half-day traditional camp programming. Campers are required to wear appropriate athletic clothing and footwear for all sports camps.

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<td>Daily skills competitions the first 4 days and our famous World Cup Soccer Festival ends the week.</td>
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<td>NFL FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP</td>
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<td>Based on the NFL Flag Football Program, in this minimal contact sports camp, children will learn the fundamental skills necessary to excel in football and receive fitness instruction to improve their game. Flag football games will be played throughout the week.</td>
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<td>GYMNASTICS CAMP</td>
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<td>Come learn how to roll, flip and swing! Spend half your day in our state-of-the-art air-conditioned gymnastics facility learning and working skills on all 4 Olympic events as well as out in-ground trampoline and foam training pit, instructed by our trained gymnastics coaches. Spend the rest of your day experiencing traditional camp activities.</td>
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<td>ALL SPORTS CAMP</td>
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<td>Campers will sample three or more sports such as basketball, soccer and flag football and will develop their athletic skills in a positive, fun, and organized learning atmosphere.</td>
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MATCH POINT TENNIS CAMP

AGES: Grades 1-9
LENGTH: Monday – Friday
Half Day 8:00am-12:00pm
Full Day 8:00am-5:00pm
LOCATION: South Shore YMCA Emilson branch
DATES & FEES: See page 12 & 13 for camp dates and fees

For over a decade, our South Shore YMCA Match Point Tennis Camp Academy & Camp has helped players of all ages and levels discover their game and make new friends.

MATCH POINT TENNIS CAMP

At Match Point Tennis Camp, newcomers to tennis will experience the game’s basics through a combination of fitness, learning and games.

Players with some experience will round out their games through games, drills, and match play. Experienced players will improve through intensive drills, games, strategy sessions and match play.

Campers are grouped by playing level and by ages 6-10 and 11-14. Each day, we mix tennis with other indoor activities. Swimming included for ages 6-10.

Drop off and pick up for all tennis camps take place at Camp Gordon Clark Drop off and Pick up locations.
Half and full day programs are available for campers grades 1-5 and 6-9.

ssymca.org/matchpoint
# SPECIALTY ENRICHMENT CAMPS

**AGES:** Grades 1-6

**LENGTH:** Monday – Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

**LOCATION** South Shore YMCA Emilson branch

**DATES & FEES** See page 12 & 13 for camp dates and fees

## LEGO CAMP!

Grades 1-3

Kids will work in teams using LEGO kits to construct various figures with hands-on lessons. Utilizing these kits, children will understand the basics of physics such as forces, motion, and velocity. Throughout the week they will work to develop their teamwork skills and take their building skills to the next level!

## GENERAL SCIENCE JR. & SR.

Grades 1-3 & 4-6

Campers will step up into the role of scientists to do experiments, answer hypotheses, chemical reactions, and more! The best part is that campers will not only understand how these things happen, but they will know why!

## PIRATE JR.

Grades 1-3

Ahoy matey! Hop on deck and join us on our pirate adventure! Campers will get to learn about the ocean and which animals pirates depend on to complete their quests across the great seas! Pirate campers will embark on their own quests of finding treasures, navigating the seas, and solving puzzles. Join our pirate team and get ready to find the hidden treasure that lies within Camp Gordon Clark!

## FOOD, FUN, & FARMING

Grades 1-3

Located at the SSYMCA Family Farm in Hanover, this camp combines nature explorations and scientific discovery with farm-focused learning. Campers will participate in farm tasks including planting seeds, caring for seedlings, harvesting vegetables, and preparing the harvest for tasting or food pantry delivery. Daily activities may also include agriculture-based STEM programs, team building activities, eco-art projects, and short hikes.

## SAFARI JR.

Grades 1-3

Look around you! Whether on the plains of the Savanna or inspecting local wildlife, there are so many different types of animals and plants to explore! Campers will step into the role of a zoologist for the week and explore different types of animals and habitats on planet Earth.

## OCEANOGRAPHY SR.

Grades 4-6

Did you know that only 5% of our oceans have been explored? Campers will work first hand to understand the creatures and oceanic structures that exist along our coast just miles away from camp! Campers will learn about their favorite ocean animals as they explore the tides, microorganisms, and more!

## ROCKETRY SR.

Grades 4-6

Design your very own rocket to launch into the atmosphere for all of the camp to see! Campers will customize their own model rocket and learn about different parts of the atmosphere, solar system, galaxy, and space! Astronaut campers will put on their moon boots to map Earth’s place in space!
ARTSCAMP

AGES Grades 1-9

LENGTH Monday – Friday, 8:00am–5:00pm

LOCATION Laura’s Center for the Arts

DATES & FEES See page 12 & 13 for camp dates & fees

Calling all artists! ArtsCamp stuffs each week with creativity, passion, and energy. Campers work on ArtsCamp programming in the morning, then participate in swimming and a specialty class in the afternoon. This is your chance to try something new or work on what you love. No experience necessary! ArtsCamp activities take place at the Laura’s Center for the Arts building across the parking lot from the South Shore YMCA Emilson branch.

PERFORMING ARTS

MUSICAL THEATRE

Explore the world of musical theatre as you dance, sing, and act these beloved musicals to life! Musical Theatre is held in two-week sessions. Culminates in a final performance to be shared virtually for family and friends.

101 Dalmatians Grades 1-4 Weeks 5 & 6
Honk Jr. Grades 2-8 Weeks 1 & 2
The Little Mermaid Grades 2-8 Weeks 7 & 8

TEEN THEATRE PRODUCTION

Teens take the stage in this cherished ensemble production, sharpening your singing, acting and dance technique over the course of two weeks. Culminates in a final performance to be shared virtually for family and friends!

Guys and Dolls Grades 5-9 Weeks 3 & 4

EXPLORE THE ARTS Grades 1-9 Week 9

Send off summer with a sample of the arts! Artists will explore the ins and outs of the performing arts, such as set design and acting improvisational skills while being given the ultimate artistic freedom of storytelling in the digital and visual art worlds as well! Our camp leaders will guide these young artists through endless fun activities to finish a wonderful summer filled with creativity at its finest!

LEADERS IN TRAINING

Creators in Training Grade 10 or Age 15

Formerly known as the Leaders in Training (LIT) program, Creators in Training teaches leadership skills pertaining to various aspects of the Arts and the camp community, as well as to help them discover a passion for inspiring others. Activities include assisting ArtsCamp groups and facilitating large group activities under the direction of senior camp staff, shadowing our theatre directors to learn the responsibilities of instructing a musical, and assisting other young artists in their journey to become inspired to create. Emphasis is on team building exercises and includes both classroom-style and experimental learning.

Please Note: Experience at ArtsCamp is preferred but not required.
ARTSCAMP (CONT.)

VISUAL ARTS

WILD & WONDERFUL ART
Nature and art have always gone hand in hand! Step outside and learn how your inner artist takes in the natural world. Get inspiration from nature and use materials found in nature to create your artwork.

PETITE ARTISTES!
Inspired by the world of contemporary and master artists, explore, play, and experiment using various tools and techniques to create your portfolio.
- Week 1 – Vincent Van Gough
- Week 5 – Pablo Picasso
- Week 8 – Leonardo da Vinci

NEW! INTERIOR DESIGN
Turn those late-night room arrangements into a passion! Discover the many different styles of spaces and color palettes to inspire your next living space decor. Customize your dream space with everything from furniture, rugs, wallpaper and more.

NEW! FASHION 101
What better way to express yourself than with fashion! Discover various fashion trends, pioneers, and color wheels to inspire your own creations. Learn what styles draw your eye and how to create them into your own pieces.

DIGITAL MEDIA

NEW! WEBSITE & APP DESIGN
Learn how the apps and websites you use every day come to life! From templates, clickable links, icon design and more. Throughout the week you will learn the important design principles that go into creating your own app or website from start to finish.

NEW! GAME DESIGN 101
Intertwine your playing skills with your creativity to produce a video game entirely of your own! This very introductory course will touch upon different camp appropriate games to assist the campers in developing their own concepts, stories, and building process. Through natural trial and error, your camper will feel proud to have successfully made a working computer game!

BEHIND THE LENS: FilmPRO
Join us in our state-of-the-art digital media lab to experience the art of film production! Work to produce an original work from learning to use the technology, basic script writing, filming, and editing your work for final touches! Cameras and editing software will be provided during camp sessions.

BEHIND THE LENS: PhotoPRO
See the world through your lens as you learn how to tell a story through photography! Campers will learn how to use the technology, accessories, creativity, and editing software to portray their story through the photos they take during the week. Cameras will be provided during camp sessions.

MIXED MEDIA ART
Throughout the two week session, campers will work in our digital media lab to explore and experiment in the digital art world. They will also step away from the computer to take their creative minds out to our art studio and get their hands messy working with dry and wet mediums to create a new kind of art.

NEW! DIGITAL MUSIC CREATION
Combine your musical talents and digital skills to create any and all types of videos! Campers will learn the intricate ways of music editing as well as create their very own formula of video and music overlaying to take their music video creations to the next level. Pull inspiration from your favorite genres of music and see what visuals you can bring to life.
The South Shore YMCA Natural Science Center Nature Adventures Camp is a place where campers participate in hands-on science exploration in the outdoors. Our mission is to educate, excite and inspire campers to preserve the environment and to encourage responsible use, stewardship, and enjoyment of our natural resources.

We are excited to have another incredible summer at Nature Adventures Camp and are counting down to the warm sunny days until campers arrive! At camp we are focused on safety, engaging science education, and fun! Camp is a place to learn, grow, and foster new friendships.

To those who are coming back for another summer, welcome back! We are excited to see you. To those who are coming to camp for the first time we are excited to see you and provide your camper with a memorable, fun, and science filled experience!

- Jamie St. Peter, Nature Adventures Camp Director, jspeter@ssymca.org
- Julie Chessia, Nature Adventures Camp, jchessia@ssymca.org

### NATURE ADVENTURES CAMP

**AGES:** Ages 3-15

**LENGTH:**
- Monday – Friday
  - Half Day 8:30am-12:30pm
  - Full Day 8:30am-5:00pm

**LOCATION**
South Shore YMCA Natural Science Center
Norwell, MA

**DATES & FEES**
See page 12 & 13 for camp dates & fees

**THEMES**

**WEEK 1** BENEATH THE SURFACE

**WEEK 2** JEEPERS CREEPERS!

**WEEK 3** MAD SCIENTISTS

**WEEK 4** PALEOPALOOZA

**WEEK 5** THINGAMAJIG: ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION

**WEEK 6** SHARK WEEK (WHO HA-HA)

**WEEK 7** THINGSS WITH WINGS

**WEEK 8** GALLACTIC BLAST OFF

**WEEK 9** NEW CREATURES OF THE NIGHT

**WEEK 10** NEW CAMP SAMPLAH

**EVERY DAY IS A DIFFERENT THEME!**

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**NATURE ADVENTURES CAMP**

**TADPOLES | AGE 3 | 8:30am-12:30pm**

**CHIPMUNKS | AGE 4-5 | 8:30am-12:30pm**

The youngest campers discover the wonders of the natural world through age-appropriate hands-on activities, including nature walks, stories, crafts, music, and meeting live animals. These young campers use their senses to participate in activities which encourage sharing, learning together, and being a friend to nature.

Rolling Drop Off: 8:30–9:30am
Rolling Pickup: 12:00–12:30pm

**RACCOONS | GRADE K | 8:30am-5:00pm**

**OWLS | GRADE 1 | 8:30am-3:30pm**

**OTTERS | GRADE 2-3 | 8:30am-5:00pm**

**COYOTES | GRADES 4-6 | 8:30am-5:00pm**

Our older campers investigate nature and science-based themes through hands-on, age-appropriate curriculum which include live animal encounters, nature hikes, canoeing, as well as participating in citizen science projects. Theme-specific topics are enhanced and supported through field trips and special guest appearances. Otters and Coyotes will go canoeing on Jacobs Pond.

Rolling Drop Off: 8:30–9:30am
Rolling Pickup: 3:30–5:00pm
NATURE ADVENTURES CAMP (CONT.)

SPECIALTY CAMPS

These camps are for those looking to concentrate on a specific area, whether seeking in-depth experiences in nature, or building upon a current STEM passion. Led by our Y environmental educators, campers spend the week participating in team-building skills through hands-on explorations and STEM activities.

ADVENTURE SKILLS (WEEK 2) Grades 4-5
Could you survive in the wild? What skills do you need to spend a night outdoors without the convenience of electricity? Join us to learn how nature provides everything we need, from fire building and orienteering to water collection techniques and shelter creation. Ready yourself for your next adventure!

MARINE BIOLOGY (WEEK 6) Grades 6-7
Calling marine biologists-to-be! Come learn basic animal care skills and explore the world of veterinary science. Campers will interact with animals who call the science center home to learn about anatomy, gain important observational skills, and learn how to use various scientific tools! Marine bio camp will take trips to Jacobs Pond, explore the Science Center campus, dissect a fish, and feed the animals who live in the ecozone.

LEGO ENGINEERS (WEEK 5) Grades 1-3
Let your imagination run with LEGOs as we design and build a structure to help mitigate the effect from extreme weather, such as a hurricane, a flood, or a tornado. Design and build like you never have before and explore your wildest ideas!

VET CAMP (WEEK 7) Grades 1-2
Learn basic animal care skills and explore the world of veterinary science at Vet Camp. Campers will interact with animals who call the science center home to learn about anatomy, gain important observational skills, and learn how to use various scientific tools! Vet camp will take trips to Jacobs Pond, explore the Science Center campus, and feed the animals who live in the ecozone.

LEADERS IN TRAINING

LEADERS IN TRAINING | Age 13-15
The Leader in Training (LIT) program is an excellent opportunity for youth ages 13 to 15 to develop leadership skills while becoming role models for young campers in a fun and engaging atmosphere. Throughout the two-week session, LITs will be supervised, coached, and evaluated by the Leadership-in-Training Coordinator. LITs will build their confidence, independence, and self-esteem through problem-solving, taking initiative, and being solutionaries. LITs will use these newly acquired skills to develop and lead camp activities alongside experienced counselors.
## DATES & RATES

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SOUTH SHORE YMCA DAY CAMP

ABOUT SOUTH SHORE YMCA DAY CAMP

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LOCATIONS
YMCA Camp Gordon Clark is located at the South Shore YMCA Emilson Branch, 75 Mill Street, Hanover, MA on the Hanover/Norwell line, minutes from Route 3 (exit 32, former exit 13) and behind the Hanover Crossing site.
Camp Gordon Clark includes a spacious athletic field, state the art outdoor pools and bathhouse/changing area, games court, tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball court, traverse climbing wall, ga-ga pit, low ropes, archery area, Family Farm, and Laura’s Center for the Arts.

YMCA Nature Adventures Camp is located at the South Shore YMCA Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell, MA 02061

REGISTRATION DATES
• SSYMCA Members: Begins February 1, 2023
• Returning Camp Families: Begins February 13, 2023
• Public Registration: Begins February 20, 2023

SAFETY
Safety is our number one priority. We comply with regulations set by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CRM 430) and are licensed by the Hanover Health Department. All of our staff members complete a comprehensive training program.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY
Camp is an outdoor recreational program. In the event of inclement weather, the camps will use tents for activities when possible. Severe weather conditions may dictate the use of indoor facilities for some or all activities. Please make sure campers are dressed appropriately for the weather as campers will need to go outside to get between different activities.

PACKING LIST
The YMCA is not and cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of toys, games, clothes, or any other personal belongings. We recommend you write your camper’s name on all items they bring from home.

WEAR
• Weather-suitable and comfortable clothes
• Closed-toed shoes, as campers will be active during the day

BRING
• Backpack
• Bathing Suit & Towel
• Bagged Lunch & Drink
• Snack
• Sunscreen
• Hat / Sun Protection
• Water Bottle

DON’T BRING
• Personal Belongings and/or valuable items
• Electronic items
• Nintendo Switch
• Cell Phones & Tablets
• Trading Cards
• Weapons (real or fake)
• Toys

THE Y IS A LEADING NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
All are welcome at the Y. Our programs touch the lives of 65,000+ people on the South Shore regardless of ability to pay. This is possible thanks to annual donations from our community. Together, we make it possible for everyone to belong. We want to meet you! Stop by our branch development office and meet our Senior Development Director Joyce MacDonald, jmacdonald@ssymca.org or (781) 264-9420, to learn more about how you can help ensure all kids have the opportunity to experience camp this summer.

SUMMER CAMP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Financial Assistance is available based on the need demonstrated by household income and/or extenuating circumstances, and funds available. Financial Assistance is made possible through charitable donations. The South Shore YMCA Financial Assistance Application can be found at ssymca.org/campgordonclark as well as at the Membership desk of the Emilson YMCA. Please indicate on your application that you are applying for Day Camp Financial Assistance.
Completed Financial Assistance Applications can be dropped off at the Emilson YMCA Membership Desk, or sent to:

• South Shore YMCA, Emilson
  75 Mill Street, Hanover, MA 02339
  ATTN: Summer Camp Financial Assistance

Summer Camp financial assistance is not retroactive and can only be applied to camp sessions that occur on or after the date the financial assistance is awarded. A $50 non-refundable and non-transferable (per child, per week) deposit is due upon registration. Scholarship applications take at least two weeks to be assessed and are assessed in the order that they are received. For more information on Financial Assistance: Contact our Camp Registrar Nicole at cgc@ssymca.org or (781) 924-8338.
REGISTRATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

HAVE THE FOLLOWING READY WHEN YOU REGISTER

1. Camps/weeks you wish to register for
2. Payment: (A) $50/week/camper deposit or (B) payment in full.
3. Camper Information including emergency contact & authorized pickup names and numbers; medical information, current medications and allergies.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

The fastest way to secure your space is to register online. You may also register at our Emilson Y Welcome Desk.

PLEASE NOTE: The online registration process includes entering Camper, Emergency Contact and Medical Information at the time of registration. This process replaces additional paper/electronic Camper Information Forms that are required for walk-in registration.

1. Visit ssymca.org/camp and choose the camp you wish to register for
2. On the upper right-hand corner, click “REGISTER”
3. Search for your camp(s) and date(s)
4. To register, you will need to Log In to your South Shore YMCA online account or Create an Account where prompted
5. Once you have logged in, choose the Camper and Camp you wish to add to your cart and follow prompts to complete the registration and check out.
6. Before your child starts camp, you will receive an email from CampDocs to upload all physical and immunization records. PLEASE NOTE: Your child must have an up-to-date physical (within 18 months) in order to attend camp.

After registering online, financial assistance recipients may contact our Camp Registrar Nicole at cgc@ssymca.org, (781) 924-8338.

MEMBERSHIP RATE POLICY

As a membership benefit, active South Shore YMCA members receive preferred Member Rates on South Shore Y camps and programs. Full SSYMCA membership must be obtained prior to registering for camp in order to receive the Member Rate. Membership status at the time of your camper’s enrollment determines the fee that is owed for the session/s you register for at that time. If you are a non-member when registering, you will pay the Non-Member rate. If you are a South Shore YMCA member at the time of enrollment, you will pay the Member rate. Your membership must remain valid throughout your child’s camp session/s in order to receive the preferred Member Rate. If you cancel or put your membership on hold, you will be charged the balance of the full non-member rate for all registered camps and programs. Visit ssymca.org/join to join our Y.

WAIT LIST POLICY

If a camp is full, you will be placed on a wait list and make no payment at that time. We will contact you if we are able to add you to the camp. Please make sure we have your correct address, email, and phone number on file. Please do not call the Y to check your status. Please do not come to the first day of the camp session if you are still on a wait list.

PAYMENT OPTIONS & POLICIES

Full payment or a $50.00 non-refundable deposit per camper/per week is required at time of registration. PAYMENT IN FULL FOR ALL CAMPS IS DUE BY MAY 31, 2023. PLEASE NOTE: Your child will not be able to begin camp until all required documents and your full payment for the week is received. If payment in full is not received by the payment due date your child’s camp spot may be forfeited. Payments must be scheduled to a card payment or EFT at time of registration.

THIRD PARTY PAYMENT / STATE VOUCHER: If camp payments are being made by a 3rd party, registration must be made in-house. At time of registration, you must provide proof that the camper has funding for camp and contact information for the funder. If you receive a state voucher, a current school year voucher or blank Confirmation of Provider form is required to register. The camp balance will remain the parent/guardian’s responsibility until funding has been verified. For state voucher inquiries, contact: Kathy Crompton, krcrompton@ssymca.org

STATE VOUCHER PARENT FEES: Upon receiving your day camp state voucher, it is your responsibility to make sure that the camp has received a copy of your state voucher. If you qualify to pay a parent fee, you will be required to set up your payment schedule. Your parent fee will be due on the Monday, one week, before the camp session begins. For any questions regarding the payment requirements or to set up your payment schedule, please contact Kathy Crompton at krcrompton@ssymca.org or Camp Gordon Clark at cgc@ssymca.org.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The $50.00 deposit/per child, per week is nonrefundable, non-transferable. Refunds are issued in the same method that payment was received. Refunds by check may take 2 weeks to process.
- 100% refund (less the $50.00 deposit): If cancellation notice is received before the payment due date.
- No refund will be given if cancellation is received after May 30, 2023.

MEDICAL CANCELLATION POLICY

In the case of severe illness or other medical limitations where a doctor states the camper is not allowed to attend camp, a SSYMCA credit* will be applied. A doctor’s note MUST be submitted stating the camper’s specific restrictions causing him/her not to attend camp. Refunds will be issued to your SSYMCA Account.
*No credit will be given mid-week for illness/medical limitations.

PROGRAM TRANSFERS

Transfers will be made depending on availability. A $50 deposit could be forfeited if transferring to a different camp week. Transfers cannot be made less than 5 days before camp starts. Any difference in registration fee is due at time of transfer. You will receive a confirmation email once a transfer is approved.
EXCITING NEWS FOR 2023 Y CAMPERS!

NEW! OUTDOOR AQUATICS CENTER!

COMING JUNE 2023

EMILSON YMCA

You and your family can enjoy a whole summer of fun at the NEW South Shore YMCA Outdoor Aquatics Center with a Season Pass! Visit ssymca.org/outdooraquaticscenter for registration details.

- State-of-the-art, zero-depth entry Heated Pools
- Separate, dedicated pool & play areas for Y Day Camp
- Spray Park and Water Play areas
- Modern, accessible Bathrooms/Changing Facilities
- Two new Playgrounds with year-round access
- Fully re-imagined Concession Experience
- And MORE!

DEDICATED SWIM & PLAY SPACE FOR Y CAMPERS!

Our newly designed SOUTH SHORE YMCA OUTDOOR AQUATICS CENTER will offer separate, dedicated pool and play space for Y campers at Camp Gordon Clark & ArtsCamp, especially designed for safe and fun swim instruction and water play.

SEASON PASSES AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES

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SOUTH SHORE YMCA DAY CAMPS

CAMP GORDON CLARK | ARTS CAMP | NATURE ADVENTURE CAMP | MATCH POINT TENNIS CAMP

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