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# THE BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER

YMCA Camp Willson  
YMCA OF CENTRAL OHIO



2012 Overnight Camp

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# SUMMER CAMP!

We believe that all children deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve. At YMCA Camp Willson, we provide many opportunities for youth from all over to engage in activities that help them learn new skills, develop character, make friends and create lasting memories.

We offer low counselor-to-camper ratios, and a beautiful outdoor setting with many great activities. Most importantly, we emphasize the YMCA core values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility.

Camp Willson is a great place where kids can have fun and be themselves!

YMCA Camp Willson is proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association™ (ACA) and the Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA). These accrediting bodies work to preserve, promote and enhance the camp experience for children and adults.



YMCA Camp Willson has voluntarily submitted to an independent appraisal completed by camp experts and has met more than 250 health, safety, and quality program standards—from staff qualifications and training to emergency management.

ACA™ and CHA Accreditation are a parent's best evidence of a camp's commitment to health and safety.

## YMCA Camp Willson



## JOIN US FOR FREE CAMP FAMILY DAYS

Sun April 1, 2:00– 4:00 pm      Sun May 20, 1:30 – 5:00 pm  
Sat April 28, 1:30 – 5:00 pm      Sat June 2, 1:30 – 5:00 pm

Bring the family, meet our staff and enjoy camp before summer begins.

- Canoe, practice target sports, climb the wall, take a hike and enjoy a great day!
- Limited horseback rides are \$12/person.
- Directors can answer questions, give tours every half hour, and help you choose the program that is right for your child.

An appointment is not necessary, but if dates listed are inconvenient, please call us to schedule a tour at 1-800-423-0427.

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## FREE STAYOVER WEEKENDS

Camper's who register for consecutive weeks may stay the weekend between for free! Swim, rest and have fun between sessions 1-2, 4-5, 5-6 and 6-7. Mark your registration card if you wish to have this free stayover.

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## The YMCA mission

To serve the whole community through programs expressing Judeo-Christian principles that build a healthy spirit, mind and body.

# WHAT PARENTS WANT TO KNOW

- Safety is our #1 priority. Camp Willson staff participate in a rigorous hiring process including interviews, reference and background checks; in addition to extensive training. Our health supervisor lives on-site and provides for the health care needs of all campers.
- Kids can unplug, enjoy the outdoors and be themselves! We've been building quality programs since 1918... serving kids of all ages the YMCA way for 94 years!
- Campers are assigned to cabins by age. One or two counselors live in each cabin of up to 8 campers. Cabins are a short distance from up-to-date rest rooms.
- Choose from seven different one-week sessions.



**Camps begin on Sunday between 3:30-4:30 pm and end on Saturday between 9:30-10:00 am.**

## CAMP WILLSON PROGRAMS BY AGE

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Where kids gain confidence  
and learn new skills

# TRADITIONAL CAMP

## Traditional Camp

**Ages 7–12. . . . . Sessions 1 2 4 5 6 7**

With special attention on the YMCA core values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility, Traditional Campers enjoy the best of summer activities with swimming, boating, target sports, campfires, nutritious kid-friendly food, singing, sports, nature, camp-outs, and much more! Campers will choose, explore, and develop skills from a variety of activities within our adventure areas: Sports and Fitness, Waterfront, Outdoor Adventures, and Creative Arts.

Friday is Cabin Day! Campers and their counselors make their last day together special by planning individual cabin adventures!

**Horseback Riding options are also available. See page 5 for more information.**

## Half Week Camp

**Ages 7–12. . . . . Session 3**

For those with busy schedules or who are not ready for a full week of fun, boys and girls ages 7–12 can try a half-week experience.

**Half Week Camp is from Wednesday afternoon until Saturday morning.**



## IT'S GONNA BE A GREAT DAY!

- 7:15 am Extreme Risers (optional)
- 8:00 am Flag ceremony
- 8:15 am Breakfast, songs
- 9:00 am All camp clean-up
- 9:20 am Non-denominational Chapel
- 9:45 am Adventure Area 1\*  
(Ex: Sports & Fitness)
- 10:45 am Adventure Area 2\*  
(Ex: Outdoor Adventures)
- 12:00 pm Lunch, songs
- 1:00 pm Rest hour
- 2:00 pm Adventure Area 3\*  
(Ex: Waterfront)
- 3:00 pm Adventure Area 4\*  
(Ex: Creative Arts)
- 4:00 pm Snack time
- 4:30 pm All-camp swim
- 5:45 pm Flag ceremony
- 6:00 pm Dinner, songs
- 7:30 pm Evening programs
- 9:00 pm Shower and prepare for bed
- 9:45 pm Cabin chats, lights out

\*See [ymcawillson.org](http://ymcawillson.org) for a sample of activities in each adventure area



Saddle up for some fun!



# HORSEBACK RIDING

## Bar W Ranch

**Ages 12–15 . . . . Sessions 1 2 3\* 4 5 6 7**

It's like having your own horse! Living at our Ranch facility, you will be responsible for the care, feeding, and grooming of your horse at our 36-stall barn. Participate in arena lessons, games on horseback, pony cart driving and trail rides around camp. Your schedule is flexible to allow for camp activities such as the water trampoline, swimming, and the Giant Swing. On Saturday morning, parents are invited to watch their campers demonstrate the skills they've learned. The Ranch is for horse-loving teens of all skill levels.

## Horseback Riding Lessons

**Ages 8–12 . . . . Sessions 1 2 3\* 4 5 6 7**

Saddle up and learn the basics of horseback riding! We recommend this series of five, one-hour sessions for those new to horses. Beginning riders will learn safety, general horse care and participate in arena lessons and games. The week ends with a trail ride. Don't be closed out... register early! Traditional campers only please.

**Cost:** \$60/week \$24/week (Session 3, 2 lessons)

## Trail Rides

**Ages 7–15 . . . . Sessions 1 2 3\* 4 5 6 7**

Campers in any program may sign up daily on a first-come, first-served basis for a one-hour, recreational trail ride. Campers pay a fee of \$12 per trail ride from their camp store account. Campers are usually able to ride up to three times per week.



## Wranglers

**Ages 9–12 . . . . . Sessions 1 2 3\* 4 5 6 7**

Tailored for the younger horse lover, Wranglers spend two hours each day with their horse: grooming, saddling, participating in arena lessons and going on trail rides. Emphasis will be on safety, fun, and learning about horses. The week culminates with a trail ride picnic. Wranglers will spend two of their four adventure areas with their horse. The rest of the day will include traditional camp fun.

## Wranglers-In-Training (WIT)

**Ages 16–17 . . . . . Session 1**

This exciting program is for the older rider who is ready to experience more with horses. Participants must have previous experience. WIT's will live and work at the Bar W Ranch. The focus of the week will be safety, horse health care, as well as training and teaching. WIT's will also help with the younger campers in the horse programs by teaching safety and basic riding. WIT's will have special times to ride with fellow WIT's and improve on their individual horsemanship.

**\*Session 3 is a 3-night Half Week Session (Wednesday afternoon through Saturday morning)**

Where kids have time to do what they love



## SPECIALTY CAMPS

### Create & Design Camp

**Ages 9–13. . . . . Sessions 2 6 7**

Create and design artistic masterpieces! Spend half of your day in the Creative Arts Adventure Area exploring the different mediums of wood, paper, paints, fabrics and more. The other half of the day will be spent in Traditional Camp activities. Your week will end with an art show of your projects!



### Glee Camp

**Ages 10–14. . . . . Session 1**

Live out your dream of being on stage! During Glee Camp you will sing and dance to your favorite songs. Glee campers will organize a performance for the entire camp and a parent show on Saturday! No singing or dancing experience required. Campers will also participate in great traditional camp activities.

### Fishing Camp

**Ages 10–14. . . . . Sessions 2 4 7**

**Ages 13–16. . . . . Session 6**

Spend the week in your own boat, trolling around beautiful Lake Mac—O—Chee. You will discover new techniques of casting and choosing the right bait for the perfect fish. Boating safety will be emphasized as you and your new friends discover all our beautiful lake has to offer. Challenge yourself with tournaments and compete for Angler of the Week. Campers are to bring rod, reel and tackle.



### Garage Band

**Ages 14–17. . . . . Session 5**

Wanna rock this summer? Bring your instruments and your passion to produce harmony with fellow musicians. Your week is a blend of jam sessions, an all-camp concert and even some time for camp activities. In addition to great memories and new music skills, you'll have a recording of your concert, as well as the opportunity to perform for your family on Saturday morning! Must have prior music knowledge and bring your own instrument(s).

### Drama Camp

**Ages 10–14. . . . . Sessions 7**

All the world's a stage—even the Great Outdoors! Bring your imagination for a week of drama games, skits and discovery. Create theatre by exploring scripts, characters, costumes and props. Learn to be confident with your acting. We'll produce an original show and perform for the camp and parents at the week's end. Enjoy great traditional camp activities, too!

# TEEN CAMPS

## Trailblazers

**Ages 12-13 . . . . . Sessions 1 2 4 6 7**

Bridge the gap between the structure of Traditional Camp and the flexibility of TEENation. Trailblazers can still do all the amazing Traditional Camp activities, but will add new challenges to the day, such as racing your friend down the Zip Line, flying on the Giant Swing, and strapping your feet onto a Mountain Board. Your flexible schedule is designed with teamwork in mind.

## TEENation

**Ages 13-15 . . . . . Sessions 1 2 3\* 4 5 6**

Join the cause for Teen Independence. As a member of the TEENation you will work with other teens to create a week that you will always remember. The high ropes course is your monkey bars, the lake your playground, swimming at the local pool, frisbee golf and picnic is your escape, and flags, rope, and mud are your tools. You are the chosen few who have earned the right, the privilege, to call yourselves members of the Nation...TEENation.

**\*Session 3 is a 3-night Half Week Session (Wednesday afternoon through Saturday morning).**

## **NEW!** Full Moon

**Ages 13-15 . . . . . Sessions 7**

Sleep in and stay up late in this special session where teens get to do all of the normal TEENation activities, just on their own schedule. There will also be special night time activities like: flashlight tag, night hikes and more.

## Counselors-In-Training (CIT)

**Ages 16-17 . . . . . Session 1**

Share your love of camp and be a role model for younger campers. Staff will lead you through activities focused on leadership, human relations, teaching techniques and working with campers. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the summer for those who successfully complete the training. Call for a CIT application and to schedule an interview for this program.



## Frontier (1 week)

**Ages 12-15 . . . . . Sessions 1 4 7**

Unplug and connect with nature by living in our primitive Frontier Village complete with tree house, Mess Hall and 455 acres of natural beauty. Frontier is an outpost for teens who want to be outside and experience our high ropes course, kayaking down the Mad River, cooking their own food over the campfire and making strong connections to nature.

## Frontier (2 weeks)

**Ages 12-15 . . Sessions 5 & 6 (2-week program)**

All the fun of our Frontier 1-week program, plus a three-day trip of rock climbing, canoeing, tent camping, hiking and a visit to the best ice cream store in Ohio.

## **NEW!** Rock 'N Ropes at Frontier

**Ages 12-15 . . . . . Session 2**

Experience every aspect of the high ropes course, zip line, giant swing, 30' climbing wall, pamper pole and more. You will learn about ropes, knots, belaying, rescue techniques and the rules of safety. Campers will also go on a rock climbing adventure.

## Pennsylvania Adventure

**Ages 14-17 . . . . . Session 5**

Head to Ohiopyle, PA for a week of rock climbing, white water rafting on the Youghiogheny River, and caving in Laurel Caverns. You'll also have plenty of time to explore all the great natural areas of the Laurel Highlands!

## Rides and Thrills

**Ages 14-17 . . . . . Session 7**

Raise your adrenaline levels on this fast-paced week of fun and amusement! Spend time at Kings Island, The Beach Waterpark, and 1½ days at Cedar Point. Our evenings will be spent at various campgrounds across Ohio.

## Where lifelong friendships begin



11 weeks at more than 20 locations in Central Ohio!



## YMCA DAY CAMPS

For children entering grades 1–6, Day Camps, Sports and Specialty Clinics, and Specialty Camps are offered for 11 different weeks at more than 20 different locations throughout Central Ohio. Come for one week or stay for the entire summer—we're flexible to accommodate your needs with our convenient pick-up and drop-off locations.



### YMCA DAY CAMPS

Each week has a different theme such as Carnival Craze; Wild, Wild, West; Super Hero Adventures; Splish, Splash; and Spirit Week. We also feature Day Camps with sports themes that include traditional activities and sports.

### SPORTS AND SPECIALTY CLINICS

Add on this specialized instruction to your Day Camp with a variety of theme choices such as soccer, basketball, golf and art. Kids learn how to play the game with a focus on the skills they need.

### SPECIALTY CAMPS

Experience something different with special themes such as science, drama, construction, photography and more!

### TEENXTREME

Ten full weeks of extreme fun designed specifically for teens entering grades 7–9.

### CAMP CAN DO

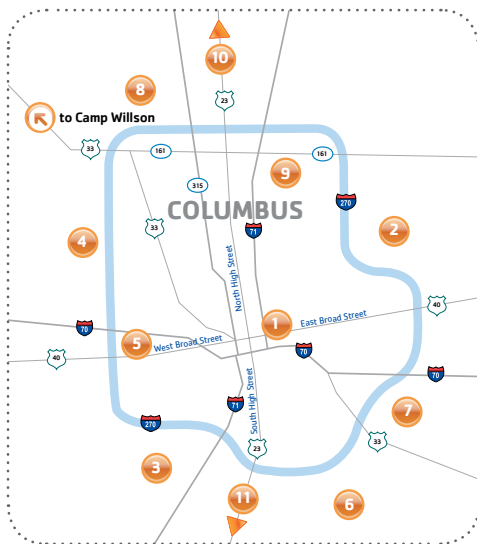
Camp activities are tailored to the unique needs of children who have moderate to intensive special needs.

### PERFORMING ARTS CAMP AT LINCOLN THEATRE

In a unique partnership with CAPA Columbus, YMCA Day Campers experience music, dance, drama, visual arts and media arts at the historic Lincoln Theatre in Downtown Columbus, with local artists and performers.

Licensed **Before and After Camp Care Programs** are available for families who need extended hours.

Visit [ymcacolumbus.org/daycamp](http://ymcacolumbus.org/daycamp) or call one of our locations to request a full program brochure.



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| <b>1 Eldon &amp; Elsie Ward Family YMCA</b> (East)  | 614-252-3166                 |
| <b>2 Gahanna/John E. Bickley YMCA</b> (Northeast)   | 614-416-9622                 |
| <b>3 Grove City YMCA</b> (Southwest)                | 614-871-9622                 |
| <b>4 Hilliard/Ray Patch YMCA</b> (Northwest)        | 614-334-9622                 |
| <b>5 Hilltop YMCA</b> (West)                        | 614-276-8224                 |
| <b>6 Hoover Y-Park</b> (South)                      | 614-491-0980                 |
| <b>7 Jerry L. Garver YMCA</b> (Southeast)           | 614-834-9622                 |
| <b>8 Liberty Twp./Powell YMCA</b> (North)           | 614-839-9622<br>740-881-1058 |
| <b>9 North YMCA</b> (North)                         | 614-885-4252                 |
| <b>10 Delaware Community Center YMCA</b> (North)    | 740-203-3057                 |
| <b>11 Pickaway County Family YMCA</b> (Circleville) | 740-477-1661                 |
| <b>TeenXtreme</b> (Hilliard & Garver)               | 614-224-1142                 |
| <b>General YMCA information</b>                     | 614-224-1142                 |

All YMCA Day Camps are either Licensed Child Care programs or accredited by the American Camp Association.

# YMCA CAMP WILLSON REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## YMCA MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

YMCA of Central Ohio Metro Family Memberships qualify for a \$100 incentive off the total fee **for each week of camp, for each child** who is part of your membership. Membership must be active when the child attends camp. This incentive is not available for Session 3 and is not valid with the **More than One... Twice the Fun** incentive. Other restrictions may apply. **Please note:** Your YMCA membership branch must be listed on the camp registration form.

## MORE THAN ONE...TWICE THE FUN (and save a little, too!)

Sign up for more than one session or send more than one child to camp and receive a \$50 incentive off the total fee for each session/child beyond the first session/child. Not available for Session 3. Not valid the **YMCA Membership Incentive**.

## EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Any camper registered on or before February 21 will receive an early bird registration incentive of \$20 per camper per week.

Register for camp by **April 17** and be entered in a drawing for a free week of camp!

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

We require an \$80 non-refundable deposit, for each week, with your registration. **This deposit is part of the total payment for the session and not an additional charge.**

Non-Members of the YMCA are to pay an additional fee of \$20/session (maximum \$40/family)

No camper will be registered until we have received the deposit and registration form. Forms will be processed in order of receipt.

### Financial assistance is available when needed.

Completed financial assistance applications will be accepted until **May 15**. The application and instructions are available on the website or by mail from the camp office.



Providing  
a safe,  
fun-filled,  
summer  
for kids

## REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- Register:** online at [ymcacampwillson.org](http://ymcacampwillson.org) (requires credit card), OR complete and mail registration form (1 per camper), OR call to register by telephone. Additional registration forms are available on the website, or you may duplicate the enclosed form.
- Do you have a cabin mate request? Requests must be the same age or within one year.
- \$80 deposit per week, per child is required at the time of registration. Checks, money orders, and all major credit cards accepted. Make checks payable to "YMCA".
- Payment Options:**
  - Make multiple payments at your convenience
  - Request automatic monthly credit card payments (call to set up)
  - Request automatic payment by credit card on June 1
  - If paying by check, mail all payments to:  
**YMCA Camp Willson, 2732 County Rd. 11,  
Bellevue, OH 43311**

**NOTE:** Balance of fees (including optional camp store account and the week's DVD), as well as all paperwork (including Health History) are **due no later than 2 weeks before the date of attendance**. Mark your calendar as a reminder.

Upon receipt of the information above, parents will receive an email with invoice statement and link to the **Parent Handbook**. The Parent Handbook, which includes health history, clothing and equipment list and other vital information is available at [ymcacampwillson.org](http://ymcacampwillson.org). Those wishing to receive a printed copy of the Parent Handbook should contact the camp office.

# 2012 SESSIONS

SESS. DATE	THEME
Wk 1 June 17–23 . . .	Super Heroes
Wk 2 June 24–30 . . .	Harry Potter®**
Wk 3* July 4–7 . . .	Around the World
Wk 4 July 8–14 . . .	Year in a Week
Wk 5 July 15–21 . . .	Pirate Invasion
Wk 6 July 22–28 . . .	Time Travel
Wk 7 July 29–Aug 4 . . .	Color Wars



## CAMP SESSIONS & FEES

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Traditional Camp	Ages	Nights	Fee ***	1	2	3*	4	5	6	7
Traditional Camp	7-12	6	\$520	1	2		4	5	6	7
Half Week Camp*	7-12	3	\$285			3				
Specialty Camps	Ages	Nights	Fee**	1	2	3*	4	5	6	7
Wranglers	9-12	6	\$610	1	2		4	5	6	7
Wranglers*	9-12	3	\$330			3				
Create & Design Camp	9-13	6	\$535		2				6	7
Drama Camp	10-14	6	\$545							7
Glee Camp	10-14	6	\$545	1						
Fishing Camp	10-14	6	\$540		2		4			7
Fishing Camp	13-16	6	\$540						6	
Garage Band	14-17	6	\$570					5		
Teen Opportunities	Ages	Nights	Fee***	1	2	3*	4	5	6	7
Trailblazers	12-13	6	\$535	1	2		4		6	7
TEENation	13-15	6	\$540	1	2		4	5	6	
TEENation*	13-15	3	\$295			3				
Full Moon	13-15	6	\$540							7
Frontier (1 Week)	12-15	6	\$540	1			4			7
Frontier (2 Weeks)	12-15	13	\$1080					5 & 6		
Rock 'N Ropes at Frontier	12-15	6	\$545		2					
Bar W Ranch	12-15	6	\$620	1	2		4	5	6	7
Bar W Ranch*	12-15	3	\$335			3				
Wranglers-In-Training	16-17	6	\$620	1						
Counselors-In-Training	16-17	6	\$545	1						
Teen Trips	Ages	Nights	Fee***	1	2	3*	4	5	6	7
Pennsylvania Adventure	14-17	6	\$690					5		
Rides & Thrills	14-17	6	\$690							7

\*Session 3 is a Half Week program beginning Wednesday afternoon and ending Saturday morning.

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\*\*\*Non-Members of the YMCA are to add \$20/Session (max of \$40 Non-Member fee/family).



## JOIN US FOR FREE CAMP FAMILY DAYS

Sun April 1, 2-4 pm

Sat April 28, 1:30-5 pm

Sun May 20, 1:30-5 pm

Sat June 2, 1:30-5 pm

See page 2 for details

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**- Carrie C.,  
a camper parent's Facebook comment**

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