



SUMMER SCHOLARS PRESCHOOL CAMP

ROSE E. SCHNEIDER FAMILY YMCA

2026 Parent Handbook





WELCOME!

The Summer Scholars Preschool Camp is designed with our youngest campers in mind!

CAMPERS

Preschool-aged children ages 4-5

DAYS/TIME

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30am - 12:30pm

STAFFING

The Summer Scholars Preschool Camp is staffed by individuals knowledgeable in preschool development. This camp maintains a 1:6 ratio.

WHAT WE DO ALL DAY



CREATE

Our Summer Scholars campers will have the opportunity to participate in art and craft projects throughout the week!

PLAY

Play is a BIG part of our day! Sensory play, imaginative and cooperative play, and independent play opportunities will be offered throughout the day.



TIME OUTSIDE

Campers will have time to play outside, weather permitting. We will work on walking in a line and will have access to shade. Don't forget sunscreen!

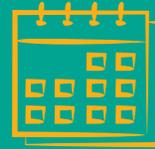


LEARNING

Summer Scholar campers will have plenty of opportunities to learn! Daily themed stories, STEM opportunities, and social skill development are all on the agenda!



CAMP DATES*



COST

Each week of camp is \$85 per child for members, and \$115 per child for non-members of our YMCA. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration for each week.



WEEK 1: Galaxy Explorers
(6/15/26, 6/17/26, 6/19/26)

WEEK 2: Fairytale Fun
(6/22/26, 6/24/26, 6/26/26)

WEEK 3: Alphabet Adventures
(6/29/26, 7/1/26, 7/3/26)

WEEK 4: Under the Sea
(7/6/26, 7/8/26, 7/10/26)



WEEK 5: Pirates and Mermaids
(7/13/26, 7/15/26, 7/17/26)

WEEK 6: Awesome Animals
(7/20/26, 7/22/26, 7/24/26)

WEEK 7: Crazy Colors
(7/27/26, 7/29/26, 7/31/26)



WEEK 8: Sport Superstars
(8/3/26, 8/5/26, 8/7/26)

WEEK 9: Beach Blast
(8/10/26, 8/12/26, 8/14/26)

*ALL WEEKS OF THE SUMMER SCHOLARS PRESCHOOL CAMP REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION. SPACES ARE LIMITED EACH WEEK.



WHAT TO BRING

Each camper will need to bring a backpack, refillable water bottle, sunscreen, and lunchbox every day.

SOCKS ARE REQUIRED!! YOUR CHILD WILL NEED SOCKS TO PLAY IN OUR KIDS CLUBHOUSE

LABEL EVERYTHING!!

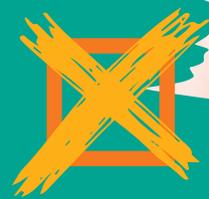
PLEASE CONSIDER PACKING:



- Lunch
- Snacks
- Sunscreen (please apply before camp as well!)
- Water bottle
- Extra change of clothes
- Sunglasses/hat
- Light jacket for cooler days



WHAT NOT TO BRING



The Rose E. Schneider Family YMCA will not assume responsibility for any lost, stolen, or damaged items. We ask that valuables be left at home.

- LEAVE AT HOME:**
- ALL electronics (including phones, smart watches, and gaming systems)
 - Large collections of trading cards, excessive fidgets, and toys
 - Irreplaceable blankets, stuffed animals, and loveys
 - ANY weapons or sharp objects, including pocket knives
 - Anything with graphic images, curse words, or depicts violence

THANK
YOU



DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

9:30AM - DROP-OFF

DROP-OFF IS AT OUR KIDS CLUBHOUSE!

After checking in at the Membership Desk, head down the steps to the Clubhouse. Your child will be greeted by a YMCA staff member and we ask that you say good bye while your child enjoys some free play. Campers will play for 10-15 minutes as they wait for friends to arrive!

(*Clubhouse will only be open for Summer Scholars Preschool Camp Participants*)

12:30PM - PICK-UP

PICK-UP IS AT ROSIE'S ROOM (FORMERLY KIDQUARIUM)!

At 12:30, please wait outside of the Rosie's Room door. A camp staff member will be dismissing your camper to you!

LATE Drop-off/EARLY Pick-up

If the Summer Scholars Preschool Camp is not at the Clubhouse at drop-off, please go to the Membership Desk and have them radio the Camp.

If you need to pick up early, please let staff know at drop-off. Check in at the Membership Desk and they will alert the Summer Scholars Preschool Camp that you are here for an early pick-up.

IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, OR YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE LATE FOR DROP-OFF OR PICK-UP, PLEASE CALL THE YMCA AT 724-452-9122 TO LET OUR STAFF KNOW.

CODE OF CONDUCT



PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS

YMCA Summer Scholars Preschool Camp is a recreational 3 day camp that utilizes indoor and outdoor space at our Cranberry Township location. Campers must be able to apply their own sunscreen (with some help, of course), be fully toilet trained, and utilize the bathroom without assistance. Camp counselors provide support with a ratio of 1:6. Participants in our camp program are expected to maintain positive behaviors with this ratio in place.

ACCOMMODATIONS

We welcome campers with a variety of needs and accommodations. If a camper needs 1:1 assistance in order to successfully participate in our program, we are happy to have support staff from an outside agency join them at camp. Summer Scholars Preschool Camp cannot provide 1:1 support. For further questions regarding accommodations for your child, please the Director of Early Childhood Education.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

Staff and participants in our programs are required to uphold the core values of the YMCA daily. These core values are: respect, responsibility, caring, and honesty. Any participants who violate these core values repeatedly are subject to being asked to leave our program. Summer Scholars Preschool Campers who engage in physical aggression or bullying* will immediately be sent home.

Be Kind

*"Bullying" is defined as ongoing and deliberate verbal, physical, or emotional aggression.



FAQs

What is the pick-up authorization/photo ID policy?

Authorized pick-ups are individuals selected by a child's parents who have permission to pick them up from YMCA programs. You may add to this list at any time by logging into your account, or by stopping at our Membership Desk for help. We will ask to see photo ID before releasing your child to ANY adult. ALL campers must have a photo on file, and all connected adults in their household must as well.

Who can pick up my child?

For your protection, only persons authorized by parents may pick up your child with valid identification. Anyone without proper authorization/identification will be stopped from taking your child. To add or edit authorized pickups: log into your account, click the "My Account" dropdown menu (found in the upper right-hand corner of the screen), click "Authorized Pickups" from the menu, and add or edit authorized pickups for your child. Staff at our Membership Desk can also help to add or edit authorized pickups. In an emergency, or if we do not have written consent, you will be contacted by a YMCA staff member to authorize a verbal release.

Is food provided?

You must provide a packed lunch, water, and snacks for your child. If a camper comes without a lunch, parents will be charged a \$5 lunch fee to their billing method on file if a lunch cannot be dropped off prior to lunch time.

Can my child's lunch be refrigerated or heated up?

A lunch should be sent daily in a bag or insulated lunch cooler marked with your child's name. We do not have the ability to refrigerate or heat up lunch items. Don't forget to pack utensils, too!



Will my child be swimming?

No, our campers will not be swimming. There may be opportunities for water play outside, but bathing suits and towels are not necessary.

What activities can we expect?

Campers will have a number of themed activities based on the week's theme. These will include stories, crafts, games, songs, and STEM projects.

Does my child need to bring sunscreen?

Yes, your child must bring sunscreen. We recommend wearing sunscreen to camp every morning. Campers will be encouraged and monitored by staff to re-apply sunscreen when needed. We encourage the use of hats or other sun protective gear.

Does my child need to be potty trained?

Yes, your child needs to be able to independently use the toilet on his/her own. Accidents happen... and that's okay! We encourage you to pack a change of clothes if your child needs them. In the event that your child needs excessive help using the toilet, a YMCA staff member will call you to assist.

How do you handle medications?

Medications must be in the original prescribed container with the child's name and dosage. Parents will fill out a medication form that will remain with the child's camp counselor. Epi-Pens and Inhalers will be able to stay with the child's counselor. Other medications that need to be given during camp hours may be stored in the Director of Early Childhood Education's office and be given at the prescribed time. All medication given will be signed off with dosage amount and time given with staff initials.



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