

**SMILES
ALL
SUMMER
LONG**



**Backyard Kids
Summer Camp 2012**

Greater Morristown YMCA



79 Horsehill Road in Cedar Knolls
973-267-0704
www.GreaterMorristownYMCA.org
1/4 mile east of Mennen Arena

For Youth Development

We make summer camp fun because play is an important way for kids to process the world they live in. Our days are structured enough to allow for variety, but we also allow time for making the most awesome tent fort ever that even the super heroes would be amazed - or the most beautiful butterfly necklace and paper skirt to be worn while learning a new, crazy dance routine. Our camp is about learning, growing and being the best 'me', your child can be this summer.

Staff Who Lead

We are committed to providing a safe, positive, fun experience for all our campers. Our counselors are a diverse group of maturing, caring, patient, skilled and responsible counselors. Most of our counselors are either teachers or college students who are pursuing careers in education or other human service related fields. Prior the arrival of campers, all staff undergo background checks, training in safety, counseling techniques, conflict resolution, and camp policies and procedures. This high standard of professionalism results in a safe, fun, high quality experience for our campers.

About our Camp Director

Ryan Deighan, Associate Director of Youth Activities and Sports has been involved in camp for the past 11 years. He knows and understands every aspect of camp. His experience includes being a camper, a junior counselor, counselor and assistant director. His creativity and leadership makes him a favorite among parents and campers. Ryan is dedicated to creating an environment of positive leadership, with innovative programs and activities that provide respect and appreciation of our campers. Ryan is also responsible for our after-school program and adventure days. Ryan holds his bachelors degree from the college of Humanities and Social Sciences at Montclair State University.

Assistant Camp Director

Assistant camp director and Supervisor of Youth Activities, Edward 'E.J.' Johnson has over 4 years camp experience. He believes the campers should learn something new every day while laughing and playing, but safety always comes first. E.J. is a graduate of SUNY Oneonta with Bachelor of Arts degree.

Senior Counselor Team

Lindsay Doig and Juan Erazo make up the team of senior counselors. They are familiar faces at camp. Lindsay keeps the girls groups moving along through all their activities each day and prides herself in making sure everyone feels welcome. Juan is a camper favorite with his outgoing personality and dedication to each camper. Juan also works at our R.F. Blake Childrens' Center as an assistant teacher. Juan and Lindsay are also after school counselors at our program in Morris Plains.



New Friends



Kinder Camp and Little Owls Child Care

Kinder Camp is a full day camp for children eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2012.

Drop-off is located next door to the Y, at the Richard F. Blake Children's Center (65 Horsehill Rd) The center is located in a park-like setting and includes 20,000 square feet of spacious classrooms, outdoor playgrounds and an indoor "Little Honey Playland". Kinder Camp is managed by the Greater Morristown YMCA camp directors. We offer small group sizes with low teacher to child ratio.

- * Recreational swimming
- * Weekly theme activities
- * Outdoor water play
- * Daily Swim lessons (\$40. weekly)
- * Special Events - moon walk, puppet shows and more!
- * Nature walks
- * Cooking
- * Sports skills
- * Arts & Crafts
- * Outside play
- * Science

Campers must bring their snack, drinks and bagged lunch.

Little Owls is a half day or full day program where children ages 3-4 can experience a 'little bit' of the Blake Center. next to the Y. The children are required to be fully potty trained. The center is located in a park-like setting and includes 20,000 square feet of spacious rooms, outdoor playground and an indoor "Little Honey Play land". The Blake Center is nut free. For more information on the Little Owls program, please call Ashley or Rose at the Blake Center at 973-984-2255.

- * Outdoor water play
- * Low teacher to child ratio
- * Small group sizes
- * Healthy Daily Snack
- * Nature walks around the Y complex
- **Weekly swim lessons are available if enrolled on Tuesday or Thursday for an additional \$8 per week.
- * Arts & Crafts
- * Weekly theme related activities
- * Story Time, singing, cooking
- * Outside play everyday (weather permitting)
- * Science and exploration

Little Owls Rates and Hours

Days	1/2 Day Rate Hours 9:00-12:00	Full Day Rate Hours 8:00-6:00
3	\$130	\$200
4	\$160	\$225
5	\$185	\$260

*Before care is available at 7:30 am \$35 per week for full week Little Owls

**I'm a Super Hero
Make-a-Cape Day!**



Backyard Kids

Backyard Kids is an exceptional day camp experience for grades 1-4. Our philosophy is simple: Put play in their day!

Summer is meant to have fun, play, try new activities, explore and meet new friends.

Our Backyard Kids are grouped by grade and gender; 1st/2nd graders, and 3rd/4th graders.

Young campers are interested in fun, play, activities, exploring, laughing and making friends. The Y camp is interested in that too - plus safety, caring, learning, growing and bringing out the best in your child. We've created the perfect blend in our Backyard Kids camp so your child will have smiles all summer long.



Discovery

"A Typical Camp Day" includes, outdoor playtime, old school games like Nukem, kick-ball, badminton, Bocce tournaments, 4 square, and on-site miniature golf. Then it's on to arts and crafts, games in our air conditioned gym, a bus trip to Malapardis Park, and theme days. After lunch, we will swim in our indoor pool (no freezing water, never a rain cancellation), venture into our wooded grove, play basketball, make sand castles, learn to play chess, climb at Bob's place, swing, explore and be imaginative. **On Fun Days** we have water day with water slides, Super Hero & Princess Day, Sports Team day, and this year we will have Summer 2012 Olympic Day! We build in plenty of free time for campers to make up their own games, build forts in our wooded grove, learn new dance routines, and be creative. It's a great time for campers to discover new things about themselves and the world around them.



Y Travellers

Y Travellers is for grades 5 & 6. This is a great camp that provides the opportunity to develop life and leadership skills through traditional camp program activities. We challenge campers to develop the initiative and strength to make good choices based on the YMCA's character development values. All activities will foster individual confidence and self-esteem as campers work together and support each other.

Explore

A typical day means free-play in our backyard grove, outdoor games, trips to Mennen fields for sports, games in our air conditioned gym, work-out time in our teen fitness center, volleyball games in our outdoor sand volleyball court, in-door swimming and making friends.

On the Move

Y Travellers will go on off-site trips, to places like the Liberty Science Center, Camel Beach, Camp Speers, the movies and bowling. We plan one big trip each week supplemented by local trips to parks and off-site pools. And then there are Fun Filled Fridays!



New Experiences Every Day

The Y is all about physical fitness and so is camp!



New this year - C.A.T.C.H. Kids Club. C.K.C. is a physical activity and nutrition education program designed specifically for grades 1-5. Campers will be involved in at least 30 minutes of concentrated daily physical activity. We want to teach campers how to make healthy food choices and have physical activity become part of their daily routine. Plus, it's fun! All activities are inclusive, meaning anyone can do them!



Camp Fun Activities

- Camp Family Feud
- Dragon Tails
- Survivor Week
- Fort Contests
- Camper of the Week awards
- Visits from the Goonies
- Rotating Specialty Instructors
 - Arts & Crafts
 - Science
 - Nature
- Trips to local town outdoor swimming pools

Every Day Camp Activities

- Daily Swimming
- Court Games
- Dance & Music
- Daily Flag Pole
- Team Building
- Playground Time
- Joke of the Day
- Creative Play

CITs Lead The Way

CITs provides pre-teens and teens with exciting opportunities to build character and self-esteem. They experience the success of setting and achieving goals, and developing values that will promote a lifetime of healthy activities and relationships with others. We incorporate our core values of Caring, Respect, Honesty and Responsibility in there too, but the CITs think they are just having fun. CIT camp allows for these campers to unplug from their electronic world and connect to this moment.

CITs will be placed with a Senior Counselor and asked to assist with the daily activities of the younger campers. They will travel with their campers when they go on trips to the movies, roller skating, miniature golf, bowling, professional sports games, local and state parks and Camp Speers for awesome outdoor days. They will learn camper/counselor interactions and the proper techniques in keeping the campers safe.

CITs will spend Fun Fridays at the Y where they will participate with other CITs in tournaments, ice-cream and pizza parties, swim time, food collection, community enrichment and more. Parents will be given a weekly report on their CITs accomplishments and progress.



Backyard Kids Reunion Sleepover!

Camp directors Ryan and E.J. will be your hosts for a fun filled night of games, movies, gym, Pizza Party and swimming!

Friday Night Sleepover
When: Friday night Feb. 17
Grades 3-6
Time: 6:30 pm drop-off

Returning campers grades 3-6!
It's our annual
Backyard Kids **reunion sleepover** at
the Y!

Space is limited!
Register by Feb. 13 at the front desk.
Boys and girls will sleep in different quarters!
Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, bathing suit and towel.
\$20 per camper

Specialty Camps grades K-6

We have many specialized camps for your child to choose from. Every instructor brings years of experience to their chosen camp. There is something for the active camper, creative camper or scientist.

Specialty Camps run from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. Early drop-off is available beginning at 7:30 am for an additional \$35 a week. Extended day is also available from 12 Noon-6:00 pm. Extended day campers will join the Backyard Kids campers for their afternoon schedule. No camp July 4. Off-site camps meet at the Y. Campers will be bused to and from their site on our private bus.

Photography (Gr.K-2 and 3-6) Campers will work with cameras; as well as visiting a shop to see how film is developed. Hiking is incorporated in order to experience the beauty of our many parks and wildlife refuge. They will create a photo collage from their week long experience. (Loantaka Park, Jockey Hollow, Great Swamp, and a local camera shop) which they will keep. See schedule for appropriate grade K-2 or 3-6.

Get Up and Dance (Gr.K-4) Get a great summer camp experience and a top notch routine all in one! Our choreographers will teach new and creative routines in our gym. There is a grand finale! Awards are included.

Little Scientists (K-2) Campers will learn to utilize everyday materials while participating in interesting experiments. Making slime, crystals, and play-doh are just a few of the fun ideas to be carried out. This camp is held in our library.

Make it and Take it Science! (Gr. 2-4) Science projects you take home that teach and are fun! In this hands-on, exciting program, you will discover how amazing science is. You will make and take home a wide assortment of toys designed to teach you science concepts in a hands-on-way. Build a working electric motor, make your own Sharpie pen T-shirts and learn some cool chemistry (you supply your own 100% cotton shirt). Make silly putty-glowing goo - green flubber and other cool projects. By the way, we will make ice cream in our own amazing, different, sciensational way! (on-site)



Specialty Camps

Sport Camps:

Basketball (Gr. 2-4) Each camper will learn the fundamentals; ball handling, lay-ups, foul shots and defensive positioning. All skills will be taught with drills, scrimmages and actual games in the air-conditioned Y gym.

Soccer (Gr. 2-4) The first three sessions begin with a focus on the fundamental ball skills. The last two sessions start with more advanced skills. Each day ends with a game where players are taught to use their skills in a group. (Mennen Field)

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Tennis (Gr. K-4) Campers will learn the basic fundamentals of tennis while playing against fellow campers of the same ability. Serving, volleying, net play and scoring will be emphasized. (off-site)

Baseball (Gr. 2-4) Play Ball! Throughout the week children will learn the following fundamentals of baseball: throwing, catching, hitting and running the bases. (off-site)

Y World of Sports (Gr. 2-4) Children will play a variety of sports and learn the importance of teamwork. Different sports that will be played are, soccer, basketball, baseball and more. (on-site)

Fishing (Gr. K-4) Campers are given hands-on-instruction on how to bait, cast and unhook fish. These basic skills are taught in a safe environment, such as Sunrise Lake and Loantaka Pond. (off-site)

Sports On the Go (Gr. K-2) Campers will play all their favorite sports at the appropriate venue! Miniature golf, tennis, football etc. Campers will stay active while learning new techniques and having fun! (off-site)



Session Dates	Specialty Camps	Grade of child in Sept. 2012
July 2-July 6	Little Scientists	K-2
	Soccer	2-4
July 9-July 13	Fishing	K-4
	Basketball	2-4
July 16-July 20	Photography	K-2
	Tennis	2-4

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July 23-July 27	Get Up and Dance	K-4
	Make it & Take it	2-4
July 30--Aug. 3	Little Scientists	K-2
	Baseball	2-4
Aug. 6 -Aug. 10	Y World of Sports	K-4
	Photography	3-6
Aug. 13-Aug.17	Sports on the Go!	K-2
	Fishing	2-4

Fees and Information

General Camp Information

Summer Camp dates: June 25 – August 24 9 Weeks

8 am–6 pm, Monday–Friday Camp is closed July 4.

Early drop-off is available beginning at 7:30 am for an additional \$35.00 per week

Specialty Camps run from 9 am–12 Noon.

Extended day is available for an additional \$120 per week.

Meet the Camp Directors and Counselors Parent Orientation

Meet our staff and have your questions answered on the following days:

Little Owls (3–4 yrs) Thursday June 21 6:30 – 7:30 at the Blake Center

Kinder Camp Thursday June 14 6:30 – 7:30 at the Blake Center

Backyard Kids Thursday June 14 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the Y

Camp fees:

A camp registration/membership fee of \$65 is required for all campers. \$95 for 13 and over.

The fee is waived for memberships that are current through Aug. 24.

Payment information:

50% deposit of camp fees are required at time of registration. Remaining 50% due before May 1 to obtain early discount. **As of May 1, 100% of bill is due and will incur the price increase.**

Note– all other fees are due in full when you register (t-shirt, lunch, registration fee etc.)

Limited financial aid is available to those who qualify. Complete financial aid forms must be submitted by **April 15**. Applications are available at www.GreaterMorristownYmca.org.

Full Week Camp Rates	Discounted rate paid in full by 4/30	Sibling discount by 4/30	Rate After 4/30	Sibling after 4/30
Kinder (age 5 by Oct. 1 2012)	\$260	\$250	\$270	\$260
Backyard Kids	\$260	\$250	\$270	\$260
Y-Travellers	\$260	\$250	\$270	\$260
CITs grades 7–10	\$300	\$290	\$310	\$300
Specialty	\$180	N/A	\$190	N/A

Specialty Camp Extended Day Option
Stay the entire day! Pick up by 6:00 pm.
Fee: \$120 by 4/30, \$130 after 4/30.

Partial Week Camp Rates	3 days by 4/30 & after 4/30	Sibling 3 days by 4/30 & after 4/30	4 days by 4/30 & after 4/30	Sibling 4 day by 4/30 & after 4/30
Kinder (age 5 by Oct. 1 2012)	\$165/\$170	\$160/\$165	\$220/\$228	\$210/\$218
Backyard Kids	\$165/\$170	\$160/\$165	\$220/\$228	\$210/\$218
Y-Travellers	\$165/\$170	\$160/\$165	\$220/\$228	\$210/\$218
CITs	\$195/\$200	N/A	\$260/\$268	N/A



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Swim lessons for campers for grades K - 4

Registration begins Feb. 18

Swim lessons will sell out quickly!

Campers will be tested on the first day of their lesson and grouped accordingly. Camp counselors will accompany campers to and from their swim lessons.

Max. 6 in a class.

Fee: \$40 per week

Price includes 5 thirty minute lessons.

For more information, call Karen x26.

NEW! Explorer Week June 18 - June 22

Is your child out of school before your vacation, camp or other plans? We have the solution. **Explorer Week!**

We will keep your child safe and happy. The days will include local trips, indoor swimming, gym time, outside time, arts and crafts and more.

Explorers must bring their lunch, bathing suit, towel and sunscreen. Sign up for 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 days. This is open to all school age children. Explorers do not have to sign up for our general camp or be a Y member. \$75 per day. Sign up at the Y.



For more information

Call, Click or Visit:

(973) 267-0704 www.greatermorristownymca.org

How do I register?

Camp registration forms are available at the front desk or can be downloaded at www.GreaterMorristownYMCA.org

Follow the easy Registration Forms Check List on the registration form to be sure you have all your forms.

Important Note:

All camp forms and fees **must** be sent together.

Incomplete applications will be returned to you thus delaying your reservation for camp.

Questions? Email:

Camp@MorristownYmca.org



Lunch & Snack

Campers may bring their bagged lunch or purchase lunch & snack weekly for \$35.00. Lunches will be provided by Lovey's. A menu will be provided for the weeks selection. Juice and afternoon snack from the Snack Shack included. **Lunches must be purchased at registration or by Thursday of the prior week. No exceptions! The lunch option is not available to kinder campers.**

Healthy Heart Snack Shack

Fresh, cool, healthy afternoon snacks available for weekly purchase! Juice ice-pops, frozen grapes, kid friendly healthy snacks will be available-no need to pack one. \$5.00 per week. **Must be purchased at registration or by Thursday of the prior week. HHSS is available to all campers.**

We cannot offer daily lunch or snack purchases.

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Schedules subject to change.



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