

Welcome to the YWCA EPIC Summer Trips Program 2024 Edition

Fieldtrip Schedule

<u>Session</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Monday</u> Bus leaves @ 9:15am Returns @4pm	<u>Tuesday – 9am-return</u> **See Below	<u>Wednesday – 9am-4pm</u> Bus leaves @ 9:15am Returns @4pm	<u>Thursday – 9am-return</u> **See Below *Bring \$ to spend	<u>Friday – 9am-4pm</u> Bus leaves @ 9:15am Returns @4pm
I	June 24-28	Swimming @ the YWCA 9:30-10:30am Roller World, Saugus, MA Noon-3pm	Jay Gee’s Fun Center, Methuen, MA Noon-3:45pm **Bus leaves @ 11:15am Return @ 4:30pm	Hampton Beach State Reservation 9:45am-3:15pm	APEX Entertainment, Marlborough, MA 10:30am-4:45pm **Bus leaves @ 9:30am Return @ 6pm	Swimming @ the YWCA 9:30-10:30am Launch, Methuen, MA Noon-3:15pm
II	July 8-12	Swimming @ the YWCA 9:30-10:30am Rinks AT EXETER Noon-3pm	Museum of Science, Boston, MA Omni Theater (11am-Noon) Duck Tour (1-2:30pm) **Bus leaves @ 9:30am Return @ 4pm		Water Country, Portsmouth, NH 10:30am-4:45pm **Bus leaves @ 9:30am Return @ 5:30pm	Swimming @ the YWCA 9:30-10:30am Sky Zone, Danvers, MA Noon-3:15pm
III	July 15-19	Swimming @ the YWCA 9:30-10:30am It at Beantown Adventure Ropes Course, Reading, MA Noon-3pm	Kimball Farm, Westford, MA 11am-3:15pm **Bus leaves @ 9:45am Return @ 4:30pm		Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH 10am-5pm **Bus leaves @ 9:15am Return @ 6pm	Swimming @ the YWCA 9:30-10:30am Fun City, Salem, NH Noon-3:15pm
IV	July 22-26	Swimming @ the YWCA 9:30-10:30am Harold Parker State Forest, North Andover MA Noon-3pm	Newburyport Whale Watch, NBPT, MA 1:30-5:30pm **Bus leaves @ 12:45pm Return @ 6pm		Funtown Splashtown, Saco, ME 10:30am-4:30pm **Bus leaves @ 9:15am Return @ 6pm	Swimming @ the YWCA 9:30-10:30am Xtreme Craze Noon-3pm
V	July 29-Aug 2	Swimming @ the YWCA 9:30-10:30am Yankee Homecoming 11am-3:30pm Bring \$ to spend	Water Country, Portsmouth, NH 10:30am-3:15pm **Bus leaves @ 9:30am Return @ 4pm		Portland Sea Dogs vs Erie Seawolves Hadlock Field, Portland, ME 12:05pm -2:30pm **Bus leaves @ 10:15am Return @ 4pm	Swimming @ the YWCA 9:30-10:30am Launch, Methuen, MA Noon-3:15pm
VI	Aug 5-9	Swimming @ the YWCA 9:30-10:30am Captain’s Corner & Hodgies Too, Salisbury, MA Noon-3:30pm	New England Aquarium, Boston, MA 10:30am-3pm **Bus leaves @ 9:15am Return @ 4:30pm		Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH 10am-5pm **Bus leaves @ 9:15am Return @ 6pm	Swimming @ the YWCA 9:30-10:30am Sky Zone, Danvers, MA Noon-3:15pm

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These are your marching orders! Please read carefully and let me know if you have any questions.

Transportation

We are excited to be working with NRT Bus, Inc. again this summer.

Fieldtrip Updates

All trips are tentative and subject to change. We will have updates about weekly sessions each Monday, so be prepared to take a minute with us as you drop off at the start of each week.

Drop Off & Pick Up (Camp Days are 9am-4pm Mon/Wed/Fri and then from 9am to varying pick up times on Tues/Thurs – Times are all detailed on your trip schedule)

- **Morning Drop Off** begins at 8:55 at Door #1. Summer staff will prop the doors so that you can enter starting at 8:55. Parents should park in the lot located at 32 North Atkinson Street and then walk up the stairway to the right of the lot and then follow the sidewalk into Door #1. Parents **MUST** escort children into program and ensure that they are checked in with a staff person. Daily bus departure times are indicated on the trips schedule. Children need to arrive on time each morning. Busses will leave promptly without you if you are late. Program will open at **8:45am on Mondays** to allow extra time for weekly admin/registration clean up.
- **Afternoon Pick Up** will be outside. The school building will close each day at 3pm. The group will be dropped off to Door #2 in the North Atkinson Street lot. Parents should always look for staff to assist them with dismissal and to ensure that staff note that children are picked up.

Absences

It is the **parent/guardian's responsibility** to notify the program directly in the case of an absence. Text and/or call the site cell phone at **(978) 518-0387** if your child will be absent.

Items Needed Everyday – Please Label Everything!!!!

- **Camp T-shirt** – Campers will receive their camp t-shirt on their 1st day of camp this summer and we want these shirts to come with them each day. It's fine if your child wants to wear something else, but we need these bright orange shirts to support us keeping track of everyone. Please pack your camp t-shirt each day.
- **Comfortable Weather Appropriate Clothing** – Pay attention to the weather and send in sweatshirts, hats or even rain jackets if needed. Make sure to send in sun protective wear on beach days and know that your camp shirt works as a wonderful rash guard/sun shirt!
- **Sun Protection & Bug Spray** – We LOVE for children to be sun-screened prior to camp on days when it is very sunny as well as before trips to the beach. We will have systematized times when all campers will be supervised through applying sunscreen; make sure that your child always has sunscreen with them for re-applying. Send in your bug spray and we have children apply when necessary; they don't need to have this on every day.
- **Swimming Gear** – suit & towel (goggles if you use them). Girls with hair that is shoulder length or longer will need to tie their hair up in an elastic, so please send them with an elastic for swimming.
- **Food** – Morning Snack, Lunch and Afternoon Snack These kids will be super active and will eat a lot more in the summertime than what you might see during the school year. We will be burning fuel like crazy, so send in lots of food.
- **Water** – Children should have ½ their body weight in ounces of water each day. Please make sure to send in a refillable water bottle, so we can make sure that they stay hydrated.
- **Toys from home** – Please keep the toys at home. **The YWCA is not responsible for lost or stolen items.**
- **Spending \$** - We recommend giving your child spending money for Thursdays (\$10-15) when we are at the amusement parks. This is to allow them an extra food item on these longer days or a souvenir or additional experience (like photo booths, tattoos and the like). **The only other date that we ask for spending \$ is when we head into Yankee Homecoming on July 29th.

Trip Waiver Forms

There will be waivers needed throughout the summer. Make sure to do online waivers in advance, most venues keep everything online these days and they will check waivers against a camp roster before we arrive to get us in as smoothly as possible. Please pay attention to the attached itinerary and get those waivers done asap!

Swimming (Mondays and Fridays 9:30-10:30am)

Children should come to program on Mondays and Fridays with their swimsuits already on as we will swimming first thing. The group will be participating in an open swim with the aquatics staff assessing swim ability and determining which areas are safest for children in this large group swim setting. After swim we will be heading out on afternoon trips, so please make sure to send in everything your child will need to be comfortable for the rest of the day. We recommend brushes and spray in conditioner or even doing some braids for swimming day to keep things easy. While we won't every pressure a child to participate in swim, there are no other scheduled activities during the swim time and children will need to remain on deck with us at the pool. Don't forget your goggles!

Camp Cell Phone Number – (978) 518-0387