

YMCA Summer Camp... An experience that lasts a lifetime!

10% Discount
for Early Bird
Registration

“My daughter is still telling our friends about getting to lead her group on the bog walk, and all her other adventures in nature.”

-Steven, Ponkapoag Parent 2007

Charles River YMCA Summer Camps 2009

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Ponkapoag Camp
1 Ponkapoag Trail
Canton, MA 02021
781-575-9905



Our Mission

The YMCA of Greater Boston is dedicated to improving the health of mind, body and spirit of individuals and families in our communities. We welcome men and women, boys and girls of all incomes, faiths and cultures.



All of our camping programs comply with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CMR430.000).

Campership For All

The Charles River YMCA is committed to providing a summer camp experience for every child regardless of ability to pay. Through the YMCA of Greater Boston's ACCESS program, reduced camp fees are available to families with qualifying household incomes. The Charles River YMCA is also happy to arrange individualized payment plans and to accept child care vouchers and third party payments. Please do not let the cost of camp prevent you from registering - contact Marie Lenane at 781-444-6400 x 238 or mlenane@ymcaboston.org today to discuss financial arrangements.

The summer is back and so is the fun! The Charles River YMCA Day Camps are designed to help your child grow, learn, play, meet new friends and have fun!

Every camp is filled with fun, excitement and new experiences. Campers are placed into smaller age-appropriate groups so they can receive the extra attention, care and encouragement they need to feel at home at camp.

CAMP AT THE PONKAPOAG OUTDOOR CENTER

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(Ages 5-14)

Our Facility

The Ponkapoag Outdoor Center, located in the Blue Hills Reservation near Canton, MA, is a beautiful wilderness setting with immediate access to woodlands, open meadows, a quaking bog, ponds and 125 miles of hiking trails. The 35-acre site includes an archery range, low and high ropes courses, an outdoor swimming pool with showers, changing room, and modern flush toilets, activity fields and court, covered pavilions, and buildings for Creative Arts and Environmental Science. The spacious lodge features a large activity room, Health Center, and camp offices.

Program Areas

Ropes & Outdoor Challenges for Kids (ROCK)

The cooperative games, trust building initiatives, and ropes course elements utilized in our ROCK program challenge campers to exercise critical thinking skills, respect teammates, and build self-esteem and leadership skills through exciting activities on the ground and high in the trees.

Environmental Science

Our environmental science program develops in campers an awareness and appreciation of the great outdoors through hiking, outdoor living skills, and science activities. Campers explore a quaking bog, learn about protected species, maintain a vegetable and flower garden, and participate in orienteering treasure hunts.

Aquatics

Our aquatics program offers both daily swim lessons and free swim, allowing campers to improve their swimming skills and also enjoy the pool with their friends and counselors. Campers are grouped by ability level and all aquatics activities take place under the supervision of a certified lifeguard.

Creative Arts

Our creative arts program includes traditional craft activities as well as projects inspired by and using materials from our natural surroundings. Drama and dance activities are also a frequent, fun addition to this program.

Sports & Games

The sports and games program introduces campers to a wide range of sports and creative, team-oriented games. Fun, skill development, and teamwork are stressed. With everything from archery and kickball to basketball and soccer, campers develop new skills while having a ball!

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Transportation (Ponkpoag Outdoor Center Only)

Bus transportation is available to the Ponkpoag Outdoor Center from the locations listed below. Buses are monitored by Ponkpoag Outdoor Center staff at all times.

We will be offering transportation from the following towns to camp and back:

Braintree	Jamaica Plain	Roxbury	Milton
Canton	Needham	Wellesley	Stoughton
Dorchester	Randolph	Sharon	Easton

Time of pick up and drop off are to be determined. Locations are subject to change based on need and/or use. Please indicate your preference for transportation location/stop on the Registration form.

Extended Day

Our extended day service takes the pressure off your commute to and from work. Campers enjoy activities under the supervision of Camp staff at one of two locations: 1) the Charles River YMCA Pool Site in Needham, 2) Ponkpoag Outdoor Center. Pre-camp care is available from 7:30am until bus pick-up and post-camp care is available from close of camp day until 6:30pm.

The Camp Day

The camp day runs from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Campers bring their own lunch and the Ponkpoag Outdoor Center provides an afternoon snack. Campers will enjoy a balanced program of structured activities in each of the program areas and fun filled periods of choice activities with their camper group.

Session Dates

Week 1: June 22-26	Week 6: July 27-31
Week 2: June 29 – July 3	Week 7: Aug 3-7
Week 3: July 6-10	Week 8: Aug 10-14
Week 4: July 13-17	Week 9: Aug 17-21
Week 5: July 20-24	Week 10: Aug 24-28



Camp Hours

9:00am – 4:30pm

Camp Fees (per week)

Household Income	Family Member	Youth Member	Non-member	Transportation	Extended Day
\$56,600+ (Full Rate)	\$225	\$275	\$295	\$50	\$50
\$45,000-\$56,599	\$214	\$261	\$285	\$40	\$40
\$35,000-\$44,999	\$169	\$206	\$225	\$30	\$30
Under \$35,000	\$135	\$165	\$180	\$20	\$20

*Purchase a Multiple week discount

Attend 3 or more weeks, receive \$50 off camp fee

Attend 7 or more weeks, receive \$100 off camp fee

*Sibling Discount: Campers from the same household attending camp the same week receive a 10% discount.

CAMP ON THE GO

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(Ages 5-11)

Camp on the GO is just that. Exciting theme-based field trips, plenty of indoor and outdoor activities, in-house performances, and daily swimming. This camp is guaranteed to build memories that will last a lifetime. Hop on Board!

Week 1	June 29-July 3	Nature and Animals
Week 2	July 6-10	Exploring New England
Week 3	July 13-17	Mad Scientists
Week 4	July 20-24	Wide World of Sports
Week 5	July 27-31	Theater
Week 6	August 3-7	Creative Arts
Week 7	August 10-14	Olympics
Week 8	August 17-21	Little Chef
Week 9	August 24-28	Fun & Games

Camp on the Go Hours
 8:30am-5:30pm
 *Extended Hours for Camp on the Go
 7:30am-6:30pm
 *Additional \$50.00 per week

Camp on the Go Fees (per week)

Household Income	Family Member	Youth Member	Non-member
\$56,600+	\$275	\$325	\$350
\$45,000-\$56,599	\$261	\$309	\$333
\$35,000-\$44,999	\$206	\$244	\$263
Under \$35,000	\$165	\$195	\$210

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SCAMPER CAMP

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(Ages 3-5)

Scamper Camp is a half day camping program for pre-school children who are 3-5 years of age. Children will participate in a variety of activities relating to weekly themes including out-door activities, arts & crafts, science enrichment activities, swimming and more. This camp nurtures young campers with one counselor to 5 campers and encourages them to grow socially by making new friends. have fun.

Week 1	June 29-July 3	Animals, Nature and More!
Week 2	July 6-10	Exploring our Community
Week 3	July 13-17	Dinosaur Adventures
Week 4	July 20-24	Wide World of Sports
Week 5	July 27-31	Super Hero Training
Week 6	August 3-7	Farmyard Fun
Week 7	August 10-14	Young @ Art
Week 8	August 17-21	Journey Through the Rainforest
Week 9	August 24-28	Best of Scamper Camp

Scamper Camp Hours
 9:00am-1:00pm
 *PM Extended hours available for scamper camp
 1:00pm- 5:30pm
 *Additional \$100 per week

Scamper Camp Fees (per week)

Household Income	Family Member	Youth Member	Non-member
\$56,600+	\$175	\$225	\$250
\$45,000-\$56,599	\$166	\$214	\$238
\$35,000-\$44,999	\$131	\$169	\$188
Under \$35,000	\$105	\$135	\$150

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MLS CAMPS SOCCER CLINIC

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The clinic will be run by MLS (Major League Soccer) Camps and feature certified coaches with international soccer experience. Age appropriate activities and drills will provide a positive learning experience for the young beginner and improve the skills of the more advanced player. The clinic will run at Greene's field in Needham. Shin guards are required.

Dates

July 13 to July 17

MLS Camp Soccer Clinic Fees (per week)

Ages	Times	Fees
3-4 year olds	9:00-9:45 AM	\$115
3-4 year olds	10:00-10:45 AM	\$115
5-6 year olds	11:00-12:30 PM	\$125
7-12 year olds	9:00-12:00 PM	\$175

All participants will receive a T-shirt and a ball.
You may register at the YMCA or on line at www.mlscamps.com.



Our Staff

The staff of our YMCA Day Camps is comprised mainly of college-age young adults pursuing their degrees in education or a specialty related to their camp job such as art or environmental science. We are proud to report that over 75% of our staff members each summer are either returning camp counselors or have worked for the YMCA of Greater Boston during the previous school year. All staff members undergo background and reference checks, complete child abuse prevention training, and are certified in CPR and first aid.



Open Houses

At the YMCA, 863 Great Plain Ave. • Needham, MA, 02492 • 781-444-6400

Join us from 10 AM – 1 PM on Saturday January 24, Saturday March 7 or Saturday June 6. Meet some of the staff and collect information to choose the camp that is right for you!

At Ponkapoag, • 1 Ponkapoag Trail • Canton, MA 02021 • 781-575-9905

Join us from 10:00am-1:00pm on Saturday March 7, Saturday April 4, or Saturday June 6. Tour the Ponkapoag Outdoor Center, meet our leadership team, and enjoy a cookout lunch.



Camp Registration Form Summer 2009

Camper

Name: _____

Gender: F M Date of Birth: ___/___/___

School Grade (Fall 2007): _____

Parent

Name: _____

Gender: F M Date of Birth: ___/___/___

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell/Emergency Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Payment Policies

1. A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$25 per week of camp is required at the time of registration.
2. All outstanding balances are due by June 2
3. Unless prior arrangements have been made, outstanding balances not paid by June 2 will incur a \$25 late fee.
4. After June 2, new registrations require payment in full.
5. All changes in enrollment after initial registration must be in writing and are subject to availability.
6. All cancellations, other than those caused by verifiable medical reasons, require a 30-day written notice stating reasons for withdrawal. With proper notification, a tuition refund minus the \$25 per week deposit will be made.
7. Tuition for campers who leave camp for behavioral reasons will not be refunded.

Camp at the Ponkapoag Outdoor Center

Select camp session(s) below by checking the appropriate box(es). Also indicate whether you will be using bus transportation and/or extended day care (additional fees apply).

	6/22- 6/26	6/29- 7/3	7/6- 7/10	7/13- 7/17	7/20- 7/24	7/27- 7/31	8/3- 8/7	8/10- 8/14	8/17- 8/21	8/24- 8/28
Camp										
Bus										
Ext. Day										

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	6/29- 7/3	7/6- 7/10	7/13- 7/17	7/20- 7/24	7/27- 7/31	8/3- 8/7	8/10- 8/14	8/17- 8/21	8/24- 8/28
Camp On the Go									
Scamper Camp									
MLS									
Ext. Day									

Payment

Total payment enclosed (\$25/week deposit): \$ _____

Check: Check #: _____

Credit Card: Credit Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____

I understand that full payment is required prior to my child's arrival at camp. I understand that the camper paperwork packet required by the state law must be completed prior to my child's arrival at camp.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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Contact information

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