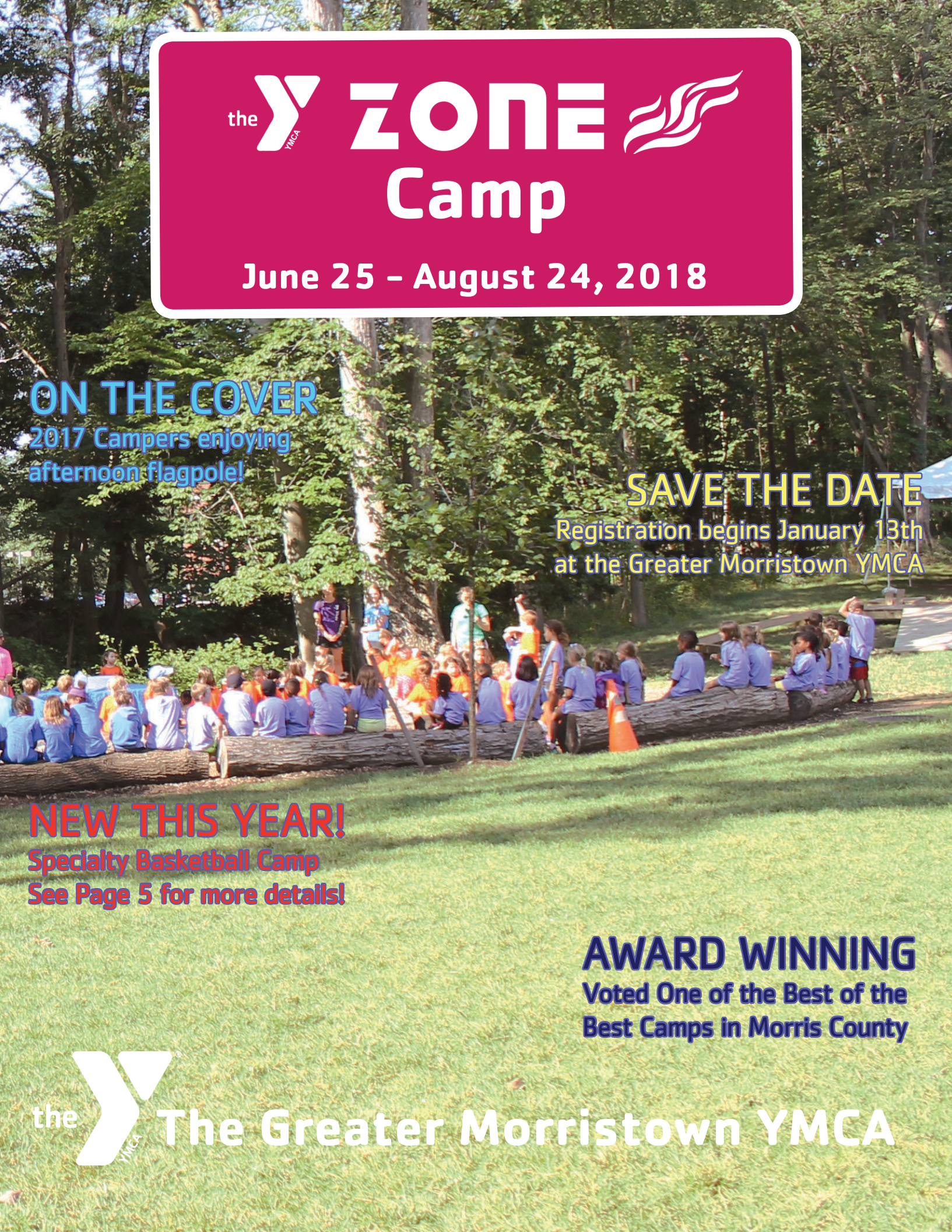

the YMCA ZONE Camp

June 25 – August 24, 2018

ON THE COVER

2017 Campers enjoying afternoon flagpole!

SAVE THE DATE

Registration begins January 13th at the Greater Morristown YMCA

NEW THIS YEAR!

Specialty Basketball Camp

See Page 5 for more details!

AWARD WINNING

Voted One of the Best of the Best Camps in Morris County

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The Greater Morristown YMCA

Greetings Summer Campers!

For more than 90 years, boys and girls have been creating special memories and forming lifelong friendships at the Greater Morristown YMCA Summer Camps. We provide many creative activities, field trips and most of all fun while instilling a sense of belonging in a safe and nurturing environment.

This summer will be our third year at the Y-Zone facility, the perfect setting for kids to unplug and connect with nature and each other. There are fields for sports, woods for exploring and shaded tables for crafts and games. Inside we have an art room, basketball gym and game room as well as daily recreational swim at the YMCA, located just around the corner. Your child's day will be structured but there will be time to just be a kid, hang out and use his or her imagination.

We are thrilled to once again be voted One of the Best Camps in Morris County and we look forward to welcoming all of our new and returning campers.

Sincerely,
Juan Erazo
Camp Y-Zone Director

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CAMPER

8:00AM	DROP OFF	Campers will be picked up from your car and brought to their designated play stations.
9:15AM	FLAGPOLE	Directors, counselors and campers will meet for a gripping show where we get everyone pumped for the day. Prizes, songs and contests are not uncommon for Flagpole. Some have started referring to Flagpole as The Greatest Show on Earth.
9:45AM	SPORTS SKILLS & GAMES	Campers break off with their groups (3rd & 4th grade girls, for example) and play a game or learn some new sports skills with their counselors.
10:30AM	ARTS, CRAFTS & SCIENCE	Your camper will get to enjoy all three activities throughout the week! The projects are normally based around the weekly theme.
11:15AM	TEAM BUILDING	Our new outdoor ropes course behind the Y-Zone means new adventures, team building and problem solving.
12:00PM	LUNCH	Campers may bring their own lunch or you may order lunch (see page 8 for details)
1:00PM	SWIMMING	Everyone loves swimming in our beautiful and refreshing indoor pool. Lessons are NOT provided during the camp day but all swimmers are tested and plenty of lifeguards are on deck to supervise.
2:00PM	GYM ACTIVITIES	Capture the Flag, Four Square, Basketball & Volleyball are all examples of what campers will play during this time in our spectacular gym!
2:45PM	AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES	Campers will enjoy the large wooded area behind the Y-Zone to creatively design their own forts with constant counselor supervision.
3:30PM	AFTERNOON FLAGPOLE	All campers gather for an afternoon version of Flagpole. Camp games, announcements and dance contests frequently occur during this time.
4:00-6:00PM	PICK-UP TIME	Campers await their rides in their designated play stations where we provide a variety of activities including Ga-Ga or Nukem tournaments.

CAMP Y-ZONE INFORMATION

GRADES 1st-7th

Summer is a time to make friends, have fun, learn and grow, but most of all, BE HAPPY! Our camp allows your child the freedom to do all that and more! We are honored to be voted one of the **BEST OF THE BEST CAMPS** in Morris County in 2017.

WHAT MAKES CAMP Y-ZONE ONE OF THE BEST OF THE BEST CAMPS?

- GREAT hours: 8:00AM to 6:00PM (camp hours are normally until 4PM, however, we include after care from 4:00-6:00PM as part of our program).
- There is also an early drop off option of 7:15AM available for $35/week
- Convenient drop off and pick up from your car
- Weekly age appropriate trips
- Daily recreational swim and playground trips to the Y, located around the corner from the Zone
- Specialty camps are included for everyone with our regular camp fees
- When campers are seniors in high school they are eligible to apply for the Annual Y-Zone College Scholarship
- Themed weeks that are educational and fun!
- Staff - our counselors are experienced, well trained and they love their job (it shows)! Picture below.
- Seasoned Camp Directors
- Flagpole (also known as the Greatest Show on Earth)
- Dance Competitions

THE Y-ZONE YOUTH ANNEX CAMP FACILITY

The Y-Zone Facility was created specifically for camp and is just around the corner from The Greater Morristown YMCA in Cedar Knolls. 6,000 square feet in size and located on 3 acres of property, the Y-Zone has everything a kid needs to have the best summer ever!

- Art Room
- Soccer/Sports field
- Game Room with air hockey, pool table, ping pong, music and Giant Jenga®
- Outdoor beach volleyball court
- Shaded picnic area
- Large wooded area for fort building and nature hikes
- Basketball Gym
- Gaga Pit
- Ropes Course
- Flagpole theatre

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

GRADES 1st-7th

Y-ZONIES CAMP KIDS Grades 1st-4th

Our philosophy is simple: Put play in their day! Young campers are interested in fun, play, activities, exploring, laughing and making friends. At Camp Y-Zone we are 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 Y-Zone Camp so your child will have smiles all summer long.

Y-ZONERS CAMP KIDS Grades 5th-7th

This is a great camp for children in grades 5th-7th. It gives them 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. Y-Zoners go on off-site trips to places like rock climbing, ice skating, movie theatres, bowling and iPlay America. We plan one big trip each week supplemented by local trips to parks and off-site pools. The fun doesn't stop there though! Special guests and surprises are a frequent event during Fun Filled Fridays!

NEW! MR. EJ'S SPECIALTY BASKETBALL CAMP

Join us for this Back-to-Basics Basketball Camp, held at the YMCA, the birthplace of Basketball! This new specialty camp will focus on the fundamentals of basketball, including defense, rebounding, passing, ball handling, proper stretching and individidual as well as team drills. Our new camp is unique - basketball enthusiasts will be able to do strength and agility training in our fitness room. **Grades 1st - 5th, this specialty camp is five days a week (no 2 or 3 day options are available). Specialty campers will receive ONE t-shirt which is to be worn every day. Additional shirts are available for $7 each.**

Hours: 9AM-12PM (Basketball Specialty Camp ONLY) -- OR --
8AM-6PM (Y-Zone Summer Camp PLUS Specialty Basketball Camp)

Weeks: Week 1: 7/9-7/13
Week 2: 7/23-7/27
Week 3: 7/30-8/3
Week 4: 8/6-8/10

SPECIALTY BASKETBALL WEEKLY CAMP RATE

# of Days	SPECIALTY B-BALL CAMP ONLY (9-12PM) GMY MEMBER RATES by 4/30, after 4/30	SPECIALTY B-BALL CAMP PLUS Y-ZONE CAMP (8-6PM) GMY MEMBER RATES by 4/30, after 4/30
5	$150 / $165	$400 / $415

All specialty basketball campers should be dropped off at the Y-Zone (25 Saddle Road) no later than 9AM as they will be bused to the YMCA (where the camp will be held), which is located around the corner. **Campers enrolled in the Specialty Basketball Camp ONLY should be picked up by 12PM each day. Drop-off AND pick-up is at the Y-Zone.**

EVERY DAY IS SPECIAL!

FOR Y-ZONE CAMPERS GRADES 1st-7th

At Camp Y-Zone, every day is different but one thing stays the same - your children will have fun, make friends and remember their summers for years to come! Here are a few memories from 2017!

Outdoor fun!

Arts & Crafts

Swimming at the YMCA!

Y-Zone Ropes Course!

Ice cream truck!

Fun at Glass Works!

Trip to Streeter Pool!

Soccer!

Basketball!

VISIT WWW.GREATERMORRISTOWNYMCA.ORG OR CALL (973) 267-0704 FOR DETAILS

THEMED WEEKS

There is no hiding the fact that we REALLY get into our weekly themes! Directors and counselors will get into character for the corresponding weeks and the music, food and wardrobes will reflect the themes as well. See below for themes... we look forward to creating new memories!

WORLD CUP WEEK (June 25-29) This week will be dedicated to the 2018 FIFA World Cup that is taking place in Russia. We will learn about the different countries participating in the competition and participate in fun soccer activities throughout the week. Friday we will crown the YZone World Cup Champion. Which team will win?

PUZZLES & GAMES WEEK (July 2-6) A whole week devoted to puzzles, riddles, and challenges!! Campers will participate in various interactive life size games throughout the week. Campers will also be introduced to different bestselling board games from around the globe. The week will be capped off with a visit from the Game Truck.

DISNEY WEEK (July 9-13) The Y-ZONE will become everything Disney for this special week!! We will explore the wonderful world of Disney from the classics to its newest shows. Different camp groups will reenact Disney Movies and campers are more than welcome to dress up like their favorite Disney characters for this week. On Friday, campers will be able to cool off as the Kona Ice truck visits the Zone.

INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS WEEK (July 16-20) Campers will experience 4 different cities in 4 days: Madrid, Tokyo, Rome and Paris! Each day the Y Zone will transform into a different international city, to give our campers a taste of world travel. On Friday, we will have an International Feast. Campers (Parents) are more than welcome to bring a traditional dish from their home. We will then have a feast and get to taste different foods from different countries.

Y-ZONE HAS GOT TALENT WEEK (July 23-27) We will have our own version of America's got Talent week here at the Y Zone. We welcome all campers to the Y Zone's Got Talent stage to perform for the crowd and the judges. On Friday, we will have our 1st ever Y Zone's Got Talent show! All participants will get to perform their talents in front of a live stage (parents are welcome).

NY SPORTS TEAM WEEK (July 30-August 3) We will celebrate all of the NY professional sports teams in the area! Campers will attend a Somerset Patriots baseball game!

TRAVEL TO THE FUTURE WEEK (August 6-10) This week we will travel to the future! What will the year 2050 be like? Campers will use their imagination and creativity as we travel to the future going from the year 2030 on Monday to the year 3000 on Friday. We'll round out the week with a Magic Show from the year 3000, courtesy of Magic Marco.

AMERICAN GLADIATOR WEEK (August 13-17) This week we pay tribute to one of the best gameshows of the early 1990's, American Gladiators. Campers can expect different challenges, games, and activities throughout the week both on an individual basis as well as a team one. There will be awesome prizes and goodies to win this week. On Friday, we will have inflatable challenge courses visit the Zone for all campers to try!

HARRY POTTER WEEK (August 20-24) A week dedicated to everything and we mean everything Harry Potter. The Zone will become Hogwartz for this, the last week of camp. Campers will learn about the plot of the stories, and the characters. Campers are more than welcome to dress up like Harry Potter characters for the whole week and act like them; we know our staff will! No flying though is allowed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LUNCH & SNACK Campers may bring their bagged lunch or purchase lunch and snack weekly for $7.00 per day. A menu will be provided for the weeks selection. Juice and afternoon snack from the Snack Shack are included. Campers choosing to buy lunch must do so for every day they are in camp that week (3 day campers buy lunch for 3 days, 5 day campers buy lunch for 5 days etc.) Lunches must be purchased at registration or by Wednesday of the prior week. No exceptions! The lunch option is not available to Kinder Campers.

ZONE'S FAMOUS "SNACK SHACK" Fresh, cool afternoon snacks are available for weekly purchase. Juice ice-pops, frozen grapes, kid friendly snacks will be available - no need to pack one. $5.00 per week. Must be purchased at registration or by Wednesday of the prior week. Snack Shack is available to all campers. Campers may also bring $1.00 to purchase a snack.

EARLY MORNING DROP OFF Before care is available at 7:15 AM for $35/Full week.

The **Y-Zone Youth Annex** is a brand new, state-of-the-art facility that was built to accommodate our Summer Camp program, recently voted again as one of the Best Summer Camps in Morris County. Opened in 2016, the Y-Zone is over 6,000 square feet in size and includes a basketball gym, a game room, a spacious multi-purpose room, and rests on three beautiful wooded acres, located just around the corner from the Greater Morristown YMCA. During the year the Y-Zone hosts a multitude of programs, from basketball clinics to pickleball. The Y-Zone is also available for birthday party rentals September through May. In addition to the Y-Zone, campers will also enjoy our new facility on Saddle Road. More details to come!

SAVE THE DATE! Camp Y-Zone Parent Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 14th from 6:30-7:15PM at the Y-Zone.

Indoor Gymnasium

Ariel view of the Y-Zone Facility (6,000 sq. feet)

Game Room /
Multi-purpose room

Outdoor View from the Patio (3 acres)

IMPORTANT RATE & PAYMENT INFORMATION

PAYMENT INFORMATION

A 50% deposit of camp fees is required at time of registration. Remaining 50% is due before May 1st to obtain the early registration discount. As of May 1st, 100% of the bill is due or is subject to the price increase. A registration fee of $50 is required for **ALL** campers.

NOTE: ALL OTHER FEES ARE DUE IN FULL UPON REGISTRATION: EXTRA T-SHIRTS, LUNCH, REGISTRATION FEE, ETC.

Limited financial aid is available to those who qualify and live in our service area. Financial Aid Applications will ONLY be accepted January 13th-20th, 2018. Incomplete applications will not be considered. There are NO exceptions.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Camp registration forms are available at the Greater Morristown YMCA Member Services Desk (79 Horsehill Road, Cedar Knolls) or can be downloaded via www.greatermorristownymca.org. Registration begins January 13, 2018 at the Greater Morristown YMCA. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. It is highly recommended that you register early for all the weeks you require. There is a strong possibility that some weeks will fill up.

IMPORTANT NOTES

All completed camp forms and fees MUST be sent together. Incomplete applications will be returned to you thus delaying reservation for camp.

T-shirts must be worn every day. T-shirt orders take 10 days to complete and can only be ordered at the time of registration.

Y-ZONE WEEKLY RATES (GRADES 1st-7th)

# of Days	GMY MEMBER RATES by 4/30, after 4/30	GMY MEMBER SIBLING RATE by 4/30, after 4/30	NON-MEMBER RATES by 4/30, after 4/30
5	$300 / $310	$290 / $300	$305 / $315
4	$260 / $270	$250 / $260	$265 / $275
3	$210 / $220	$200 / $210	$215 / $225

2017 Y-ZONE CAMP TESTIMONIALS

"My son had a really great time and looked forward to going every day. It's a nice environment for them to spend their summer. The counselors are great!"

"My daughter met new friends, fell in love with her counselors, and tried new things. I think this camp is a great value and experience for her."

"Thank you to all the counselors. My son had the best time and can't wait for next summer. He misses all of you!"

"Eric really enjoyed the Y-Zone camp. It was one of the best summers he's had so far."

Questions? EMAIL: camp@morristownymca.org or CALL (973) 267-0704

KINDER CAMP & LITTLE OWLS

Camp for Ages 3-5 at The Richard F. Blake Children's Center
65 Horsehill Road, Cedar Knolls

Our youngest campers are located next door to the YMCA at our Richard F. Blake Children's Center. The center is located in a park like setting and includes 20,000 square feet of classrooms, outdoor playgrounds and our "Little Honey Playland" gym. We offer small group sizes with low teacher-to-child ratios.

KINDER CAMP & LITTLE OWLS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register for Kinder Camp and Little Owls at the Blake Center. Before Care is available for Little Owls & Kinder Campers at 7:15 AM for $35/week. A registration fee of $50 is required for ALL campers. Registration forms are available at the front desk of the Richard F. Blake Children's Center or online at www.greatermorristownymca.org. Please call (973) 984-2255 for any additional information.

KINDER CAMP WEEKLY RATES

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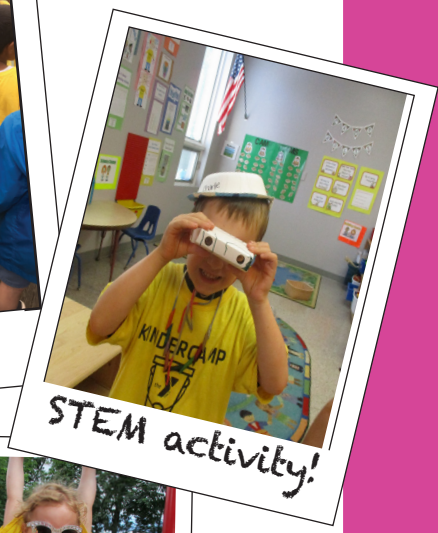
KINDER CAMP

A full day camp for children eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2018. Our Kinder Campers will take daily adventure walks to visit the YMCA playground and enjoy the pool for daily recreational swimming. Kinder Camp is managed by the Greater Morristown YMCA Camp Directors. Kinder Campers bring their own snack, drinks and bagged lunch. (Lunch is not available for purchase). **The Center is a nut free environment**. Nut free Snack Shack is also available for a minimal daily fee.

- Weekly Themed Activities
- Arts & Crafts
- Field Trips
- Rock climbing wall
- Science Themes & Activities
- Recreational Swim at the YMCA
- Swim Lessons (for an additional fee after recreational swim)

Field trip!


STEM activity!

Playground fun!

"My daughter had a blast at Kinder Camp. Her days were well structured and fun and I knew she was being well taken care of. She looked forward to attending each day... in fact, she never wanted to leave! It was the perfect transition from Preschool to Kindergarten and I would highly recommend it." - LF

Pick up and drop off is at the Richard F. Blake Children's Center

LITTLE OWLS
FULL DAY (8AM-6PM)

A camp program for children ages 3-4 to experience a "little bit" of the Blake Center. Children must be fully potty-trained. A daily, healthy snack is included. Little Owls bring their own bagged lunch and drinks. **The center is a nut-free environment.**

- Outdoor Water Play
- Playground
- Story Time
- Music Activities
- Themed Activities
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Swim lessons are available if the Little Owl is in Preschool II or III and is enrolled on a swim lesson day.

QUESTIONS?
Call Ashley or Rose at
(973) 984-2255.

LITTLE OWLS WEEKLY RATES

# OF DAYS	GMY MEMBER Rate by 4/30, after 4/30	NON- MEMBER Rate by 4/30, after 4/30
5	$300 / $310	$305 / $315
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The Richard F. Blake Children's Center
Outdoor Playground

The Richard F. Blake Children's Center
"Little Honey" Indoor Gym

SAVE THE DATE!
Kinder Camp and Little Owls Parent Orientation Meeting
Thursday, June 7, 2018
6:30-7:15 PM
At the Richard F. Blake Children's Center

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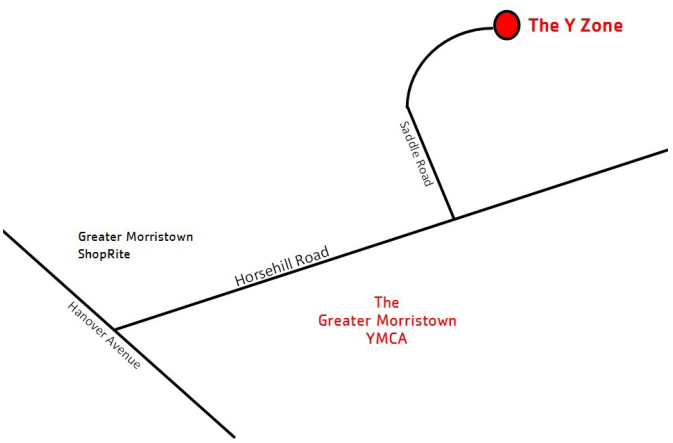
SAVE THE DATE!
Camp Registration Begins
Saturday, January 13th
at 9:00AM for grades 1-7 at
The Greater Morristown YMCA.
Little Owls/Kinder Camp
registration is at the Blake Center.

Located 1/2 mile from the Greater Morristown YMCA and just 10 minutes from the 287.



On the cover: Campers enjoying Afternoon Flagpole!

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Specialty Basketball Camp
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CAMP Y-ZONE AT THE
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