



The Greater Morristown YMCA

the  **ZONE** 
Camp
June 26 -August 25 2017

Greetings,

For more than 90 years boys and girls have been creating special memories, forming lifelong friendships, and developing leadership skills at Greater Morristown YMCA summer camps. The name and location of our camp may have changed but our goals remain the same. 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 second year at the Y-Zone facility. The Y-Zone is 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. 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 look forward to welcoming all of our new and returning campers.

Sincerely,

Ryan-Michael Deighan
Camp Y-Zone Director



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CAMP Y-ZONE

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CAMPER

A typical day at Camp Y-Zone (grades 1 - 9).

- 8:00 AM **DROP OFF** Campers will be picked up from your car and brought to their designated play stations.
- 9:15 AM **FLAGPOLE** Directors, counselors and campers will meet for a gripping show in which 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*.
- 9:45 AM **SPORTS SKILLS & GAMES** Campers break off with their group (3rd & 4th grade girls for example) and play a game or learn some new sports skills with their counselors.
- 10:30 AM **ARTS, CRAFTS OR SCIENCE** Your camper will get to enjoy all three activities throughout the week! Usually the projects will be based around the weekly theme.
- 11:15 AM **TEAM BUILDING** Our new outdoor ropes course behind the Y-Zone means new adventures, team building and problem solving.
- 12:00 PM **LUNCH** Campers may bring their own lunch or you may order lunch (see page 8 for details.)
- 1:00 PM **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.
- 2:00 PM **GYM ACTIVITIES** Capture the Flag, Four Square, Basketball and Volleyball are all examples of what campers will play during this time in our spectacular new gym at the Y-Zone!
- 2:45 PM **FORT BUILDING** Campers will enjoy the large wooded area behind the Y-Zone to creatively design their own forts with constant counselor supervision.
- 3:30 PM **AFTERNOON FLAGPOLE** All campers gather for an afternoon version of Flagpole. Camp games, announcements and dance contests frequently occur during afternoon flagpole
- 4:00 - 6:00 PM **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

GRADES 1ST - 9TH

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 once again.

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

- GREAT hours: 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Convenient drop off and pick up from your car.
- Weekly age appropriate trips
- Daily recreational swim and playground trips to the Y.
- 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.
- Theme weeks that are educational and fun!
- Staff - our counselors are experienced, well trained and they love their job (it shows)!
- Seasoned Camp Directors
- Flagpole (the Greatest Show on Earth)
- Dance Competitions



The Y-Zone Camp Facility

The Y-Zone Facility was created specifically for camp. Located on 3 wooded acres the property 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





Science

"I will forever be grateful for the friends, the counselors and even the ninety degree summer weather because it led to the greatest friendships, memories and lessons I will ever come to know."

*- Maddie, camp alumnae and
2016 Y-Zone College Scholarship Winner*

Y-ZONIES CAMP KIDS Grades 1 – 4

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.

56'ers Grades 5 & 6

This is a great camp for 5th and 6th graders (56'ers). 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. 56'ers go on off-site trips to places like Camel Beach, Camp Speers, movie theatres, bowling and stadium tours. 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!

COUNSELOR -IN-TRAINING (C.I.T.s) Grades 7-9

As the oldest kids in camp, the C.I.T.s are responsible for setting a good example and being role models for the younger campers with their attitude, character, communication and values. Community service projects and field trips will be a common occurrence throughout the summer. The C.I.T. Program provides pre-teens with exciting opportunities to build character and self-esteem. During the summer the program will include training to develop lifelong skills, conflict management, problem solving and teaching and coaching skills. Activities and games will focus on individual and group development. C.I.T.s will plan, design and execute camp wide projects and events in order to develop a fun and unique culture that makes camp feel special.



EVERY DAY IS SPECIAL!

At Camp Y-Zone we have eliminated the additional fees for specialty camps. Instead, each group is given a "Specialty" each week! Two mornings out of every week will be dedicated to a program.

For Y-Zone Campers grades 1st - 9th

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE?

Our counselors will teach new and creative dance routines in a dedicated dance space to popular age appropriate tunes. The group will get to perform their routine for the camp at the end of the week.

VOLLEYBALL

The group will learn the basic skills of volleyball (setting, passing, serving). It will also include instruction on positions, rules & scoring while learning how to effectively communicate with their team and improve hand-arm-eye coordination.

SCIENCE

Campers are introduced to the scientific method in our fun, hands-on science programs. Every camp experience needs to include building a volcano!

LANYARD AND NECKLACE SHOP

The group will get instruction on how to braid some awesome lanyard! Double barrel? Yes, *please!* They will also get to create their own beaded necklaces and jewelry to show off to family and friends.

LEGO® LEGENDS

Campers will craft as many projects as they can in an intensely fun journey through our Lego® collection. One of our Lego® counselors will guide the participants through the adventure.

THEATRE

The campers will work with one of our theatre counselors and come up with skits together. We will try to conquer our stage fright and have fun with acting. There will be a final performance at the end of the week.

SOCCER

Campers will learn how to pass, shoot, and dribble through skills and drills. There will be a strong emphasis on teamwork and basic fundamentals of soccer. Led by certified instructors.

BASKETBALL

Learning the basic fundamentals of basketball is the key to success. Our own Coach EJ shares his expertise and teaches campers how to shoot, pass, dribble, as well as how to shoot a lay-up & rebound.



THEME 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. Here are some of our themes for the upcoming summer...

SPACE TRAVEL WEEK (June 26 – 30) We launch off our 2017 campaign with some intergalactic exploration. Campers will experience what life is like away from our home planet. We delve into the unlimited possibilities of the solar system and beyond in this fun-filled science theme week.

MYSTERY WEEK (July 3 – 7) Campers will transform into young Sherlock Holmes during this week of twists and turns. Who did it? Put on your thinking caps and prepare to expect the unexpected.

90's WEEK (July 10–14) Let's face it, the 1990's was probably the greatest decade since the 1550's. Nickelodeon, the Backstreet Boys and Dial-Up Internet Connections made this era unforgettable. We want to bring that experience to our campers during this week.

MONGOLIAN CONQUEST WEEK (July 17 – 21) Campers will dive into the world of Ghengis Khan and will get to experience life under the Mongol Empire. Much like the empire, we will expand our week into Asia, the Middle East and Europe with fun crafts and games.

Y-ZONE IDOL WEEK (July 24 – 28) The Y-Zone will host its first ever camp-wide singing competition this week, with guest judges. Campers may sing or spectate and vote in our take on the famed American Idol show. Who will be crowned Y-Zone Idol?

MEET THE PRESS WEEK (July 31 – August 4) During the Meet the Press Week campers will exercise their first amendment right of free speech in journalism. Each one of our camp groups will do some investigative reporting and issue our first camper created newspaper.

HALLOWEEK (August 7 – 11) What is better than one night of dressing up in fun outfits? How about five whole days of it! This week will embrace costumes, haunted trails and trick-or-treating. Campers will have a blast as October comes early this year.

BACK TO SCHOOL WEEK (August 14 – 18) This week we will celebrate our educational system – with a twist. Students are going to take over the “school”, where all campers will get a chance to play teacher, choose their own curriculum and maybe even give homework to their counselors!

AMERICAN DESTINATIONS WEEK (August 21 – 25) We celebrate our last week of camp with a week themed after some of America's top tourist destinations. Our Water Day will be like a trip to the California Coast. We'll also pay tribute to Texas, Maine and Wyoming this week as we learn about all that our country has to offer.

LUNCH & SNACK

Campers may bring their bagged lunch or purchase lunch and snack weekly for \$7.00 per day. A menu from Lovey's 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.

JUAN'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.



Field Trip

Flagpole



SEE PARENT PACKET FOR DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES.

CAMP Y-ZONE PARENT MEETING

Thursday, June 8
6:30 PM - 7:15 PM
At the Y-Zone

CAMP Y-ZONE C.I.T RATES Grades 7 - 9

# OF DAYS	RATES BY 4/30, AFTER 4/30	SIBLING RATES BY 4/30, AFTER 4/30
5	\$315/\$325	\$305/\$315
4	\$275/\$285	\$265/\$275
3	\$220/\$230	\$210/\$220

CAMP Y-ZONE RATES Grades 1 - 6

# OF DAYS	GYM MEMBER RATES BY 4/30, AFTER 4/30	GYM MEMBER SIBLING RATES BY 4/30, AFTER 4/30	NON-MEMBER RATES BY 4/30, AFTER 4/30
5	\$285/\$295	\$275/\$285	\$290/\$300
4	\$245/\$255	\$235/\$245	\$250/\$260
3	\$200/\$210	\$190/\$200	\$205/\$215

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 and will incur the price increase.

A registration fee of \$50 is required for ALL campers.

*Note: All other fees are due in full when you register: extra t-shirts, lunch, registration fee, etc.

Limited financial aid is available to those who qualify and live in our service area. Completed financial aid forms MUST be submitted by April 15th. Applications are available to download at: greatermorristownymca.org

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Camp registration forms are available at the Greater Morristown YMCA front desk or can be downloaded at greatermorristownymca.org. Registration runs from January 14, 2017 to August 2, 2017.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

All 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.

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.

QUESTIONS?

EMAIL: camp@morristownymca.org

CALL: (973) 267-0704

VISIT: greatermorristownymca.org or gymzone.org

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 Y 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

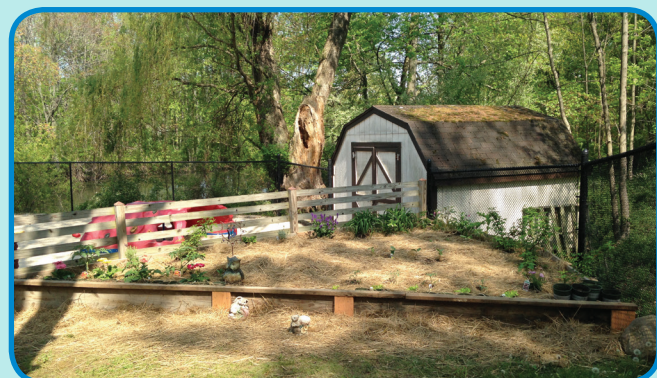
Register for Kinder Camp and Little Owls at the Blake Center. Before Care is available for Little Owls & Kinder Campers at 7:30 AM for \$35/week. A registration fee of \$50 is required for ALL campers. Registration forms are available at the front desk of the Blake center or online at www.greatermorristownymca.org

KINDER CAMP RATES			
# of Days	GYM MEMBER RATES by 4/30, after 4/30	GYM MEMBER SIBBLING RATE by 4/30, after 4/30	NON-MEMBER RATES by 4/30, after 4/30
5	\$285/\$295	\$275/\$285	\$290/\$300
4	\$245/\$255	\$235/\$245	\$250/\$260
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KINDER CAMP

A full day camp for children eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2017. 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.

- Weekly Theme Activities
- Arts & Crafts
- Field Trips
- Rock climbing wall
- Science Themes & Activities
- Swim Lessons (additional fee)





The Richard F. Blake Children's Center
Outdoor Playground

LITTLE OWLS

HALF DAY (9AM - 12PM) or

FULL DAY (8 AM - 6PM)

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

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

LITTLE OWLS RATES

# OF DAYS	GMY MEMBER 1/2 DAY Rate by 4/30, after 4/30	GMY MEMBER FULL DAY Rate by 4/30, after 4/30	NON-MEMBER 1/2 DAY Rate by 4/30, after 4/30	NON-MEMBER FULL DAY Rate by 4/30, after 4/30
5	\$210/\$220	\$285/\$295	\$215/\$225	\$290/\$300
4	\$185/\$195	\$270/\$280	\$190/\$200	\$275/\$285
3	\$155/\$165	\$225/\$235	\$160/\$170	\$230/\$240

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



QUESTIONS?

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

Kinder Camp and Little Owls Parent Orientation Meeting

June 7, 2017

6:30 - 7:15 PM

At the Richard F. Blake Children's Center
65 Horsehill Road, Cedar Knolls



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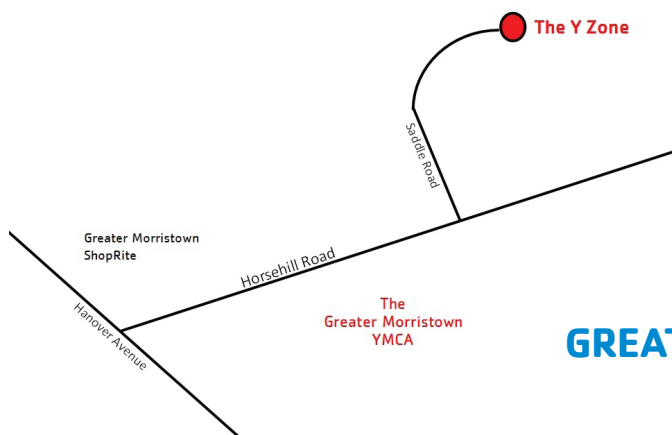
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CAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS

Saturday, January 14th 9:00 AM
at The Greater Morristown YMCA

CAMP DATES
June 26 – August 25

Located 1/2 mile
from the Greater
Morristown YMCA



**CAMP Y-ZONE AT THE
GREATER MORRISTOWN YMCA YOUTH ANNEX**
25 Saddle Road
Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927