



# FIND YOUR FUN.

SUMMER 2024 DAY CAMP GUIDE



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## CAMP COVE

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Mystic, CT 06355  
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## CAMP WATCHAUG

160 Prosser Trail  
Charlestown, RI 02813  
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# JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR OCEAN COMMUNITY YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMPS!



The Y has been a leader in providing summer camp for over 130 years. The Ocean Community YMCA provides youth a safe, healthy, and fun-filled environment to explore, build confidence, develop skills and make lasting memories and friendships. Our experienced and caring camp staff model the core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility that help build character. We strive to provide each camper with an optimal summer experience and give families peace of mind by providing a safe and enriching day camp.

## Staff to Camper ratios:

Ages	Staff	Campers
Ages 4-5	1	6
Ages 6-9	1	8
Ages 10-14	1	10

## IMPORTANT 2024 DATES:

- Summer camp registration opens on February 1st.
- Register by February 15th to lock in 2023 rates.
- Register and pay in full by March 1st to get a FREE camp t-shirt!



**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**



# FIND PASSION. GROW FRIENDSHIPS. MAKE MAGIC.

## Employment opportunities at the Ocean Community YMCA Summer Camps

Do you want to spend this summer making a difference? Do you enjoy working with children and understand the importance of being a positive role model? Do you enjoy the outdoors? If yes, to all three, then working at one of our YMCA summer day camps is the perfect opportunity for you!

We are looking for applicants who are strong leaders, creative thinkers, and safety conscious individuals. All camp staff are required to complete a criminal background check, appropriate employment application and forms, 3 reference checks, and 24 hours of staff training prior to the start of summer. To apply, scan the QR codes or contact one of the Camp Directors at the emails or phone numbers listed below.

### Camp Watchaug



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### Camp Cove

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# Camp Watchaug

Camp Watchaug is located on over 30 acres along the shore of Watchaug Pond in Charlestown, RI. Camp Watchaug includes a welcome center, waterfront, trails, amphitheater, main lodge, nature center, and an arts & crafts building. We also offer the following specialty camps: Water Sports, Rope Adventures, & Theatre Troupe.



## Camp Watchaug Activities Include:

- Swim lessons
- Recreational Swim
- Sailing\*
- Kayaking\*
- Canoeing
- Paddle Boards\*\*
- Pontoon Boat
- Water Trampoline\*
- Banana Boat
- Water Playscape\*\*
- Court Games
- Field Games
- STEM Programming
- Outdoor Skills
- Ga Ga
- Storytime
- Low Ropes
- High Ropes\*
- Giant Swing\*
- Climbing Wall
- Zip Line\*
- Arts & Crafts
- Archery
- Nature

\*Pioneers, Rangers & Explorers Only

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## Traditional Camp:

**\*No Camp on July 4th\***

Age 4 to Entering 9th Grade

Campers are placed in small groups and spend each day with the same counselor(s). Campers have swim lessons or recreational swim time and get to experience all the other age-appropriate activities.

Session	Dates	Duration	Member Rate	Participant Rate
Session A	June 17 - June 21	1 Week	\$280	\$325
Session B	June 24 - July 5	2 Weeks	\$415	\$490
Session C	July 8 - July 19	2 Weeks	\$460	\$545
Session D	July 22 - Aug 2	2 Weeks	\$460	\$545
Session E	Aug 5 - Aug 16	2 Weeks	\$460	\$545
Session F	Aug 19 - Aug 23	1 Week	\$280	\$325

## Counselor in Training (CIT) Program:

Entering 9th Grade

Our CIT program is specifically designed to foster the transition from camper to counselor with CITs receiving "hands-on" job training. CITs will have sessions designed to teach leadership, camper management and self-management.

Dates	Duration	Member Rate	Participant Rate
June 24 - Aug 16	8 Weeks	\$715	\$880

Session	Grades	Dates	Duration	Member Rate	Participant Rate
Session B	Entering 4th-6th	June 24 - July 5	2 Weeks	\$525	\$610
Session C	Entering 7th-9th	July 8 - July 19	2 Weeks	\$525	\$610
Session D	Entering 4th-6th	July 22 - Aug 2	2 Weeks	\$525	\$610
Session E	Entering 7th-9th	Aug 5 - Aug 16	2 Weeks	\$525	\$610

## Specialty Camps:

**Water Sports:** Activities include sailing, kayaking, canoeing, banana boating, paddle boarding, tubing, water skiing, and knee-boarding. Campers are required to wear life jackets for all boating activities, but Water Sports participants should be comfortable in deep water.

**Ropes Adventures:** Activities include low ropes, high ropes, zip lining, giant swing, team building activities and climbing wall.

**Theatre Troupe:** Campers will get to experience all of the elements of traditional camp but will have a specialized schedule that will include programs for acting, drama, and performance.

## Extended Day:

Extended Day is offered at both the Westerly-Pawcatuck Branch & Arcadia Branch. Drop off is between 7:00am & 8:30am. Pickup is between 4:30pm & 6:00pm. Bus transportation to and from camp is included in the camp fees.

Duration	AM or PM Member	AM or PM Participant	Both AM & PM Member	Both AM & PM Participant
Weekly Rate	\$55	\$65	\$70	\$85

# Camp Watchaug 2024 Dates & Rates



# Camp Cove

Camp Cove is located on over 20 acres along the shore of the Mystic River in Mystic, CT. Camp Cove includes 120 feet of beachfront, baseball field, playground, tennis courts, beach volleyball, and the Naik Family Branch YMCA. The YMCA facility houses a gymnasium, swimming pool, teen center, and many other areas in case of inclement weather. Camp Cove is licensed program through the State of Connecticut.



## Camp Cove Activities Include:

- Swim Lessons
- Kayaking\*
- Canoeing
- Paddle Boards\*
- Marine Science
- Court Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Archery
- Team Building
- Low Ropes Course
- Recreational Swim
- Opening/Closing Ceremonies
- Nature
- STEM Programming
- Sports
- Ga Ga
- Field Games
- Story Time

\*Age or swim requirement for participation







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Age 4 to Entering 9th Grade

Campers are placed in small groups and spend each day with the same counselor(s). Campers have a daily swim lesson or recreational swim time and get to experience all the other age-appropriate activities.

Session	Dates	Duration	Member Rate	Participant Rate
Session 1	June 17 - June 21	1 Week	\$230	\$275
Session 2	June 24 - July 5	2 Weeks	\$382	\$459
Session 3	July 8 - July 19	2 Weeks	\$425	\$510
Session 4	July 22 - Aug 2	2 Weeks	\$425	\$510
Session 5	Aug 5 - Aug 16	2 Weeks	\$425	\$510
Session 6	Aug 19 - Aug 23	1 Week	\$230	\$275

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Dates	Duration	Member Rate	Participant Rate
June 24 - Aug 16	8 Weeks	\$715	\$880



## Extended Day:

Extended Day is offered at the Naik Family Branch. Drop off is between 7:00am & 9:00am. Pickup is between 4:00pm & 6:00pm.

Duration	AM or PM Member	AM or PM Participant	Both AM & PM Member	Both AM & PM Participant
Weekly Rate	\$55	\$65	\$70	\$85

# Camp Cove 2024 Dates & Rates

# TONI'S KID PROGRAM

Toni's Kids is an integration initiative designed to provide support for children with diverse emotional, developmental, and intellectual disabilities.

Toni's Kids at Camp Watchaug receive the support of specialized staff so they can participate in regular activities and learn the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility with fellow campers. The Toni's Kids initiative enhances mutual respect among individuals of all abilities and helps every camper establish positive relationships and build lifelong social skills.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, please contact Dori McGovern, Inclusion Director, at [dmcgovern@oceancommunityymca.org](mailto:dmcgovern@oceancommunityymca.org)



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



Through generous volunteer and community support we are able to offer financial assistance for families who qualify through our YCares program. To apply, fill out our [YCares Application](#). If you are able, please consider a donation to our YCares Campership Fund. You can make a pledge on the registration form, through our website, or at your local branch.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are the goals of the camp program?

Campers enjoy a variety of outdoor experiences which promote physical activity, mental creativity and an environment to build life-long friendships; and also provide children the opportunity to develop independence, resiliency and a sense of self-empowerment.

### What is accreditation? How important is it for camp?

As part of our commitment to the highest standards of health, safety, and program quality, we choose to be accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA). ACA is the only independent accrediting organization in the country that reviews camping operations against strict quality standards.

### Do you offer before and after care for camp?

Extended Day is available to meet the needs of our working parents for a nominal fee. Care is available from 7:00am-9:00am and 4:00pm-6:00pm. Extended day for Camp Watchaug is held at the Arcadia Branch & Westerly-Pawcatuck Branch. Campers are bused to and from camp. Extended care for Camp Cove is located on the Field.

### Can you attend both camps?

YES! You can attend both camps. Many of our campers enjoy having two different but equally fun camp experiences in the summer.

### Do we need to have a family membership to get the member rate?

No, if you choose, you can register just your child as a member and secure the member rate for camp. The rate for a child through the age of 12 is \$26 per month and the rate for a child ages 13-17 is \$27 per month. Financial assistance is also available for membership, and we have family plans that include 1 or 2 adults and all children in the household through 22 years old.