





SUMMER 2026 DAY CAMP GUIDE

Financial Assistance Available!

ACCREDITED

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CAMP WATCHAUG

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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 experiences for more than 130 years. The Ocean Community YMCA's camps are accredited by the American Camp Association and offer youth a safe, healthy, and fun environment to explore, build confidence, develop new skills, and create lasting memories and friendships. Our experienced and caring staff model the YMCA's core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility—helping each camper grow in character and spirit. We strive to provide every child with an exceptional summer experience while giving families peace of mind knowing their camper is in a safe and enriching day camp environment.

CAMP OPEN HOUSES: 12-3pm

Camp Watchaug	Camp Cove
April 18	April 11
May 23	May 16

Register by December 31st and Save!

- December 1, 2025: Registration opens for returning campers ONLY.
- December 15, 2025: Registration opens to the public.
- December 31, 2025: Registration fee will be waived up until this date.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Camp 2026 Themes

Session	Dates	Theme
Session 1	June 22 - June 26	Mystical Magical
Session 2	June 29 - July 3	Color Wars
Session 3	July 6- July 10	*Penny Carnival
Session 4	July 13-July 17	Survivor
Session 5	July 20 – July 24	Gold Rush
Session 6	July 27 - July 31	Lights, Camera, Action
Session 7	Aug 3 - Aug 7	Olympics
Session 8	Aug 10 - Aug 14	Jurassic Journey
Session 9	Aug 17 - Aug 21	Galaxy Quest
Session 10	Aug 24 – Aug 28	The Best Summer Ever





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



Camp Watchaug Activities Include:

- Swim Lessons
- Recreational Swim
- Sailing**
- Kayaking**
- Canoeing
- Paddle Boards**
- Pontoon Boat*
- Water Trampoline**
- *Hummingbirds, Chickadees & Robins Only

- Banana Boat
- Water Playscape*
- Court Games
- Field Games
- Team Building
- Vertical Play Pen**
- Ga Ga
- Octagon Climbing Wall
- **Pioneers, Rangers & Explorers Only

- Low Ropes
- High Ropes**
- Giant Swing**
- Climbing Wall
- Zip Line**
- Arts & Crafts
- Archery
- Corcls*

***Rangers & Explorers Only





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 29 – Aug 21	8 Weeks	\$550	\$650



Extended Day: NOW Available at Camp!

Extended Day is offered at both the Westerly-Pawcatuck Branch & Camp Watchaug. Drop off is between 7:00am - 9:00am. Pickup is between 4:00pm - 6:00pm. *Additional Bus fee is required.

<u>Transportation Fee:</u>

Our camp transportation fee helps ensure that we can continue to provide reliable, comfortable, and well-supervised transportation for our campers each day.

Traditional Camp:

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	Member Rate	Participant Rate
Session 1	June 22- June 26	\$325	\$425
Session 2	June 29- July 3	\$325	\$425
Session 3	July6 - July 10	\$325	\$425
Session 4	July 13- July 17	\$325	\$425
Session 5	July 20- July 24	\$325	\$425
Session 6	July 27- July 31	\$325	\$425
Session 7	Aug 3 - Aug 7	\$325	\$425
Session 8	Aug 10- Aug 14	\$325	\$425
Session 9	Aug 17- Aug 21	\$325	\$425
Session 10	Aug 24- Aug 28	\$325	\$425

Duration	AM or PM	AM or PM	Both AM &	Both AM & PM
	Member	Participant	PM Member	Participant
Weekly Rate	\$110	\$125	\$145	\$170

Duration	Rate
Weekly Rate	\$25

Specialized Camp Programs

Ropes Adventure Camp:

4th-6th Grade

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

Sessions	Dates	Member Rate	Participant Rate
Session 3	July 7 – July 11	\$425	\$525
Session 5	July 21 - July 25	\$425	\$525
Session 7	Aug 4 – Aug 8	\$425	\$525



Water Sports Camp:

4th-9th Grade

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.



Session	Dates	Grades	Member Rate	Participant Rate
Session 2	June 30 - July 3	4th-6th	\$425	\$525
Session 3	July 7 - July 11	7th-9th	\$425	\$525
Session 4	July 14 - July 18	4th-6th	\$425	\$525
Session 5	July 21 - July25	7th-9th	\$425	\$525
Session 6	July 28 - Aug 1	4th-6th	\$425	\$525
Session 7	Aug 4 - Aug 8	7th-9th	\$425	\$525
Session 8	Aug 11 - Aug 15	4th-6th	\$425	\$525
Session 9	Aug 18 - Aug 22	7th-9th	\$425	\$525



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, playground, pickleball courts, beach volleyball, and the Naik Family Branch. The YMCA facility houses a gymnasium, swimming pool, teen center, and many other areas in case of inclement weather. Camp Cove is a licensed program through the State of Connecticut.



Camp Cove Activities Include:

- Swim Lessons
- Kayaking**
- Canoeing
- Paddle Boards**
- Marine Science
- Octagon Climbing Wall*

- Arts & Crafts
- Archery
- Team Building
- Low Ropes Course
- Recreational Swim
- Corcls*

- Nature
- Sports
- Ga Ga
- Field Games
- Story Time
- Pickleball

*Angel Fish, Sea Stars & Sea Horse Only

**Stingrays, Dolphins & Sharks Only





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Dates	Duration	Member Rate	Participant Rate
June 29 - Aug 21	8 Weeks	\$425	\$525



Traditional Camp:

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	Member Rate	Participant Rate
Session 1	June 22 – June 26	\$275	\$375
Session 2	June 29 - July 3	\$275	\$375
Session 3	July 6 – July 10	\$275	\$375
Session 4	July 13 - July 17	\$275	\$375
Session 5	July 20 - July 24	\$275	\$375
Session 6	July 27 - July 31	\$275	\$375
Session 7	Aug 3 – Aug 7	\$275	\$375
Session 8	Aug 10 - Aug 14	\$275	\$375
Session 9	Aug 17 - Aug 21	\$275	\$375
Session 10	Aug 24 - Aug 28	\$275	\$375

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	AM or PM	Both AM & PM	Both AM & PM
	Member	Participant	Member	Participant
Weekly Rate	\$110	\$125	\$145	\$170

Camp Cove 2026 Dates & Rates

NEW PROGRAM ALERT

Itty Bitty Camp

Ages 3-4: Entering Preschool

Camp Watchaug and Camp Cove's NEW half-day transitional camp is designed for 3-4 year-olds who are ready for their very first camp adventure. In a playful and supportive setting, campers build independence, make friends, and grow confidence through classic camp activities like crafts, songs, games, and outdoor exploration.

With a balance of age-appropriate structure and plenty of time for free play, campers learn to cooperate, follow group routines, and experience the joy of being part of a camp community. By the end of the program, they'll leave with new friendships, happy memories, and excitement for the adventures ahead.



Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Where do I drop off and pick up my camper?

 Drop-off and pick-up take place in the car line. *Please note there is no busing or Extended Care available for our Itty-Bitty campers.
- 2. Does my camper need to be potty trained? Yes, campers must be fully potty trained to attend.
- 3. What are the camp hours?

Itty Bitty Camp runs from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

4. Do Itty Bitty's swim?

Yes! They go swimming every day in a designated swim area.



Session	Dates	Member Rate	Participant Rate
Session 1	June 22 - June 26	\$225	\$325
Session 2	June 29 - July 3	\$225	\$325
Session 3	July 6 - July 10	\$225	\$325
Session 4	July 13 - July 17	\$225	\$325
Session 5	July 20 - July 24	\$225	\$325
Session 6	July 27 - July 31	\$225	\$325
Session 7	Aug 3 - Aug 7	\$225	\$325
Session 8	Aug 10 - Aug 14	\$225	\$325

Itty Bitty Camp

Available at Cove and Watchaug

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is transportation available, and is there an additional fee?

Yes. We offer bus transportation to and from Camp Watchaug at multiple locations. An additional transportation fee is required. Please visit the Camp Watchaug website for full details and schedules.

What are the goals of the camp program?

Campers enjoy a variety of outdoor and indoor 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 sibling and multi-session discount?

Yes! Families receive a 5% discount for siblings or multiple sessions. A 5% discount is also available for full-season registration when paid in full.

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 Camp Watchaug & the Westerly-Pawcatuck Branch. Campers are bused to and from camp. Extended care for Camp Cove is located on the Field.

What paperwork is required for my child to attend camp?

Both camps require that each camper have an updated health history and immunization record on file in addition to a copy of their medical insurance card. Campers who are required to take medication while at camp or need to bring an Epi Pen or inhaler, must have a Medication Administration Form on file. All files are required to be uploaded to the camper's PlayerSpace profile. No hard copies will be accepted.

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

Yes, either our One-Adult and Two-Adult Family membership will make you eligible for the Member Rate. If you are a summer only resident, you can purchase a 2026 Summer Family Membership that will make you eligible for the Member Rate. Your family must have an active membership at the time of registration to qualify for the member rate. Financial assistance is also available for membership.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



Through generous volunteer and community support, we are able to offer financial assistance to families who qualify through our YCares program.

Visit your local branch to see if you qualify instantly. YCares approval is required prior to registering for camp, so please confirm your eligibility 2–3 weeks before registration.

If you are able, we invite you to make a contribution to our YCares Campership Fund to help more children experience the joy of camp. You can make a pledge on the registration form, through our website, or at your local branch.

TONI'S KIDS 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 and Camp Cove 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, Camp Director, at dmcgovern@oceancommunityymca.org

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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