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YMCA CAMP CONRAD WEISER

Unplugging to connect at summer camp



As adults, when we think about summer vacation, we remember riding our bikes to the local pool. We recall the sound of the ice cream truck, and we think about the friends we made at summer camp. As a child of the '80s or '90s, summer camp was an opportunity for us to meet new people, try new

things and test our independence in a safe and supportive environment.

The world has certainly changed since we were children, but the basic goals the staff at YMCA Camp Conrad Weiser have for their campers have not. We want our campers to make new friends, develop confidence and independence, try new activities, practice leadership, develop interpersonal understanding and empathy — and we want them to have fun!

New friendships, new skills, new understandings — these experiences and moments can occur on the zip-line, in the pool, on horseback, at the craft shop or on the archery range when counselors and staff are trained to encourage and support campers in this growth. They can't occur if

our hands are full of tablets and phones and MP3 players. Real personal growth and interpersonal connections require focus and attention. That's why we believe the YMCA Camp Conrad Weiser program is the perfect place for kids to unplug and connect with one another.

Our campers have the chance to try their hands at canoeing, kayaking and sailing. They are able to experience target sports from archery to shooting trap. They can choose to play any one of a dozen sports and games. Most importantly, our campers have the opportunity to meet new people from Pennsylvania, across the country and from around the world. They are able to talk, share stories and truly connect in a place that values the

worth of each individual.

In 2017, 96 percent of our campers reported making a new friend. More than 90 percent of our campers believed they were given the opportunity to help others or lead a group. More than 95 percent of the young people at Camp Conrad Weiser felt they connected with someone who was different from themselves. More than 95 percent of our campers reported they learned it is important to treat everyone fairly and that everyone has something to contribute.

We are proud of our facilities. We are proud of our program. We are proud of our staff. But we are most proud of our campers — who they are, how they



have grown and who they will become.

We hope we have an opportunity to unplug and

connect with your family this summer. We can't wait to welcome you to YMCA Camp Conrad Weiser.

SILVER LAKE NATURE CENTER

Spend summer immersed in nature

At Silver Lake Nature Center's Summer Camp, campers age 6 to 14 spend their days immersed in nature!

Our grounds have miles of trails routed through a variety of habitats, providing ample space for campers to thrive.

Unlike other camps, summer camp at Silver Lake Nature Center offers structure with plenty of free time and social interactions built in.

Our unique camp format ensures that campers will never be bored! Campers get to choose from five different activities, twice daily. While our focus is on nature, we also offer art, cooking, engineering, poetry and sports! Our staff is constantly adding more activities from day-to-day and week-to-week, so even campers who attend all nine weeks of camp will be entertained!

Our camp runs for nine weeks from June 25 to Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with before and after care available.

Our camp is one of the most affordable in the county, with rates of \$200 per week. You can sign up for one week or all nine!

Preschool camp also offered: 4- and 5-year-olds are invited to join us for two weeks this summer, from July 9 to 13 and Aug. 20 to 24 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Features of Camp at SLNC: college-educated, adult staff; small group size; ability for campers to choose their own activities; a combination of structured and free time; interactions with peers in a safe setting; and endless memories!

Please contact Summer Camp Director Kassandra Archer at kaarcher@buckscounty.org or 267-880-5024 for more information.

SUMMER EDUCATION CAMPS

JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2018

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AIM ACADEMY

Experience summer fun while developing skills



Did you know that summer learning programs can help prevent learning loss for students, which research shows children experience when they don't engage in educational activities during the summer?

Children enjoying AIM Academy's four-week Summer Enrichment Program in Conshohocken (Monday, July 2, to Friday, July 27) experience summer fun while developing reading and math skills through a dynamic learning experience integrating research-based teaching methods with creative activities.

Summer programs at AIM feature:

- Three full hours of literacy and academic instruction each morning
- An ACT Prep program for rising 11th- and 12th-graders
- Recreation and STEAM activities in the afternoon including:
 - › Performing in the black box theater
 - › Artistic creations in our art studio
 - › Robotics in the Lower School Maker Space and Robotics and Engineering Center
 - › Animation, photography and video game creation
 - › Science experiments galore

› Sports and athletic opportunities on AIM's turf field and in the full-size gymnasium

AIM's research-based curriculum and reputation for providing extraordinary educational opportunities to children with language-based learning differences are what lead most parents to choose AIM's Summer Enrichment Program.

Exploring the Oceans in Grades K-5

Each summer, the Elementary Program explores an exciting region of the globe with the essentials skills (reading comprehension, writing and math) curriculum interlaced in a fun and creative way. In 2018, children will dive in to an exploration of the world's oceans!

Through engaging literature and arts-based learning opportunities with AIM's experienced teaching staff, children will explore the distinct geography and diverse sea life of the oceans surrounding our continents with lessons encompassing small group reading, writing and math instruction using research-based programs including Foundations, Wilson Read-

ing, RAVE-O and Read Naturally.

After lunch, the spirit of adventure and exploration moves from the classroom to the field, stage and studios as children discover, play, explore, create and perform during AIM's action-packed afternoons including drama, robotics, sports and arts.

Bolstering Executive Function Skills in Grades Six to 10

Middle school and high school students can hone foundational skills in reading, writing and math in a hands-on learning environment featuring specialized instruction in assistive technology and the application of executive function-

ing skills to help build academic efficiency and college readiness.

They can also discover new talents and explore technology in afternoon STEAM and recreation workshops such as filmmaking, robotics and engineering, recreation, visual arts, video game design, animation, 3D design and science, as well as opportunities to for experiential learning during field trips.

ACT Prep in Grades 11 & 12

AIM's Early Edge summer program provides high school juniors and seniors with a unique opportunity to prepare for the ACT exam in a small-group instructional setting designed to

target each student's areas of need.

This morning course is a great primer for high school students who could use extra assistance preparing for the ACT, as it allows them to discover and learn in a hands-on environment that builds confidence and critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Dates: Monday, July 2, to Friday, July 27, 2018 (Closed Wednesday, July 4)

Time: full-day 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or morning only 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: AIM Academy, 1200 River Road, Conshohocken, PA

Register: <https://www.aimpa.org/academics/summer-enrichment-program>

Questions? Contact summer@aimpa.org

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URSINUS COLLEGE SPORTS CAMPS

What does it mean to be a Bear?

Throughout its nearly 150-year history, Ursinus College has maintained a long and illustrious tradition of success, teamwork and sportsmanship in Division III athletics. During some of that time, Ursinus also offered youth athletic camps, where children from the surrounding communities came to campus to experience what it means to be an Ursinus College Bear.

Overtime, the tradition lost traction ... until now.

As part of a larger college initiative to strengthen ties to the surrounding communities and bring its neighbors back to campus, Ursinus has launched a SummerBurst campaign of classes, community events and summer camps.

One of these, a Girls Leadership Camp, began

last summer and returns this year.

Camp Director and Ursinus women's lacrosse coach Kathryn Hagan is looking forward to bringing the young "bears" back to campus.

"We are excited to be bringing back the summer camp experience to Ursinus College," she said.

The goal of this groundbreaking camp is to create a fun and energetic atmosphere while encouraging

girls to get out of their comfort zone, compete with energy, and win and lose with humility.



"Our most exciting takeaway from year one was seeing the growth in the campers' self-awareness, confidence and sportsmanship. You win and you lose in life



— that's a fact. We are excited to help equip young girls with the tools to handle both," Hagan said.

Children of all ages are invited to learn from highly qualified, caring and skilled student-athletes and coaches through a wide array of sports camps during the summer months on Ursinus's 170-acre campus in Collegeville, Pa. The camps place an emphasis on fundamentals, skill development, creativity and

team play, providing positive learning experiences that are fun and challenging for beginners and advanced players from ages 6 to 18.

They participate in collegiate level skill and drill instruction at Ursinus' indoor and outdoor athletic and recreational facilities on campus, including two historic turf fields — Paterson Field and Eleanor Frost Snell Alumnae Field — as well as the Floy Lewis

Bakes Center, a state-of-the-art indoor sports facility that includes a 200-meter track, three full-sized basketball courts and a gymnastics space.

Summer sports camps for 2018 include: baseball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, field hockey, football, girls leadership camp, gymnastics and track and field.

For information and registration, visit ursinus-camps.com.



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TWIN SPRING FARM DAY CAMP

Accomplishments through summer magic



Are you looking for a summer camp to meet the needs of your child? Are you trying to find the perfect balance of activities and enrichment? How about a camp that offers a flexible schedule that you can decide? If this is the case, then Twin Spring Farm Day Camp in Ambler, Pa., is your answer.

Twin Spring Farm Day Camp is getting set to begin its 74th year! The camp is situated on 30-plus lush acres in beautiful Am-

bler, Pa., and offers a fun and unique summer experience for children ages 3 to 15. An on-site, year-round Infant and Toddler Center allows parents with non-camp age siblings the option of utilizing one facility for their children during the summer.

Campers have the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities such as swimming, water park, athletics, music, dance, drama, story time, LEGOs, gymnastics, archery, rock climbing, a variety of art classes including ceramics and more.

Every week of camp is thoughtfully planned out to include theme days such as Super Hero Day, Carnival Day and Beach Day. Special cookout days are planned for each age group and special programming like puppet shows, science shows, laser light shows and various stage productions are scheduled on Fridays for campers, ages 3 to 7, while the older campers, ages 8 to 12, travel off campus for their weekly bowling trip.

The day begins and ends on the main stage, where comedy, music and special awards and recognition take center stage and all the campers have an opportunity

to shine. Campers are grouped into bunks based on age and gender. Each bunk has a senior and junior bunk counselor for the whole summer, which creates a familiar routine for campers and staff.

Campers learn a variety of sports, including baseball, soccer, basketball, street hockey, tennis and gaga. Music classes are part of the schedule for the younger campers and private music lessons are available for piano and guitar. Campers spend many days working on detailed art projects, which are put on display during the final week of camp in an art show.

Aquatics

TSF Day Camp boasts impressive aquatic facilities, including a newly renovated (2013) pool and tube slide (2014) located at the front of camp and a water park located toward the back of camp. Campers learn pool safety and stroke development through instructional swim four days a week and free swim on Friday. Additionally, they can cool off at the Splash Town Water Park daily.

Academics and Enrichment

Trying to balance camp and also keep pace for the coming school year? TSF works with Team Tutor by offering one-on-one tutoring before, during and after camp. Specially trained tutors are matched with campers based on the academic needs of their parents.

Why Twin Spring Farm?

Aside from the beautiful grounds and engaging activities, TSF Day Camp aims to build independence, self-confidence and respect for others through day-to-day interactions with peers, counselors and staff.

Over the years, TSF has had the fortune of retaining counselors and staff, which speaks to the history of reputation of the camp. Former campers, now counselors, and teachers and parents who have off during the summer continue coming back to camp year-after-year, which is exciting for campers who look forward to seeing familiar faces.

For more information about TSF Day Camp, contact 215-646-2665 to schedule a tour or visit www.twinspringfarm.com.

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CAMP NAC

Incorporating education into the camp day

STEM, also known as science, technology, engineering and math, is a well-known acronym being included into school curriculum's nationwide. Implementing the STEM techniques learned in school into the camp day can teach children the importance of education at a young age.

Camp NAC, located at the Newtown Athletic Club in Newtown, Pa., offers camp for children ages 3 to 15 throughout the summer months. Since 2007, Camp NAC has provided a summer camp program for children that extends beyond the traditional summer day. At Camp NAC, we wanted to incorporate STEM into our camp programming to take educational lessons beyond the school year.

With a variety of new camp themes to choose

from each week, our programs promote the use of critical thinking, teamwork and social skills. Children will be able to learn and grow in a safe, structured environment that combines both learning and play. It's not just about what you know, but rather how it can be applied to everyday life.

For our 3- to 5-year-old campers, our educational-based camp themes make for an environment that contributes to the development of their fine and gross motor skills. Our 3- to 5-year-old specialty camps will focus on interactive read alouds and dramatic play options based on the chosen camp theme. From camp themes such as Lil Einstein and Imagination Workshop to Knights & Dragons and Adventure Artists, these themes fos-

ter creativity, which is one of the contributing factors that a child needs to grow into a well-rounded student.

For our older campers, aside from our sports, art and cooking camps, we are offering new STEM-based camps for ages six to 12. Camp themes include Jr. Discovery, STEM Challenge, The Escape Room and more.

"From using critical thinking skills to engage in challenges each week, conducting science experiments, team building and exploration activities, campers will put their knowledge to the test," stated Camp NAC Director Amanda Brown.

STEM helps to keep kids thinking, exploring and learning through first-hand experiences.

"The reason we chose Camp NAC as our first choice over other camps was due to the fact they had so much more to offer," is just one of the many parent comments we hear each day.

The ability for kids to choose from so many different themes allows them to explore deeper and work on their development before heading back to school for

the new year.

According to Daryl Moss, author of "Making The Grade," "Campers who spend time at camp are more resourceful."

Kids at camp learn to think outside of the box, use their imagination and are more prepared to meet the demands of school, according to Moss.

We want our campers to leave the summer feeling

confident in their abilities thanks to the experiences they have gained through Camp NAC.

All Camp NAC activities are held at the Newtown Athletic Club located at 120 Pheasant Run, Newtown, Pa. Camp NAC's summer camp program runs from June 4 to Aug. 31. For more information, visit www.campnac.com.

PEACE CAMP AT GWYNEDD FRIENDS

Peace for the next generation

Conflict is part of being alive and living with others. During the Peace Camp at Gwynedd Friends, children learn strategies that help them address the issues of conflict and peer pressure. Our emphasis is on peacebuilding — making a difference in the world by creating peaceful, safe friendships and communities and by being inclusive with activities and games that are fair. All teachers and counselors have skills in peacebuilding and conflict resolution to share.

The 2018 Peace Camp will be held the weeks of Aug. 6 to 10 and Aug. 13 to 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (extended hours available at extra cost). The camp is open to children entering first grade through seventh grade, a year more than last year. Your child will experience full days of fun activities which focus on how he/she can become a problem solver and create peaceful solutions at home, at school and with friends. The campers will be playing as they are learning — a variety of activities include art projects, music and cooperative games, inside and outside. Time is scheduled for

individual choices of activities and for quiet reflection.

Community service is always present in our camp life. This past year, campers made three quilts for the Linus Project, designed and sewn for children in need of comfort. They decorated glass jars for flowering plants presented to delighted nursing care patients and made greeting cards delivered to hospitalized veterans.

In 2017, the campers focused on the theme "Unity and Diversity." Children developed and deepened their understanding of what makes each of them unique, as well as what brings them together in community. Campers practiced "I Statements" to help them express their emotions and to resolve conflicts. Compliment Bags were hung for campers to give written positive messages to others. Campers made sculptures to help each camper identify and express personal emotions.

Each day, campers went home with a flyer that summarized the activities at camp and a daily challenge to continue the fo-

cus of the day at home. An example was campers asking friends or family members what makes them feel peaceful and why. Responses from parents were wonderful! One remarked, "Our sincere gratitude for another wonderful year at Peace Camp. This two weeks of reflection on the approaches and tools that equip us to live more peacefully and actively pursue peace in the world, feels more timely and relevant than ever. Thanks, too, for making Peace fun and accessible for all ages."

The Peace Camp at Gwynedd Friends is held in the spacious rooms and on the beautiful, historic grounds of Gwynedd Friends Meeting, 1101 DeKalb Pike, Gwynedd, PA 19454. The camp is staffed by experienced educators with a small child/teacher ratio. Visit our website, www.gwyneddmeeting.org/PeaceCamp.html, for more information and to register online for one or both weeks of the 2018 Peace Camp. You can view our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PeaceCampatGwyneddFriends. We are looking forward to hearing from you!



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GERMANTOWN ACADEMY

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Germantown Academy Day Camp and Summer Programs in Fort Washington, Pa., has been offering campers in the Greater Philadelphia area opportunities to learn, play and grow for 49 years.

With more than 50 specialized camps for children ages 3 to 16, GA continues to provide a safe and picturesque environment for campers to make lifelong memories and friendships.

A traditional day camp experience remains the foundation of summers at GA, where campers entering first through sixth grade can take advantage of a wide variety of art, science and nature activities. The Wissahickon Creek runs right through campus, providing a perfect backdrop for fishing, canoe rides and wildlife exploration.

Day Camp also features frequent visits to The Adventure Course, an expansive combination of high and low rope elements, balance challenges, a giant swing and a thrilling zip line ride across the creek. Instructional and recreational swimming in our indoor pool and field trips off campus round out this benchmark program.

Day Camp runs week to week, so

there's plenty of opportunity to mix in specialty camps such as Coding, Kids Kitchen, Belfry Theatre, and Art Quest. For older campers, Explorers Camp offers daily field trips, and Teen Caravans take off for full-week excursions!

For campers aged 3 to 5, we have a full slate of age-appropriate programs led by experienced early childhood professionals. Itty Bitty Camp offers a flexible transitional program for 3-year-olds, and Adventurers Camp provides both traditional day and specially themed programs for 4- and 5-year-olds.

Sports Camps are also offered throughout the summer, with specific weeks for baseball, basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, track and wrestling. Each sports camp is run by GA varsity coaches and players.

Visit www.gacamp.org for program and registration information, or call 267-405-7321 to schedule a tour. We hope you'll join us this summer!

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Outdoors Summer Camp Exploring Nature

"Kids are outside interacting with and learning about nature; and there are a variety of outdoor activities including boating, fishing, nature walks, and getting muddy!"

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WHALE CAMP

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The sun sizzles away the fog and glints off the lightly rolling waves of the Bay of Fundy as the research vessel moves away from shore. You start to lose sight of

the wharf where you boarded the vessel, along with the fishermen who work there and the herding smokehouses you learned about this morning. Along with the rest

of your friends and counselors, you are on the lookout.

You think back to yesterday's boat trip to Machias Seal Island and visiting thousands of sea-

birds: puffins, razorbills and Arctic terns. Visiting the puffin colony might have been your favorite part of the week. You had the chance to photograph the puffins bringing herring to their young, and you can't wait to show the shot to your parents when you get back home.

The vessel continues its journey out to sea when all of a sudden, you catch sight of movement on the port side. A humpback whale greets you with a spout of air as it surfaces, remaining at the surface for just a moment before diving below. Everyone on board waits with bated breath. A minute passes. Then suddenly:

"BREACH!" The whale

launches its entire body out of the water with incredible force before slamming onto the surface, the water just spraying you. You couldn't be happier than you are right now.

Over the years, Whale Camp has received high praise from many sources: MSN Money. Com honored Whale Camp as one of 10 Best Summer Camps "Worth The Money" and a Philadelphia magazine selected The Whale Camp as one of 10 of The Coolest Summer Camps For Your Kids. A New York magazine listed The Whale Camp as No. 1 in its description of 50 Great Summer Camps.

We are also honored to

provide a \$40,000 scholarship offered by College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine, for any Whale Camp participant accepted into their program that distinguished him or herself while at Whale Camp.

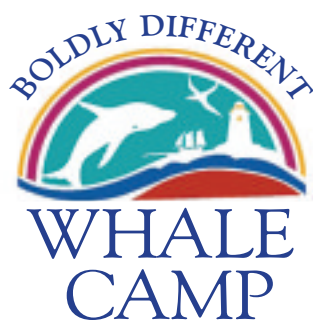
While we appreciate the recognition, we remain focused on making your child's summer a time of exceptional inspiration and a lasting learning experience.

Join us at Whale Camp this summer and explore island life, find adventure and make meaningful connections.

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76ERS BASKETBALL CAMP

NBA stars make summer fun a slam dunk

A highlight to the 2018 camping season promises to be the 76ers Basketball Camps.

The 76ers Basketball Camp for boys and girls, sold out for the last 17 years, has four basketball programs: Day Camps for boys and girls ages 7 to 13 with 16 locations in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania; Little Sixers Day Camps for boys and girls 5- to 7-years-old; the Overnight Camp for boys and girls ages 9 to 17 at Valley Forge Academy

in Wayne, Pa.; and the Sixers Skills Academy for 12- to 15-year-olds.

In their 34th season, the Sixers Camps have grown to over 3,000 campers each summer from 40 states and 50-plus countries.

The camp features current 76ers players/coaches, as well as several former campers and counselors now in the NBA. All three programs are geared towards teaching the fundamentals and skills in a non-competitive, age-appropriate environment.

The Sixers Camps are guided by an administration with more than 40 years of experience in sports specialty camps.

Visit the Sixers Camps website at www.sixerscamps.com for additional information or to register online. For more information, call 610-668-7676.



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We, at the Greater Philadelphia Engineering For Kids, are passionate about our programs because we believe that early exposure to STEM education has a lasting impact on a child's future. STEM education serves as the foundation for many of today's growing careers, such as media, medicine, biotechnology and engineering.

At Engineering For Kids:

- Children have fun learning science, technology, math and engineering concepts through our project-based, hands-on learning approach.

- With our wide range of curriculum areas, from skyscrapers to rockets, from computer science to robotics, from Minecraft to 3D-printing, you are sure to find a program that will spark your child's interest.

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Summer is a time for fun — a time when youth can take a break from the stressful life of being a student and enjoy themselves with family and friends.

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most cases, the times when you are having fun are the most valuable times for learning, if people around you can help you take advantage of those opportunities.

At The Pathway School,

we have team members who do just that every day. Our team understands that every experience is an opportunity to have fun and an opportunity to learn. By providing fun and unique opportunities that do not occur as frequently during the school year, students are gaining invaluable skills that they will use throughout their life.

For over 50 years, The Pathway School has been serving students with autism and other neurological impairments, psychological disorders and serious emotional disturbance. Pathway provides educational and therapeutic services to young people with significant learning, social, emotional and executive functioning needs. This is done through individualized in-

struction in small and large group opportunities led by dedicated and caring professionals. A team of related service specialists works collaboratively with our education staff in order to maintain an “education of the whole child” concept.

The six-week summer program includes club opportunities for students in areas such as technology (robotics, coding, video game development, videography/photography), culinary arts, creative arts (drama, visual arts, music), adventure opportunities (hiking, canoeing, camping, orienteering), sports, science (rockets, astronomy, simple machines) and job readiness opportunities, to name a few.

Campers are sure to find many things they enjoy as they participate in various clubs. Modules are tailored to the ability level of students, and activities will allow participants to gain skills not just in the activity but in problem solving, teambuilding, critical thinking and social skills. Imagine all you will have to talk about around the dinner table each evening!

There will be many great experiences that happen on Pathway’s 11-acre campus through hands-on activities



in these areas. Campers will take the skills they acquire into the world and enhance their learning through application and generalization. Field trips and excursions that provide more in-depth understanding and different ways of experiencing these topics will enrich the knowledge and increase the joy students experience as they participate.

For more information

on how you can have your child enjoy their summer at The Pathway School, please contact Diana Phifer at 610-277-0660 ext. 289 or via email at dphifer@pathwayschool.org.

Regardless of where your son or daughter is educated during the school year, don’t let them miss out on the opportunity to have fun at te Pathway School.



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NORTH PENN YMCA

Programming keeps kids moving, exploring, learning



The North Penn YMCA, with branches in Lansdale and Harleysville, is offering day camp to give kids and teens in the North Penn, Indian Valley and Perkiomen communities an adventurous, active and healthy summer — one that will surely be described as “the best summer ever” for years to come.

Camping, like many Y programs, is about learning skills, developing character and making friends. But few environments are as special as camp, where kids become a community as they learn both how to be more independent and how to contribute to a group as they engage in physical, social and educational activities. Camping teaches self-reliance, a love for nature and the outdoors and the development of attitudes and practices that build character and leadership — all amidst the fun of campfires, bugle calls, canoeing, archery, talent shows and meaningful relationships. Y counselors are dedicated to making sure camp is an amazing experience for every camper.

“YMCA summer camp supports the social-emo-

tional growth, cognitive development and physical well-being of kids,” says Bob Gallagher, CEO. “In our day camps, kids are in a welcoming environment where they can belong, they’re building relationships, developing character and discovering their potential. We really encourage parents to give their kids the gift of camp to keep their kids active and engaged throughout the summer.”

Gallagher says there are five reasons why children and teens should attend summer camp:

1. **Adventure:** Summer camp is all about a wide variety of new experiences and exploring the outdoors. YMCA camps have a new adventure for every child and teen. Visit www.northpennymca.org for details.

2. **Healthy Fun:** Day camps offer fun, stimulating activities that engage the body and mind and also help children and teens learn the importance of nutrition to help improve their healthy eating habits.

3. **Personal Growth:** While in the welcoming environment of camp, youth have a chance to learn new skills and develop confi-

dence and independence by taking on new responsibilities and challenges. Camps offer cognitive learning and social-emotional development opportunities for achievement.

4. **Friendships:** Amidst the fun of camp games, songs, swimming and talent shows, campers meet new friends and strengthen existing friendships. The bonds formed at camp are important and lasting for many youth.

5. **Memories:** Summer camp is an unforgettable experience that will give each camper memories (and camp traditions) that will last a lifetime. Youth return to school with plenty of camp stories to share!

The North Penn YMCA offers preschool camp, day camp with flexible full and part-time options, enrichment and sports camps. And, to ensure that all youth have the chance to experience camp, the North Penn YMCA offers financial assistance to those in need. If you’re interested in helping send kids to camp this summer, you can donate to the Y at www.northpennymca.org/donate.

A leading nonprofit committed to nurturing the potential of youth, the Y has been a leader in providing summer camp for over 131 years. The North Penn YMCA continues to give youth an enriching, safe experience with caring staff and volunteers who model positive values that help build their kids’ character.

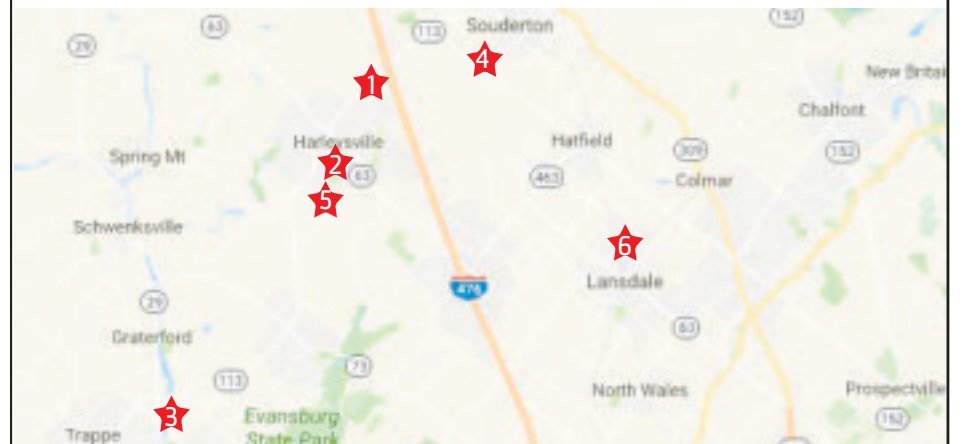
For more information, visit NorthPennYMCA.org or contact Betty Linko at 215-723-3569, Bob Varga at 215-368-1601 or Diane Manus at 215-256-0767.



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BURN BRAE DAY CAMP

Innovation, imagination, exploration!

For 37 years, Burn Brae Day Camp has been dedicated to enriching children's lives through the exploration of creative and performance arts, technology, science, pastry arts, sports, swim and much more on a beautiful, spacious property that is well shaded with air-conditioned facilities in Upper Dublin Township,

Montgomery County, with door-to-door transportation throughout Montgomery, Bucks and Philadelphia counties.

Burn Brae Day Camp offers a uniquely tailored program for boys and girls ages 3 to 15. Each camper is exposed to multiple areas of interests each day. In a warm, nurturing, non-competitive

atmosphere, Burn Brae Day Camp is committed to providing individual attention to all of its campers while developing each child's distinctive gifts, those already known and still to be discovered.

One of the many reasons for Burn Brae's success over the past 36 years is due to the wide range of programs and activities offered to its campers in a safe and relaxing environment. These programs include:

- Three- to 6-year-old campers experience many enriching activities in a carefully planned group schedule, led by nurturing certified teachers, that balances age-appropriate fun with social skills, outdoor recreation and rest. Their comprehensive weekly schedule, taught by special-

ists, encourages the development of important social skills such as sharing, problem solving and communication. Pre-Major campers participate in the visual and performing arts, instrumental instruction, science, yoga, swim and sports instruction, French, technology, cooking and much more.

- Seven- to 8-year-old campers may choose the Step-Up Program, which will allow children to transition into the more independent Junior Program.

- Seven- to 15-year-old campers (Juniors and Seniors) grouped by age, choose their own activities to create an individually tailored schedule that reflects their current interests and the ability to explore new opportunities while feeling

independent. A wide variety of Majors and Minors are offered including creative and performing arts, instrumental instruction, swim lessons, pastry arts, robotics, computer animation, movie production, science, archery, tennis, nature, rocketry, all sports, fashion design and much more.

- Thirteen- to 15-year-old campers may elect Teen Quest, a program for teens to enjoy many camp activities while also gaining valuable skills necessary for today's world. Each week they will attend a rotating group activity: leadership skills workshops, on-site community service (can qualify for National Honor Society community service hours), career exploration workshops, motivational guest speakers, writing, produc-

ing, recording podcasts and on-site internships.

Burn Brae Day Camp's highly qualified and caring staff members are experts in their own fields. Their certified teachers are educational professionals, highly trained artists and performers who nurture and develop each camper's creative gifts.

In addition to Burn Brae's Summer Camp Program, other classes and workshops are offered all year round including archery lessons, Rock Band Jam sessions and acting classes.

Each month, Burn Brae Day Camp offers tours and informational sessions at their Open Houses which are listed on their website, www.burnbraedaycamp.com, along with registration materials.



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Saturday, March 17, 10 am - 2 pm

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Sunday, April 8, 1 pm - 4 pm



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BOWMAN DANCE COMPANY & SCHOOL

New summer programs offer creative summer fun with intensives, inventive evening camps



Bowman Dance Company & School offers a summer full of creative programs that are now open for registration.

The dance studio right in the heart of Montgomery County is offering two different programs this summer. The studio is offering a two-week Summer Dance Intensive starting Monday, July 9, and three evening dance camps filled with fun activities, dance and new friends.

All programs will take place at a Bowman Dance Company and School, 107

Dekalb St., Bridgeport.

Registration and more information can be found online at www.bowmdance.com or by phone at 610-272-4850.

Bowman Dance Company & School is offering a two-week Summer Intensive Dance Program to kick off the summer.

Intensives are set to run Monday to Friday, July 9 to 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$650, and it includes an impressive week of classes. Intensives are specifically designed for dancers ages 7 and up who would like to take on more performance responsibility, who dream of becoming professional teachers or dancers someday or simply those who are hungry for exhilarating and daring movement. During this two-week intensive, students will have the opportunity to work with most of our teachers, learn fresh new choreography from celebrated New York and L.A. choreographers in our new partnership with CLI Studios in California, highlight their strengths and make progress on their

weaknesses, while getting a taste of the rigorous schedule of a professional dancer. Other classes include injury prevention, stretching and strengthening techniques, the art of improvisation and the basics of choreography. Dancers will need to bring a bottle of water and a bag lunch daily.

BDCS offers three summer camps with a twist. The studio's summer camps will run in the evenings — providing creative fun for dancers ages 2 to 15. Summer camps begin with a treat for campers ages 2 to 5. Those campers will journey to the Polynesian islands and spend the evening with everyone's favorite friends from the islands with a "Moana"-themed camp. This fun-filled week is for children ages 2 to 5. It will run Monday to Friday, July 23 to 27, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$190, and throughout the week, campers will celebrate Polynesian culture with Disney's beloved Pacific Islander princess, Moana. In this week-long adventure, dancers will escape to the tropical corners of their

imagination, sing along with their favorite newer Disney classics, create fun Moana-inspired arts and crafts and learn brand new dance steps, including the basics of Polynesian dance.

After the littlest campers come back from the Pacific Islands, BDCS is hosting a "Leap!"-themed camp for campers ages 6 to 11. As a reminder, this evening dance camp will take place Monday, July 30, to Friday, Aug. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m., and the cost is \$200. Using the movie "Leap!" as a springboard, campers will enter the mysterious and beautiful world of Paris in the 19th century, right at the height of The Paris Opera Ballet's rise to success. During this week-long departure to the City of Lights, students will brush up on their French ballet terminology and dance history knowledge, design exquisite crafts and dance the evenings away with a sampling of all styles of dance offered at BDCS, including ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical and acro.

The evening summer camps close with a glittery

tribute to show life and one of the most popular movies out right now with a "The Greatest Showman"-themed camp. This sensational dance camp will take place Monday, Aug. 6, to Friday, Aug. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m., and the cost is \$300. During our final summer dance camp, students ages 12 to 15 will celebrate the fantastical circus portrayed in the new musical hit, "The Greatest Showman." With an emphasis given on acrobatics, musical theater, hip hop and jazz dance, your dancer will leave the week feeling inspired and more confident. The possibility for fun is exponential, and our teachers are hard at work preparing crafts, choreography and the incorporation of musical elements that will challenge and motivate dancers of all levels.

"We create a unique experience for our dance camp students to learn the art of dance, ignite creativity and embody the fun that is summer! Come join us this to create your unique adventure in dance," said BDCS owner and director Heather Wrubel.

Bowman Dance Company & School is committed to developing a passion for dance in every student, providing opportunities to develop motivation, self-discipline, intellectual curiosity and creative imagination. These concepts are essential not only for a successful career but also for experiencing a fulfilling life. BDCS offers a wide variety of dance art technique training based on a solid foundation for performance and choreography. We believe that a rich diversity of dance disciplines, techniques and technologies combined with an array of production opportunities and personalized mentoring by our entire faculty enriches the education of every student.

Our passion is to prepare all students to engage dance art throughout their lives, to pursue advanced study in the art form or to begin a career in dance. Bowman Dance Company & School is an open forum designed to collaborate and create, teach and encourage, invite and dance.

ST. JOSEPH'S PREP

'Prep U' attracts Delaware Valley's best, brightest

St. Joseph's Prep is well known for its high-level academics and for drawing top-tier, motivated students from across the Delaware Valley.

This summer, boys and girls finishing sixth and seventh grades have the opportunity to experience St. Joseph, learn from inspiring Prep faculty and meet new friends from all different areas and backgrounds by attending the popular Prep U Summer Program at St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia.

In addition to enrichment offerings in math, reading and science, the pro-

gram includes subjects such as robotics, improv, leadership, study skills and more. That's in addition to daily athletic and extracurricular offerings, plus daily guest speakers from among the Prep's rich network of faculty, staff, students and alumni. For example, last year, Prep U students met CBS3's Matt Peterson (a Prep grad), who brought the newscast's Weather Van to the school, and one day pro basketball player Steve Vasturia — a Prep basketball great who went to Notre Dame and is now playing in Germany — popped in to talk with the kids.

"It has been vital for our summer offerings to evolve with the changing needs of our students and families," says Howie Brown, director of admission and the Prep U Program. "We believe we strike the right balance between academics and fun. Often, the students don't know the difference and enjoy it all!"

Additional benefits of the Prep U program include:

- Meet friends from across the Delaware Valley
- Afternoon sport camps run by acclaimed Prep coaches and athletic staff

▪ Busing available from all areas throughout the region

"One other great thing about Prep U is that it gives us a chance to get to know some of the young men before they apply next year," Brown says. "It is very helpful to know these students before the application process begins."

The 2017 Prep U Program will run July 9 to 27, 2018.

For more information, go to www.sjprep.org/PrepU.



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