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**YMCA CAMP CHANDLER  
SUMMER CAMP 2024 GUIDE**

# ▶▶▶ MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.



For over 90 years, YMCA Camp Chandler has helped develop well-rounded, fun-loving, young leaders through a combination of world-class counselors and core Christian values, on a 104-acre natural setting complete with outrageous challenges on both land and water. By living closer to nature, learning new skills, and stopping daily to think about how God instills confidence, a sense of wonder, accomplishment, and belonging, our campers create life-long memories.

Each camping experience is designed to be safe and fun. We are proud to be accredited by the prestigious American Camp Association with 100% of our well-trained staff possessing American Red Cross CPR and First Aid certifications.



## CONTACT US! ◀◀◀

### TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CAMP:

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# CAMP INFORMATION

## HEALTH & SAFETY ◀◀◀

YMCA Camp Chandler is devoted to the health and safety of our guests. It is our mission to provide a world class experience while maintaining a safe environment for all. Camp Chandler has a newly renovated Medical Hut and campers will have access to an onsite nurse during their stay.

## WHO ARE THE CAMP COUNSELORS? ◀◀◀

Many camp counselors return year-after-year, providing great continuity for campers & parents. The average counselor has attended camp for 5+ years. The success of the camping experience hinges on the positive relationship between the camper & the counselor.

YMCA counselors undergo careful screening, background checks, and are selected for their high moral character, maturity, experience, and specific camping skills. Camp provides a 1:6 staff to camper ratio in order to provide ample supervision.

## WHERE DO CAMPERS EAT AND LIVE? ◀◀◀

Campers are grouped by age and gender and placed with carefully selected counselors. All stay in small, comfortable, rustic cabins complete with built-in bunk beds and air-conditioning. Cabins accommodate up to 12 campers and two counselors, with centrally located bathhouses.

# CAMP OPTIONS

### SCOUTS\*

(5 - 8 Year Olds)

This two-night introduction to resident camping includes a highly structured sampling of camp activities. Our patient, caring counselors lead two full days of adventure and a wonderful cabin experience, making it hard for new Scouts to leave. Campers arrive on Sunday afternoon and are reunited with their parents on Tuesday afternoon.

YMCA Members - \$295  
YMCA Non-Members - \$320

### EXPLORERS\*

(7 - 9 Year Olds)

This two-night camp samples camp activities and includes more interaction with the old camp traditions, which keep kids returning each year. Campers arrive on Wednesday morning and parents return on Friday evening.

YMCA Members - \$295  
YMCA Non-Members - \$320

\*Scouts & Explorer Camps coincide with Ranger sessions 1, 3, & 5.

### RANGERS

(8 - 14 Year Olds)

This Sunday - Friday camp is designed to develop a well-rounded camper in spirit, mind, and body. Rangers will participate in all traditional camp activities, including: archery, air rifles, horseback, canoes, arts and crafts, ax throwing, sailing, swimming, and watersports. Special camp traditions present challenging opportunities for Ranger groups to build new friendships while exploring the great outdoors, all carefully monitored by great counselor role models.

YMCA Members - \$660  
YMCA Non-Members - \$710  
Weekend Add-On + \$100-\$110



FOR UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE DATES, WEEKEND ADD-ON DATES, ETC. CHECK OUT:

[campchandler.org](http://campchandler.org)



# DAY CAMP

Day camp is offered for campers 5 - 12 years of age, Monday - Friday for 8 weeks this summer. Hot breakfast, hot lunch, and bus transportation will be provided. Day Camp is perfect for first time campers or anyone who wants to participate in some of our famous Camp Chandler activities with our fun-loving Chandler staff, but is unable or unwilling to spend the night.

**YMCA Members - \$195**  
**YMCA Non-Members - \$220**



## SCHEDULE

7:00 - 8:00	Check-In / Game Room / Gym
8:00	Hot Breakfast
8:30	Morning Assembly / Song / Devotion
9:00	Water Activity
10:00	Water Activity
11:00	Hot Lunch
11:30	Water Balloon War
12:30	Land Activity
1:30	Land Activity
2:30	Group Games in the Field
3:30	Afternoon Assembly / Songs / Devotion
4:00 - 5:30	Check- Out / Game Room / Gym

## SESSIONS

June 3 - 7	Session 1	Let's Get This Party Started Week
June 10 - 14	Session 2	It's All Fun & Games Week
June 17 - 21	Session 3	Let's Get Creative Week
June 24 - 28	Session 4	Camp Spirit Week
July 1 - 5	Session 5	One with Nature Week
July 8 - 12	Session 6	Let's Get Messy Week
July 15 - 19	Session 7	Pirate Week
July 22 - July 26	Session 8	End of Summer Bash



## BUS PICK UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES:

**Wilson YMCA & Midtown YMCA**

**Bus Pick-Up: 6:50 - 7:10AM**

**Bus Drop-Off: 5:00 - 5:30PM**

**Car Rider Drop-Off: 7:00 - 8:00AM**

**Car Rider Pick-Up: 4:00 - 5:00PM**

## ACTIVITIES

### LAND

Nature Hike  
 Archery  
 Air Rifles  
 Sling Shots  
 Gaga  
 Arts & Crafts  
 Horseback Riding  
 Water Balloons  
 Axe Throwing  
 Field Games

### FREE SWIM

Blob  
 Slide  
 Rope Swing  
 Jumping Tower

### WATER

Banana Boat  
 Canoes  
 Pedals Boats  
 Kayaks  
 Fishing



**REGISTER FOR DAY CAMP ONLINE AT [CAMPCHANDLER.ORG](http://CAMPCHANDLER.ORG)**

# RESIDENTIAL CAMP

## LAND ACTIVITIES

Camp Chandler's land activities are uniquely designed with the young adventurer, marksman, competitor, and creative spirit in mind. We offer a wide variety of thrilling activities that your camper will be sure to love!

Horseback Riding  
Air Rifles  
Archery  
Wrist-Rocket Slingshots  
Axe Throwing  
Nature Hike  
GaGa Pit  
Disc Golf  
Creek Critter Capture  
Kickball  
Arts & Crafts  
Water Balloon Wars



## NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Every night at Camp Chandler brings our campers a special camp-wide activity that they will be sure to remember. The memories made during these one-of-a-kind activities will last a lifetime.

Campfire  
Capture the Flag  
Campchella Dance Party  
Waterfront Cookout & Sunset Swim  
The Tonight Show Skit & Variety Hour  
Lip-Sync Battle (Alternate)  
Hike to Jordan Dam (Alternate)  
Game Night (Alternate)

## WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES

Camp Chandler's Waterfront, located on the beautiful Lake Jordan, is the ultimate playground for all of our water-related activities. It's (quite literally) the "coolest" place at camp! Check out our list of activities:

Pedal Boats  
Fishing  
Stand-Up Paddleboards (SUPs)  
Canoes  
Kayaks  
War Canoes  
Sailing  
Swimming Area  
The Blob  
Giant Water Slide  
Banana Boat  
Water Skiing / Tubing / Kneeboarding

## RESIDENTIAL SESSIONS

SESSION 1	June 2 - 7
SESSION 2	June 9 - 14
SESSION 3	June 16 - 21
SESSION 4	June 30 - July 5
SESSION 5	July 7 - 12
SESSION 6	July 14 - 19

Sessions 1, 3, 5: Scouts and Explorer options

## DAILY SCHEDULE



	7:00AM	Reveille
	7:30AM	Breakfast
	8:00AM	Flag Raising
	8:10AM	Chapel
	8:30AM	Cabin Clean-up
9:30AM - 10:20AM		Cabin Time
10:30AM - 11:20AM		Activity 1
11:30AM - 12:20PM		Activity 2
12:30PM		Lunch
1:00PM - 2:00PM		Rest Period
2:00PM - 2:30PM		Camp Store
2:30PM - 4:00PM		Free Swim
4:00PM - 5:00PM		Activity 3
5:00PM - 5:45PM		Activity 4
6:00PM		Camp Nut & Flag Lowering
6:15PM		Dinner & Mail Call
7:00PM - 8:30PM		Night Activity
8:30PM		Devotion / Beads
9:00PM		Showers
10:30PM		Lights Out



## SPECIALTY CAMPS

These camps focus on advanced skills for Rangers (ages 10 to 14). Space is very limited for all specialty camps.

YMCA Members: \$770  
YMCA Non-Members: \$820



### FISHING CAMP

Campers learn the basics of fishing like baiting, casting, & proper tackle selection by practicing each day at the waterfront. Early morning fishing sessions on a boat with confidence. With newly acquired skills, campers go in pursuit of the big ones during a night fishing adventure with experienced staff. Campers are welcome to bring their own fishing rods.

### SKIVENTURE CAMP

Skiers of all skill levels can enjoy an additional two hours each morning behind the boat during this ski and wakeboard camp.

### PIONEERS

This teen camp includes an overnight tent adventure in the great outdoors. Campers will experience activities like skeet shooting & hiking. Our most experienced counselors lead & really challenge the group to grow as a team & as individuals.

### EXTREME CAMP

Focuses on testing personal limits on our zip line, pamper pole, vertical playpen, climbing tower, & giant's ladder. Campers perfect their climbing & confidence in pressure situations high above the ground. 75lb minimum.

### WRANGLER CAMP

Introduces the skills & responsibilities of horseback riding. Wranglers will spend extra time trail riding & learning to groom & care for an assigned horse during the week.





## SPECIAL RATE OPPORTUNITIES ◀◀◀

- Attend our Week 6 Ranger session & receive \$100 discount off the regular rate!
- Returning Campers can Refer-A-Friend & get \$50\* off your week per new camper referred \*(\$50 off week-long and \$25 off scouts/explorers)
- Returning Campers from 2023- Return to camp and get 2023 rates as opposed to the new 2024 rates! Thank you for your loyalty!

## MULTIPLE SESSIONS & WEEKEND STAYS ◀◀◀

To truly experience all the magic camp has to offer, campers can stay for multiple sessions and weekends in between! Campers attending multiple weeks will get \$100 off each additional week. Sometimes one session just isn't enough-for that reason we offer a Weekend Stay-Over option in between four of our sessions for the low rate of \$100 for members and \$110 for non-members! Weekend add-ons are **ONLY** accessible to campers who stay two or more consecutive weeks.

Join us for two extra nights of crafts, games, activities, and special outings for all ages, such as going to a Biscuits game, skating, bowling, and many other excursions. We have an excellent set of staff members that are here to help with all aspects of the weekends, from leading activities to helping campers wash clothes and bedding.

Not only is this a fun-filled weekend, but it's an opportunity to rest and recharge before another exciting week of camp, making it the perfect transition between multiple sessions. The Weekend Stay-Over option is great for those campers that live out-of-state, multiple hours away, or just love camp magic!



# TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

## LEADERS-IN-TRAINING ◀◀◀

### 15 YEAR-OLDS

This 3-week camp is designed for motivated individuals who are ready to work & play hard. They must demonstrate maturity & be willing to take on more responsibility for leadership roles. All Leaders-In-Training may register for camp online, but space is limited & sessions will close quickly.

**LIT SESSION 1: June 2 - June 21**

**LIT SESSION 2: June 30 - July 19**

YMCA Members - \$1,320

YMCA Non-Members - \$1,420

## SERVANTS WORKING ALL TOGETHER ◀◀◀

### 16 YEAR-OLDS - A Pre-Counselor Volunteer Position

The Servants Working All Together (S.W.A.T.) Program is for motivated 16-year-olds who wish to train themselves to join the camp family. Working alongside camp counselors, SWAT members will learn the responsibilities of becoming a Camp Chandler counselor and develop the essential work skills needed to be a successful role model for today's youth. This valuable transition between camper and staff member serves our future camp counselors as they experience a summer of intense personal growth. Applications for this exciting opportunity can be found at [campchandler.org](http://campchandler.org).



# CAMP WHEEZEAWAY

Celebrating our 33rd Annual Camp WheezeAway with a FREE 5-day Summer Camp for kids ages 8-12 with moderate to severe asthma. Camp WheezeAway will be held at YMCA Camp Chandler May 26 – 31, 2024.

## MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT

We are thankful to all of those families that support the YMCA year-round with household memberships. As a thank you, we are proud to offer a Membership Discount (household memberships only) on all camp sessions in thanks for your support and dedication to the YMCA and all of its programs. Please contact the camp office at 334-229-0035 if you are a member of a YMCA other than The YMCA of Greater Montgomery.



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It is the mission of Camp Chandler to make camp available to all youth, regardless of ability to pay. To receive financial assistance for a session of summer camp, please fill out the financial assistance form, available online or by contacting the camp office. Applications must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the start of a session. Financial assistance is available to Scout, Explorer, and Ranger sessions.

If you would like to support our Annual Campaign and help give the magic of camp to future campers, give online or make checks payable to YMCA Camp Chandler. Thank you for helping make camp possible for all children!

### Statement of Equality

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department is prohibited. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Right program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at [http://www.asci.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.asci.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), or at any USDA office, or call (866)632-9992 to request a form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint for or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, by fax (202)690-7442 or email at [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).





## HOW TO REGISTER?

Register your children ages 5-15. Register on-line at [www.ymcamontgomery.org/camp](http://www.ymcamontgomery.org/camp) or download and send the registration form to:

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YMCA of Greater Montgomery  
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