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2026



STANLY COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

Camp Dates: Mon-Fri 5/26/26—8/7/26

Registration Dates: 2/5/26-5/11/26

Late Registration Dates: 5/12/25-7/22/26 (Where space is available)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Dear Camp Parent/Guardian,

This summer we will help get the kids back to the fun and adventure of childhood, with a greater emphasis on social-emotional growth and character development.

At camp we are focused on campers' safety, as well as, helping them excel through numerous opportunities. Space will be limited. Y Camp intentionally spotlights three areas of development which help children grow: friendships, accomplishment and belonging. At camp, we can:

- Develop friendships with new and returning campers,
- Gain new skills that build confidence,
- Acquire a sense of belonging in a community.

Nicole Russell, Afterschool/Camp Director

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YMCA Mission:  
"To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all."

QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMP, BILLING, or SCHOLARSHIPS? Nicole Russell, Afterschool/Camp Director 704.982.1916 nrussell@stanlyymca.org  
QUESTIONS ABOUT Y MEMBERSHIPS? Membership Desk 704.982.1916

### IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

STANLY COUNTY FAMILY YMCA 704.982.1916  
YMCA PAVILION 704.550.9080

Get the latest information, reminders and photos!  
Sign up for our Group Me: Scan the QR Code ----->  
2026 Summer Camp (Pavilion)



## Why do parents choose YMCA Day Camp?

**Well-Trained and Energetic Staff:** We take your child's safety seriously. Staff must pass numerous tests before being hired, then complete over 30 hours of training.

**Variety of Activities and Experiences:** We do not babysit our campers; we develop strong, smart, compassionate children. In order to do so, we meet the growing diversity of our camper base and give everyone a chance to excel, we offer a broad variety of traditional & non-traditional experiences. Some of our activities include: sports, gardening, themed activities, camp crafts, service in the community, guest speakers, literacy, STEAM, swimming, water safety, life skills, daily devotions, nature play, and more.

**We are more than a gym:** At the Y, you're not just a member of a facility; you're a part of a cause, with a shared commitment to nurture the potential of youth, to improve health and well-being, to give back and support our neighbors.

## WHO WILL BE WITH MY CAMPER?

The foundation of any camp experience is strong, positive relationships between camp staff, campers and parents. We are proud of our exceptional staff who provide leadership and serve as role models to our campers. Each year, we select young men and women who have displayed a sincere interest and concern for the well-being of children. Many of our staff have been Y campers who want to come back and make summer memories for others! Numerous counselors love their job so much, they return again and again.

We conduct background checks, reference checks, and drug screenings on all camp staff. Staff must complete 30 hours of pre-camp training including:

- CPR, First Aid & AED certifications
- Child abuse prevention
- Aquatic safety
- Child development
- Best practices for YMCA Day Camp
- Literacy & Math activities
- Team building & group work
- Playground safety
- Social & emotional learning/behavior management
- Techniques to encourage all campers to be inclusive while celebrating our differences

Afterschool/Camp Director, Nicole Russell, oversees camp. The Site Director who is at least 21 years old, has leadership experience and a love for kids, is responsible for the daily supervision of camp. Senior Counselors are college students or graduates, all over the age of 18 years. Junior counselors, 16 & 17 years old, serve as assistants to adult, seasoned staff.

Everyone's safety is our top priority. Camp will have a staff to child ratio of 1:10. We will follow the most current protocols in order to keep campers and staff safe and healthy.

Where can you find us?

**STANLY COUNTY FAMILY YMCA** is located at 427 North First St. Albemarle NC 28001. Campers will have access to gym, two pools, wally ball court, conference rooms, chapel, and Game Room. YMCA: 704.982.1916

**THE PAVILION SITE** is located at 115 C B Crook Dr. Albemarle NC 28001 across the street from the YMCA. Facilities include the Pavilion, All Children's Playground and field area. Pavilion: 704.550.9080

## AT CAMP, WE CAN!

### Friendship, Accomplishment, Belonging

There's nothing like Y camp. We have been in the camp business for years and this summer will not disappoint! Most of our activities will take place outside, as camp was meant to be. We will get dirty every day. We will play, create and learn as we strive to be our best selves.

### AT A GLANCE

- YMCA Summer Day Camp at the Pavilion is for children entering kindergarten through eighth grade in the fall of 2026.
- Summer Day Camp is offered at **YMCA Pavilion**.
- Summer Day Camp runs in weekly sessions
- Register for one week or all.
- Camp is Mon-Fri from 9:00 am-4:00 pm.
- Early and late supervision are available for full day campers from 7:00-9:00 am and 4:00-6:00 pm at no extra charge.
- Full-time and part-time options are available.

### Welcome

Drop in to our Open House on Saturday, May 16th 10:00am - 12:00pm, at the Pavilion. It will be posted on our Stanly County Family YMCA FB & IG pages.

### Groups

A group is a huddle of campers your child is assigned to for the week. A group participates in activities together throughout the day. Each group will consist of at least two staff with ten to fifteen campers. Your child's group will remain the same in an effort to build strong friendships.

### BEAD NECKLACES

Bead Necklaces are a very important tradition at summer camp. All campers may earn beads for displaying traits that show good character, learning weekly Bible verses, and family participation. If a child does not wear his/her necklace, he/she may not earn a bead that day (simply because beads get lost if they cannot be put on a necklace). If a child loses his/her necklace, we will replace the lanyard, but not all of the beads. Please help your camper remember to wear the necklace daily.

#### Bead colors and their meanings:

Red=Caring      Purple=Faith      Blue=Honesty      Yellow=Respect  
Green=Responsibility      White=Family Participation      Aqua=Swimming milestone  
Grey=STEAM accomplishment      Orange=Mission Statement  
Brown=Gardening      Black=Bible Verse Memorization

### SNACKS AND LUNCHES

The YMCA will be partnering with Stanly County Schools Child Nutrition Services to provide two snacks and a free, healthy lunch for a portion of camp. Days to be announced.

### SWIMMING INFO

Campers should bring their bathing suit and towel everyday. All campers will take a swim test to determine their ability in the pool. Campers will swim several times each week. They will play water games and messy activities the other days, so bathing suits and towels will be needed daily.

Campers who show weakness in swimming may be given the opportunity to take free swim lessons each morning for a two-week class offered by YMCA camp/swim instructors.

Campers with open sores and rashes will not be allowed to swim. This determination will be made by our Aquatics Director.

### FIELD TRIPS

This year we are planning on having a few fun field trips for all of our campers. Trips TBA.

## SUMMER DAY CAMP SESSIONS

SPACE IS LIMITED! IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS REGISTER QUICKLY TO SECURE YOUR CAMPER'S SPOT.

WE HAVE 11 WEEKS THAT WILL BE JAM PACKED WITH FUN IN THE SUN FOR ALL OUR CAMPERS

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL MAY 20TH FOLLOWED BY A LONG RESTFULL WEEKEND.

CAMP WILL START MAY 26TH

WEEK 1 MAY 26—MAY 29

\*\*WE WILL BE CLOSED MAY 25TH

WEEK 2 JUNE 1—JUNE 5

WEEK 3 JUNE 8—JUNE 12

WEEK 4 JUNE 15—JUNE 19

WEEK 5 JUNE 22—JUNE 26

WEEK 6 JUNE 29—JULY 2

\*\*WE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 3RD

WEEK 7 JULY 6—JULY 10

WEEK 8 JULY 13—JULY 17

WEEK 9 JULY 20—JULY 24

WEEK 10 JULY 27—JULY 31

WEEK 11 AUGUST 3—AUGUST 7

\*\*WE WILL BE CLOSED AUGUST 10 & 11 TO PREARE FOR AFTERSCHOOL



## CAMP FEES: REGISTRATION

**FULL-TIME \*Weekly Rate\***  
(4-5 days per week)

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Program Participants | \$30.00  |
| Y Family Members     | \$130.00 |
| Program Participants | \$180.00 |

**PART-TIME \*Weekly Rate\***  
(up to 3 days a week)

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Y Family Members     | \$105.00 |
| Program Participants | \$155.00 |

## Y Pavilion Summer Day Camp Attendance Options

We know summer can be busy, so we are flexible. You may register your child/ children for any number of weeks during the summer. We also have full-time and a part-time options!

- Full-time: 4-5 days/week (Mon-Fri)
- Part-Time Up to 3 days a week (Mon-Fri)



## Special Events:

- **Open House-Sat, May 16th @ 10:00am-12:00 pm.** Drop in for Open House at the Pavilion. Meet staff and take a tour of the camp facilities. You can find Open House information on our Stanly County Family YMCA FB & IG pages.

## SUMMER DAY CAMP FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Register early, as space is limited.**

Camp registration: \$30 registration fee all program participants.

Late Registration fee of \$25 will be charged if registration occurs after 5/11/2026.

We are going paperless and registration will be online or in house at the front desk.

**Registration fees are non-refundable**

Registration is open February 5- May 11. Late registration will be accepted May 12- July 22, where space is available. A late fee of \$25 per child will be applied. Register early to secure your child's place, as space is limited this year.

Upon registration, a NON-REFUNDABLE registration fee for each child must be paid in order to reserve your child's place for the summer.

Registration fees: \$30 for all Program Participants

There will then be two options to pay the balance of camp:

- Pay in full no later than the child's first day of camp. No refunds for full payment.
- Draft your bank account, debit card, or credit card weekly on Tuesdays two weeks before each week of attendance.

\*\*\*\*To make any changes to your Summer Day Camp registration, you must notify Nicole Russell a minimum of two days before the appropriate charge/draft. \*\*\*\*

**REGISTER NOW!!**

Parents are responsible for weekly payments for each session registered unless the Afterschool/Camp Director receives notification a minimum of two days before the scheduled charge/draft. You may email Nicole Russell [nrussell@stanlyymca.org](mailto:nrussell@stanlyymca.org). When turning in the notice on time, you will then only be responsible for 50% of the weekly balance, instead of the full amount. If Nicole is notified in less than two days ahead of time, you will be responsible for 100% of the weekly balance.

**Credits for absences will not be given.** Please understand that your fees pay for direct operating costs, therefore, when you register for a session, you are reserving the provisions, time, space, and staff for your child whether or not he/she attends.

### OPEN DOORS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The YMCA's Open Doors Scholarship Program was implemented in 1990. Through this plan, a sliding fee scale is used to determine membership & program assistance available based on need. Proof of gross family income is required.

Assistance may be obtained by completing an application, which is available at the YMCA Membership Desk and gathering necessary documentation. Please leave this information with Nicole Russell, Afterschool/Camp Director.



*Money to help fund summer day camp assistance is provided by the United Way and various grants.*

### RETURNED PAYMENTS

By chance, if the draft is declined, The Y has the right to redraft your account at any time. If payment is not made on time, there will be a \$10 late fee added if the balance is not taken care of by that Friday. If the weekly payment is not made by the next Monday, care will be suspended until the balance is paid.

Should you at any time have a financial problem, immediately contact Nicole Russell, Afterschool/Camp Director at 704.982.1916.

## **HELP YOUR CAMPER BE SUCCESSFUL**

- Please send your child to camp each day healthy and properly dressed. Tennis shoes and play clothes are required.
- Discuss any questions, comments or concerns with your site director/camp leader.
- It is essential that you keep your registration information, phone numbers, and emergency contacts current. Notify Nicole Russell Afterschool/Camp Director, with any changes at nrussell@stanlyymca.org.
- Account balances must be kept current. If you should experience a difficult time meeting your obligations, contact Nicole Russell Afterschool/Camp Director.

## **CUSTODY & VISITATION**

In cases of separated or divorced parents where visitation rights are denied to one parent, we cannot deny releasing the child to that parent unless a court decree or separation document is on file forbidding that parent from picking up the child from our program or from picking up at times not allowed by the courts.

## **STAFF BOUNDARIES**

1. Y staff and volunteers are not allowed to transport children at any time in their personal vehicles.
2. Y staff cannot babysit campers.
3. State law mandates the Y to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities for investigation.
4. Y staff cannot communicate with campers through text, Facebook, Twitter, or other means of social media.

## **SUGGESTIONS FROM THE EXPERTS, OTHER PARENTS:**

- Dress for the weather. At camp we spend much of our time outdoors.
- For safety reasons, campers must wear tennis shoes. Kids can't run and play in slides or sandals. You don't want your child to get injured or stung if wearing the wrong shoes.
- Campers get dirty at camp. Don't send them in nice, new clothes. Send them in old play clothes. You will not be sorry!
- Send a bathing suit and towel everyday. Even if your child's group isn't scheduled to swim, they may play some outside water games.
- **LABEL EVERYTHING!!!**
- Don't send money, toys or any items of value. They should be left at home where they are safe. The kids are kept so busy at camp that they don't need these things. Staff are not responsible for lost, stolen or broken items.
- Meet the staff. They will be spending long days with your child. We can work as a team to provide a great summer for your camper if we know each other.
- In order to give your child the most positive group experience, arrive no later than 9am and stay until at least 4 pm.

## **WHAT IF I AM LATE PICKING UP MY CHILD?**

We ask that participants be picked up promptly by the end of the camp day. We understand that unavoidable situations may sometimes arise. If you find that you are going to be late, please call immediately to let us know so that neither staff nor your child will worry. You will be required to pay an additional fee of \$10.00 for each 10 minute increment past closing time that staff must wait with your child. You will be drafted this amount the next day.

After waiting with your child for 15 minutes, camp staff will begin calling those allowed to pick up on his/her registration form. If staff has waited for 30 minutes you have made no contact with us, then we will call the proper authorities.

## SAFE & HEALTHY

Summer is a time for fun, but also a time for heat, sun, bugs and ticks. Campers will be outside most of the day, but we monitor the heat index and air quality. We adjust our day to avoid overexposure. Campers always have access to water and will take breaks often in shaded places.

We encourage you to pack a few things to help avoid these health issues. Our staff will constantly be reminding campers to drink plenty of liquids and protect themselves from bugs, ticks and the sun. Packing the following items will help your child to have a great week:

**Bug repellent** (non-aerosol)-This can make life at camp much more comfortable!

**Sunscreen** (SPF 30 or higher)-We will be spending a great deal of time outdoors. Please pack sunscreen, clearly labeled, to keep your camper from getting sunburned. **Please apply before coming to camp**, in order to comply with our child abuse prevention guidelines, the application of topical products will take place in an open setting and an medical form is required. Staff will help if absolutely necessary for Kindergarten and 1st grade campers and will supervise the application of the products for our older campers. Please label clearly.

**Water bottle, hat and sunglasses**-All are helpful items for beating the heat and protecting campers.

**Tennis Shoes** (no sandals, flip flops or crocs)-Children can only fully participate when wearing the appropriate camp shoes. Tennis shoes also help

## SICK CAMPERS

When children come to camp, they must be healthy, injury-free and well enough to fully participate. Please **do not send your child to camp** if he/she has had one or more of the following in the last 24 hours:

- A temperature of 100° (or higher)
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Head Lice, including visible nits
- Anything contagious: i.e., Chicken Pox, Hand Foot & Mouth Disease, rashes of unknown origin, Pink Eye

A staff member will call you immediately to pick up your child if he/she becomes ill while at camp.

In the event of a medical emergency, we will take the necessary actions for the health of your child and make every effort to contact you.

**Parents are responsible for their child's primary accident insurance when using the YMCA and when participating in YMCA programs off-site.**

**The Aquatic Director will determine whether or not a child with a rash or open sores may swim.**

## MEDICATIONS

If possible, medications should be administered at home. If it is required during camp, it will be administered under the following conditions:

Only Site Directors can **administer medication** to campers, when the proper form has been completed and signed by parents. One of the "Permission to Administer Medication" forms is included in this packet. If needed, they are also available from the Site Director.

All medications must be sent in the **original container**. Physician's directions must be clearly written on prescription medications. At no time is a child to possess any medications (including over the counter) in his/her personal belongings.

\*\*\*\*All **inhalers and epi-pens** must be kept in a medication box which is easily accessible and can be obtained in a moment's notice. If a parent requests, in writing, that the inhaler and epi-pen be kept with the child, we will honor the request, provided the child can demonstrate responsibility for the use and possession of items. Any misuse or misplacement of these items during camp will be cause for the inhaler to be kept in the medication box.

## FOOD ALLERGIES/RESTRICTIONS

On the Camper Registration Form, please include any dietary restrictions or food allergies your camper may have. It is important for us to have this information so that we may notify SCS Child Nutrition Services of any special menus that need to be prepared for the campers receiving lunch. It is also helpful to remind opening staff on the first day of camp.



## **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

At camp, we want everyone to be safe and successful. The YMCA wants every child to enjoy the activities planned and benefit from their experience. Your child's participation in YMCA Summer Day Camp depends upon his/her behavior. Staff regularly goes over rules and expectations to be sure campers understand what is appropriate behavior to make camp safe and fun for all. **The use of cell phones and electronics are not allowed by campers.**

### **RULES**

1. Be **RESPECTFUL** of others and their belongings. Honor personal space.
2. Be **RESPONSIBLE** for yourself, your belongings, and your community.
3. Be **HONEST** with yourself and others at all times.
4. Be **CARING** of others.
5. Be **FAITHFUL** in your actions.

### **CONSEQUENCES**

Remind child of rules and receive a warning  
Restrict activity  
Document behavior in child's file  
Talk with parents upon pick-up  
Take away privileges/In-Camp Suspension  
Call parents immediately/Suspension without refund given

### **Positive Reinforcements**

Receive praise  
Positive notes  
Special privileges  
Elbow bumps  
Participate in group rewards  
Bead necklaces

\*\*\*In severe incidences, the site director may by-pass the first consequences. If deemed necessary, camper may lose swim time or special events. Suspension may also be necessary.

**Fighting, hazing, bullying of other children, stealing, refusal to cooperate at other's expense, and disrespect toward staff will not be tolerated.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Dismissal from Summer Camp and other YMCA programs may occur as a result of:

- Excessive tardiness in fee payments or failure to pay fees
- Severe or repeated discipline problems
- Disrespect, discourtesy or other inappropriate behavior by parent toward a YMCA staff or a participant
- Excessive or repeated late pick up

## **What to bring to camp...**



**Tennis Shoes**

**Water Bottle**

**Sun Screen**

**Bug Repellent**

**Swim Suit & Towel**

**Change of clothes**

**Please label all items with child's first & last name.**







## Summer Camp 2026 Fee Schedule Pavilion

| <u>For week of</u> | <u>Due Date of Payment</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 5/26-5/29          | Wednesday, May 13, 2026    |
| 6/1-6/5            | Tuesday, May 19, 2026      |
| 6/8-6/9            | Tuesday, May 26, 2026      |
| 6/15-6/19          | Tuesday, June 2, 2026      |
| 6/22-6/26          | Tuesday, June 9, 2026      |
| 6/29-7/3           | Tuesday, June 16, 2026     |
| 7/6-7/10           | Tuesday, June 23, 2026     |
| 7/13-7/17          | Tuesday, June 30, 2026     |
| 7/20-7/24          | Tuesday, July 7, 2026      |
| 7/27-7/31          | Tuesday, July 14, 2026     |
| 8/3-8/5            | Tuesday, July 21, 2026     |