

# NO PLACE

## *Like This Place*

### 2026 SUMMER DAY CAMPS

- ▶ Camp Apex, Shelburne MA
- ▶ Gymnastics Camp, Greenfield MA  
including: Ninja, Lil' Flippers, Adventure





# THE Summer You'll Never Forget PLACE

Dear Camp Families,

Welcome to Franklin County's YMCA Summer Camp, where tradition, adventure, and lifelong memories come together — where there's No Place Like This Place,

This summer is especially meaningful as YUSA celebrates 175 years of strengthening communities nationwide. Here in Franklin County, we are proud to be part of that legacy. The Greenfield YMCA's charter dates back to 1889, and we have been running summer camps at Camp Apex since 1952. Always creating experiences rooted in nature, friendship, and personal growth. The photo below captures a glimpse of those early days—and the traditions that continue to inspire us today.

For generations, FCY Summer Camps have been the place where kids could go on adventures, learn new skills, build their self-esteem and confidence, and make memories. We are proud to pass along these time-honored traditions—especially a love and respect for the land—to the newest generations of campers.

With the guidance of caring adult and teen role models, your camper will experience a summer filled with exploration, skill-building, and meaningful connections. Camp is a truly transformative place where children grow more independent, develop strong character, and discover confidence through hands-on learning and play.

Our camps are grounded in the YMCA's Four Core Values—Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. These values guide every activity and interaction, helping campers turn each new experience into personal growth and lasting confidence.

We are honored to welcome your child into this long-standing YMCA tradition and to continue a legacy that has shaped families in our community for well over a century. Thank you for choosing Franklin County's YMCA Summer Camps—because there truly is no place like this place.

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YMCA campers on the Deerfield River,  
just below Stillwater Bridge. Circa 1892



# GENERAL INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES/PARENTS

## REGISTRATION & ENROLLMENT

- ▶ In person: 451 Main Street, Greenfield
- ▶ By phone: 413-773-3646 ext 0
- ▶ Online: [www.your-y.org/camps](http://www.your-y.org/camps)

Camp registration is first-come, first-served. A \$40 non-refundable deposit per child, per week is required at registration.

After registering, families will receive a confirmation email with a link to complete enrollment. Required camper forms include completed registration paperwork and current physical and immunization records from your child's PCP. Forms are also available at the Welcome Center if needed.

Each camp requires its own set of forms.

- ▶ Camp Apex forms: Due the first day of camp
- ▶ Gymnastics Camp forms: Due by May 1, 2026  
Forms submitted after May 1 must be completed at the time of enrollment to secure placement

Full payment is due two weeks prior to the start of each camp session. Campers may not attend if payment is not paid in full. Payments may be made online, by phone, or at the Welcome Center.

## YMCA COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The YMCA is committed to making camp accessible to all families. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis and available to active YMCA members. Applications can be found at [www.your-y.org/camps](http://www.your-y.org/camps) and must be returned with the required documentation.

To become a member, visit the Welcome Center or join online.

## DCF / SEVEN HILLS VOUCHERS

DCF and Seven Hills vouchers are accepted for Camp Apex only.

## CAMP DISCOUNTS

Discounts cannot be combined with YMCA scholarships, DCF, or other vouchers.

- ▶ Full Summer Discount: Save by enrolling for the whole summer
- ▶ Sibling Discount: Save up to 15% for a second child

## REFUND & TRANSFER POLICY

All camps require a \$40 non-refundable deposit per child, per week.

- ▶ Before May 1, 2026:
  - Refunds issued minus the \$40 deposit
  - Deposits may be transferred to another camp week
- ▶ After May 1, 2026:
  - Refunds granted only for medical reasons or relocation
  - Physician's note required for medical refunds

**No refunds or credits will be issued after camp begins.** Families who do not notify the Y of cancellation will be charged the full camp fee. Please cancel promptly to allow campers on the waitlist to participate.



## WHAT TO PACK FOR CAMP

Please make sure your child's name is on all belongings. Campers should leave **ALL** valuables, electronics, cell phones, and toys at home.



Swimsuit & Towel

Refillable Water Bottle

Nutritious Snack

Change of Clothes  
(extra socks on rainy days)

Closed Toe Shoes

Sandals for the Pool

Sunscreen, Bug Repellent\*

\*for Camp Apex only





# THE Yes to New Adventures PLACE

## CAMP APEX

45 Peckville Road, Shelburne ▶ 413-625-2493

### No Place Like Camp!

Located in Shelburne – just four minutes from the rotary – Camp Apex sits on over 30 acres of outdoor adventure. Surrounded by nature and new friends, this is a place where summer memories are made and confidence begins to grow.

### A Place to Explore & Belong

Campers who have completed kindergarten through 8th grade discover new interests, build lasting friendships, and feel a true sense of belonging. Each day is filled with hands-on fun; from arts & crafts to water safety and gaga ball – sending campers home with full hearts and memories for a lifetime.

### Adventures Every Day

Every day brings something new, including: 160-foot tube slide, obstacle courses and field days; silly camp songs and group games, hiking and stream exploring, swimming and water fun, creative arts and crafts.

### A Tradition of Impact

For decades, Camp Apex has provided life-changing camp experiences for children across Franklin County and beyond. It's a place where kids can have fun, be themselves, and grow—because there truly is no place like this place.

### Caring Counselors, Confident Kids

Our counselors are positive role models dedicated to helping every camper thrive. Through encouragement, guidance, and fun, they create a safe, supportive environment where kids discover what makes them unique.

#### CAMPER AGES

**5 to 14 years old**

Campers are assigned to age-appropriate groups. Adjustments may be made based on enrollment and group size.

- ▶ Chipmunks: 5–6 years old (entering 1st grade)
- ▶ Dragonflies: 6–7 years old
- ▶ Newts: 8–9 years old
- ▶ Bears: 10–11 years old
- ▶ Iguanas: 12+ years old

#### CAMP HOURS

**7 am to 6 pm**

Camp hours are 8:45 am – 3:30 pm, with complimentary extended care from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm.

Lunch provided by Greenfield Summer Eats Program.

#### WEEKLY FEES

Member	\$260 per child
Non Member	\$305 per child

#### DEPOSIT

A \$40 non-refundable deposit per week, per child is due at registration to hold your campers spot.

#### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CAMPER

While each day is unique, expect your child to stay busy, active, and engaged at camp. All activities take place daily – schedule may vary.

7 – 8:45 am	Early Drop-Off
8:45am	Flag & Announcements
9 am	Nature
9:55 am	Sports
10:50 am	Obstacle Course
12 noon	Lunch
12:45 pm	Swimming
1:30 pm	Group Time
2:25 pm	Arts & Crafts
3:45 pm	Closing Circle / Cleanup
4 – 6 pm	Late Pick-Up



## WELCOME HOME

Step into a place where adventure begins and friendships grow. Our welcoming camp community encourages kids to explore, learn, and be themselves through outdoor fun, creative activities, and team challenges. Each day builds confidence, sparks curiosity, and creates lasting memories. Whether it's your first summer or you're coming back again, we can't wait to welcome you home!

► **Week 1:** **June 22-26**

## NATURE EXPLORATION

Children will embark on an immersive outdoor experience based on curiosity, wonder and respect for the natural world. Through hands-on activities, guided adventures, and creative exploration, campers will become young explorers discovering our local forest, fields, rivers and wildlife all around them.

► **Week 2:** **June 29-July 3** **Into the Woods**  
 ► **Week 3:** **July 6-10** **Out in the Open**  
 ► **Family Night:** **July 9** **Dirtcake Dessert**

## SPLISH, SPLASH

Splish Splash your way to a water-inspired week full of fun, creativity, and playful adventure! Campers enjoy water-themed games, ocean-inspired crafts, imaginative storytelling, and team activities that build confidence and cooperation. Get ready to dive in—because this week, the fun never dries up!

► **Week 4:** **July 13-17** **Wet and Wild**  
 ► **Week 5:** **July 20-24** **Under The Sea**  
 ► **Family Night:** **July 23** **Pizza & Pool Party**

## TIME TRAVEL

Campers will embark on an imaginative journey through the past, present, and future! As they travel through time, campers explore history, innovation, and possibilities while building curiosity, critical thinking, and teamwork. They won't just learn about history—they'll live it. Pack your imagination for an unforgettable adventure through time!

► **Week 6:** **July 27-31** **Remember When**  
 ► **Week 7:** **Aug 3-7** **Memory Makers**  
 ► **Family Night:** **August 6** **Soda Floats**

## WE ARE FAMILY

These weeks celebrate connection, kindness, and the joy of community. At Camp Apex, family means friends, teammates, and caring mentors who support one another. Through team-building games, creative activities, and shared traditions, campers build friendships, practice empathy, and learn the power of teamwork. Here, we cheer for each other, grow together, and create memories that last long after camp ends—because here, you're always part of the family.

► **Week 8:** **Aug 10-14** **Better Together**  
 ► **Week 9:** **Aug 17-21** **No Place Like Camp**  
 ► **Apex Gala:** **Aug 15** **11 am to 2 pm!**



# THE Learn New Skills PLACE



## GYMNASICS CAMP

451 Main Street, Greenfield ▶ 413-773-3646 ext 424

### No Place Like Tumbling Tigers Summer Camps!

Whether your child loves flipping, climbing, exploring, or just having a blast with friends—our camps are designed to make every day exciting, safe, and unforgettable. From gymnastics and ninja challenges to mini-camp movement and multi-sport adventures. Siblings and friends share the fun across activities while remaining age- and skill-appropriate.

#### Gymnastics Camp

Campers rotate through vault, bars, beam, floor, and tumble track stations with coaches guiding skill-appropriate challenges. Perfect for beginners through advanced athletes, this camp builds strength, confidence, skills, and friendships—all wrapped into one energetic day.

#### Ninja Camp - now all summer!

Packed with obstacle courses, balance challenges, and high-energy fun! Campers climb, jump, and tackle ninja-style courses that build strength, coordination, problem-solving, and confidence—with excitement in every action-filled day.

#### Lil' Flippers Mini Camp

Mini Camp is perfect for our youngest campers, blending fun-sized gymnastics, playful obstacle courses, and movement games. Campers build listening skills, independence, teamwork, and confidence—leaving happy and proud of all they've learned! **Children must be potty trained to join in on this camp experience.**

#### Adventure Camp - new this year!

The best of gymnastics, ninja, and multi-sport fun—all in one camp! Campers experience gymnastics and ninja rotations, then head to the gym for soccer, kickball, relay races, and team games. This camp is perfect for kids who love variety, movement, and fun all day long.

#### CAMPER AGES

Campers are assigned to age-appropriate groups. Adjustments may be made based on enrollment and group size.

- ▶ Gymnastics 5-14 years old (entering first grade)
- ▶ Ninja & Adventure 5-14 years old (entering first grade)
- ▶ Minis 3.5-5 years old

#### CAMP HOURS

**7 am to 6 pm**

Camp day for Gymnastics, Ninja, Adventure) is 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, with complimentary extended care from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm. Lil' Flippers Mini Camp day ends at 2 pm.

Lunch provided by Greenfield Summer Eats Program.

#### WEEKLY FEES:

	Gymn/Ninja/Adv	Mini Camp
Member	\$260 per child	\$200 per child
Non Member	\$305 per child	\$245 per child

#### DEPOSIT

A \$40 non-refundable deposit per week, per child is due at registration to hold your campers spot.

#### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CAMPER

While each day is unique, expect your child to stay busy, active, and engaged at camp. All activities take place daily – schedule may vary.

7 – 8:30 am	Early Drop-Off
8:30 am	Attendance & Stretching
9:30 am	Rotation 1
10:15 am	Rotation 2
11 am	Camp Games
12 noon	Lunch
1 pm	Swimming / Lil' Flippers pick up
1:45 pm	Rotation 3
2:20 pm	Rotation 4
3:45 pm	Closing Circle / Cleanup
4 – 6 pm	Late Pick-Up





## WELCOME TO ADVENTURE & EXPLORATION

Start summer with energy, excitement, and new friends as campers explore the gym, tackle fun obstacle courses, and build confidence through teamwork and creativity. As indoor jungle explorers, they'll move like animals, climb "vines," and navigate agility- and balance-boosting challenges designed to spark excitement for the summer ahead.

- Week 1: June 22-26 Camp Adventure
- Week 2: June 29-July 3 Jungle Quest

## FANTASY & IMAGINATION

Step into Magical Worlds with wizards, dragons, and fairies as campers use their imaginations to tackle enchanted obstacle courses and magical movement challenges—costumes and props encouraged! In Inventors Lab, campers become engineers, working in teams to design obstacle courses, solve movement challenges, and create new games while building skills through creativity and problem-solving.

- Week 3: July 6-10 Magical Worlds
- Week 4: July 13-17 Inventor's Lab



## ANIMAL ADVENTURES

Move like your favorite animals in indoor jungle, arctic, and savanna-inspired games! Campers will explore agility, strength, and balance while learning teamwork and animal-inspired movement skills.

- Week 5: July 20-24 Animal Kingdom

## TIME & CREATIVITY

Bring stories to life! Campers will act out characters, complete story-inspired challenges, and create imaginative movement routines. Travel through time with indoor movement challenges! Campers will move like dinosaurs, knights, and robots, all while building strength, balance, and agility. Fun costumes and props encourage creativity.

\*Week 7 is optional for Tumbling Tigers Team & Pre-Team

- Week 6: July 27-31 Storybook Adventure
- Week 7: Aug 3-7\* Time Travelers

## FRIDAY SKILLS SHOWCASE

Join us every Friday during camp and enjoy a show put on by campers using the skills they learned throughout the week. Open to all friends and family members!

\* All camp families are invited to the Apex Gala on Saturday, August 15 from 11-2pm at Camp Apex! \*





## SAFETY IS OUR #1 PRIORITY!

- ▶ All camp staff and volunteers are CORI, SORI and background checked.
- ▶ We complete reference checks for each staff member including professional and personal references.
- ▶ All staff are first aid and CPR certified.
- ▶ Staff members are required to attend 30+ hours of training as well as mandatory annual child abuse prevention, bullying prevention, and concussion trainings.
- ▶ We are licensed and comply with all Department of Public Health regulations.
- ▶ We swim evaluate all new swimmers at the start of each session. We provide flotation devices to campers who require them.
- ▶ All swimmers **must pass a deep end test before** they are allowed to move beyond shallow water.
- ▶ Our pools are always guarded by certified lifeguards during camp hours.
- ▶ Counselors perform face counts and take attendance numerous times throughout the day and at every transition.
- ▶ We are diligent with sunblock application and bug spray throughout the day.
- ▶ Campers are only released to authorized adults at pick-up.
- ▶ All camps comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and are licensed by local boards of health.

