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2026: BFYMCA CAMP GREEN MOUNTAIN FAQ'S

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WHY CHOOSE THE Y FOR YOUR CHILD'S SUMMER?:

Camp provides a safe place for kids where they will make new friendships, develop decision-making and problem-solving skills, learn about team building and much more. Berkshire Family YMCA's Bennington area Camps provide parents with an affordable option that also gives them peace of mind knowing that their children are safe, having fun and learning new lifelong skills. The Berkshire Family YMCA (BFYMCA) is committed to recruiting and developing an outstanding group of counselors and directors that are dedicated to providing the best possible camp experience. Many of our staff members are college students who have been Camp participants. The staff participates in extensive training, and our lifeguards are certified. All staff members are certified in First Aid and CPR.

OUR GOAL:

At YMCA Summer Day Camps, caring professional role models create experiences that help youth build character, gain confidence, and learn friendship skills. All of our Y Summer Day Camps instill the Y's four core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility into every activity, every day.

- **Caring:** Considerate to the feelings of others
- **Respect:** Treating others, the environment and yourself with dignity
- **Honesty:** Being trustworthy and truthful
- **Responsibility:** Accepting accountability for your actions and role in the community

CAMP ACTIVITIES: STEAM, SWIM & SPORTS!

Camp Green Mountain offers a dynamic mix of activities, including nature exploration, weather studies, gross motor challenges, arts, dance, music, and talent shows. YMCA counselors lead hands-on lessons designed to develop practical skills that extend beyond the camp experience.

Our **Leaders in Training (LIT)** program provides campers with the opportunity to work alongside counselors, building job readiness and leadership skills in a supportive environment. For those ready to take the next step, our **Counselor-in-Training (CIT)** program offers an in-depth experience where participants develop leadership, teamwork, and mentoring skills while gaining firsthand experience in youth development.

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| ● Free/Recreational swim time | ● Sports, Play & Active Recreation for Kids |
| ● Field, group games | ● Team building |
| ● Arts and crafts | ● Traditional sports |
| ● Frisbee Golf | ● Field trips to Willow Park (Camp Green Mountain, Bennington VT) |

PARENT PROVIDED DAILY SUPPLIES

Closed toed shoes with a back must be worn
Flip flops are permitted for swim time ONLY
Water bottle - no glass bottles
Sunscreen

Bug spray
Swimsuit and towel
Snack

BERKSHIRE FAMILY YMCA: www.bfymca.org

Pittsfield (Corporate Office): 292 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201 **P:** 413-499-7650 **F (All Locations):** 888-965-0663

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Lunch is provided by YMCA for campers from **TBD**

Families will be responsible for providing lunch the weeks that meals not provided by Abbey Food Group. More information will follow during individual weeks.

CAMP GREEN MOUNTAIN HAS THREE LOCATIONS:

- Bennington Rec Center : Grades K-2 | 655 Gage St, Bennington
- Bennington Sports Center : Grades 3-8 | 230 School St, Bennington
- Arlington Rec Park: Grades K-8 | 176 Route 313, Arlington

CAMP GROUPS

- **Buckaroos:** Entering K, must be age 5 & **Pioneers:** Entering 1st grade
 - Our youngest children begin the camp experience with the excitement of trying new things! Daily schedules provide a balance between active and quiet play and group and individual activities.
- **Explorers:** Entering 2nd grade
 - Our more experienced campers will enjoy new challenges and new excitement. We emphasize increased self-confidence, encouraging others, responsibility and team building.
- **Voyagers:** Entering 3rd grade & **Trailblazers:** Entering 4th grade
 - As the child grows so will their camp experience. Emphasis in this unit is on increased self-confidence, encouraging others, responsibility and team building. Campers may also choose their activities in the mornings and the afternoons.
- **Pathfinders:** Entering 5th-6th grades
 - Our most experienced campers will take leadership programs and specialized activities that are designed to be progressive and challenging, as well as fun and entertaining. As the oldest unit, campers may choose their morning and afternoon activities.
- **Leaders in Training (LIT):** Entering 7th-8th grades
 - LIT campers will have the opportunity to work side-by-side with experienced counselors. They enjoy the schedule of the traditional campers with nature, arts and crafts, sports, and more. LIT campers will also lead a Community Outreach Project that connects with the environment. These campers learn how to become a counselor while also developing their leadership and team building skills that they will value throughout their lifetime.

2025 ONE-WEEK SESSIONS:

Important to note: Camp Green Mountain runs for 10 weeks in total, but at Arlington site, we operate from July 6- July 31, Monday through Thursday only.

- **Early Summer Camp: June 22 – June 26** (separate registration)
- **Session 1: June 29 – July 3** – Kick Off to Summer
- **Session 2: July 6 – July 10** – Community Hero Week
- **Session 3: July 13 – July 17** – Live Like a Local
- **Session 4: July 20 – July 24** – Sports and Play
- **Session 5: July 27 – July 31** – Art Enrichment Week
- **Session 6: August 3 – August 7** – STEAM Week
- **Session 7: August 10 – August 14** – Color Wars
- **Session 8: August 17 – August 21** – Fitness and Fun
- **End of Summer Celebration – August 24 – 28** (separate registration)

COST:

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- BENNINGTON RESIDENTS \$180 per Camper per Week
- NON-BENNINGTON RESIDENTS: \$209 per Camper per Week
- ARLINGTON SITE: Rate is dependent on number of days registered/week

CAMPER TRANSPORTATION

Parent/Guardian Transportation Only: No bus transportation is available for full day Camp Green Mountain.

- Parent/Guardian transportation to/from camp site.
- Drop-off: 8:00 a.m. Pick-up: 4:00 p.m.
- Parents must accompany children into the recreation center/sports center to be dropped off.

BEFORE- AND AFTER-CAMP CARE:

Pre-registration is required.

(Before- and After-Camp Care is not available at the at Arlington camp site.)

- Before-Camp Care: 7:00-8 a.m., Monday - Friday
- After-Camp Care: 4:00-5:30 p.m., Monday - Friday
- **Cost \$35/week/child**

EARLY SUMMER

Need camp before we really kick off? We do have an 8am-4pm day camp option June 22-26. Check out our website or contact a BFYMCA staff to get registered!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

The Berkshire Family YMCA offers Financial Assistance for children to participate in summer day camp. Eligibility is based on household size and income. Applications for Financial Assistance can be downloaded from our website – bfymca.org – or picked up the Welcome Center of either branch location. The Y reserves the right to deny or discontinue service at any time. Applications for Financial Assistance **MUST** be received at least two weeks prior to first camp week. Financial Aid is given on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified families.

- **Eligibility**
 - Families must work or reside in the Y service area.
 - Assistance will be granted on financial need for low income on a first-come first-serve basis.
 - Financial assistance is for the current camp year only.
 - Prior account balances must be paid in full before applying.
- **How to Apply**
 - Applications must be filled out completely. See complete details on Financial Assistance Packet.
 - Federal tax form and one month of current pay stubs or other form of income (SSI, food stamps, etc.) must be submitted.
 - Copies of documentation must be provided.
 - Applicants will be notified by mail of their award.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Make all checks payable to the Berkshire Family YMCA, 655 Gage St, Bennington, VT 05201.
- Camp fees must be paid in full the Thursday before the week of camp by check or automatic EFT from a bank account or credit card. Put your child's name on the check.
- After the program has met twice, no credits or refunds will be issued.

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- There will be a fee of \$1 per minute for children who are picked up after 4:00p.m., or 5:30 p.m. if registered for Extended Hours. Please note that after camp care ends promptly at 5:30 p.m.
- Payments accepted at the YMCA only, not at Camp.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Three emergency contacts are required. Every effort will be made to contact a parent/guardian in the event of an emergency requiring medical attention for your child. However, if you or one of the three listed emergency contacts cannot be reached, per your registration form, you will authorize the program to transport your child to the nearest medical care facility to secure necessary medical treatment for your child.

PROVIDE CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION

- Children with allergies must include individual health care plan and medication consent.
- Provide details of child's sensitivities (i.e.: food, sensory, noise, etc.) and helpful tips.
- Children with chronic health conditions must include individual health care plan and medication consent.
- YMCA staff must be authorized (indicated on camp registration form) to apply sunscreen for my child.

Join Us for an Unforgettable Summer!

At **Camp Green Mountain**, we **celebrate exploration, creativity, and confidence-building** in a **safe and welcoming environment**. Whether your child is a first-time camper or a returning veteran, they'll **make new friends, learn new skills, and create lasting memories**.

Register: https://operations.daxko.com/Programs/Redirector.aspx?cc_category_id=23292681&cid=2245

Note Once you register and fill out your information sheet for your children you can either call the Rec Center (802) 500-2770 to register for the individual weeks and set up payment, or email Taylor Mcguire (tmcguire@bfymca.org), Kayla Becker (kbecker@bfymca.org) or Jack Haynes (jhaynes@bfymca.org) for assistance