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## 2025: Berkshire Family YMCA's Northern Berkshire Camp Abenaki FAQ

### Questions?

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### Why Choose the Y for Your Child's Summer?

At the Berkshire Family YMCA's **Northern Berkshire Camp Abenaki**, your child will experience an **unforgettable summer filled with adventure, friendship, and personal growth**. Our camp provides a **safe, engaging environment** where kids build confidence, teamwork, and problem-solving skills—all while having a blast!

We understand how important it is to find **an affordable, high-quality camp** you can trust. That's why we prioritize **safety and enjoyment**, with a **dedicated team of staff**, many of whom were once campers themselves. Our team includes **college and high school students** who bring energy and experience, undergo **extensive training**, and are certified in **First Aid and CPR**. Additionally, our **lifeguards are fully certified**, and all staff members **pass thorough background checks**.

**Camp Abenaki in North Adams, MA**, meets **all Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations** and is **licensed by the local board of health**, ensuring the highest standards of care and safety. Our home base is Hoosac Hall at **Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA)**.

Join us for a **summer of adventure, learning, and lifelong memories** at the Y!

**BERKSHIRE FAMILY YMCA:** [www.bfymca.org](http://www.bfymca.org)

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

**Northern Berkshire:** Y Without Walls, North Adams, MA 01247 **P:** 413-499-7650 x210

**Bennington Recreation Center:** 655 Gage Street, Bennington, VT 05201 **P:** 802-442-1053

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### Our Mission: Building Confident, Caring Kids

At YMCA Summer Day Camps, our professional role models create experiences that **build character, boost confidence, and foster friendships**. We weave the Y's **four core values** into every activity, every day:

- **Caring** – Being considerate of others' feelings
- **Respect** – Treating others, the environment, and yourself with dignity
- **Honesty** – Being trustworthy and truthful
- **Responsibility** – Taking ownership of actions and contributing to the community

### Exciting Camp Activities: STEAM, Swim & Sports!

At Camp Abenaki, campers **explore, create, and play** through engaging, hands-on activities designed to build skills that last a lifetime. Our **YMCA counselors lead interactive experiences** in:

- ✓ **Free/Recreational Swim Time**
- ✓ **Field & Group Games**
- ✓ **Arts & Crafts**
- ✓ **Sports, Play & Active Recreation for Kids (SPARK)**
- ✓ **Team-Building Activities**
- ✓ **Traditional Sports**
- ✓ **Field Trips**

### What to Bring Daily

Please send your child with the following **labeled** items:

- ✓ Closed-toe shoes with a back (required at all times)
- ✓ Flip-flops (permitted for swim time ONLY)
- ✓ Reusable water bottle (no glass)
- ✓ Sunscreen & Bug Spray
- ✓ Swimsuit & Towel
- ✓ Healthy Snack (2x per day)

☀️ **Lunch is provided for all campers** through our partnership with the **North Adams Public School System!**

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### Our Northern Berkshire Camp Location

📍 **Camp Abenaki** Based at MCLA's Hoosac Hall, 15 Highland Ave, North Adams

### Camp Groups & Age Divisions

**Ages Served:** Children entering **Grades 1 – 8**

🌿 **Explorers (Entering Grade 1-2)** – campers focus on trying new activities, balancing active and quiet play. Builds on confidence and teamwork, adding new challenges and experiences.

🌿 **Voyagers (Entering Grade 3- 4)** – Campers gain independence, choose activities, and develop leadership skills.

🌿 **Pathfinders (Entering Grades 5-6)** – Our most experienced campers enjoy progressive challenges and leadership programs.

🌿 **Leaders in Training (LIT) (Entering Grades 7-8)** – Future leaders shadow counselors, lead a Community Outreach Project, and develop lifelong leadership skills.

### 2025 One-Week Camp Sessions

📅 **Session 1: June 30 – July 4** (🚫 **No camp on July 4, 2025**) – Community Heroes 🧑‍🚒 🚒  
Celebrate everyday heroes with exciting activities and special guest visits!

📅 **Session 2: July 7 – July 11 – Spirit Week** 🎉 🟢  
Show your camp pride with wacky outfits, team challenges, and themed dress-up days!

📅 **Session 3: July 14 – July 18 – Sports & Play** ⚽ 🏀  
Get moving with fun games, friendly competitions, and skill-building activities!

📅 **Session 4: July 21 – July 25 – Art Enrichment** 🎨 ✨  
Unleash your creativity with our talent show & as well as painting, crafts, and hands-on art projects!

📅 **Session 5: July 28 – August 1 – STEAM Camp** 🔬 ⚙️  
Explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math through fun experiments and challenges!

📅 **Session 6: August 4 – August 8 – Fitness & Fun** 🏋️ 🤸  
Stay active with obstacle courses, group workouts, and high-energy games!

📅 **Session 7: August 11 – August 15 – Color Wars** 🌈 🏆  
Gear up for an epic week of team competitions, relays, and color-filled fun!

📅 **Session 8: August 18 – August 22 – End of Summer Celebration** 🎉 🌞  
Wrap up an amazing summer with special events, games, and a camp-wide party!

💰 **Cost:** \$205 per camper per week. Financial Assistance Available.

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### Transportation & Drop-Off/Pick-Up

 **Parent/Guardian Transportation Only** (No bus service available)  
**Drop-off:** 8:30 AM | **Pick-up:** 4:30 PM

 **NEW Location:** Camp Abenaki at MCLA (Hoosac Hall. 15 Highland Ave, North Adams)  
**Parents must accompany children into the building for drop-off and pick-up**

### Before & After Camp Care (FREE!)

 **Before-Camp Care:** 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

 **After-Camp Care:** 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

 **Pre-registration required** |  **No bus transportation for extended care**

### BFYMCA Membership

Camp Abenaki campers will receive a 25% discount on Family Memberships until the end of August, 2025

### Financial Assistance & Payment Options

The **Berkshire Family YMCA** offers **financial assistance** based on **household size and income**.

 **Apply at least two weeks before camp starts!**

 **Vouchers Accepted** |  **Payment Plans Available**

### **How to Apply:**

- ✓ Complete the [Financial Assistance application](#) online.
- ✓ Submit income verification (pay stubs, tax forms, etc.)
- ✓ Pay a \$25 registration fee (non-refundable)

### **Payment Information:**


- ✓ Pay through your BFYMCA portal
- ✓ Checks payable to Berkshire Family YMCA, 292 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201
- ✓ Payments must be **received by the Thursday before the camp week**

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### Health & Safety Requirements

#### **Medical Information Required:**

- ✓ Proof of physical exam & immunizations (from the past 12 months)
- ✓ Individual Health Care Plan (for allergies, chronic conditions, medications)
- ✓ Consent for YMCA staff to apply sunscreen & bug spray

 **Emergency Contacts:** *Three* non-parent/guardian are required. If we can't reach a parent/guardian, we will follow your emergency authorization plan.

### Join Us for an Unforgettable Summer!

At **Camp Abenaki**, 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 Today!\*\*](#)