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2021 FAQ: BERKSHIRE FAMILY YMCA CAMP SUMNER AT BURBANK PARK

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WHY CHOOSE THE Y FOR YOUR CHILD'S SUMMER?

Camp provides a safe place for kids where they will develop decision-making and problem-solving skills, learn about team building, make new friendships, and much more. Berkshire Family YMCA's CAMP SUMNER at Burbank Park provides parents with peace of mind knowing that their children are safe, learning new lifelong skills, and having fun. 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, as well as CORI checked. Policies and procedures are available in the camp office. CAMP SUMNER at Burbank Park in Pittsfield, MA must comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and be licensed by the local board of health.

OUR GOAL:

At YMCA Summer Day Camps, caring professional role models create experiences that help youth build character, gain confidence, and learn social 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: SWIM, STEAM, & SPORTS!

Theme Weeks:

- **The Great Adventure** (June 28 - July 2): Bask in the sun and breathe in that Berkshire air in a nature-themed week!
- **Community Hero** (July 5 - 9): Enjoy visits from our local PD and other community helpers!
- **Enrichment** (July 12 - 16): Spend the week creating and learning about your artistic side!
- **Sports & Play** (July 19 - 23): Try out different sports and games each day!
- **STEAM** (July 26 - 30): Get your brain working with fun experiments and building activities!
- **Fun & Fitness** (August 2 - 6): Try out different forms of exercise! Zumba, obstacle courses, and more!
- **Hometown History** (August 9 - 13): Learn about all the different historical components of our community!
- **Color Wars** (August 16 - 20): A field day style week with physical, mental, and creative competitions!
- **End of Summer Celebration** (August 23 - 27): Enjoy the last week of summer with fun games and activities and lots of free play!

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

Northern Berkshire: 22 Brickyard Court, North Adams, MA 01247 **P:** 413-663-6529

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

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PARENT PROVIDED DAILY SUPPLIES:

Technology-free zone: Please do not send your child with a cell phone, tablet, laptop, Chromebook or other electronic device.

Lunch is provided by YMCA for campers!

Please do send:

- ☐ Mask/Face Covering (1 – worn & 1 – back up)
- ☐ Water bottle – no glass
- ☐ Swimsuit and towel
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Sneakers must be worn
- ☐ Snack
- ☐ Flip flops are permitted for swim
- ☐ Bug spray

OUR PITTSFIELD CAMP:

- CAMP SUMNER at Burbank Park (Controy Pavilion), 401-487 Lakeway Drive, Pittsfield, MA 01201

AGES SERVED:

- CAMP SUMNER at Burbank Park: Children entering K – Grade 8

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 his 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.

2021 ONE-WEEK SESSIONS: CAMP SUMNER AT BURBANK PARK: June 28 – August 27, 2021

Session 1:	June 28 – July 2	Session 4:	July 19 – 23	Session 7:	August 9 –13
Session 2:	July 5 – 9	Session 5:	July 26 – 30	Session 8:	August 16 –20
Session 3:	July 12 – 16	Session 6:	August 2 – 6	Session 9:	August 23 – 27

COST:

- CAMP SUMNER at Burbank Park: \$202.55 per Camper per Week

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YMCA MEMBERSHIP:

- CAMP SUMNER at Burbank Park, Pittsfield MA campers must have an active YMCA Membership through August 27, 2021 to register. Visit bfymca.org or contact the Welcome Center for Y membership information.

CAMPER TRANSPORTATION:

- Parent/Guardian Transportation to/from camp site. Drop-off: 8:30am | Pick-up: 5:30pm
 - There will be a fee of \$1 per minute for children who are picked up after 5:30pm. Please note that after camp care ends promptly at 5:30pm.
 - CAMP SUMNER AT BURBANK PARK at Burbank Park (Controy Pavilion), 401-487 Lakeway Drive, Pittsfield, MA 01201
 - Parents must accompany children into the Pavilion to be dropped off.
 - Per EEC guidelines, COVID-19 Daily Health Screening must be completed each day for each child at drop off.

BEFORE- AND AFTER-CAMP CARE:

No cost to attend. Pre-registration is required. Before- and After-Camp Care at camp site.

- CAMP SUMNER at Burbank Park, Pittsfield MA
 - Before-Camp Care: 7-9am, Monday – Friday
 - After-Camp Care: 4:30-5:30pm, Monday – Friday

COVID-19 PREVENTION

Berkshire Family YMCA complies with all MA state or local health and safety standards, requirements, or orders in response to COVID-19.

IS YOUR FAMILY TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

Per Massachusetts COVID-19 prevention guidelines, families traveling out of state or out of country may not return to Camp until they either a) provide a negative COVID test OR b) quarantine for 10 days.

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

- Proof of medical physical and immunizations by licensed physician within the last 12 months is required.
- 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.

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 –

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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. Vouchers are also accepted.

- **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.
- A registration fee of \$25 is required for NEW registrants in order to process an application. This is a non-refundable deposit if you decide not to attend the camp.
- Applicants will be notified by mail of their award.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

- Make all checks payable to the Berkshire Family YMCA, 292 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.
- Camp fees must be paid in full the Friday 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.
- Full Voucher or Partial Voucher with parent fee accepted.
- After the program has met twice, no credits or refunds will be issued.
- There will be a fee of \$1 per minute for children who are picked up after 5:30pm. Please note that after camp care ends promptly at 5:30pm.
- Payments accepted at the YMCA only, not at Camp.