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2022 FAQ: BERKSHIRE FAMILY YMCA CAMP GREEN MOUNTAIN BENNINGTON VT

Questions? Taylor McGuire, Camp Manager, (413) 499-7650 ext. 322, tmcguire@bfymca.org

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 Green Mountain 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.

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

CONTACT:

- For information regarding the Summer Camp program please contact Kayla Becker (kbecker@bfymca.org) and Taylor McGuire (tmcguire@bfymca.org) or call (413) 499-7650 ext. 322
- For registration, you may visit <https://bfymca.org/benningtoncamp> or call the Bennington Rec Center (802)442-1053.

CAMP ACTIVITIES: SWIM, STEAM, & SPORTS!

Camp Green Mountain offers curriculum in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math). Activities include studying fossils, nature, weather, astronomy, dance, music and talent shows! YMCA counselors provide hands-on lessons focusing on science experiments creating volcanoes, galaxies in a bottle, exploring engineering using circuit boards, Legos and tower building with environmental resources. Our Leaders in Training (LIT) campers will lead a Community Outreach Project with the support of the younger camp groups.

In addition:

Recreational swim time
Field, group games
Arts and crafts

Sports, Play & Active Recreation
for Kids
Team building

Traditional sports
Field trips to Willow Park

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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Theme Weeks:

- **The Great Adventure** (June 27 - July 1): Bask in the sun and breathe in that fresh air in a nature-themed week!
- **Community Hero** (July 5 - 8): Enjoy visits from our local PD and other community helpers!
- **Enrichment** (July 11 - 15): Spend the week creating and learning about your artistic side!
- **Sports & Play** (July 18 - 22): Try out different sports and games each day!
- **STEAM** (July 25 - 29): Get your brain working with fun experiments and building activities!
- **Fun & Fitness** (August 1 - 5): Try out different forms of exercise! Zumba, obstacle courses, and more!
- **Hometown History** (August 8 - 12): Learn about all the different historical components of our community!
- **Color Wars** (August 15 - 19): A field day style week with physical, mental, and creative competitions!
- **End of Summer Celebration** (Dates TBD): Enjoy the last week of summer with fun games and activities and lots of free play!

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 the Abbey Food Group for campers!

Please do send:

- Water bottle required to bring each day - no

AGES SERVED:

- Camp Green Mountain: Children entering Grades 1-8

CAMP GROUPS:

Leaders in Training (LIT): Ages 13-15

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.

LIT register for, and pay for camp.

If interested,

Counselors in Training (CIT): Ages 14-15

Must apply, interview, and be approved by management staff.

Job training while having a fun and active summer! The last step before being ready to start working themselves!

If interested,

2022 ONE-WEEK SESSIONS: CAMP GREEN MOUNTAIN:

Session 1: June 27 – July 1

Session 4: July 18 – 22

Session 7: August 8 – 12

Session 2: July 5 – 8 (7/4 no camp)

Session 5: July 25 – 29

Session 8: August 15 – 19

Session 6: August 1 – 5

Session 9: Dates TBD

Session 3: July 11 – 15

glass

Swimsuit and towel

Sunscreen

Sneakers must be worn

Snack (**some weeks need packed lunch also, but food available for anyone in need/want**)

Flip flops are permitted for swim

Bug spray

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COST:

- Camp Green Mountain: \$110 per Camper per Week
 - Includes discount of \$29/week from Town of Bennington and other partner organizations.
- EARLY BIRD: Register by April 4 to save \$10 off per week
- \$25/week non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration to save spot.

CAMPER TRANSPORTATION:

- **Field Trips:** Be sure to allow field trips on your registration forms as we will have busing for field trips around the greater Bennington area.
- **Bulk Day ONLY:** Parent/Guardian transportation to/from camp site. Drop-off: 8:00 a.m. Pick-up: 4:00 p.m.
- **Extended Day Option – registration and additional fee. Before Care:** 7:00 a.m. –8:00 a.m. and/or **After Care:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

COVID-19 PREVENTION

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

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.

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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. 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.
- 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.
- Once attended a day of the week, no credits or refunds will be issued.
- There will be a fee of \$1 per minute for children who are picked up after 4:00 pm or 5:30 pm, based on registration time. Please note that after camp care ends promptly at 5:30pm.
- Payments accepted at the YMCA only, not at Camp.