

# BRADENTON YMCA CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

# TRADITIONAL CAMPS

Ages: 5-6, 7-8, 9-12

Traditional Day Camps offer theme-based enriching activities, group games, sports & wellness activities, hands-on science, arts & crafts, music, and swimming at least twice per week. Traditional camps are a great opportunity for a first-time camper to get a well-rounded camp experience or for a seasoned camper to reunite with old camp friends for days full of play!

# SPORTS CAMPS

Part of the day will be spent in your camper's specialty focus. For the rest of the day, campers will experience all the other great activities the YMCA has to offer. Campers will create their next masterpiece in arts and crafts, explore nature and science, swim at least once a week, and so much more.

# **SPORTS FESTIVAL**

Ages: 5-6, 7-8, 9-12

Lace up those sneakers, put on your shorts; it's time to have a ball with an assortment of sports. We've got the FUNdamentals of your favorite sports covered in this safe, pressure-free arena, so come on in and try them out! Campers may participate in soccer, basketball, flag football, ultimate frisbee, kickball, or floor hockey.

## FLAG FOOTBALL

Ages: 7-8, 9-12

All the fun of football without the worry of contact. Campers will learn the fundamentals and improve skills in the morning, while scrimmaging in teams and making new rules to play during the afternoon.

## **BASKETBALL**

Ages: 5-6, 7-8, 9-12

Campers will spend part of the day learning and practicing basketball fundamentals: dribbling, shooting, passing, fast breaks, ball handling, and the importance of teamwork.

## **SOCCER**

Ages: 5-6, 7-8, 9-12

Soccer camp will allow campers to take their dribbling, passing, shooting to a new level. Team work and strategies on how best to play as well as introduce fun new versions of this sport.



## FLOOR HOCKEY

Ages: 7-8, 9-12

Campers will spend the day learning all about floor hockey, including fundamentals, rules and strategies, all while focusing on teamwork and sportsmanship.

## **KICKBALL**

Ages: 7-8, 9-12

Campers will learn how skills and drills to become at pro at a longtime childhood game. KICKBALL! This camp will provide a whole new meaning to kickball as campers learn new techniques through conditioning. School recess games will not be the same after this!

## **VOLLEYBALL**

Ages: 7-8, 9-12

Try your hand in front of the net this week! Volleyball camp is designed to develop and improve your child's skills in the sport of volleyball. We'll cover the basics of the sport: such as serving, passing & blocking, as well as the all-important role of sportsmanship in this fun team-building week!

# SPECIALTY CAMPS

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# **LEGO BUILDERS**

Ages: 5-6, 7-8, 9-12

Explore the wonderful world of Legos. Campers will create towers, build buildings, and use Legos to create their own personal creations.

## LET'S PAINT

Ages: 5-6, 7-8, 9-12

Go beyond the expected! Discover finger-painting, sponge dipping and other exciting possibilities.

# SAVOR THE FLAVOR

Ages: 5-6, 7-8, 9-12

Campers really get cooking in this introduction to the culinary arts where they learn to create fun things that you can eat! Incorporating cleanliness, nutrition, cooking terms, measuring, creating, sharing, and EATING this camp allows children to become little chefs. From chopping up to cleaning up, it's all food for thought.

# Curtain Call

Ages: 7-8

Campers will learn all aspects of theatre from character creation, costumes & set design, and performance. Improvisation, make-up, songs, props, and characterization are just some of the techniques to be practiced as they work towards a final Friday performance.



## **MUSICAL THEATER**

Ages: 9-12

Campers will learn all aspects of musical theater from character creation, costumes & set design, and performance. Improvisation, make-up, songs, props, and characterization are just some of the techniques to be practiced as they work towards a final Friday performance.

## **CREATIVE DANCE**

Ages: 5-6

Campers will learn different styles of dance as they delve into the art of creative movement. While exploring different genres of music, campers will use their bodies to as a creative outlet and prepare a routine for Friday's performance.

## **GET CRAFTY**

Ages: 7-8

Create crafty creations! You may tie-dye a t-shirt, learn what a boondoggle is, and use beads for more than just jewelry (maybe a sun catcher, or to design a creature)! Beads, keychains, gimp, and more are just some of the materials you'll use to make creative crafts in this custom camp!

## **GASSES AND GOOPS**

Ages: 5-6, 7-8

Join us on a wacky adventure through all kinds of cool and crazy chemical reactions. Use chemicals to make slippery slime and watch colors separate before your eyes! Find out how to make volcanoes erupt, what oobleck is, how to make gak and more! Add in messy games and activities, creating a slimy, grimy, goopy, and magical experience.

# **SMART ART**

Ages: 9-12

It's art with a twist. Art + Science = Cool Craziness! When you mix up art and science, you'll create all kinds of interesting, cool designs. Experiment with different, colorful substances that produce reactions. Find out what candy chromatography is; put your noodle to work in a nifty chemistry workshop.

## **GREEN THUMBS UP**

Ages: 7-8, 9-12

Get down and dirty in this green thumb camp. Learn all about plants, seeds, & soil as you watch your organic garden grow.

# MAD SCIENTISTS

Ages: 5-6

While schools out for the summer, science doesn't take a break. Through different experiments, campers will explore and dive deeper into the world of science.

## **BRADENTON'S GOT TALENT**

Ages: 7-8, 9-12

Do you have what it takes to be the next Bradenton Y superstar? Let's see what you got in this imaginative camp. Sing, dance, or perform your way into the hearts of every camper!



## **CERAMICS**

Ages: 9-12

From bowls and flowerpots to rings and necklaces, the possibilities with clay are endless! In this camp campers will learn how to make beginner ceramic items from start to finish. Sketching, sculpting, baking, and painting is all in the plans for this fun camp!

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# **AQUATICS CAMPS**

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Aquatic camps are designed for beginner through intermediate levels. All lifeguards and instructors are certified. Depending on the swim level, activities may include stroke development, basic lifeguard skills, water sports, and traditional camp activities. In addition, campers may spend part of their day participating in land-based activities including group games, sports & fitness, hands-on science, arts & crafts and more!

# TRAVEL CAMPS

Explore local areas of interest and activities throughout town and beyond. Designed for the mature camper to attend daily field trips or off-site excursions. Only travel camp campers will have the opportunity to leave the branch for a different adventure every day! are on the move in Travel Camp!

## **DESTINATION UNKNOWN**

Ages: 7-10, 11-15

Every day is a surprise in Destination Unknown! This unique camp includes fun and exciting daily trips. This camp requires an adventurous personality as you never know where you might end up!

## TEEN CAMPS

## COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING

Ages: 13-15

Counselors–In–Training is a teen program specifically designed for our future leaders. This program sends your teen through a week of training in working with 5–12 year olds, camp songs, games & crafts and basics in First Aid. During this two–week session, participants will be assigned to assist our talented day camp staff with the daily operation of the traditional and aquatics camps. This program provides excellent opportunities for these teens to learn hand–on job experience and responsibilities, while still under the supervision of our camp staff team.



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## **SUMMER OF SERVICE**

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At the heart of our mission is building community and it's never too early to start! This is a great way to engage your teen in service work—our teens will work together to plan and execute multiple service learning projects benefiting organizations of their choice in just one short week and earn 30 Student Service Learning hours while they're at it!

## **ALL STAR SPORTS**

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# **ARTISTS**

Ages: 13-15

Explore different mediums of art in this art camp catered to teenagers. This is not your everyday craft camp. Campers will learn real art techniques and create projects that they will be eager to display on their walls.