

CAMP SHEPARD SUMMER 2020



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YMCA OF GREATER WESTFIELD
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Visit our Website

www.westfieldymca.org/camp-shepard
to find:

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Our Purpose:

Camp Shepard Day Camp is a 9 week program designed to make sure youth have the best summer ever! Campers will establish everlasting friendships each day while having an outdoor education experience. Our goal is provide a new, safe, and fun experience for all ages and to allow our campers to have the best summer possible!

How to Register:

Registrations can be processed at the Reception Desk of the YMCA of Greater Westfield located at 67 Court Street in Westfield, MA. Turn in your completed registration packet, a deposit to secure your camper's spot, all health forms and immunization records. Contact the Camp Director with any questions at (413) 568-8631 ext. 322. For more detailed information, turn to the bottom of page 11 for the "Registration Checklist".

Registration is a first come, first serve basis. Sessions may fill up, so reserve your child's spot for each session/week by making a deposit.

All of the programs at the YMCA of Greater Westfield are open to everyone regardless of town of residence.

Financial Assistance:

The YMCA of Greater Westfield, as a charitable tax-exempt organization, provides financial aid to those families who qualify. Applications are available at our reception desk.

Camp Quick Hints:

Is there a lost and found?

Yes! But please label everything you send with your campers to decrease the amount of lost items. Lost & Found will be removed from camp throughout the summer.

Will my camper get dirty?

Absolutely! That's the fun about camp! So be prepared for all of their items to get dirty as well. Campers should also be sent with a rain jacket in case of rain. Lastly, please do not send any valuable items with your campers!

Can camp staff apply sunscreen and bug spray to my child?

Yes! Please sign off on page 6 to allow staff to apply sunscreen/ bug spray. Otherwise, we cannot do it.

What about lunches?

They're delicious and important! Unfortunately we do not supply them. So please send your campers with a bagged lunch. We will store all lunches in a cool dry spot.

What if I need to pick up my camper early or drop them off late?

That's more than ok. Please go through the camp office to do so. If they need to be picked up early please send a note or call ahead of time. If they will be absent or late please call the office to let us know at 413-568-8952.

Do you provide snacks?

No we do not. But feel free to send them along and we will make sure your child will eat them!

Location Address: YMCA Camp Shepard

370 Northwest Road, Westfield, MA 01085

Tel: 413-568-8952

Mailing Address:

YMCA of Greater Westfield

67 Court Street, Westfield, MA 01085 Tel: 413-568-8631

**This camp complies with regulations of the
Massachusetts Department of Public Health and is
licensed by the local Board of Health.**

Look what our parents say about Camp Shepard throughout the brochure:

"My boys ages 11 & 8 have been going to Camp Shepard for years they talk about it all winter long and do a count down to the summer. They have learned so much and built so many skills and confidence! They are both amazing swimmers, all because of the swim lessons during camp. In a world of technology, I love that they spend their days in the wilderness exploring and getting dirty. They have made many friendships and they absolutely love the counselors. Camp Shepard is such a gem."

"Camp Shepard has helped him come out of his shell. He's made many new friends, learned so much and is more willing to try new things he may not have been brave enough to do before. He's had issues with water and swimming and I think the camp has made a big difference in him!"

CAMP SHEPARD

Open House Dates:

Come enjoy a scenic tour of YMCA Camp Shepard. You will have the opportunity to speak with the Camp Director, Program Staff, and Counselors!

Saturday, June 6, 2020, 1:00PM-4:00PM
Saturday, June 13, 2020, 1:00 PM-4:00PM

Tours of Camp Shepard are available any day of the week. Please contact the Camp Director for more information at 413-568-8631 ext. 322.

2020 Session Dates

Session 1: June 29- July 10

Option Week 1: (6/29-7/3)

Option Week 2: (7/6-7/10)

Session 2: July 13- July 24

Option Week 1: (7/13-7/17)

Option Week 2: (7/20-7/24)

Session 3: July 27-August 7

Option Week 1: (7/27-7/31)

Option Week 2: (8/3-8/7)

Session 4: August 10-August 21

Option Week 1: (8/10-8/14)

Option Week 2: (8/17-8/21)

Super Week: August 24-August 28

Full Session (2 Weeks)

\$345-Member; \$360-Non-Member;

Option Weeks (1 Week)

\$215-Member; \$225-Non-Member;

CIT's	Member	Non-Member
Session 1: 6/29-7/24	\$400	\$410
Session 2: 7/27-8/21	\$400	\$410
Session 1 & 2: 6/29-8/21	\$800	\$820

Camp Hours & Cost:

Extended AM and PM are included in pricing!

CAMPERS MUST REGISTER FOR EXTENDED DAY

General Session	9:00AM-4:00PM	\$345/\$360
Extended Day, AM	7:00AM-9:00AM	INCLUDED
Extended Day, PM	4:00PM-6:00PM	INCLUDED

Staff:

Our staff team is the most important ingredient in the success of our program. Program specialists and counselors are chosen for their maturity, leadership skills, dedication and experience. They represent positive role models for children and are trained in accordance with the philosophy and objectives of the mission of the YMCA of Greater Westfield.

Facilities:

YMCA Camp Shepard is located at 370 Northwest Road, less than five miles from the center of Westfield. Situated on 105 acres of woodlands, Camp Shepard provides the opportunity to grow, learn and appreciate the great outdoors in a respectful way.

Our Facility Includes:

- In-ground Swimming Pool
- Bath House with Locker Rooms
- Three Pavilions
- Arts & Crafts Building
- Nature Building
- 45ft Rock Climbing Tower
- 10 High Ropes Elements
- Low Ropes Course
- Disc Golf Course
- Biking Trails
- Picnic Area
- Pond
- Hiking Trails
- Camp Sites with Tent Platforms
- Adirondack Shelters
- Babbling Brook
- Chalet for Programs & Rentals
- Basketball Court
- Archery Range
- Ball Field



Payment Policy:

A \$50 non-refundable deposit per session is required for Camp Shepard. Balance is due the Thursday before the start of each session being attended. Please make checks payable to the YMCA of Greater Westfield. PLEASE NOTE: DEPOSIT IS NOT REFUNDABLE, however, it does get put towards camp tuition.

Programs & Activities

Camp Shepard

What we do at camp:

Archery	Low Ropes Challenge Course
Arts & Crafts	Mountain Biking (10 & up)
Campsite Preparation	Orienteering
Canoeing	Overnights
Climbing Tower	Recreational Swim
Environmental Awareness	Songs
Group Skits	Special Workshops
High Ropes Challenge Course	Sports
Hiking	Swimming Lessons
Kayaking	Team Building
Leave No Trace Ethics	Theme Days

What to Bring

Backpack	Change of clothes
Lunch	Sun screen
Swimsuit	Bug spray
Towel	Rain coat
Water bottle	Closed toe shoes

Be Prepared to Get Dirty & Label Everything.

Lunch:

Campers bring lunches in paper lunch bags or soft containers. They are collected at the beginning of the day and are kept secure in a cool dry place. Drinks should only be in plastic containers, no glass.

Family Night & Overnights:

During the second week of our two-week sessions we offer dinner and family night to all of our campers. After family night, campers ages 6 and up are invited to spend the night. Overnight and family night are optional for an additional fee. Registration forms for overnights and family night will be distributed and available at camp. Fees may be processed at either Camp Shepard or at the YMCA of Greater Westfield.

All Camp & Work Shop Events:

Each general session will host a new All Camp day and Work shop day that will reflect each sessions theme. These all camp and work shop days allow campers to interact with campers and counselors of all age groups while participating in activities that fit the session's theme.



"She discovered archery, ropes, hiking, identifying flowers & wildlife....the list goes on and on. The variety, the confidence -building through activities - it's a perfect formula for instilling a love of nature and a respect for others."



"I love it, it's the best place ever" - Age 8

"It's amazing, you learn so many new things about yourself that you didn't even know you could do... meet new friends... it's the best place on earth... how many days until camp?" - Age 10



2020 YMCA of Greater Westfield Registration Form: Camp Shepard Day Camp

Camper's First Name Last Name Gender Age Grade Date of Birth
at time of camp entering fall of 2020

Address City State Zipcode

Parent/Guardian 1 First Name Last Name Work Phone Cell Home Home Phone Email

Parent/Guardian 2 First Name Last Name Work Phone Cell Home Home Phone Email

Extended AM and PM are included in pricing! (\$120/session value)				check box if attending	Dates	circle fee option member/non-member
					Fees (\$)	
Session 1				<input type="checkbox"/>	6/29-7/10	\$345/\$360
Session 1 - Option Week 1				<input type="checkbox"/>	6/29-7/03	\$215/\$225
Session 1 - Option Week 2				<input type="checkbox"/>	7/06-7/10	\$215/\$225
Session 2				<input type="checkbox"/>	7/13-7/24	\$345/\$360
Session 2 - Option Week 1				<input type="checkbox"/>	7/13-7/17	\$215/\$225
Session 2 - Option Week 2				<input type="checkbox"/>	7/20-7/24	\$215/\$225
Session 3				<input type="checkbox"/>	7/27-8/07	\$345/\$360
Session 3 - Option Week 1				<input type="checkbox"/>	7/27-7/31	\$215/\$225
Session 3 - Option Week 2				<input type="checkbox"/>	8/03-8/07	\$215/\$225
Session 4				<input type="checkbox"/>	8/10-8/21	\$345/\$360
Session 4 - Option Week 1				<input type="checkbox"/>	8/10-8/14	\$215/\$225
Session 4 - Option Week 2				<input type="checkbox"/>	8/17-8/21	\$215/\$225
Session 5 - Super Week (no bus transportation)				<input type="checkbox"/>	8/24-8/28	\$175
CIT - Session 1				<input type="checkbox"/>	6/29-7/24	\$400/\$410
CIT - Session 2				<input type="checkbox"/>	7/27-8/21	\$400/\$410
CIT - Session 1 & 2				<input type="checkbox"/>	6/29-8/21	\$800/\$820
TOTAL \$						



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AM TRANSPORTATION - PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY!

- ☐ My child will be dropped off at camp between 8:45am-9:00am. ☐ My child will take a bus to camp Bus # ____ Stop: ____ ☐ My child will attend Extended AM, 7:00am-8:45am

PM TRANSPORTATION - PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY!

- ☐ My child will be picked up at camp between 3:45pm-4:00pm. ☐ My child will take a bus home from camp Bus # ____ Stop: ____ ☐ My child will attend Extended PM, 4:00pm-6:00pm
- ☐ My child has parent/guardian permission to walk to and from the bus stop alone. (ages 9 & up only) Initial Here: _____

IN ADDITION TO THE PARENT/GUARDIAN NAMES FROM PAGE 5, LIST ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED PICK UP EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name _____ Relation _____ Cell _____ Alternate # _____

Name _____ Relation _____ Cell _____ Alternate # _____

Name _____ Relation _____ Cell _____ Alternate # _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND PICK UP AUTHORIZATIONS

In addition to parents/guardians listed on page 5, ONLY those on the Authorized Pick Up / Emergency Contact list will be allowed to pick up campers from camp. In emergency situations, only, parent/guardian may give verbal and/or written permission for an individual who is not on this list to pick up child. No child will be released without emergency verbal/written permission. Please indicate if a non-custodial parent has limits on visitation or pick up. If a non-custodial parent has been denied visitation or has limited visitation by court order, a copy of the order must be given to the YMCA and kept on file at the program. By signing this form, you agree to the transportation arrangement as stated above.

PARENTS AGREEMENT

- A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required for each session and must accompany each application. This deposit will hold the camper's place and will be applied to the full camp tuition. Remaining balances must be paid by the Thursday prior to the beginning of the registered session. Campers may not attend any session until their balance is paid in full.
- After the due date, any new registration requires payment in full and a completed health form.
- Requests for changes in camp session, bussing or group assignment will be honored only if space permits. Changes in bus assignments cannot be made on a one time or temporary basis.
- Bus service is provided for all campers. ROUTES FOR CAMPERS ARE PREDETERMINED FOR ALL STOPS. Each bus will have a YMCA bus monitor. It is the responsibility of the parent/ guardian to meet their camper at the appointed stop at both the pick/drop off time each day unless written permission is granted otherwise. Campers who do not have permission to walk home that are not picked up by a parent at the bus stop will be brought to the YMCA. Parents will be called to pick up the child at the YMCA.
- The YMCA reserves the right to dismiss a camper whose behavior is detrimental to other campers, themselves, staff and/ or camp.
- Fees will not be refunded for absence, failure to attend during the camp session, delayed attendance at camp, or dismissal.
- Emergency medical treatment and transportation is authorized if I am unable to be contacted.
- Health forms and immunization records are required for each camper PRIOR to attending camp. Forms will be given to parents at registration and must be completed and signed by parents/guardians before the camper attends camp. The YMCA does not retain records from previous years.
- I understand the policies and procedures on enrollment, payment and attendance for Camp Shepard. They can be found in the Parent Handbook available online.

YMCA of Greater Westfield - Camp Shepard requires written permission from parents/guardians in order to assist campers with applying sunscreen and insect repellent. As parent/guardian, I give Camp Shepard Staff permission to assist my camper in applying sunscreen and insect repellent.

Parent Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

I authorize the YMCA of Greater Westfield to use my child's photo/image for marketing and promotion purposes.

Parent Signature _____ Date ____/____/____



2020 YMCA of Greater Westfield Waiver: Camp Shepard Day Camp

While it is the aim and responsibility to provide your child with a safe and enjoyable experience, you must realize that participation in the YMCA of Greater Westfield's programs has some inherent risks. As a result we require the signing of the release set forth below.

NOTICE: THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT. Read this document carefully and in entirety. By signing this agreement, you give up your right and the named minor's right to bring a court action to recover compensation or obtain any other remedy for any personal injury or property damage however caused arising out of the named minor's participation in the YMCA of Greater Westfield Programs, now or any time in the future.

Acknowledgment of Risk

I, in my legal capacity as the parent/guardian of the minor named below, do hereby acknowledge and agree that participation in YMCA Camp Shepard activities comes with inherent risks. I have full knowledge and understanding of the inherent risks associated with YMCA Camp Shepard participation, including but in no way limited to: (1) slips, trips, and falls, (2) encounters with nature including toxic plants and animals, (3) aquatic injuries, and (4) athletic injuries. I further acknowledge that the preceding list is not inclusive of all possible risks associated with Camp Shepard participation and that said list in no way limits the operation of this Agreement. I hereby grant permission minor named to participant in all YMCA Camp Shepard Activities and Programs.

Waiver, Release, Indemnification & Covenant Not to Sue

In consideration of my child's participation in YMCA Camp Shepard, I, the parent/guardian of the minor named on the registration form, agree to release and on behalf of myself and the minor named above, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, and assigns, HEREBY DO RELEASE The YMCA of Greater Westfield its officers, agents, and employees from any causes of action, claims, or demands of any nature whatsoever including, but in no way limited to, claims of negligence, which I, the named minor, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators and assigns may have, now or in the future, against The YMCA of Greater Westfield on account of personal injury, property damage, death or accident of any kind, arising out of or in any way related to the use of the YMCA of Greater Westfield's facilities/equipment or participation in the YMCA of Greater Westfield's programs whether that participation is supervised or unsupervised, however the injury or damage occurs, including, but not limited to the negligence of the YMCA of Greater Westfield, its officers, agents, and employees.

In consideration of the named minor's participation in YMCA Camp Shepard, I, the undersigned parent/guardian of the named minor, agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the YMCA of Greater Westfield, its agents and employees from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, losses, or costs of any nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to the named minor's YMCA Camp Shepard participation.

I hereby certify on behalf of myself and the named minor that I have full knowledge of the nature and extent of the risks inherent in YMCA Camp Shepard participation and that I, on behalf of myself and the named minor, am voluntarily assuming said risks. I understand that I and the named minor will be solely responsible for any loss or damage, including personal injury, property damage, or death, the named minor sustains while participating in YMCA Camp Shepard and that by signing this agreement I hereby, on behalf of myself and the named minor, release the YMCA of Greater Westfield, its officers, agents, and employees of all liability for such loss, damage, or death. I further certify that the named minor is in good health and has no conditions or impairments which would preclude his/her safe participation in YMCA Camp Shepard.

I, in my legal capacity as parent/guardian of the named minor, expressly agree, on behalf of myself and the named minor, that this document is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of Massachusetts and that if any portion of the document is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. Furthermore, I expressly agree that this document shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Massachusetts and that the courts of Hampden County, Massachusetts shall be the exclusive venue for any and all disputes relating to or arising from this document.

I further certify that my date of birth is _____ (MM/DD/YYYY), that my present age is ____, that I am therefore of lawful age (18 years or older) and otherwise legally competent to sign this agreement, and that I have legal capacity to act as the parent/guardian of the named minor. I further understand that the terms of this agreement are legally binding and certify that I am signing this agreement, after having carefully read it, of my own free will. The foregoing written agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. No oral representations, statements or inducement apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

Participant Name (print clearly)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (print clearly)

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YMCA of Greater Westfield

Health Form: Camp Shepard Day Camp

First Name Last Name Gender Date of Birth

Parent/Guardian Name 1

Parent/Guardian Name 2

Immunization History

Please provide a copy of your child's immunization record from their doctor's office. **This is required for each camper PRIOR to attending camp.** The YMCA does not retain records from previous years. Children should meet the Massachusetts school immunization requirements for the grade they will enter in the school year following their camp session. Additional information can be found on our website: www.westfieldymca.org

Name of Physician: Phone:

Medical/Hospital Insurance Carrier: Policy/Group #

Current Medications:

If a camper must receive medication while at Camp Shepard, an "Authorization to Administer Medication to a Camper" form must be completed for each medication. This includes campers that use an Epi-Pen OR Insulin, whether it is self-administered or assisted. This form can be found at the front desk of the YMCA or online at www.westfieldymca.org, and is due one full week before the session begins. All medications must be turned in upon arrival to Camp Shepard. All medications must be in original containers.

Immunization Exemption: If a camper or staff member has religious or medical objections to physical examinations or immunizations, the camper or staff member shall submit a written statement, signed by a parent or legal guardian of the camper or staff member if a minor, stating that the individual is in good health and stating the general reason for such objections.



2020 YMCA of Greater Westfield Health Exam Form: Camp Shepard Day Camp

Health History:

Allergies (Please List): _____

History of Anaphylaxis: _____ Epi-Pen®: Yes No

Asthma (Please Attach Action Plan): Yes No

Diabetes (Please Attach Action Plan): Type 1 Type 2

Seizure Disorder: _____

Please Check if your camper has a history of:

Frequent Ear Infections ☐
Convulsions ☐
Chicken Pox ☐
Mumps ☐
Poison Ivy ☐

Health Disease/Defect ☐
Bleeding/Clotting Disorder ☐
Measles/German Measles ☐
Hay Fever ☐
Lyme Disease ☐

Targeted TB Skin Testing:

☐ Med-to-High Risk (exposure to TB; born, lived travel to TB endemic countries; medical risk factors)

Result: Positive Negative Indeterminate/Boderline Low Risk (no TB test done)
(Please Circle)

Recommendations and restrictions while in program:

Special Diet: _____

Swimming: _____

Strenuous activity: _____

Any specific activity to be restricted: _____

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTIFY THE YMCA IF THIS CHILD IS EXPOSED TO ANY COMMUNICABLE DISEASE DURING THE THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO ATTENDANCE OR WHILE ATTENDING ANY YMCA PROGRAM.

Parents Authorization: This health history is correct so far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities except as noted by me and the examining physician. I give my permission for my child to be given simple first aid at the YMCA and to be transported to the hospital if "Y" personnel deem it necessary. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the director to order x-rays, routine tests, and treatment for the health of my child. In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, and/or anesthesia, and/or surgery for my child as named above.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Camp Shepard Age Groups

Open House Dates: Please come out and enjoy a tour of YMCA Camp Shepard.
Saturday, June 6, 2020, 1:00PM-4:00PM & Saturday, June 13, 2020, 1:00PM-4:00PM

Traditional Camp:

Boys and Girls - Entering Grades 1st-7th

Programs for this age group are designed to achieve a balance between instruction and recreation as well as group development and individual accomplishment. Emphasis is placed on cooperative learning and the YMCA four character values: Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. Each camper will participate in program activities that meet their individual interests, abilities and needs. Campers are split into units based on the grade they are entering in the fall following the camp season.

Units are not just age groups but small communities. Each unit is led by a Unit Director who is dedicated to making sure camp runs at its highest level. Our Unit Heads have been chosen for their high level of professionalism and their deep understanding of what it takes to run successful youth programs.

OSO: boys and girls entering 1st grade to 2nd grade

KODIAK: boys and girls entering 3rd grade to 4th grade

GRIZZLY: boys and girls entering 5th grade to 7th grade



MUCKLESHOOTS:

Boys and Girls - Ages 4 & 5

This program is especially designed for the younger camper. In this program the children will have a 5:1 camper/counselor ratio and will participate in activities specially geared to their age level. Children experience the same activities as the older groups, participating in daily swim lessons, recreational swims, arts & crafts, environmental awareness exploration, movement activities, story time and more!

Teen Group:

Boys and Girls - Entering Grade 8

An advanced camp program for teens. Campers in this program spend their days in a coed group that participates in camp activities at a higher skill level. Special projects, trainings and activities such as mountain biking, hiking, overnights, and high and low ropes adventure are included in this fun teen program. Teens will also have the opportunity to participate in regular recreational swims.



Counselor in Training

Boys and Girls- Entering Grade 9

Our Counselor in Training program offers a unique and hands-on experience built for teens that are interested in becoming a camp counselor. Starting together as a group of campers, our CITs are provided an opportunity to grow and evolve together from campers into valued leaders amongst the camp community. CITs will learn how to lead campers in a large variety of camp songs and activities. They are trained in areas of leadership, safety, decision-making, risk management, and creating age appropriate activities as well as conflict resolution. This program is built based on the YMCA four character values: Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility.

Camp Shepard Transportation

Camp Shepard Bus Transportation:

A local bus company is contracted to transport campers to and from camp. The YMCA provides a bus monitor who is responsible for the personal safety, attendance and behavior of the campers. Bus routes are designed to accommodate the maximum number of campers while trying to limit the length of time a child spends riding the bus. Bus transportation is only available for the 9:00AM-4:00PM camper day. Bus schedules are subject to change. NOTE: All adults must provide a photo State I.D. at the time of pick up and must also be listed as an authorized pick up.

BUS #1	A.M.	P.M.
1. 919 Southampton Rd - Westfield	8:08	4:52
2. Southampton Rd School - Westfield	8:10	4:47
3. Westfield High School - Westfield	8:19	4:38
4. 126 Union St. - Westfield	8:27	4:30
5. St. Mary's High School - Westfield	8:33	4:24
6. South Middle School - Westfield	8:38	4:18
7. YMCA - Westfield	8:44	4:13
8. Juniper Park School - Westfield	8:52	4:04

BUS #2	A.M.	P.M.
1. Hampton Ponds Plaza - Westfield	8:03	4:56
2. East Mountain Country Club - Westfield	8:07	4:49
3. Papermill Elementary - Westfield	8:14	4:42
4. Munger Hill Elementary - Westfield	8:29	4:27
5. Powder Mill Elementary - Southwick	8:41	4:12
6. Big Y Supermarket - Southwick	8:48	4:05



Check out our website at
www.westfieldymca.org

Pick up/Drop off Procedures:

- Camp Shepard will only release campers to adults listed on the registration under "Authorized Pick Up" unless the Parent/ Guardian has granted permission for them to walk home on the registration.
- All adults must provide a photo State I.D. at the time of pick up.
- All visitors must check-in at the Camp Shepard Administrative Office located at 360 Northwest Road and must receive a signed pass from the Camp Director, Assistant Camp Director or Office Manager.
- Early pick up/late drop off: If you are picking up or dropping off your camper outside of the scheduled times you must do so at the Camp Shepard Administrative Office (the brown house) located on 360 Northwest Road which is right next to Camp Shepard's main entrance. Sending a note with your camper will increase the efficiency of this process greatly.
- Regular pick up/drop off: If you are planning to opt out of using the Camp Shepard bus transportation you may pick up/drop off your camper at the Bathhouse (the green building next to the pool) through Camp Shepard's main entrance.
- Camp gates are closed between 9:15 am -3:30pm. All visitors must report to the camp office during these times.

Directions:

Go past the YMCA on Court Street towards Westfield State University. Court Street becomes Western Ave. Go past the university and bear left at the fork onto Upper Western Avenue. Take left onto Northwest Road. Camp Shepard is at 370 Northwest Road. (On the left)



Camp Office or "Brown House" - 360 Northwest Rd
Used for Pick Ups and Drop Off, 9:30am-3:30pm

Our Promise



Dear Camp Families,

Ever since the 1950's, Camp Shepard has held your children in the highest regard. We feel extremely honored to be able to help mold and shape their childhood memories. Not only do we strive to provide the ultimate day camp experience, we also make the safety of your campers our number one priority.

Camp Shepard has continuously ranked as one of the best YMCA summer day camps in the nation. Our goal is to constantly uphold the highest standards of day camping in order to provide a positive experience for children. Camp Shepard staff are all highly trained and experienced and we take pride knowing that they will ensure your children will spend each day at Camp Shepard having the best summer of their lives. We look forward to getting to know you more and creating an unforgettable summer for your family.

Thank you for entrusting us with your most prized possessions.

From our family to yours,

The Camp Shepard Staff

Registration Checklist

- ☐ Fill out both sides of the day camp registration form completely and neatly (one per child). Please be sure to check appropriate camp session, identify bus stops, pre camp or post camp and sign the permission slip.
- ☐ Mail or bring in this registration form. Include the non-refundable and non-transferable deposit of \$50 per camper, per session. Application will not be accepted without deposit. Mail forms to the YMCA of Greater Westfield – 67 Court Street – Westfield, MA 01085 ATTN: Camp Registrar
- ☐ Once we receive your completed registration form, a confirmation letter will be sent to you via mail. If you register after June 7th, the Front Desk of the YMCA will provide you with the confirmation.
- ☐ Return all health forms and waivers to the YMCA of Greater Westfield. Health forms must be completed in full. To be valid, the health forms must be dated within the past two years of camper's last day of attendance in 2020.
- ☐ Campers will not be able to attend if full payment, health forms, and immunization records are not received by the Thursday before the start of the session.
- ☐ All of the above steps must be completed to avoid camper registration delays and problems.

Did You Know Camp Shepard Hosts Group Rentals?

CAMP SHEPARD INFORMATION

A jewel at the foot of the Berkshire mountains; we offer 105 acres of unique outdoor opportunities. Just 5 miles from downtown Westfield, offering you four seasons of natural splendor.

Our Facility Includes:

- A Heated and Air Conditioned Chalet that includes:
a rustic conference room, kitchenette and overlooks a scenic natural pond. It can accommodate groups of up to 50 people and is handicap accessible.
- Kayaking and canoeing
- In-ground swimming pool
- Extensive trail system for hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, jogging, bird watching, nature exploring
- Ropes courses and 45 foot climbing tower
- Ball Fields, Basketball & Volleyball courts

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

School groups
Youth groups
Church groups
Corporate retreats
Family reunions and outings Birthday celebrations

CUSTOMIZE YOUR DAY

High Adventure/Teambuilding
High Ropes Course
Climbing Tower
Low Ropes Course
Group Initiatives and Games



Field Days

Sports and Games
Canoeing/Kayaking
Mountain Biking
Hiking
Snowshoeing
Archery
Wilderness Survival



FULL USE OF THE FACILITY INCLUDING:

Pavilions and Picnic areas
Ball Fields & Basketball Courts
Swimming pool
Nature Pond & Hiking Trails
Climbing tower and ropes courses



COME SPEND A MORNING, AN AFTERNOON OR AN ENTIRE DAY WITH US ENJOYING NATURE AT ITS BEST.

For more information or to schedule an event contact: Lauren Caprile Camp/Program Director
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TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A BETTER US

Annual Campaign 2020 YMCA of Greater Westfield

We're more than a place, we're a cause. Every day, the YMCA of Greater Westfield strengthens the community through programs and services focused on:

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

All kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve, under the guidance of caring adults who believe in their potential. We see every interaction with young people as an opportunity for learning and development—all grounded in the Y's core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

HEALTHY LIVING

Health and well-being are all about balance. That's why we help people and families build and maintain healthy habits for spirit, mind and body in their everyday lives. By helping kids, adults, families and seniors from all walks of life to improve their health and well-being, we build a stronger community.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

With our doors open to all, we bring together people from all backgrounds, and support those who need us most. We take on the most urgent needs in our community and inspire a spirit of service in return. Our members, volunteers, supporters and staff demonstrate the power of what we can achieve by giving back together.

LASTING IMPACT

We have an extraordinary opportunity to ensure a brighter future for our community, but we need your help. Your gift to The YMCA of Greater Westfield will have a lasting impact in the community by helping us to reach more people through life-changing programs and services.

\$500 will provide a child with a month of early education to ensure that they are kindergarten ready

\$350 will provide a two week outdoor experience for a child attending Camp Shepard

\$250 will provide a teen a one year membership so they have a positive place to be after school

\$50 will provide 8 weeks of swim lessons; teaching children a skill that could save their life or someone else's



SO MUCH MORE IS POSSIBLE WITH YOUR SUPPORT

Last year the YMCA of Greater Westfield served close to 6,000 families, adults and children. Through our financial assistance program we helped over 1,000 families and children and provided over \$250,000 dollars in scholarships.

With your support, the Annual Campaign ensure that the YMCA is there for those who need us most. Your generous donation helps us fulfill our mission and vision every day. With a commitment to nurturing the potential of every child and teen, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility, the Y ensures that every individual has access to the essentials needed to pay. When you support the Y, you help assure that everyone has a chance to benefit from all that the YMCA has to offer. Every dollar raised goes directly to providing financial assistance.

GIVE TODAY

Every dollar donated to the YMCA of Greater Westfield has a lasting impact. Give today for a better us.

To learn more about giving to the Y:
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The Y. For a Better Us.



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"My son is about 5 and a half years old and before this experience, he was very shy about trying new things and making new friends. The day he started camp, he told me he was only going to go for two weeks and quit because he just knew he wasn't going to like it! He ended up staying for 8 weeks because he loved the kids, the staff, and all of the things that he learned at Camp Shepard, especially archery."

"I'm so happy my child has a place
that is safe to explore the outdoors
and get dirty and be a kid."

