

Garfield YMCA Summer Camp 2026



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— 2025-2028 —

At the Garfield YMCA Summer Camp, we are excited to provide a safe, engaging, and enriching environment where children can learn, grow, and make lifelong memories. Our camp is built on the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility, and inclusion. We are committed to helping every camper feel included, supported, and inspired.

Throughout the summer, campers will enjoy a wide variety of activities designed to promote creativity, teamwork, physical wellness, and personal development. From sports and swimming to arts and crafts, STEM activities, and special events, each day is filled with opportunities for fun and discovery.

Our dedicated and trained staff work hard to ensure that every child has a positive and meaningful experience. We believe summer camp is more than just a place to spend the day — it's a community where friendships are formed, confidence is built, and potential is realized.

We look forward to an amazing summer with your family!

Session Information:

*****Please sign up your child for the grade they will be entering this upcoming September to ensure proper group placement*****

Preschool- PeeWee- Jr/Sr- CIT Camp

Preschool= PreK3 & PreK4

PeeWee= Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Jr= 2nd & 3rd Grade

Sr= 4th, 5th & 6th Grade

CIT= 7th & 8th Grade

Full 8 Week Session:

June 29th- August 21st 2026

Monthly Sessions:

June Session: June 29th- July 3rd, 2026

July Session: July 6th- July 31st, 2026

August Session: August 3rd-21st, 2026

Hours: 7:00 am to 6:30 pm

Phone: 973-772-7450

Vacation Camp:

We will be offering 2 additional days of Vacation Camp after our regular camp season ends!

📅 August 24th & August 25th

💰 Available at an additional cost

🍎 Please note: Lunch and snacks will not be provided.

⚠️ Limited spots available

Please be sure to register early to secure your child's spot.

Child Care/ Summer Camp Directors:

Olivia DePeri- oliviad@garfieldymca.com

Michele Florio- michelef@garfieldymca.com

Camp Location:

Preschool & Pee Wee Camp= 241 Ray Street Garfield NJ

JR, SR, CIT= 33 Outwater Lane Garfield NJ

Pricing:

Pre School Summer Camp:

2,500.00

School Age Summer Camp:

1,950.00

CIT Summer Camp: 1,000.00

About Camp:

The Garfield YMCA is proud to announce that we have been awarded **Praesidium Accreditation** by Praesidium, the leader in abuse risk management. This prestigious honor publicly demonstrates that our organization has achieved the highest standards in abuse prevention following a rigorous process to implement Praesidium's Accreditation Standards. Praesidium Accreditation provides solid proof of sound risk management practices and distinguishes the Garfield YMCA within our industry.

Additionally, The Garfield YMCA is proud to share that our camp is accredited by the **American Camp Association (ACA)**. ACA Accreditation is the gold standard for camp programs and signifies our commitment to the highest standards of health, safety, staff training, and program quality. To earn this distinction, our camp underwent a comprehensive review of operations, policies, and procedures to ensure compliance with rigorous national standards. Being an ACA Accredited Camp demonstrates our dedication to providing a safe, nurturing, and enriching camp experience for every child and family we serve.

The YMCA maintains a "zero tolerance" for child abuse, alcohol or substance abuse. Criminal background checks and other federal or state screenings for child abuse will be conducted. Screening tests for alcohol and illegal drug use may be required before hiring and during employment.

Registration:

All registration will go through our website www.garfieldymca.com. You will have to create an account for your child/children, purchase a youth annual membership \$66.00 per year and put your child in the correct program for the grade they will be entering in September of 2026. We require your child's birth certificate, most updated immunization records (for preschool children only) & photo IDs of anyone authorized to pick up your child. *Your child cannot start in the program until all said paperwork is received.*

****All online registration waivers must be read & signed before your child can begin camp****

Payments:

All payments will be made through your child's online account. A 50% deposit is required at time of registration. The balance is to be paid one week prior to the start of camp. If your balance is not paid your spot will be forfeited.

You will NOT be able to register for summer camp if you have **ANY** outstanding payments (this includes subsidy co-payments).

Meals:

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided from Maschio's Food Services at no cost each day by the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture Division of Food and Nutrition Programs. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 am and lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Food menus will be provided on the first day of camp. Parents are responsible to take note of what is offered each day and provide your child with an alternate lunch if they are allergic or do not like the meal of the day. There will be **NO** microwaves on site for children's use. We **CAN NOT** accept any food orders for the children (ex. Uber eats, Doordash, Etc).

Camp Attire:

Please make sure your child is wearing comfortable and appropriate clothing to camp. We will provide **ONE** camp t-shirt per camper to be worn on field trips. If lost, t-shirts will be available for purchase for \$10.00 (while supplies last). For the safety of the children they are **NOT** allowed to wear Crocs. Sneakers only.

Electronics at Camp:

Our camp has a **NO** electronic policy. Under NO circumstances will your child be able to have their electronics with them. Please see attached electronics policy.

Preschool Camp:

Please make sure you send your child with a spare change of clothes in case of any accidents. If your child is not potty trained please make sure you send diapers & wipes. All preschool children will have a rest time please send them a crib sheet, travel size pillow and whatever else they need to feel comfortable at rest time. All preschoolers will have water play twice a week. Please send them with a bathing suit, towel, swim diaper (if needed) and water shoes.

School Age Camp:

All school age campers will have optional fun swim **EVERYDAY**. If your child would like to participate please send them with a bathing suit, towel, swim cap & goggles (if they prefer). All campers will get swim tested during the first week of camp. They will receive a swim cap to designate what level they can swim at. Your child needs to bring their swim cap **EVERYDAY**. They will **NOT** be allowed to swim without their swim cap. Swim caps will be available for purchase if your child loses theirs.

CIT Camp:

Our CIT program is designed for older children who are interested in developing leadership skills and gaining experience working with younger campers. CITs will:

- Assist counselors with daily activities and supervision of campers.
 - Learn teamwork, communication, and leadership skills
- Participate in special training sessions to develop problem-solving and responsibility
 - Serve as positive role models for other campers

CITs are supervised at all times and do not have full responsibility for campers. This program is a structured opportunity to learn valuable skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Subsidy & Scholarship:

Any and all subsidy inquiries go through Olivia. Please email her at oliviad@garfieldymca.com

Medical Authorization:

If your child needs to be administered medication during the camp day please reach out to the Directors for a medical authorization plan form. **Please note no medication will be administered without the completed form.**

Please make sure you submit all requested paperwork and online waivers so there is no delay in services.

If you have any questions please contact:

Olivia DePeri-oliviad@garfieldymca.com

Michele Florio-michelef@garfieldymca.com

We are looking forward to a wonderful summer with your children!