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# YMCA CAMP SLOPER 2026

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# WHY SLOPER?

# KIDS CAN BE THEMSELVES!



## Splash Pad



## 2026 SESSION DATES

**9:00 AM TO 3:00\* PM DAILY—K-10th**

*\*Different for Wanderers Program (Pre-K)*

**SNEAK PEEK WEEK (K-9th only) : JUNE 8 to JUNE 12**

**SLOPER PREVIEW: JUNE 15 – JUNE 19**

**SESSION 1: JUNE 22 – JULY 3**

**SESSION 2: JULY 6 – JULY 17**

**SESSION 3: JULY 20 – JULY 31**

**SESSION 4 (Color Games): AUGUST 3 – AUGUST 14**

**SLOPER FINALE: AUGUST 17 – AUGUST 21**

## Boating



# WHAT'S NEW in 2026?



## ZIPLINE COURSE

Over 400ft of high flying fun comes to Sloper this summer! Three ziplines connected in one epic course!

## HEALTH CENTER

Safety and care take precedence with 5x more space in the new Health Center.



## MORE CHOICE

You spoke, we listened! We plan to offer more choice periods for Pioneers, Rangers, & TBs

## OFFICE EXPANSION

A new, dedicated office space with a more welcoming feel and more space!



## EXTENDED CARE FLEXIBILITY

More options to fit your family's unique schedules! See page 15 for more details.



# CAMP OFFERINGS (by grade)

## WANDERERS: Pre-K (ages 3-4)

### WELCOME TO WANDERERS!

Our caring counselors will guide your child through exciting themed weeks and traditional camp activities that include: arts and crafts, nature hikes, beginner water skills, singing and dancing, scavenger hunts, and so much more! This program is the perfect introduction to the world of day camp while also providing a great opportunity to learn and play with other Pre-K aged campers.

The Wanderers Program is a 1-week program based out of the "Big Red Barn" which the Wanderers call home—a separate building just for our Pre-K campers filled with toys, books, crafts, games, and more.

### WANDERERS OPTIONS

**TRADITIONAL: 9am-1pm**

**FULL-DAY ADD ON: 1pm-3pm**

Wanderers is a half-day program, 9am-1pm, with the option to upgrade to the Full-Day option (9am-3pm). When registering, Wanderers will default to the Traditional half-day program with the price reflecting Half-Day. To register for Full Day, you will need to select both the Traditional and Full Day options.



### WANDERER ESSENTIALS

- ❖ Backpack
- ❖ Lunchbox
- ❖ Extra Snacks (for Snack Time!)
- ❖ Refillable Water Bottle
- ❖ Bathing Suit & Towel
- ❖ Change of Clothes (extra essentials!)
- ❖ Hat & Sunscreen
- ❖ Closed-toe Shoes (Crocs count!)

### **Wanderers Sample Schedule**

#### FULL-DAY PROGRAM

- 9:00 am - Arrival
- 9:15 am - Morning Story Time
- 9:30 am - Morning Centers
- 10:15 am - Snack
- 10:30 am - Outdoor Activities
- 11:15 am - Lunch
- 12:00 pm - Swimming
- 1:00 pm - Half Day Dismissal
- 1:15 pm - Quiet Play Time
- 1:45 pm - Outdoor Activities
- 3:00 pm - Full Day Dismissal

### **Wanderers Session Dates**

- Week 1 - June 15 to June 19
- Week 2 - June 22 to June 26
- Week 3 - June 29 to July 3
- Week 4 - July 6 to July 10
- Week 5 - July 13 to July 17
- Week 6 - July 20 to July 24
- Week 7 - July 27 to July 31
- Week 8 - August 3 to August 7
- Week 9 - August 10 to August 14
- Week 10 - August 17 to August 21

# EAST COAST CAMPS (GRADES K-4)



The "East Coast" is the term we use to identify our K-4th grade campers as well as east side of the property. The East Coast is split into multiple, similar aged Units and offers multiple Specialty Camp options throughout the summer. East Coasters get to experience the traditional camp activities in age appropriate settings, but as they get older, they get to experience newer activities.

The best things about the East Coast are the friendships that blossom, first time experiences campers get, and a summer's full of fun at every corner.



## SLOPERIANS (entering Kindergarten or turning 5 by 12/31/26)

Sloperians begins a camper's journey as the youngest campers on the East Coast. This camp provides a great introduction to the summer camp world with many traditional style activities such as Arts & Crafts and Swimming, while trying some Sloper specific activities such as the ever popular Superslide, Crystal Mine and many more.

OFFERED SESSIONS: Sneak Peek, Preview, 1, 2, 3, 4, & Finale

## NAVIGATORS (entering Grade 1)

Navigators provides age appropriate fun everyday. Similar to the Sloperian program, Navigators will get to experience the wonders of camp and many of it's traditional offerings such as the Splash Park, Playscape, and Boating.

OFFERED SESSIONS: Sneak Peek, Preview, 1, 2, 3, 4, & Finale



## EXPLORERS (entering Grade 2)

### EXPLORERS TRADITIONAL CAMP

Each year brings something new to the table, and Explorers begin their 'exploratory' journey. Activities get a little more advanced, Units more exciting, and new challenges arise like the Climbing Tower. In addition to many new activities, Explorers will enjoy the classic fun of a traditional camp setting.

OFFERED SESSIONS: Sneak Peek, PW, 1, 2, 3, 4, & Finale



### ART CAMP EXPLORERS\*

This camp is designed for our younger artists who love being creative and expressing their artistic talents. Drawing, painting, jewelry making, craft group projects and more will be offered throughout the two-week session. All of their hard work will culminate into an art showcase held during camp towards the end of each session.

OFFERED SESSIONS 1-4

### SPORTS CAMP "E"\*\*

This camp is designed for our younger campers who love sports! Campers will learn a variety of sport fundamentals, try out new skills from new sports, and practice against one another in small scrimmages, with sportsmanship and fun being the focus.

OFFERED SESSIONS 1-4

\*SPECIALTY CAMPS DO NOT HAVE A DAILY SWIM PERIOD. BUT CAMPERS WILL ENJOY THE POND AND SPLASH PARK AT LEAST ONCE PER SESSION

# PIONEERS (Entering Grades 3-4)



Pioneers reach the highest levels of programming available on the East Coast. This traditional camp offers Pioneers the classic camp experience of many rotating activities, including archery, hiking, and more, as well as unit and a swim period, they will also experience a free choice period.

In this Unit, campers will build life long friendships, be encouraged to be themselves, and develop their own talents, all while leading the way as role models for the younger campers as well.

**OFFERED SESSIONS:** Sneak Peek, Preview, 1, 2, 3, 4, & Finale

## SPECIALTY CAMPS for PIONEERS (Entering Grades 3-4)

Graduating to the Pioneer aged Unit provides an exciting array of offerings special to these campers. There are many interest based programs that delve deeper into the fun with activities specifically designed around that camp. Whether it's sending rockets into the sky, creating a musical production, or hooking "the big one" while fishing, there is a place for you in Specialty East Camps. Although these specialty camps do focus on specific interests each session, traditional camp activities will be scattered into the mix to keep it campy and fun. **SPECIALTY CAMPS DO NOT HAVE A DAILY SWIM PERIOD BUT WILL GET TO ENJOY THE POND AND SPLASH PARK AT LEAST ONCE IN THE SESSION.**

### ADVENTURE CAMP

Campers will take part in a daily adventure around YMCA Camp Sloper. Each day campers will be given clues to a mysterious adventure they will need to solve. A mix of map reading, hunting for clues, solving mysteries and more will be offered.

**OFFERED SESSIONS 1-4**

### ART CAMP "P"

This camp is designed for our oldest East Coast artists who love being creative and expressing their artistic talents like drawing, painting, jewelry making, craft group projects and more. All of their hard work will culminate into an art showcase held during camp towards the end of the session.

**OFFERED SESSIONS 1-4**

### CARDBOARD CAMP

Get creative with cardboard in this specialty camp! Design, decorate, and build anything you can dream of. Knight's armor, a city, a dinosaur army, or even Darth Vader, the possibilities are endless! Camp will supply all of the cardboard and building needs to make your wildest ideas come to life!

**OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 4**

### CHEER & DANCE CAMP "P"

Ready? OKAY! Campers will cheer and dance their way through the session, learning new techniques, stunts, routines, and choreography. All the hard work will culminate in a group performance held during camp towards the end of the session.

**OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 3**

### CIRCUS CAMP

Roll up your sleeves and get ready to amaze your friends! Circus Camp will teach campers how to perform magic tricks, juggle, master the art of joke-telling, learn the basics of face-painting, do balancing acts, perform basic stunts, and do silly human tricks. All of the hard work will culminate in a circus show held towards the end of the session.

**OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 3**

### ECO CAMP

Ahh, the great outdoors! Campers will have the opportunity to learn all about the plants, wildlife, and ecosystems at YMCA Camp Sloper through fun crafts, activities, and exploring our many hiking trails. This camp also will hike from Castle Craig back to camp as a special field trip.

**OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 3**

# SPECIALTY CAMPS for PIONEERS (Entering Grades 3-4) 8

## FISHING CAMP "P"

Sorry, Gone Fishin'! Campers will get to learn the basics of this life-long activity and recreational sport. Learn how to cast, bait, and catch the different fish species and more. **Campers must bring their own fishing poles to camp.**

OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 4

## FORTBUILDING CAMP "P"

Experience a two-week adventure building some of the biggest and best forts ever seen. Campers will learn the basics of tools to help construct large wooden forts in the woods at our Fort Building Village. All building is under staff supervision.

OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 3

## GAMERS CAMP

Imagine playing your favorite video games in real life. Now you can in Gamers Camp! Slay the Ender-dragon from Minecraft, race your friends like Mario Kart, or take down towers like Angry Birds. Create your own fun with endless possibilities! *(This is a no screens camp & actual video games will not be played)*

OFFERED SESSIONS 1-4

## MUSICAL THEATER CAMP

Places everyone! Campers will work together through the entire musical process of script reading, auditions, casting, prop creation, blocking, singing, and dancing to create a theatrical masterpiece! At the end of the session, campers will put on a Musical Theater Show for parents and campers.

OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 4

## NINJA WARRIOR CAMP "P"

Hone your skills on our Sloper Ninja Warrior Course and challenge yourself on varying skill level obstacles. Our Ninja Warriors will have a chance to conquer the obstacle course, low ropes challenge course, and the climbing tower. All the training leads up to the Time Trial Finale. OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 4

## ROCKET SCIENCE CAMP

3, 2, 1, blast off! Dive into the world of basic rocket science completing various experiments such as water bottle rockets, aerodynamics, Alka-Seltzer rockets and more! Campers finish the session with a model rocket launch, with rockets that fly over 1000ft into the sky!

OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 4

## SAMPLER CAMP

STEM, Circus, Adventure...OH MY! This camp is designed to provide campers with a sample of the majority of our Pioneer Specialty Camps. Each day campers will sample a new specialty camp and collaborate on various games, activities, and projects. This is a great camp for campers who want to "try them all"!

OFFERED SESSIONS 1-4

## SPORTS CAMP "P"

Let the games begin! Sports Camp P is an all sports extravaganza for our oldest East Coast campers. This camp is designed for the campers who simply love sports! Practicing, learning strategy, scrimmaging, and even learning some new moves will make up most of the session's programming.

OFFERED SESSIONS 1-4

## STEM CAMP

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics! Campers will participate in hands-on, fun, and engaging STEM experiments such as creating slime, building egg parachutes, testing the explosive power of soda and mints and more! Who knew learning about science could be so fun!

OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 3

## TRACK & FIELD CAMP

On your mark, get set, GO! The makings of future Olympians can be found in Track & Field Camp competing and honing their skills in various track & field events like shotput, long jump, hurdles, discus, sprints, relays and more. In true worldly fashion, an Olympic style competition will see who takes home the gold!

OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 3



- ⇒ YMCA Camp Sloper is dedicated to the safety and wellbeing of all campers, families, and staff year round and are proud to be an accredited, American Camp Association, & licensed, Day Camp.
- ⇒ In order to continue to be accredited, YMCA Camp Sloper is committed to executing over 300 standards that touch all aspects of elevated operations, procedures, policies, safety, care.

The "West Coast" is the term we use to identify our 5th-9th grade campers who spend most of their time on the west side of our property. The West Coast is split into multiple similar aged **Units** and offers multiple **Specialty Camp** options throughout the summer. West Coasters will enjoy some of the more advanced activities and offerings at camp, elevating many of the traditional activities to provide fresh and new experiences. The West Coast provides classic fun coupled with an individual camper experience, with the biggest addition being 'Free Activity', a free choice period every day.

## RANGERS (Entering Grades 5-6)

Day camp is a progressive program, where campers are introduced to new activities as they age up. Rangers is the first of two Traditional Camp offerings on the West Coast, providing an exciting summer camp experience full of new offerings.

Campers can look forward to the new sides on the Climbing Tower, paddle boards at boating, and Free Activity, an entire period of the day dedicated to camper choice where each day campers pick their last activity of the day.

**OFFERED SESSIONS:** Sneak Peek, Preview, 1, 2, 3, 4, & Finale



## SPECIALTY CAMPS for RANGERS (Entering Grades 5-6)

Switching coasts unlocks a whole new world for Ranger aged campers, with the West Coast providing new and more advanced interest based camps. All West Coast specialty camps have traditional camp activities sprinkled into their 2-week long sessions. With increased knowledge and skills, Ranger Specialty Camps allow the camper to 'co-pilot' and assist in creating that unique camp experience you strive for. Just like Traditional Rangers, Ranger specialty camps last period of the day is for camper choice, called "Free Activity". **SPECIALTY CAMPS DO NOT HAVE A DAILY SWIM PERIOD BUT WILL GET TO ENJOY THE POND AND SPLASH PARK AT LEAST ONCE IN THE SESSION.**

### ART CAMP "R"

This camp is the perfect choice for campers who enjoy the opportunity to be creative and express their artistic talents. Drawing, painting, jewelry making, craft projects and more will be offered throughout the session. All of the projects will be on full display in the Art Camp "R" Showcase that both campers and parents can attend.

**OFFERED SESSIONS 1-4**

### CHEER & DANCE CAMP "R"

Formation! A session filled a with camper and staff designed choreography and performance to knock your socks off. Campers will learn and develop their skills in stunts, team moves, and more, all culminating in the big finish of an end-of-session performance for campers and families.

**OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 4**

### CROSS COUNTRY CAMP "R"

Cross Country Camp is the perfect choice for anyone looking to learn how to be a better all-terrain runner. Participants will have daily workouts on the trails at YMCA Camp Sloper. Running tips, workout routines, and trail runs will highlight this program, all leading up to a 5K race to end the session.

**OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 4**

### FISHING CAMP "R"

Campers will have the opportunity to hone their fishing skills as they learn more about baiting, hooks, casting, and lures to help mold them into more independent fishers. They will spend the mornings fishing at different spots around our beautiful 20-acre pond. **Campers must bring their own fishing poles to camp.**

**OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 3**

# RANGERS SPECIALTY CAMPS (Entering Grades 5-6)



## FORTBUILDING CAMP "R"

Hard hats on everyone, time to build! Campers will get the chance to build and design a brand new wooden fort adding to our ever growing Fort Village. Learn how to use various tools and equipment to make your blueprints become a reality. Channel your inner lumberjack in this fort-tastic camp!

OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 4

## MOUNTAIN BIKING CAMP

Come explore all 143 acres of YMCA Camp Sloper on two wheels. Campers will ride the trails of camp and build their skills to be better riders. All of the riding and training over the two weeks wraps up with a cross-camp race at the end of the session. All participants must supply their own mountain bike, with switching gears & a helmet. Participants should have their bikes dropped off and picked up at the beginning and end of the session.

OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 4

## MOVIE MAKING CAMP

Campers will enjoy the creative hands-on experience of working on their very own movies with fellow campers. Campers will collaborate through the entire process of storyboarding, casting, filming, and editing their group movies. At the end of the session, campers will premiere their movie to the West Coast! Campers do not have to supply any video equipment.

OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 4

## NINJA WARRIOR CAMP "R"

Run, jump, climb, push, and pull yourself over obstacles in our Sloper Ninja Warrior Course. Camp will include Ninja Games, parkour courses, stretching, and skill building. Campers will be working towards perfecting their time trial runs through the course.

OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 3

## PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP

Capture the beauty of YMCA Camp Sloper during the summer. Using digital cameras, cell phones, and other devices, campers can explore and learn about photography in a whole new lens. Campers must provide their own camera or equivalent. Each day will present a new photo assignment for campers, such as black and white, action shots, landscape, and portraits.

OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 3



## SHOWSTOPPERS

Join our group of campers who will steal the show! Campers will learn various singing, dancing, and acting techniques. They will work together to create their own production, from casting to choreography to set design. This camper-led production will be performed in the amphitheater towards the end of the session.

OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 3

## SPORTS CAMP "R"

Sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play frame this action packed sports camp. Compete in multiple sports skills competitions, learn new sports, and earn champion status in tournaments. Camp will supply sports equipment.

OFFERED SESSIONS 1-4

## STEAM CAMP

This camp offers a great opportunity for campers to further their experience in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics. Campers will be both creative and innovative as they work together to bring projects to life. Campers will be challenged with puzzles, building structures, and conducting experiments.

OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 4

## SURVIVOR CAMP

Campers will learn the basics of wilderness survival techniques. Campers will build shelters with natural surroundings, learn how to use the wilderness as a resource, read trail maps and more. This camp also features a nature hike from Castle Craig to YMCA Camp Sloper.

OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 3

# TRAILBLAZERS (Entering Grades 7-9)

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The Traditional Camp for our oldest campers, Trailblazers, (TBs) is tailor-made for campers looking to experience camp at its fullest. Reaching TBs opens up new specialty camp options as well as activities specifically for our oldest campers like the Zip Line and 'Leap of Faith' at the high ropes course. In addition to scheduled activities, TB's get to experience more choice throughout their day, all session long.

True friendships, sense of belonging, and some of the best memories happen each year in TB's.

**OFFERED SESSIONS:** Sneak Peek, Preview, 1, 2, 3, 4, & Finale



TBs on the Watermat

## SPECIALTY CAMPS for TRAILBLAZERS (Entering Grades 7-9)

Progressing from Rangers to Trailblazers unlocks the final assortment of advanced Specialty Camp offerings. Some camps like Farm and Golf travel offsite, while others are geared towards a fully camper-led experience. Similar to East Coast specialty camps, all West Coast specialty camps have traditional camp activities sprinkled into their 2-week long sessions. Just like the other West Coast Units, Trailblazer specialty camps' last period of the day is for camper choice, called 'Free Activity', where classic camp activities like swimming, archery, boating, and more are randomly offered throughout the session. **SPECIALTY CAMPS DO NOT HAVE A DESIGNATED SWIM PERIOD BUT WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SWIM AT LEAST ONCE EACH SESSION.**

### CARPENTRY CAMP

This camp is for campers who like to work with their hands and want to learn the popular trade skills of carpentry. Campers will get hands-on experiences in designing and building projects around camp, many of which will last for generations. Campers will learn how to use various carpentry tools throughout the session.

**OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 3**

### CROSS COUNTRY CAMP "TBs"

Stride to greatness in Cross Country Camp TBs. Campers will train and learn advanced techniques in the sport of cross country running. Travel through over 9-miles of trails around camp offering various terrains and challenges to test each campers abilities. Finishing strong, campers will compete in a 5K race at the end of the session.

**OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 4**

### FARM CAMP

Let's head to the farm! In partnership with the Lewis Educational Agriculture Farm (LEAF), campers will learn the ins and outs of farming, harvesting, animal care, and more. LEAF is committed to producing the freshest, safest, and best tasting produce around. At the end of the session, campers may receive a fun & tasty surprise!

**OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 4**

### FISHING CAMP "TBs"

A laid back and relaxing camp that focuses on the sport of fishing. Campers will learn more about baiting, hooks, casting, and lures to help mold them into more independent fishers. They will spend the mornings fishing at different spots around our beautiful 20-acre pond. Campers must bring their own fishing poles to camp.

**OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 3**

### FORTBUILDING CAMP "TBs"

Experience a two-week adventure building some of the biggest and best forts ever seen at YMCA Camp Sloper. Campers will learn how to use drills, saws, design blueprints, and engineer the land throughout the building process. From start to finish, campers will be the major contributors in these successful forts.

**OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 4**

### GOLF CAMP

Campers will be bused to and from Hawks Landing Country Club for eight days. Campers will have access to the driving range and golf course throughout the session, while also learning the basics of the sport, practicing each club to become the best golfer they can be. Campers must bring their own golf clubs to camp and wear proper golf attire when at the course. **OFFERED SESSIONS 2&4**

# TRAILBLAZER SPECIALTY CAMPS (Entering Grades 7-9)

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## HIGH ADVENTURE CAMP

Experience camp like you never have before. This camp is designed for teens who are ready to push the limits in various activities. Each day will feature a new and challenging activity like Mountain Boarding, high ropes, rock climbing, obstacle courses and other extreme sport activities.

OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 3

## MULTIMEDIA CAMP

Extra, Extra! Take part in a world of media activities and skills in your own Sloper News Room. Campers will get to practice multiple forms of media such as journalism, podcasting, designing and creating newspapers, social media marketing and more throughout the session. This camper driven camp will be sure to dig up the good stuff!

OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 3

## PINSPIRATION CAMP

Combining both adventure and creativity, campers will use the popular DIY site Pinterest to find ideas for projects, crafts, creations and more! Campers will work together to choose projects to complete which Sloper will help make come to life.

OFFERED SESSIONS 1 & 3

**SPECIALTY CAMPS DO NOT HAVE A DESIGNATED SWIM PERIOD. CAMPERS CAN CHOOSE SWIMMING FOR FREE ACTIVITY**

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**



## ROCK CLIMBING CAMP

Take advantage of the awesome rock climbing opportunities at YMCA Camp Sloper. Participants will be instructed and supervised by certified staff on proper climbing and safety techniques. Campers will start out learning the basics of knot tying, belay procedures, and climbing on our rock climbing tower. Once campers have mastered the basics, they will work their way up to various rock walls off the Black Trail, including repelling down the infamous 'Vertical Cave'.

OFFERED SESSIONS 2 & 4

## SPORTS CAMP "TBs"

High intensity matches and advanced skills form the basis for this camp. Campers will participate in various sporting competitions and tournaments covering many different sports, even some new ones you may have never tried. With good sportsmanship and a little practice, you can become a sports camp legend.

OFFERED SESSIONS 1-4



Climbing the Tower

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# COUNSELORS IN TRAINING (CITS) (Entering Grade 10)

The perfect program for teens looking to become a camp counselor in the future or even work with children, this Counselor in Training Program (CITs) is for you!

Our future leaders spend 4-weeks training and working with East Coast campers. They develop leadership skills, personal values, teambuilding, and communication skills along the way. This program also can fulfill volunteer hours for colleges, churches, scouts, and honor societies.

Throughout the 4-week program, CITs will be learning various activities, games, behavior techniques, problem solving skills, and policies before being assigned to a group on the East Coast. While in the East Coast groups, CITs will get hands on experience working with various age groups and camps including specialty camps.

The Counselor in Training program is the best program that provides insight and real life job training all while still providing the classic camp fun. CITs will still get to experience traditional camp activities and will even partake in a CIT field trip.



Hanging in the Library



Leading Games at LOGS

## CIT SESSION DATES

### 4-week Programs

Session 1 & 2: June 22 - July 17

Session 3 & 4: July 20 - August 14

- ❖ If you complete the Session 1 & 2 program, you can sign up for additional weeks as a CIT (individual weeks or full sessions)
- ❖ Additional weeks will have CITs placed in East Coast groups only
- ❖ Sessions 1 & 3 are content sessions and are pivotal to CIT training

## BENEFITS of CITS

- ❖ Experience working with children in a fun and safe environment
- ❖ Real world experiences like job application, interviews, and parent communication
- ❖ Leadership skill training
- ❖ Being a role model for the younger generations
- ❖ Learning new games, activities, and skits
- ❖ Earn Volunteer hours

AND SO MUCH MORE!

Check out [ymcacampsloper.org](http://ymcacampsloper.org) for more information about CITs.

# 2026 CAMP PRICES



## ALL TRADITIONAL CAMPS

MEMBERS    NON-MEMBERS

### Wanderers (entering Pre-K) (1-week Sessions)

*Traditional Half Day (9am-1pm)*    \$285/wk    \$310/wk

*- Add Full Day Option (1pm-3pm)*    \$70/wk    \$70/wk

### Sloperians (entering K)

\$585    \$635

### Navigators (entering 1st)

\$585    \$635

### Explorers (entering 2nd)

\$585    \$635

### Pioneers (entering 3rd-4th)

\$585    \$635

### Rangers (entering 5th-6th)

\$585    \$635

### Trailblazers (entering 7th-9th)

\$585    \$635

### CITs (entering 10th) (4-week program)

\$635    \$685

## EXPLORER SPECIALTY CAMPS

MEMBERS    NON-MEMBERS

### Art Camp "E"

\$605    \$655

### Sports Camp "E"

\$605    \$655

## PIONEER SPECIALTY CAMPS

MEMBERS    NON-MEMBERS

### Adventure Camp

\$605    \$655

### Art Camp "P"

\$605    \$655

### Bookworm Camp

\$605    \$655

### Camp Perfect Camp

\$605    \$655

### Cardboard Camp

\$605    \$655

### Cheer & Dance Camp "P"

\$605    \$655

### Circus Camp

\$605    \$655

### Eco Camp

\$605    \$655

### Fishing Camp "P"

\$605    \$655

### Fort Building Camp "P"

\$605    \$655

### Gamers Camp

\$605    \$655

### Musical Theater Camp

\$605    \$655

### Ninja Warrior Camp "P"

\$605    \$655

### Rocket Science Camp

\$605    \$655

### Sampler Camp

\$605    \$655

### Sports Camp "P"

\$605    \$655

### STEM Camp

\$605    \$655

### Track & Field Camp

\$605    \$655

## EXTENDED CARE (Sessions 1-4)

MEMBERS    NON-MEMBERS

### Before Care (7am-9am) (at Sloper)

\$140    \$140

### Before Care (8am-9am) (at Sloper)

\$70    \$70

### After Care (3pm-4pm) (at Sloper)

\$70    \$70

### After Care (3pm-5pm) (at Sloper)

\$140    \$140

### After Care (3pm-6pm) (at Sloper)

\$210    \$210

## RANGER SPECIALTY CAMPS

MEMBERS    NON-MEMBERS

### Art Camp "R"

\$605    \$655

### Cheer & Dance Camp "R"

\$605    \$655

### Cross Country Camp "R"

\$605    \$655

### Fishing Camp "R"

\$605    \$655

### Fort Building Camp "R"

\$605    \$655

### Mountain Biking Camp

\$605    \$655

### Movie Making Camp

\$605    \$655

### Ninja Warrior Camp "R"

\$605    \$655

### Photography Camp

\$605    \$655

### Showstoppers Camp

\$605    \$655

### Sports Camp "R"

\$605    \$655

## TRAILBLAZER SPECIALTY CAMPS

MEMBERS    NON-MEMBERS

### Carpentry Camp

\$605    \$655

### Cross Country Camp "TBs"

\$605    \$655

### Farm Camp

\$665    \$715

### Fort Building Camp "TBs"

\$605    \$655

### Golf Camp

\$675    \$725

### High Adventure Camp

\$605    \$655

### MultiMedia Camp

\$605    \$655

### Pinspiration Camp

\$605    \$655

### Rock Climbing Camp

\$605    \$655

### Sports Camp "TBs"

\$605    \$655

## ADDITIONAL CAMP WEEKS

MEMBERS    NON-MEMBERS

### NEW Sneak Peek Week (1-week)

\$295    \$320

### Preview Week (1-week session)

\$340    \$365

### Finale Week (1-week session)

\$340    \$365

## EXTENDED CARE (SPW, PW, FW)

MEMBERS    NON-MEMBERS

### Before Care (7am-9am) (at Sloper)

\$70    \$70

### Before Care (8am-9am) (at Sloper)

\$35    \$35

### After Care (3pm-4pm) (at Sloper)

\$35    \$35

### After Care (3pm-5pm) (at Sloper)

\$70    \$70

### After Care (3pm-6pm) (at Sloper)

\$105    \$105

**NEW!**

# EXTENDED CARE OPTIONS

## EXTENDED CARE at YMCA CAMP SLOPER

Extra camp is just a click away! Campers can join our extended care programs to experience more camp in the morning and afternoon! Morning Care hours start at 7am while After Care hours go until 6pm. New for 2026, we are offering extended care in hour increments where you have the ability to customize your care needs each session (no daily customizations). Below are your customization options:

AM Care      7:00am-9:00am      or      8:00am-9:00am

PM Care      3:00pm-4:00pm      or      3:00pm-5:00pm      or      3:00pm-6:00pm

Extended Camp care is available every session during the summer at YMCA Camp Sloper for our Sloperian (K) aged campers and up through CITs (10th) for an additional cost. Extended Care can be added during the registration process. **Extended Care at Sloper is Parent drop off/pick up only.**

## EXTENDED CARE at YMCA CAMP QUINNIPAC

Extended Care is also available in Cheshire at YMCA Camp Quinnipiac for an additional cost. Campers can choose to do just AM Care, PM Care, or both AM & PM Care. Campers will be bused to and from YMCA Camp Sloper. Extended Care at YMCA Camp Quinnipiac can be added during the registration process. **Extended Care is Parent drop off/pick up only.**

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

### PAYMENT OPTIONS (at time of registration)

1. Pay balance in full; or
2. Pay all applicable deposits and fees, then choose equal, bimonthly, installment option through August; or
3. Pay all applicable deposits and fees, then the card on file will automatically be charged the session balance on the due date before each registered session begins as follows:

**Sneak Peek—full payment due May 25**

**Preview Week—full payment due June 1**

**Session 1—full payment due June 8**

**Session 2—full payment due June 22**

**Session 3—full payment due July 6**

**Session 4—full payment due July 20**

**Finale Week—full payment due August 3**

If you wish to pay by cash or check, or to set up a customized payment plan, pick one of the options requiring a deposit only and call the camp office to make the changes to your account. If you do not call, your original option will be used as payment and your payment will automatically be deducted on the dates determined by the option of your choice.

❖ **\$50 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT REQUIRED:** per session, per child

❖ **\$20 CAMP IMPROVEMENT FEE:** one-time fee, per child, per year, paid at registration

### ADDITIONAL FEES (as applicable)

❖ **\$30 SPLIT SESSION FEES** applied when splitting session 1, 2, 3, and/or 4

❖ **\$30 MANUAL CHANGE FEES:** for camp or transportation changes after May 1, 2026

**For more information on Additional Fees, check out the Parent Handbook**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** is available for qualifying Southington & Cheshire residents. Please visit our website for more information: [www.ymcacampsloper.org/camper-forms-and-documents](http://www.ymcacampsloper.org/camper-forms-and-documents)

For Additional questions, please contact Tara Johnson 860-426-9590.



**ACCEPTED**

# TRANSPORTATION

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- ⇒ Bus service is provided at no additional charge for campers in Sloperians (K) and older. There is no transportation for Wanderers.
- ⇒ Busing is offered for sessions Preview Week-Finale Week for hundreds of campers in Southington, Cheshire, and Berlin. Buses stop at "satellite" locations like parks, schools, and businesses that have parking lots and are safe for campers. We do not have any door to door services and do not accept requests.
- ⇒ Each bus that we offer is staffed with a Sloper Staff member for an extra layer of care and supervision.
- ⇒ Bus routes and stops are predetermined and service Southington, Cheshire, and Berlin/Kensington. To utilize our busing option, register for the Bus that works best for you.

\*If you are signing up for Extended Care at YMCA Camp Quinnipiac, you do not need to register for a Bus, we will do that for you!

Bus stops can be found at [www.ymcacampsloper.org/busing-information](http://www.ymcacampsloper.org/busing-information)

## OTHER DAY CAMP PROGRAMS

### YMCA CAMP NACIWONKI

Located at the Southington Community YMCA, this program provides day camp programming for campers Kindergarten to 6th. All sessions are 1-week long.

For more information contact Sam Lamkins at 860-426-9547 or Wendy Fisher at 860-426-9572 or visit [www.sccymca.org/Naciwonki-summer-adventures](http://www.sccymca.org/Naciwonki-summer-adventures)

### YMCA CAMP QUINNIPAC

Located in Cheshire at a local elementary school (school varies by year), YMCA Camp Quinnipiac offers full day programming for campers in Pre-K, TK, and up to 8th grade.. All sessions are 1-week long.

For more information contact Nick Deschino at 203-272-3150 x515 or visit [www.sccymca.org/ymca-camp-quinnipiac](http://www.sccymca.org/ymca-camp-quinnipiac)



### APRIL VACATION CAMP

**APRIL 6 - 10, 2026**

**at YMCA CAMP SLOPER**

**9 AM - 3 PM**

#### ❖ TRADITIONAL CAMP (Gr. K-6)

Extended Care Available

REGISTER at [YMCACACAMPSLOPER.ORG](http://YMCACACAMPSLOPER.ORG)



# IMPORTANT DATES



## EARLY BIRD ONLINE REGISTRATION:

**SAT., FEB. 7, 2026 - 8:00 AM**

[www.ymcacampsloper.org](http://www.ymcacampsloper.org)

For returning 2025 campers and Full Members of the Southington & Cheshire YMCAs

## OPEN ONLINE REGISTRATION:

**SUN., FEB. 8, 2026 - 7:00 AM**

Register online at

[www.ymcacampsloper.org](http://www.ymcacampsloper.org)



## OPEN HOUSE/TOURS DATES:

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026 - 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

Camp staff will be onsite to answer questions about Day Camp programming, provide facility tours, and offer information about all things Day Camp. No registration required to attend Open House Dates.

For questions, call the main office at 860-621-8194



**FOLLOW US!**

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# GREAT FACILITY AND CARING STAFF!

YMCA Camp Sloper prides itself on having an enthusiastic staff who provide a safe and fun environment for each camper. We are committed to training and developing an outstanding group of counselors and directors who are dedicated to offering the best possible day camp experience. Sloper Staff Philosophy: Be FUN, have FUN, give FUN...EVERYDAY! Our 143-acre site is ideal for an exciting, rewarding day full of activities. Included on our property is a 19-acre pond with two waterfront areas, miles of hiking trails, numerous campsites, sports fields, two basketball courts, arts & crafts cabin, nature center, 3 bath houses with changing rooms, a camp office, three walk-in coolers, 10 pavilions, a 35-foot climbing tower, high ropes course with zip line, 80-foot Superslide, 1000+ person amphitheater, Playscape, a waterpark for teens, a waterslide for east coasters, Slip'N'Slide, a fort village, the Melanie Rossini Program Center, Sloper Store, the Sloper Express, the Meade Family Library, Ninja Warrior Course, a Bouldering Octagon, a Splash Park, and so much more!

## YMCA CAMP SLOPER OUTDOOR CENTER

### ALSO OFFERS:

- ❖ Facility Rental for Groups from 20 to 200 and more!
- ❖ YMCA Teambuilding Programs for Youth, Teen & Adult Groups
- ❖ YMCA Environmental Education Programs for School Groups and Youth Groups
- ❖ Birthday Parties
- ❖ Free access to hiking, sledding, letter boxing and more for YMCA members.



## YMCA Camp Sloper Capital Campaign

**Overview:** YMCA Camp Sloper has embarked on some significant upgrades and improvements in the last few years thanks to the generosity of so many donors.

As the excitement continues, we hope you will consider being a part of making history at YMCA Camp Sloper.

For more information on the YCS Capital Campaign please email

**Mark Pooler** at [mpooler@sccymca.org](mailto:mpooler@sccymca.org)

or

**Justin Hubeny** at [jhubeny@sccymca.org](mailto:jhubeny@sccymca.org)

or scan the QR code below



### PHASE 1: Completed Projects

- 850+ feet of sewer lines installed
- New Splash Park constructed
- New Bathrooms & Changing Rooms
- Construction of the new Soccodato Pavilion
- Removal of the sediment in Sloper Pond & Restoration of the West Coast Field
- Replacement of culverts on the Green trail
- Restoration of both Waterfront beaches
- Upgrades to the Kilburn Family Camp Store
- Installation of a new Draw-Down valve for Sloper Pond

### PHASE 2: Next Steps

- Design and Construction of a new Health Center & Camp Office Expansion

*expected completion by June 2026*

# 21st Annual SLOPER PLUNGE

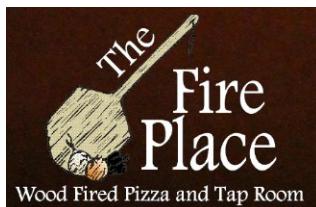
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PLEDGE or PLUNGE with us: [givebutter.com/2026plunge](http://givebutter.com/2026plunge)

**SATURDAY—FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

RAIN DATE MARCH 7, 2026

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