READY. SET. SUMMER!
CAMP TIMBER AT BRIDGEWATER YMCA
CAMP SUNBURST AT SOMERVILLE YMCA

OPEN HOUSE:
Feb 1, Mar 14, Apr 11
10am – 1pm

Feb 8
Member Registration

Feb 24
Open Registration

June 22
Camp Starts
Dear Camp Families,

At Bridgewater YMCA and Somerville YMCA we are excited for a summer full of fun, learning and enrichment. Each detail of camp is designed with the goal of creating great summer memories for our campers.

Our professional staff is led by full-time Y employees who, during the summer, are joined by our team of teachers, college and high school students to create a community where children are positively guided through experiences that are truly life changing. Our thorough screening process and trainings ensure a skilled and well-trained staff, so your child can have the best possible camp experience.

While each child’s daily schedule is likely to be different, we plan for each day to be filled with activities that develop the four C’s: communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. Our goal is to provide campers with a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment where they feel encouraged to learn, grow and thrive throughout the summer. In addition to our group activities, our daily camp-wide events help to foster a feeling of community and belonging while embracing each camper’s individuality.

On behalf of our entire camp staff, we look forward to making Camp Timber and Camp Sunburst your summer place where memories are made that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

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Director of Membership & Programs
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Jessica Nicewicz
Associate Program Director
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Thanks to funds raised through our Annual Campaign, we are able to provide financial assistance to qualifying individuals and families so that everyone has a chance to learn, grow and thrive.

The financial assistance process is confidential and the application forms can be found online at gscymca.org/fa.
# CAMPS AT A GLANCE

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REGISTRATION

For questions regarding camp registration or any camp offerings, please contact our Associate Program Director, Jessica Nicewicz at jnicewicz@somersetcountymca.org or 908 722 4567 x611.

Registration Process
Camp registration will be completed through our online registration system available on our website at gscymca.org/camp. In order to use the online registration system, you will need to set up an account with your email address and a password. If you do not already have an account for registration, we encourage you to go to our website gscymca.org/my-account to set up an account. Please remember, it is recommended that you set up an account prior to the registration day so that the online process goes smoothly. Our membership staff is available to help you.

Online camp registration for the summer of 2020 will begin for members of Bridgewater and Somerville YMCAs on Saturday, February 9, 2020 at 9:00am. Community registration will begin online on Monday, February 25, 2020 at 9:00am.

Payment and Refund Details
When you register for camp you will be required to make a $50.00 deposit for each camp session that you choose. These payments will be made through our online system and require the use of a credit card. This credit card will be kept on file and used to draft the camp balances automatically on the following dates. Camp balances are due June 1 for weeks 1-5 and July 1 for weeks 6-10. Camp Registrations done after these dates will require the camp balance to be paid in full.

Refund Policy:
Prior to May 1, 2020: A full refund will be given for any cancellations.

After May 1, 2020: There will be no refund of the $50 deposit. A refund of a camp balance that has been paid will only be given if your child’s spot can be filled by another child.*

*The only exception to the refund policy is for a cancellation due to a medical reason that has been documented by a doctor.

Registration with Financial Assistance
If you are interested in applying for financial assistance, you may obtain the application from our website at gscymca.org/fa or in person at any of our branches. If you wish to apply for financial assistance in time to register for summer camp 2020, please submit your application no later than April 1, 2020. For any questions regarding the application process, please contact Pam Nelson at 908 722 4567 x633 or BSYFCA@somersetcountymca.org.

If financial assistance is granted, your award percentage will be put into our system and then you may register online.

Health And Emergency Information
Our Summer Camps utilize CampDoc, a web-based electronic health record system for camps. CampDoc consolidates and integrates camper health information into a centralized and secure location. It has been approved by the American Camp Association (ACA) and will make the collection of these records more efficient and accurate. After your child has been registered for camp you will receive an email from register@campdoc.com. If you are new to the system, the email will contain a login and password that has been created specifically for you. You will be asked for all of the emergency and medical information that we require. This will include any necessary information regarding allergies or medications that may need to be administered. Any medications or epi-pens that may be required for your child during their time at camp must be brought with your child on the first day. Please refer to the Camp Parent Handbook for complete instructions. Once completed, our camp staff will have accurate and up-to-date information to care appropriately for your child. CampDoc is a streamlined process to collect the information and eliminates the need for cumbersome paper forms. Reminders will be sent to you if any information is outstanding.

Hours
At the Y, kids have a safe place to learn, explore and have fun on summer days while their parents work. To provide families with flexibility and convenience, we offer extended hours options. We extend camp fun through activities that keep the kids engaged before the day begins and as they wind down at the end of the day. Please ensure you choose the appropriate Before Care and/or After Care option when you register your child(ren) for camp.
Camp Timber at Bridgewater YMCA is a 10-week program that runs from Monday, June 22 through Friday, August 28.

Bridgewater YMCA’s Camp Timber offers several wonderful camp options. There’s something for every kind of kid at every age! Campers can sign up for one or more weeks and have the best summer ever with friends at the Y! Mix and match camps to customize your child’s camp schedule with both traditional multi-activity and STEM specialty camp options for children entering 1st through 10th grade in September 2020. And no matter which camp(s) you choose, parents can feel great knowing that their campers are getting the quality day camp experience they expect from the nation’s largest nonprofit child care provider.

Giving campers a S.P.A.C.E. to spread their wings and soar.

Camp Timber’s very own S.P.A.C.E. philosophy is holistically integrated throughout every traditional and specialty camp all summer long. What is S.P.A.C.E.? It stands for swimming, play, art, community and enrichment. We embed these signature elements across our entire camp program to create a truly well-rounded day camp experience for each child. It’s just one of the many ways the Y comprehensively supports the development of the whole child while they are here with us at Camp Timber.
TRADITIONAL CAMP
Camp Timber’s popular, traditional multi-activity outdoor camp offers a broad array of activities that engage and entertain campers, including weekly trips and theme days. Campers build social skills and long lasting friendships through participation in individual and small group activities in the areas of Arts & Humanities and Sports & Games. Arts & Humanities actively explores the visual arts through painting, drawing and sculpting, as well as more performance-based activities involving music and song. Unique to Camp Timber is our on-site archery range, where campers learn daily from our certified instructors about the mechanics of aiming and shooting, the different types of archery apparatuses, as well as the responsibility of properly handling highly specialized equipment. Recess-style games like kickball, jailbreak (tag) and other age-appropriate fun round out the camp day in Sports & Games. Pizza Thursdays offer busy parents, for a small additional cost, a break from meal planning. Pizza money is due by 12pm on Wednesdays. Campers also gain the courage and confidence as life-long swimmers through their participation in free daily swim lessons and a weekly recreational swim time. Children should bring a bathing suit and towel each day.

At Camp Timber, we proactively address the dreaded academic summer slump by including an educational portion to the camp day with a healthy helping of brain games, reading time and more. These activities are designed to stimulate and encourage grade level-appropriate critical thinking skills. Weekly theme days also add something special as a core concept or celebration day is woven across the entire camp day.

Cost: $280 (M) $315 (non-M)

WEEKLY TRIP OPTIONS
Camp Timber offers a different exciting weekly trip each Friday for our Traditional Campers. See below for this year’s destination lineup. Weekly trips are entirely optional and are offered for an additional fee. Children who do not attend the trip enjoy a fun-filled normal camp day filled with all of the usual camp day activities.

Week 1: Bowlmor
Week 2: Turtle Back Zoo
Week 3: Liberty Science Center
Week 4: Rock Climbing
Week 5: Mountain Creek Water Park
Week 6: iPlay America
Week 7: Land of Make Believe
Week 8: Urban Air
Week 9: Yestercades & Movie
Week 10: Branchburg Sports Complex

Cost: $35 (M & non-M)

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT)
Camp Timber’s signature Counselor in Training (CIT) program is designed for teens who are looking to develop skills as future leaders—with a special focus on the unique skills needed to become a camp counselor. Participants build personal values of responsibility, motivation, creativity and dependability while working with younger campers in a supportive setting under the direction of mentors. CITs gain valuable firsthand experience working with children of various ages, become skilled in behavior management, and gain a real-world perspective on what it means to run a quality camp day. Exclusive training for our CITs includes leadership and communication skills, problem-solving, and program planning. Leading select sports, games or art camp activities and even performing impromptu skits in a small group helps CITs develop their self-confidence and public speaking ability. Our YMCA professional staff also review key resume-writing skills and prepare CITs for in-person mock interviews to help prepare them to potentially become a Camp Timber counselor. In addition, Camp Timber’s CIT program inspires the next generation of leaders through select volunteer opportunities to not only help fulfill service hours but build a sense of social responsibility through a deeper understanding of social issues impacting our community. Interested individuals should visit gscymca.org/camptimber to download the CIT Application Form. Completed CIT Applications must be submitted to Eddie Norgard at enorgard@somersetcountyymca.org prior to camp registration in order to be accepted into this program.

Cost: $268 (M) $338 (non-M)
SPECIALTY CAMPS

STEM CAMP

Camp Timber offers a different STEM experience each week! We’ve partnered with STEAM Works Studio to bring an exciting new experience to Camp Timber that is uniquely focused on fostering essential skills like problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity and collaboration. Our new STEM Camp offerings bring hands-on learning through “making” to camp for an unforgettably fun summer! Campers in all of our STEM camps also gain the courage and confidence as life-long swimmers through free daily swim lessons and a daily recreational swim time. Children should bring a bathing suit and towel each day.

Week 1 – Minecraft
Does your camper love all things Minecraft? Minecraft Camp offers campers the opportunity to create their very own games and animations! They’ll learn to code using SCRATCH’s easy “drag and drop programming” to bring their digital creations to life. Coding is an increasingly useful skill and helps children learn to think creatively, reason systematically and work collaboratively. Campers must be entering 1st-6th grade in September 2020.

Cost: $360 (M) $390 (non-M)

Week 2 – 3D Video Games
Campers use game objects, models and levels to create exciting game environments in 3D Video Games Camp. Starting with a 2D Pacman game, campers are introduced to 3D libraries to create FPV arcade games leading into virtual reality experiences in this uniquely engaging camp experience. They will program their first interactions using the C# programming language and Unity cross-platform game engine. Campers must be entering 5th-10th grade in September 2020.

Cost: $360 (M) $390 (non-M)

Week 3 – Super Science
Super Science Camp is a practical, hands-on science and craft experience for campers to enjoy and explore the amazing world of science! Have you made your own Oobleck yet? Chemistry experiments abound using food colors, baking soda and other safe ingredients. Paper airplanes, building sturdy bridges, balloon powered cars and other fun STEM activities offer endless fun for budding scientists. Campers must be entering 1st-6th grade in September 2020.

Cost: $360 (M) $390 (non-M)

Week 4 – DIY Drones
In DIY Drones, build and take home your very own drone! Campers learn basic principles of flight, what makes things go up against the air, as well as the basics of 3D printing and CAD, soldering and electronics. This culminates in campers building a load-bearing, fully functional quadcopter which can fly using remote control and even take aerial photos! Campers must be entering 5th-10th grade in September 2020.

Cost: $360 (M) $390 (non-M)
Camp Sunburst at Somerville YMCA is an 11-week program that runs from Monday, June 22nd through Friday, September 4th.

Somerville YMCA offers so many wonderful camp options. There’s something for every kind of kid at every age! Campers can sign up for one or more weeks and have the best summer ever with friends at the Y! Mix and match camps to customize your child’s camp schedule with both traditional multi-activity and specialty camp options—there are over a dozen traditional, arts, STEM, and special needs camp options to choose from for children entering Preschool through 10th grade in September 2020. And no matter which camp(s) you choose, parents can feel great knowing that their campers are getting the quality day camp experience they expect from the nation’s largest nonprofit child care provider.

Giving campers a S.P.A.C.E. to spread their wings and soar.

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**TRADITIONAL CAMP**

Camp Sunburst’s popular, traditional multi-activity outdoor camp offers a broad array of activities that engage and entertain campers, including weekly trips and theme days. Campers build social skills and long lasting friendships through participation in individual and small group activities in the areas of Arts & Humanities, Science & Nature and Sports & Games. Arts & Humanities actively explores the visual arts through painting, drawing and sculpting, as well as more performance-based activities involving music and song. In Science & Nature, campers engage their left brain in a fun way with STEM activities like making dirt cups out of pudding and gummy worms as a tasty way to illustrate different levels of soil in the ground beneath us. Recess-style games like kickball, jailbreak (tag) and other age-appropriate fun round out the core camp day in Sports & Games. Pizza Thursdays offer busy parents, for a small additional cost, a break from meal planning. Pizza money is due by 12pm the day before. Campers also gain the courage and confidence as life-long swimmers through their participation in free daily swim lessons and a daily recreational swim time. Children should bring a bathing suit and towel each day.

At Camp Sunburst, we proactively address the dreaded academic summer slump by including an educational portion to the camp day with a healthy helping of age-appropriate brain games, reading time and more. These activities are designed to stimulate and encourage grade level-appropriate critical thinking skills. Weekly theme days also add something special as a core concept or celebration day is woven across the entire camp day.

**Week(s):** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
**Cost:** $288 (M) $323 (non-M)

**TRADITIONAL & KINDERCAMP**

Kinder Camp includes an educational portion to the camp day with a healthy helping of age-appropriate brain games, reading time and more. These activities are designed to stimulate and encourage grade level-appropriate critical thinking skills. Weekly theme days also add something special as a core concept or celebration day is woven across the entire camp day.

**Week(s):** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
**Cost:** $280 (M) $315 (non-M)

**WEEKLY TRIP OPTIONS**

Camp Sunburst offers a different exciting weekly trip each Friday for our Traditional Campers. See below for this year’s destination lineup. Weekly trips are entirely optional and are offered for an additional fee. Children who do not attend the trip enjoy a fun-filled normal camp day filled with all of the usual camp day activities.

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- **Week 7** Land of Make Believe
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- **Week 10** Branchburg Sports Complex

**Week(s):** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
**Cost:** $35 (M & non-M)

**PRESCHOOL CAMP**

Summer Camp isn’t just for the big kids at Somerville YMCA! Children ages 3-4 join in the summer fun in our Early Education Center. Our Preschool I & II classrooms provide children with daily structure exploring themes and studies. Their day includes morning meeting, choice time in learning centers, morning and afternoon outdoor fun on our private enclosed playground, and rest time. Swim time two days a week is also included for all fully potty-trained children—one day of swim lessons and one day of free swim fun. For added enrichment, Somerville YMCA brings the fun of field trips to our Preschool Campers with on-site entertainment, including magic shows, puppet shows, and more! And Preschool Campers also have the opportunity to join in on the summer fun of Pizza Fridays along with our older campers. On-site field trips and Pizza Fridays are optional and offered for an additional fee. For more information about Preschool Camp at Somerville YMCA please contact Melissa Reis, Director of Child Care, at mreis@somersetcountymyca.org or 908 722 4567 x622.

**Week(s):** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
**Cost:** $288 (M) $323 (non-M)
**SPECIAL NEEDS INCLUSION PROGRAM**

Camp Sunburst’s Special Needs Inclusion Program is for children with mild to moderate disabilities who are capable of thriving in a typically developing camper atmosphere and who will benefit from a fully integrated summer day camp experience. The Inclusion Program is offered for our multi-activity, outdoor Traditional Camp and Kindercamp. The variety of daily activities our summer day camps offer often result in positive therapeutic outcomes through their recreational nature. Please see the individual descriptions for Traditional Camp and Kindercamp for complete details about each of these exciting day camp options.

Shadows are available and assigned to those children who need some extra support during the camp day, such as those who receive in-class support during the school year. Shadows provide basic assistance with engaging in social and recreational activities within a group setting. Shadows are matched based on the individual camper’s needs and the shadow’s prior experience providing that level of support. The level of expertise necessary for your child’s participation will be discussed with parents prior to the start of camp. Shadows are provided at no cost to families thanks to a generous grant from the Lisa Beth Gerstman Foundation.

**SPOTLIGHT ON**

**GO FOR GREEN SWIM PROGRAM**

Swimming is a vital skill that makes life safer and more fun! As a national leader in water safety and swim lessons, the Y developed the Go for Green Swim Program, which focuses on improving the swim abilities of children who participate in YMCA Summer Camp programs. Go for Green keeps children safe by helping them gain confidence in and around water. As part of the program, campers at Bridgewater and Somerville YMCAs are swim tested on their first visit to the pool, and identified with one of three color wrist bands:

- **RED** Non-swimmers who always wear a personal flotation device (life jacket) and may only swim in the shallow end of the pool
- **YELLOW** Between non-swimmer and swimmer who may swim in the shallow end of the pool and may or may not swim with a personal flotation device
- **GREEN** Swimmer who is able to swim one lap above water and tread water for one minute, and may swim in any depth of water

Campers receive free daily swim lessons at the Y and are swim tested every Monday during all 11 weeks of summer camp to track and celebrate their progress. As campers gain confidence and competence in the water, they are celebrated by counselors and fellow campers as they rise up toward that coveted green band!

**COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)**

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Week(s): 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Cost: $268 (M) $338 (non-M)

NEW LEADERS IN TRAINING (LIT)
Camp Sunburst’s innovative new Leaders in Training (LIT) program is tailored for teens who are looking to develop skills as future leaders—with a special focus on the critical life skills needed to become successfully independent adults in today’s workforce. Participants build personal values of responsibility, motivation, creativity and dependability. LITs learn leadership skills and gain key life skills by learning basic money management, including how to balance a checkbook. Exclusive training for our LITs also involves experiential learning that teaches critical people skills, public speaking, as well as planning for the future—including how to search for and evaluate colleges, write the all-important college essay, and even how to apply to jobs. To enhance college readiness, LITs are provided with key sources for researching colleges, such as access to various professionals who will share their educational and professional path in life. A tour of a nearby major research university will give LITs and up close look at the world of higher education. LITs will also boost their public speaking skills through persuasive speech-writing, presentation, and constructive feedback exercises. Our YMCA professional staff also review key resume-writing skills and prepare LITs for in-person mock interviews by advising on active posture and other nonverbal cues and even how to present oneself when interviewing for most types of entry-level professional jobs. In addition, Camp Sunburst’s LIT program inspires the next generation of leaders through select volunteer opportunities to not only help fulfill service hours but build a sense of social responsibility through a deeper understanding of social issues impacting our community. Interested individuals should visit gscymca.org/campsunburst to download the LIT Application Form. Completed LIT Applications must be submitted to Jessica Nicewicz at jnicewicz@somersetcountyymca.org prior to camp registration in order to be accepted into this program.

Week(s): 3-4, 5-6, 9-10
Cost: $268 (M) $338 (non-M)

EXTENSIVELY TRAINED CAMP STAFF
Every year, Bridgewater and Somerville YMCAs engage our summer camp staff in a total of 24 hours of immersive, in-person training prior to the start of the camp season. Our camp staff are extensively trained in areas that include behavior management, child abuse prevention, sexual abuse prevention, aquatics safety and general safety and emergency procedures. As well, all camp staff are required to complete 10+ hours of online training. All camp counselors are CPR/First Aid certified. All are swim tested. And, in addition to the lifeguards on staff at our pools, some counselors are also certified lifeguards themselves.
ART CAMP

Campers with any and all skill levels are exposed to a wide variety of art forms and mediums as they develop their inner artist and create truly unique works in this popular camp. The use of acrylic paints, pencil drawing, watercolors, self-drying clay and more are actively explored by campers as they engage in the creative process creating everything from a traditional still life to an imaginative self-portrait. At the end of the week, parents and fellow campers are invited to a special gallery-style art show to see all these creative campers have learned and created—after which campers get to take home their creative works!

Artistic ability is not a prerequisite. Beginners and experienced young artists alike are welcome! Campers also gain the courage and confidence as life-long swimmers through free daily swim lessons and a daily recreational swim time. Children should bring a bathing suit and towel each day.

Recommended attire: A smock, oversize shirt, or other clothing that can get messy.

Week(s): 5, 6

Cost: $330 (M) $365 (non-M)

CULINARY CREATIONS CAMP

Culinary Creations Camp offers hands-on creative cooking experience under supervision with a healthy helping of fun! Parents can pack light on the food for campers this week—providing just enough snacks and a water bottle for their children. Every day in Culinary Creations Camp, campers will prepare two meals: a hearty, healthy breakfast and lunch. Examples of food our campers learn to prepare and will enjoy in this tasty camp include pancakes, waffles, and a classic grilled cheese. Rooted in the proven CATCH curriculum, children learn about appropriate serving sizes and healthy portions while developing a healthy weekly menu in this food-centric camp. Campers’ ingenuity will be on display as they use basic cooking equipment like griddles and mixing bowls to serve up hearty and healthy food items to eat! Culinary Creations Camp culminates in each camper taking home their very own collection of recipes from camp to make at home with an adult. They also gain the courage and confidence as life-long swimmers through free daily swim lessons and a daily recreational swim time. Children should bring a bathing suit and towel each day.

There will be no use of open flames and all chopping will be done by our instructors for safety. Egg, milk and flour ingredients will be used in this food-based camp. Please advise your counselor in advance of any food allergies. Culinary Creations Camp is not vegan-friendly and not gluten-free. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate these eating styles. Camp Sunburst is a nut-free environment.

Recommended attire: A smock, oversize shirt, or other clothing that can get messy.

Week(s): 2

Cost: $330 (M) $365 (non-M)

CHEER/DANCE CAMP

Cheer/Dance Camp encourages campers to be physically active and have fun while learning the latest cheers, stunts and dance utilizing the Y’s gymnastics mats and spring floor! Campers are grouped by ability level so all are appropriately challenged in daily workshops while gaining confidence, discovering new skills, and learning stage presence.

In the cheer portion of this high-energy camp, everything from thigh stands to floor skills like handstands, cartwheels and round-offs will be explored. Aspiring and experienced dancers alike will spend the week moving to the music—sampling everything from basic ballet through lyrical and modern styles of dance. At the end of the week, campers put on a show-stopping performance for their fellow campers and parents.

This camp is great for beginners as well as campers with prior cheer and/or dance experience who benefit from perfecting and refining basic stunts and dance technique. Cheer/Dance Camp Staff are professional dance and/or gymnastics instructors at the Y and/or at local studios. This camp is perfect as a springboard to prepare for the upcoming cheerleading season.
season, further instruction in dance at the Y, and/or the Y’s competitive dance team.

Campers also gain the courage and confidence as life-long swimmers through free daily swim lessons and a daily recreational swim time. Children should bring a bathing suit and towel each day.

**Recommended attire:** A leotard or comfortable gym clothing.

**Week(s):** 1

**Cost:** $335 (M) $370 (non-M)

### GYMNASTICS CAMP

In Camp Sunburst’s popular Gymnastics Camp, our professional coaches are focused on the total development of each gymnast. Campers benefit from increasing strength, flexibility and coordination while building on skills. Campers gain self-confidence as they learn and improve individual bar, beam, vault, and floor skills on the same equipment utilized by Somerville YMCA’s award-winning competitive SVY Gymnastics Team. Gymnastics Camp is great for beginners as well as campers with prior gymnastics experience. This exciting camp will get aspiring gymnasts ready for further progression in gymnastics instruction at the Y and/or the upcoming competitive season on the SVY Gymnastics Team. In addition, Week 10 of Gymnastics Camp is a dedicated tryout camp—specifically designed to prepare participants for upcoming SVY Gymnastics Team tryouts. Campers also gain the courage and confidence as life-long swimmers through free daily swim lessons and a daily recreational swim time. Children should bring a bathing suit and towel each day.

Gymnastics Camp is led by the SVY Gymnastics Team coach, who has 15+ years experience coaching boys and girls gymnastics up to level 6 and also is a dance instructor with extensive choreography experience.

**Recommended attire:** A leotard or comfortable gym clothing. Hair must be tied back. No jewelry.

**Week(s):** 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

**Cost:** $335 (M) $370 (non-M)

### KIDVENTURE CAMP

Campers are off to visit a different attraction each day in Kidventure Camp! Every morning brings something new to do as campers embark for a great time at a wide variety of destinations such as Funplex for an action-packed day in an indoor amusement park, Liberty Science Center for a STEM-filled day of fun, and more! Campers explore each destination together as a group under the constant supervision of Camp Sunburst counselors. Most trips run from 8:30am-4:30pm, however, a few trips will require 8:00am drop-off and/or 6:30pm pick-up.

**Weekly Trip Options**

Camp Sunburst offers a different exciting weekly trip each Friday for our Traditional and Kinder Campers. See below for this year’s destination lineup. Weekly trips are entirely optional and are offered for an additional fee. Children who do not attend the trip enjoy a fun-filled normal camp day filled with all of the usual camp day activities.

**Week 1:**

- Monday – Funplex/Splashplex
- Tuesday – Liberty Science Center
- Wednesday – Monster Mini Golf
- Thursday – Chuck E Cheese
- Friday – Pump It Up

**Week 2:**

- Monday – Jenkinson’s Boardwalk/Aquarium
- Tuesday – Coco Keys
- Wednesday – The Growing Stage: Children’s Theater of NJ
- Thursday – Philadelphia Zoo
- Friday – Six Flags

**Week(s):** 3, 4

**Cost:** $355 (M) $390 (non-M)

### OOEY GOOEY CAMP

Get ready to get messy in the one, the only–Ooey Gooey Camp! Campers get hands-on with the messiest of science-based challenges like creating a Diet Coke® and Mentos® eruption (aka: a soda geyser), playing with Silly Putty® and more–plus outside water games and water balloons! Experiment and create all week long with the ooey-est and the gooy-est materials we can find here at Camp Sunburst. Campers even make their very own slime and Play-Doh® to take home!

Campers also gain the courage and confidence as life-long swimmers through free daily swim lessons and a daily recreational swim time. Children should bring a bathing suit and towel each day.

**Recommended attire:** A smock, oversize shirt, or other clothing that can get messy.

**Week(s):** 1

**Cost:** $330 (M) $360 (non-M)
STEM CAMP
A different STEM experience each week! Camp Sunburst has partnered with STEAM Works Studio to bring an exciting new experience to Camp Sunburst that is uniquely focused on fostering essential skills like problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity and collaboration. Our new STEM Camp offerings bring hands-on learning by “making” to camp for an unforgettable fun summer! Campers in all of our STEM camps also gain the courage and confidence as life-long swimmers through free daily swim lessons and a daily recreational swim time. Children should bring a bathing suit and towel each day.

Week 7 – Minecraft
Does your camper love all things Minecraft? Minecraft Camp offers campers the opportunity to create their very own games and animations! They’ll learn to code using SCRATCH’s easy “drag and drop programming” to bring their digital creations to life. Coding is an increasingly useful skill and helps children learn to think creatively, reason systematically and work collaboratively. Campers must be entering 1st-6th grade in September 2020.

Cost: $360 (M) $390 (non-M)

Week 8 – 3D Video Games
Campers use game objects, models and levels to create exciting game environments in 3D Video Games Camp. Starting with a 2D Pacman game, campers are introduced to 3D libraries to create FPV arcade games leading into virtual reality experiences in this uniquely engaging camp experience. They will program their first interactions using C# programming language and Unity cross-platform game engine. Campers must be entering 5th-10th grade in September 2020.

Cost: $360 (M) $390 (non-M)

Week 9 – Super Science
Super Science Camp is a practical, hands-on science and craft experience for campers to enjoy and explore the amazing world of science! Have you made your own Oobleck yet? Chemistry experiments abound using food colors, baking soda and other safe ingredients. Paper airplanes, building sturdy bridges, balloon powered cars and other fun STEM activities offer endless fun for budding scientists. Campers must be entering 1st-6th grade in September 2020.

Cost: $360 (M) $390 (non-M)

Week 10 – DIY Drones
In DIY Drones, build and take home your very own drone! Campers learn basic principles of flight, what makes things go up against the air, as well as the basics of 3D printing and CAD, soldering and electronics. This culminates in campers building a load-bearing, fully functional quadcopter which can fly using remote control and even take aerial photos! Campers must be entering 5th-10th grade in September 2020.

Cost: $360 (M) $390 (non-M)
BRAG TAGS

Every camper has the opportunity to earn brag tags all summer long. What are brag tags? They are a way for campers to show (and show off) when they have been noticed by counselors and staff exhibiting any one of the following values and positive characteristics at camp: caring, honesty, leadership, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship, team player and, of course, camp spirit!

How do campers earn brag tags? Cheer a fellow camper on or actively participate in opening ceremonies and you may find yourself earning a brag tag for camp spirit. Or maybe you encourage the rest of your group to do the right thing or take the lead in an activity. That could very well earn you a leadership brag tag! Did you really want to speak but were respectful of your fellow campers and waited until someone else finished sharing their perspective? That is what the respect brag tag is all about!

You get the idea. The goal is to earn them all and be counted among the few, the proud, the campers in the Brag Tag Hall of Fame.
Ethan, who is 7 years old, thrived at Camp Sunburst. As a mostly non-verbal child who is on the autism spectrum, he began to open up after his first experience at camp.

“It was hard to find a camp in the area that accepted children with special needs. When Ethan started attending the Y’s After Care program, the staff told me about the Inclusion Program and how he’d have a buddy assigned to him each day to help with things he would need. That gave me peace of mind. I was really grateful that the two of them bonded and had a wonderful summer. Having someone to partner with at camp has really helped improve his social skills and how he interacts with other children.”

– Nathan
Camp Sunburst Dad

CAMP STORY

SIMPLE STEPS FOR SUMMER SUCCESS
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Y is the leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community by connecting all people to their potential, purpose and each other. At Greater Somerset County YMCA, we believe that everyone—no matter who they are or where they’re from—deserves the opportunity and the resources necessary to reach their full potential. We provide direct financial assistance to our neighbors in need—made possible through the generosity of our Y’s Annual Campaign donors and proceeds from special fundraising events. The Y’s Financial Assistance program is available to anyone who meets the financial guidelines of the program, lives or works in our service area and has the desire to participate in YMCA programs or services. Applying for Financial Assistance is easy:

1. **Visit gscymca.org/fa**
2. **Click and view the Financial Assistance Checklist to see what paperwork you need.**
3. **Click the “Complete the Application” button and fill out our simple form.**
4. **Submit your completed application and supporting documents to:**
   
   Attn: Pamela Nelson or Eddie Norgard
   Somerville YMCA
   2 Green St., Somerville, NJ 08876
   or email: BYSYFA@somersetcountymca.org

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At the Y, we offer several ways for youth to get involved in their communities:

• **Model UN (Ages 11 to 15)** – Introduces students to United Nations operations and immerses them in debate of current issues affecting the global community. Promotes cultural awareness, diplomacy and public speaking.

• **Student Advocate Program** (entering 11th grade) – provides rising Juniors with the opportunity to be engaged with our Board of Managers learning fundraising, enhancing leadership and public speaking skills.

• **Togetherhood® opportunities** include:
  - Helping neighbors with fall cleanup efforts in the Somerville area
  - Helping to organize community events throughout the year
  - Participating in donation drives for local charitable causes

For more information, visit gscymca.org