

YMCA SUMMER CAMP

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HORSES
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AND MORE!



2026 ACTIVITIES GUIDE



Our Camp Locations

Our 2026 YMCA Summer Camps offer a variety of locations and activities designed to inspire curiosity, friendship, and fun. From the forest trails and lakes of Valens Conservation Area to the gyms, fields, and splash pads of our Oakville sites, campers can enjoy outdoor adventures, sports, creative activities, and indoor programs—all in a safe, supportive environment.



Valens

Located in the stunning, forested landscape of Valens Conservation Area, this location offers the ideal setting for hands-on nature learning and outdoor adventure. This fully outdoor camp blends classic day-camp favourites—canoeing, kayaking, swimming, arts and crafts—with meaningful environmental exploration. With access to wooded trails, a man-made lake, and freshwater areas, campers have plenty of space to discover and play.

1691 Regional Rd 97, Hamilton, ON N1R 5S7

**Bus included. West Oak Public School / 8:10 am-5 pm*



River Oaks

Immerse your child in the best of both worlds at YMCA Summer Day Camps at River Oaks. With spacious fields for sports, an indoor gym, and dedicated classroom space, this location offers the ideal setting for campers who enjoy a balanced mix of indoor and outdoor activities.

2173 Munn's Ave, Oakville, ON L6H 3S9



Palermo

Summer Camps at our Palermo location offer the perfect balance of indoor and outdoor fun. With access to an indoor gym and dedicated indoor program spaces, campers can stay active and engaged no matter the weather. Just a short walk away, the splash pad and nearby fields provide plenty of room for outdoor play, active games, and summertime excitement.

2561 Valleyridge Dr, Oakville, ON L6M 5H3



YMCA

The Peter Gilgan Family YMCA is a state-of-the-art health, fitness, and aquatics facility in south Oakville. With a full gymnasium, multiple multi-purpose rooms, accessible change rooms, a weight room, a 25m lane pool, and a heated splash pool with water features, your child can enjoy a wide range of sports and activities all in one convenient location. These air-conditioned amenities are complemented by adjacent outdoor green spaces and sports courts.

410 Rebecca St, Oakville, ON L6K 1K7

Our Camp Programs



Ages 10–13 • Weeks 2, 3, 4, 7, 8
Full week: \$300

Adventure Course

For kids who love a challenge! This fast-paced program features a thrilling obstacle course designed to build strength, agility, and grit. Campers cheer each other on, tackle new obstacles, and leave with big smiles, stronger teamwork skills, and unforgettable memories.

Location:

Valens Conservation area

**Bus included. West Oak Public School / 8:10 am-5 pm*

Adventure Tours

A full week of unforgettable outings! Campers head out on four fun day trips to attractions such as bowling, laser tag, Safari Niagara, and more. Final destinations will be shared once confirmed.

Location:

Palermo Public School



Ages 10–13 • Week 2

Full week: \$520



Ages 9–13 • Week 2

Full week: \$330

Blockbuster Film Making NEW!

Dive into filmmaking with Film Camp in a Box! Campers work in small crews and learn the full production process—from scriptwriting and cinematography to editing in iMovie or Final Cut Pro. Using MacBooks, 4K cameras, boom mics, green screens, and even a drone, they'll create and star in their own short film and trailer. The week wraps up with a red-carpet popcorn film festival.

Location:

Palermo Public School and Valens Conservation Area

Our Camp Programs

Bricks 4 Kidz

In partnership with Bricks 4 Kidz, campers explore engineering, architecture, and mechanics using motorized LEGO Technic builds. Each day also includes sports, group games, arts and crafts, and splash-pad cool-downs.

Location:
River Oaks Public School



Ages 8–13 • Weeks 3, 5, 8, 9
Full Week \$400



Ages 14–16
3-Week Sessions: \$495
Session 1: Weeks 4–6 | Session 2: Weeks 7–9

Counsellors in Training (CIT)

Designed for teens interested in leadership or future camp employment. CITs receive training in YMCA's national approach to positive child and youth development, practise communication and conflict resolution, and gain real experience by assisting in camp or youth programs. This program builds professionalism, confidence, and a solid foundation for becoming a future camp counsellor.

Location:
Valens Conservation Area
**Bus included. West Oak Public School / 8:10 am-5 pm*

YMCA SUMMER COURSES

Aquatics

For more information or to register, visit our website or stop by the Membership Desk.

Oakville Shine On

The graphic features a cartoon bear wearing a red swim cap and goggles, holding a lifebuoy, and a cartoon squirrel also holding a lifebuoy. The background is a stylized swimming pool with a ladder and blue tiles.



Our Camp Programs



Ages 6–13 • Weeks 1–9

Full Week \$300 | Short Week \$240

DIY Everything

For creative kids who love making things! Campers dive into hands-on projects—crafts, food creations, and exciting science experiments—building problem-solving skills and a sense of accomplishment. Each day also includes outdoor play, games, and active fun.

Location:
Palermo Public School

Fun with Horses

Just a short bus ride away, campers enjoy daily riding lessons and horse-care skills at Claddagh Stables—a warm, family-run farm. They'll also meet friendly goats and sheep and experience authentic farm life. Riding is part of each day, but not the entire day.

**A signed waiver is required on the first day of camp for your child to ride. Our camp dress code will also be in effect (long pants and boots/riding boots), so be sure your camper arrives dressed appropriately.*

Location:
Palermo Public School (bus to location included)



Ages 8–13 • Weeks 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9

Full week: \$520



Ages 6–13 • Weeks 2–5, 7–8

\$175 (8 am–1 pm)

Half-Day Trailblazers

A flexible half-day option inspired by parent requests. Campers enjoy the same variety as full-day Trailblazers—just in a shorter format perfect for families juggling a busy summer schedule.

Location:
River Oaks Public School

Our Camp Programs

Half-Day Sports

A streamlined half-day sports option with land-based skills and no swimming. Ideal for families needing a shorter camp day without sacrificing skill-building or fun.

Location:
YMCA of Oakville



Ages 6–13 • Weeks 2–5, 7–8
\$175 (8 am–1 pm)



Ages 14–16
2-Week Sessions: \$330
Session 1: Weeks 2–3 | Session 2: Weeks 5–6

Leaders in Training (LIT)

A hands-on leadership program that develops communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. Through workshops and real-life experiences, participants grow in confidence and learn about emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, and goal setting. LITs can apply their new skills as volunteers in YMCA programs or Day Camps.

Location:
Valens Conservation Area
**Bus included. West Oak Public School / 8:10 am-5 pm*

Learn to Camp

Perfect for teens curious about camping! Campers learn all the basics—pitching a tent, campfire safety, simple outdoor cooking, and more. They also enjoy kayaking, canoeing, biking, hiking, and a variety of classic camp activities. The week ends with an exciting overnight where tents and meals are provided. All they need is a sleeping bag, a change of clothes, and a sense of adventure.

Location:
Valens Conservation Area
**Bus included. West Oak Public School / 8:10 am-5 pm*



Ages 13–15 • Weeks 3 & 5
Full week: \$300

Our Camp Programs



Ages 7–13 • Week 9

Full week: \$330

LEGO® Bricks & Clay Stop Motion Animation

NEW!

Experience a week of creativity with Film Camp! Guided by professional filmmakers, campers learn the full stop-motion animation process—from set design and scriptwriting to filming and editing. Working in small crews, they'll use MacBooks, 4K cameras, and more to create their own animated short and trailer. The week ends with a red-carpet popcorn film festival.

Location:
River Oaks Public School

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Mini Campers

A gentle, fun introduction to camp for our youngest campers! They explore arts and crafts, sports, outdoor play, water play time, and so much more in a caring, age-appropriate environment.

Locations:
River Oaks Public School: *Weeks 1-9*
Palermo Public School: *Weeks 1-9*
YMCA of Oakville: *Weeks 1-10*

**Please note that CWELCC does not apply for this program*



Ages 4–5

Full Week \$300 | Short Week \$240



Ages 6–13 • Weeks 3, 5, 8, 10

Full week: \$395

NHL Street



A fast, fun, no-ice version of hockey sponsored by the NHL. Campers learn ball-hockey basics, build teamwork and resilience, and stay active all day long. Each camper will receive an NHL Street Team reversible jersey. Half the day is hockey; the other half includes classic camp activities.

Location:
YMCA of Oakville

Our Camp Programs

Outdoor Pursuits

A perfect intro to outdoor adventure! Campers dive into classic camp fun—fishing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, campfire skills, hiking, arts and crafts, and more. Kids build confidence, teamwork, and new skills every day. Groups are separated by age, and older campers can enjoy bike riding. Expect a happy, tired camper ready to tell you all about their day outdoors.

Location:

Valens Conservation area

**Bus included. West Oak Public School / 8:10 am-5 pm*



Ages 6–13 • Weeks 2–9

Full Week \$300 | Short Week \$240



Ages 8–13 • Weeks 2, 4, 7, 9

Full Week \$395

Robotics

A STEM-powered week where campers build and program robots while practising the Four C's: Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, and Creativity. Balanced with outdoor play and active time, this program brings tech learning to life—without sacrificing summer fun.

Location:

River Oaks Public School

Sports Camp

A high-energy camp where kids learn essential sport skills—passing, dribbling, teamwork, and more—through drills and fun game play. Sportsmanship and fair play are always at the heart of the day. Water play is included. Campers are grouped by age.

Locations:

River Oaks Public School: *Weeks 1-9*

Palermo Public School: *Weeks 1-9*

YMCA of Oakville: *Weeks 1-10*



Ages 6–13

Full Week \$300 | Short Week \$240

Our Camp Programs

Swim N Sport

A great option for strong swimmers or kids eager to improve. Each day includes 90 minutes of focused swim instruction plus a rotating daily sport. The week balances water skills, movement, and classic camp fun for a full, active experience.

Location:
YMCA of Oakville



Ages 10–13 • Weeks 2, 4, 7, 9

Full week: \$395



Ages 6–13

Full Week \$300 | Short Week \$240

Trailblazers

A camp full of variety and fun! From arts and crafts to sports, outdoor play, cooperative games, and water play—there's always something new to try. Perfect for campers who love to stay active and explore different activities each day. Groups are age-based for a great experience.

Locations:
River Oaks Public School: *Weeks 1-9*
Palermo Public School: *Weeks 1-9*
YMCA of Oakville: *Weeks 1-10*



A \$25.00 cancellation fee will be applied for each week cancelled. Requests made within 14 days of the first day of camp fees are non-refundable.

Extended Care

Camp programming begins at 9 am and ends at 4 pm.

We are offering unlicensed extended care at Palermo, River Oaks, and YMCA locations from 8-9 am and 4-5 pm, no additional cost.



Summary Chart

Our Summer Camp Summary Chart makes it easy to explore all the programs we offer across different age groups. From creative arts and sports to outdoor adventures and leadership opportunities, each section highlights where programs are available—whether at Palermo, River Oaks, Valens, or the YMCA.

Ages	Programs	Available Weeks	Locations
4–5 years	Mini Campers	1-10	Palermo, River Oaks, YMCA
6–13 years	Trail Blazers	1-10	Palermo, River Oaks, YMCA
	Outdoor Pursuits	2-9	Valens
	Sports	1-10	Palermo, River Oaks, YMCA
	DIY	1-9	Palermo
	NHL Street	3, 5, 8, 10	YMCA
	Half Day Sports	2–5, 7–8	YMCA
	Half Day Trail Blazers	2–5, 7–8	River Oaks
7–13 years	LEGO® Animation	9	River Oaks
8–13 years	Bricks 4 kids	3, 5, 8, 9	River Oaks
	Robotics	2, 4, 7, 9	River Oaks
	Horseback	3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9	Palermo
9–13 years	Blockbuster Film Making	2	Palermo, Valens
10–13 years	Swim N Sport	2, 4, 7, 9	YMCA
	Adventure Course	2, 3, 4, 7, 8	Valens
	Tours	2	Palermo
13–15 years	Learn to Camp	3 & 5	Valens
14–16 years	Leaders in Training (LIT)	5–6	Valens
	Counsellors in Training (CIT)	7–9	Valens

Week Dates

Week 1*	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6*	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10**
Jun 29 - Jul 3	Jul 6 - Jul 10	Jul 13 - Jul 17	Jul 20 - Jul 24	Jul 27 - Jul 31	Aug 3 - Aug 7	Aug 10 - Aug 14	Aug 17 - Aug 21	Aug 24 - Aug 28	Aug 31 - Sep 4

*Short Week **Week 10 only at the YMCA of Oakville



Ages 4–13

Weeks 1–9

Inclusion One-to-One Support

Our YMCA Inclusion Program ensures that every child can experience the joy of camp. Campers with physical or developmental disabilities receive 1:1 support so they can participate fully and meaningfully in camp activities. Support is available for up to three weeks per child. Goals include: fostering friendships, confidence, and a true sense of belonging.

***Note:** Note: If your child requires one-on-one assistance to participate in camp, please complete the application at <https://ymcafoakville.org/programs/camps/inclusion-support/> Do this before registering online. Completing this step in advance helps ensure we can provide the appropriate support for your child during camp.

No additional cost beyond regular camp fees.

Locations:

River Oaks, Palermo, and Valens



If you are receiving Halton Regional Subsidy and/or YMCA Financial Assistance, please visit <https://ymcafoakville.org/programs/camps/financial-assistance/>





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The YMCA of Oakville is a charitable organization dedicated to supporting our community. Your gift to the Y can empower children and families to reach their full potential through our programs and services.

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