Welcome Camp Bucks families!
Every summer has a story and we can’t wait to help your child write theirs! Our staff will help your child foster personal growth and lifelong friendships.

Next week we will celebrate our Welcome to the West theme; read more on page 3!

We appreciate your patience during drop off and pick up. Please remain in your car to help speed up the process and ensure the safety of all.

Here for you,

Ryan Hazelett
Vice President of Child Care

Ilyse Sacks
Camp Director

WELCOME TO THE WEST WEEK
July 24-28

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Mark Your Calendar
Tuesday: Twin Day!
Wednesday: Trip to Philly Rock Gym!

Questions, comments, concerns?
Contact us at 267.899.0770 or lowerbuckscamp@ymcabhc.org
Parent reminders

● Please label all belongings clearly with camper’s name
● Camper’s backpack should include:
  ○ Lunch program included in camp!
  ○ You may pack lunch for your camper if you would like
  ○ Two snacks (for all campers)
  ○ Sunscreen
  ○ Reusable water bottle
  ○ Adventure campers must also pack a swimsuit and towel
    ■ Campers will swim Monday through Thursday!
    ■ Please have campers arrive in their swimsuit if possible!
● Wear closed toe shoes and comfortable clothing to camp
● **No toys, stuffed animals, or electronics permitted at camp**
● All medication must be signed in at drop-off with camp leadership
● At pick up, for the safety of your child, a photo I.D. is required everyday to sign out your camper
● Be sure to join our [private Facebook group](#) for updates.

Welcome to the West events

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- Wednesday, Trip to Philly Rock Gym!

Text message alerts
Please complete [this form](#) to sign up to receive text messages from your Camp Bucks team including weekly hotsheets, weather-related updates, and camp reminders. By completing this form, you are providing consent for YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties to send text messages to your phone.

Financial assistance
If you have been granted financial assistance, please be sure to bring your financial assistance contract in to have the assistance applied to your camp registrations. If you registered for camp before applying for financial assistance, please make sure that you have brought in your contract to our Welcome Center to have your assistance applied. Please contact Catherine at crefice@ymcabhc.org with any questions.

Pizza is included in camp for full day campers every Friday!
Adventure Camp
Welcome to the West
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Our theme this week is Welcome to the West. Each day, campers will celebrate this theme through games, activities, sports, and crafts. On Tuesday we will dress up for Twin Day! On Wednesday, we will take a trip to Philly Rock Gym!

Please note: Trip registration has been open since January and trips have a capacity. At this time, this field trip is full.

Conversation starters
Hear in your child’s words how their week at camp is going with these fun conversation starters!

Tell me about your friends in your group.
Talk to me about your favorite part of the camp day.
How did you celebrate Welcome to the West week today?
Adventure Camp Groups!

CUBS: K & 1st WOLVES: 2nd TIGERS: 3rd LIONS: 4th CITs: 8th-10th

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Save the date!
Our 12th annual Kids Tri returns to the Doylestown branch on August 13! We welcome new and returning youth athletes of all skill levels ages 3-14 where all will become finish line champions on race day. Race day is a full-family experience like none other, beginning with pre-race entertainment for your youth triathletes as they check-in, the energy and excitement of our Kids Triathlon Village, and a finish line experience that fully embraces our COMPETE TO COMPLETE and Y FOR ALL atmosphere where every athlete is a winner.

Supported by the USA Triathlon Kids Tri initiative, our YMCA Kids Triathlon is unique in that it has one podium, and all will be on it!

Click here to learn more and register!
Specialty and Sports camps

Campers Create
Campsers participate in various creative activities such as arts and crafts, animation, music, skits and more!

IMPORTANT:
Sports Frenzy Camp is held at the Fairless Hills Branch!

It's not too early to start thinking about back to school!
On behalf of our partner Bucks County Government we're sharing their flyers in English and Spanish with information about no-cost vaccinations for eligible students. Details can be found here.
Curbside drop off and pick up locations

Drop off and pick up procedures

- Drop off and pick up of campers will take place curbside. Follow cones/arrows to drop off and pickup location and remain in vehicle.
- If a parent/guardian will be arriving outside of the designated hours, they will need to contact the site via phone and wait at curbside for a staff member.
Meet Riley
Riley Ferrara is enjoying her 5th summer as a camp staff member at the Y’s Deer Path branch in Hunterdon County. This summer, Riley has taken on a new role as Administrative Intern and Health Coordinator. Riley received her “Professional Rescue Certification” through the Y and administers first aid for minor injuries like bee stings, bug bites and scraped knees.

Riley is a part of a set of quadruplets and, prior to this year, she and her 3 siblings all worked at the Y’s Deer Path camp (3 of 4 are pictured, Riley is on the left). Riley will be finishing her final semester at Delaware Valley University this fall, where she will earn a degree in business administration with a focus on sports management.

Kristin Heimall, VP of Operations for the Y’s Hunterdon region speaks highly of Riley, stating that “Riley embodies kindness and joy. She brings energy and excitement to any circle she is engaged with. Riley is always willing to step in and lend a hand wherever needed. I am very grateful for all the pre-camp help she did to ensure we were organized for a great summer!”

How to thank our camp staff
Parents, is there a camp staff member who has gone above and beyond to give your child an extraordinary camp experience? Please click here to learn how you can recognize a camp staff member while also supporting a child in your community.