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,

Carlie Bearn
Director of Child Care, SACC, and Camp

WELCOME TO THE WEST WEEK
July 24-28

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Mark Your Calendar
Tuesday: Hat Day
Friday: Rita’s Water Ice

Questions, comments, concerns?
Contact us at quakertowncamp@ymcabhc.org
Parent reminders
● Please label all belongings clearly with camper’s name
● Camper’s backpack should include:
  ○ Lunch
    ■ Lunches should be in a lunch box.
    ■ Lunches should not require reheating at camp.
    ■ Pizza day is Thursday for ALL campers
  ○ Two snacks
  ○ Sunscreen
  ○ Reusable water bottle
  ○ Campers must also pack a swimsuit and towel
● 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
● Tuesday, Hat Day
  Wear your favorite hat to camp
● Friday, Rita’s Water Ice
  For all camps!

Text message alerts
Please complete this form to sign up to receive text messages from your Camp Bucks team including weekly hot sheets, 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.
Adventure Camp
Welcome to the West
July 24-28

Our theme this week is Welcome to the West. Each day, campers will celebrate this theme through games, activities, sports, and crafts. On Tuesday its hat day. The week will end with Rita’s

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?

Every summer has a story, this is ours
This week’s Adventure Camp

JR. ADVENTURE (FROGS)
CUBS
WOLVES
TIGERS
LIONS
EAGLES
CITs
ABILITY CAMP

For the safety of your child, a photo I.D. is required everyday to sign out your camper at pick up.

Adventure Camp Families

Swimming is one of the highlights of a camper’s day. At the beginning of each session campers receive a swim assessment. Safety is key! Our counselors, as well as our lifeguards, work together to protect our campers.

Each weekly, families will receive an email communication indicating which swimming ability (band color) their camper is.

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

Classic Crafts
Projects include fuse beads, friendship bracelets, pony beads, gimp, coloring, and more. Don’t forget to pack your lunch, water bottle, and two snacks.

Y STEM
Use reasoning and collaboration to learn sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics in a fun and engaging way. Don’t forget to pack your lunch, water bottle, swim suit, towel, and two snacks.

Floor Hockey
This camp will teach basic rules and skills necessary to play the game of hockey including stick handling, shooting, face-offs, defensive and offensive strategies. Don’t forget to pack your lunch, water bottle, swim suit, towel, and two snacks.

Gymnastics Camp
Your child should wear comfortable clothes that they can easily move in. Girls may wear gymnastics leotards or gym style shorts and a tighter fitting shirt so that it does not ride up when they go upside down. Boys should wear shorts and tank top or tight fitting shirt. Any child whose hair touches their shoulders must be worn up in a hair tie. Clothes with zippers or snaps at the waist should not be worn as it can damage the equipment and be uncomfortable to your child. No jewelry may be worn except post earrings. Please pack or wear flip flops for easy on and off footwear for bathroom breaks and snack. Don’t forget to pack your lunch, water bottle, swim suit, towel, and two snacks. PM PICK UP FOR THIS CAMP IS AT 4:15 PM IN THE CAR LINE.
Specialty and Sports camps

Empower U!
Girls Empower U! A week long camp to strengthen the self esteem of girls. Campers will participate in a variety of fun uplifting workshops along with daily fitness activities. The cost of Empower U Camp is covered by one of our generous donors and space is limited. Campers may only register for one week of Girls Empower U Camp. This is a half day camp. Pick up is at 12 PM at the Welcome Center.

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 Hours 8:45 AM-9 AM.
- Pick Up Hours 3:45 PM-4:15 PM.
- Gymnastics Camp Pick Up is at 4:15 PM.
- 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 come the Welcome Center.

Drop off and pick up procedures at PALISADES Middle School
- Meeting Spot is at the front of the PALMS
- Drop Off for the bus is at 8:15 AM. Bus leaves at 8:30 AM
- Pick Up from the bus is at 4 PM
- Families need to pre-register to use the bus
Meet your Camp Leadership Team

Carlie Bearn  
Director of Child Care, SACC, & Camp

Kyle Creighton  
Director of Membership Engagement and Youth Development

Lauren Pereira  
Adventure & Specialty Camp Site Director

Janine Brown  
Director of Gymnastics

Becky Musselman  
Advanced Director of Aquatics & Ability Programs
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.