

SUMMER DAY CAMP FAQs 2023

What is YMCA Day Camp?

YMCA Day Camp is a curriculum based summer program designed to keep your child active and safe throughout the summer. Character development plays a big role in our camps. Respect, caring, responsibility, citizenship, fairness, & trustworthiness are values we use on a daily basis with our campers. You can rest assured that your child will be in a safe and nurturing environment that offers a different activity for him/her to participate in every hour of the day.

The Day Camp curriculum is based on weekly themes and includes arts & humanities, health, wellness & fitness, literacy, science & technology, character development, service-learning, social competence and conflict resolution.

In addition, children will be divided into age appropriate groups and assigned a camp counselor who guides them through our daily curriculum.

What are the Day Camp locations, dates and hours?

Day Camp Locations

The following locations serve as a site for YMCA Day Camp:

Santa Fe

- **Pinion Elementary** - 2921 Camino de Los Caballos, Santa Fe, NM 87507

Albuquerque:

- **HB & Lucille Horn YMCA**** – 4901 Indian School RD NE.
- **St Paul's United Methodist Church** – 9500 Constitution Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112
- **Montezuma Elementary**** - 5700 Hendrix Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
- **Sunset View Elementary**** - 6121 Paradise Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114

****ECECD Contracts are accepted at Horn, Montezuma and Sunset View****

Dates

The Horn YMCA & St. Paul Day Camp sites will run from **Tuesday, May 30 to Friday August 11, 2023.**

APS based (Sunset View & Gov. Bent) Day Camp sites will run from **Tuesday, May 30th to Friday, August 4th, 2023**

Hours

Day camp is open Monday through Friday from 7 am – 6 pm. Programming runs from 9 am – 4 pm.

How do I register?

How to Register:

- 1) Visit **ymcacnm.org** and scroll down to the bottom of the Homepage and you will see our address on the right-hand side.
- 2) On the left-hand side, select the purple button labeled “Register for Programs”
- 3) Select Albuquerque or Santa Fe
- 4) You can enroll for our Single Parent Family Membership or a Full Family Membership in order to receive 50% off Childcare Programming by selecting “Join Today” or you can proceed to the “Register Now” (Albuquerque ONLY)
- 5) Select “School Age Child Care” and then the Site that you wish to participate in (i.e. Sunset View Elementary, Horn, etc.)
- 6) Registration ends the week before the program begins, i.e. the week of May 30th will close on May 23rd.
- 7) We do bill 10 days in advanced, so when you are being billed, you are being billed for the following week.
- 8) We do require a 2-week notice if you need a week to be cancelled to allow our business office to process the cancellation.
- 9) Member Only Registration begins on March 6th (in-person only) and March 7th for everyone (in-person and online)
- 10) You can call the Horn / McLeod Family YMCA to register as well.**

Deposits:

All deposits are due day of the registration. You **MUST** collect all non-refundable deposits through the registration process along with the \$25 registration fee. Please ensure that you have a payment method on file as well for drafting purposes.

ECECD Contracts:

If a parent wishes to use an ECECD Contract, they must submit ECECD Contract to the proper director, Ty McNary for ABQ and Felicia Pacheco for Santa Fe. In order to apply their contract, they must have a non-member account already set up so the MSO Business Office knows to register them to the proper program. Please leave a note on the account of which location they intend to be registered at. **Please leave a payment method on file as ECECD will no longer be covering co-pays this year, starting on June 1st.**

What do I need to register?

- 1st week's payment
- \$10 Deposit for every week of attendance
- \$25 Registration Fee per child (helps cover the cost of Water Bottle and supplies)
- Membership fee (if your child is currently not a member)
- Current copy of your child's shot records.
- Complete CORE online registration and ePACT Enrollment process.
- 24 hours after completing the CORE registration process, parents will receive an email to complete the online ePACT enrollment questionnaires. They will also have to upload their child's shot records to the ePACT system. Children are **not** considered fully enrolled in Day Camp until they have completed both the CORE and ePACT enrollment process. If this process is not completed by the first date of attendance, you may be turned away from programming.

How old does my child have to be to attend Day Camp?

The St. Paul's YMCA site accepts children entering grades **Kindergarten to 5th grade** in the fall, but children entering Kindergarten must also be **5 years** of age by **June 1, 2023**. The Horn YMCA and Sunset view Day Camp sites accept children entering grades **1st to 5th grade** in the fall.

What is the weekly fee for Day Camp?

- \$135.00 Member / \$270.00 Non-Member: weekly pricing
- Second Child Discount: \$5.00 weekly

Day camp payments will only be accepted by EFT transfer and the Y will need to keep bank or credit card information on record.

Payments will be drafted 10 days (on Friday) prior to the week the child is registered for Day Camp.

Does the YMCA provide meals?

The YMCA applies for the city's free breakfast/lunch program every year, but there is no guarantee from year to year that our sites will be accepted as a meal site. In the past we have been part of the program and hope to continue to do so again this year. In the event that we are not accepted you will have to provide your child's lunch and afternoon snack on a daily basis.

1st & last week of camp

The City's lunch program does not run during these weeks, so please plan to send your child with a non-perishable sack lunch and an afternoon snack.

All other weeks

Provided that the YMCA has been selected as a meal site for the city's free breakfast and lunch program, your child will be provided with breakfast and lunch. It is recommended that you send your child to camp with an afternoon snack.

Fieldtrip Days

Depending on the location

Special Diets

In the event that your child requires a special diet, you may be asked to provide lunch for your child everyday. Please speak with the director to come up with a solution that best fits your child's needs.

Who is the Staff?

The YMCA spends months screening and selecting its summer camp staff. We look for individuals who are energetic, outgoing and self-motivated. Each of our staff is to be caring and sensitive to your child's needs. Our staff has to complete the following requirement to work with your child this summer:

- Must be 18 years of age
- Criminal Background clearance and fingerprinting
- CPR & First Aid Certifications
- Blood Borne pathogens training
- Child abuse prevention Training
- Adhere to a strict code of conduct
- Complete 16 hours of Day camp training

If staff will be driving a YMCA van to transport children they must also complete the following:

- Must be 21 years of age
- Must have a clean driving record
- Must be approved by our insurance carrier
- Must take an 8 hour defensive driving course

What happens on the first Day of Camp?

Sometimes it is just as difficult for a parent to face the separation from a young child on the first day as it is for the child. Regardless of the personality of your child, or how eager she/he may seem, there will be a moment when she/he realizes you are not going to stay. The emotions that accompany this realization are normal.

If possible, the first day you may want to spend a few minutes looking around the environment together. Gradually, focus your attention on another adult in the room. When your child senses that she/he is not being closely watched, she/he will usually start to relax. It is also helpful to bring your child with you to pre-visit the "Y" so the child can see the environment and meet the counselors.

If you show your child that you are comfortable with the program and the counselors, your child will also feel comfortable. It is important that you say "good-bye" to your child (never sneak away) and then leave immediately. Feel free to call and check on how your child is doing.

What should my child bring to camp?

Each child will need the following:

- Morning snack, Lunch & Afternoon snack
- Dressed in comfortable clothing and shoes (flip flops & sandals are not allowed at camp)
- A water bottle
- Sunscreen (The sunscreen will stay at camp for daily use)

Please be sure to write your child's name on all of the above items.

What not to bring to Camp

Please do not send your child with any other items such as phones, toys and electronics to camp.

Does the YMCA administer medication?

- By law, we can only give medication which has been prescribed by a doctor. It must be in the original container, and a medical form must be filled out weekly and left with the counselor in advance if you would like for us to administer medication
- Medication must go home for the weekend and brought back each Monday. A new form will need to be filled out weekly.
- We do not provide or distribute over the counter medication, even if it is in the original bottle.
- We do not give children shots for any reason.
- Children are not allowed to administer their own medication.