



PENOBSCOT BAY YMCA
**SUMMER
CAMP**
2026 GUIDE

**GREAT
SUMMERS
START AT THE Y!**

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**FIND YOUR
ADVENTURE:**

- Discovery Camp
- Camp Wonder
- Explorers Camp
- Adventure Camp

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SUMMER CAMP

Pre-Registration Information!

Your child is in good hands.

We can't wait to welcome your child to enjoy Summer Camp as it should be...
fun, action-packed, and most of all, safe!

This year, Summer Camp registration will again be **ONLINE!**

2026 SUMMER CAMP ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENING DATES:

- Wednesday, February 4, at 5:30 PM: Penobscot Bay YMCA Members enrolling in all camps.
- Wednesday, February 11, at 5:30 PM: Non-Members enrolling in all camps.
- **Wednesday, January 28: Financial Assistance forms due.**

Once registered, you will receive a Google Form link to complete our Summer Camp Enrollment Form. Please complete the required paperwork within 10 days of receiving the link to avoid any delays at camp drop-off.

BEFORE REGISTRATION BEGINS: Be prepared when registration opens!

☑ **CREATE AN ONLINE ACCOUNT** – Even if you're not signing up to be a member. You'll need an account to register. Follow these steps.

1. [Click Here.](#)
2. Please type in your email address and phone number to search for an existing account. Your email and phone number must match what we have in our system. Please call 207.236.3375 to update if changes are required.
 - If you have an existing online account, make sure you know your password, and that all of your information is correct.
 - If neither your email or phone number is found in our system, proceed to set up a new account.
3. Be sure that all campers enrolling in Summer Camp are added to your online account. Call our front desk for assistance if needed.
4. Make sure your payment information (credit card number or bank account information) is saved to your online account.

☑ **TEST IT OUT** – We have a "[DEMO-SUMMER CAMP PRACTICE SITE](#)" that is currently open, so you can register now to be sure you have covered all the steps and to become familiar with the process prior to the registration going live. (**The practice site does not register you for any actual camps and is intended to be for practice use only).

☑ **ACTIVATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP** – If you want to register for Summer Camp as a member (discounted rates and early registration) you must visit our Rockland or Rockport branch to activate your camper's membership by Monday, Feb. 2nd.

- If your child is not an active member when you register for summer camp, you will not receive the discounted rate, which cannot be applied later.

☑ **APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** – If you need help paying for camp, we are here for you! Financial Assistance is a top priority of the Y to fulfill our mission of promoting youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. We are proud to say that no child is turned away from camp based on the ability to pay. We want to ensure that families who need assistance are supported in the enrollment process, so please contact us for help.

- Payment plans are available – We can set up your account so that payments are automatically charged to your preferred payment source. Each week of camp must be paid in full 30 days prior to the start of each week of camp.
- [DHHS Assistance](#) – Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) may provide CCAP financial assistance for all weeks of summer camp to qualifying families. For more information, [visit this link](#) or call the Rockland office at 596.4200. If you are approved, please contact Meredith Gutheinz at mgutheinz@penbayymca.org, to provide a copy of the DHHS letter which shows the amount they will pay and what your parent fee will be.
- [Y Financial Assistance](#)– Complete the Y Financial Assistance form. DUE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28. Once Y financial assistance is awarded, you will receive an email. If you have questions, please contact Benjie Blake at bblake@penbayymca.org.



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DISCOVERY CAMP

CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-1 THIS FALL

Please note: Campers must meet Fall 2026 Kindergarten public school eligibility and be born on or before 10/15/2021.

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HOME BASE LOCATION: Penobscot Bay YMCA

- Note: Drop-off and Pick-up are at the Penobscot Bay YMCA

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

- This all-day camp runs from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
- Discovery Camp is designed for first-time campers who have completed or are eligible for kindergarten.
- Your camper will be excited about new experiences while having the comfort of a consistent routine.
- Weekly activities include art, crafts, indoor/outdoor games, swimming, sports, and STEM activities.
- All campers must be checked in by Y Camp Staff.
- Discovery Camp will enjoy field trips on 2-3 days per week to local parks, beaches, and other exciting adventures. The bus departs at 9:30 AM and returns at 3:30 PM, except for certain lengthier trips.
- Camp Counselors are certified in First Aid, CPR & AED, with some being Red Cross Certified Lifeguards. Our staff have also been trained in bullying prevention.
- A low camper-to-staff ratio makes our camp a perfect choice for parents who need a fun, safe place for their children during summer break, with safety being their #1 priority.

BEFORE & AFTER CARE:

- Before & After Care is available for this camp at the Penobscot Bay YMCA for an additional fee.
- Before Care runs 7:30 – 9:00 AM.
- After Care runs 4:00 – 5:30 PM.
- Campers enrolled in After Care will remain at the YMCA Gymnasium and must be picked up by 5:30 PM.

*PRE-WEEK: Discovery Camp will not take field trips due to lack of buses.



9 FUN-FILLED WEEKS!

- Discovery PRE-WEEK: June 15 – 18*
- Week 1: June 22 – 26
- Week 2: June 29 – July 3
- Week 3: July 6 – 10
- Week 4: July 13 – 17
- Week 5: July 20 – 24
- Week 6: July 27 – 31
- Week 7: August 3 – 7
- Week 8: August 10 – 14

*4-Day Week – Prorated Camp Rate

WEEKLY COST:

Members: \$240/week

Non-Members: \$290/week

*Pro-rated Pre-Week: \$192 Members / \$232 Non-Members

Before & After Care: \$40/week (for each). If registered by May 31, Before & After Care requires a 50% down payment. If registered after, Before & After Care must be paid in full.

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CAMP WONDER

CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 2-5 THIS FALL

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HOME BASE LOCATION:

Thomaston Municipal Building (old Lura Libby School)

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

- This all-day camp runs from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
- Camp Wonder is for campers entering grades 2 - 5.
- Each week, campers enjoy activities such as sports, games, arts & crafts, swimming, and weekly field trips!
- Campers wishing to swim without a personal floatation device (PFD) will be swim tested.
- Camp Wonder will enjoy field trips on 2-3 days per week to local parks, beaches, and other exciting adventures. The bus departs at 9:30 AM and returns at 3:30 PM, except for certain lengthier trips.
- All campers must be checked in by Y Camp Staff.
- Camp Counselors are certified in First Aid, CPR & AED, with some being Red Cross Certified Lifeguards. Our staff have also been trained in bullying prevention.
- A low camper-to-staff ratio makes our camp a perfect choice for parents who need a fun, safe place for their children during summer break, with safety being their #1 priority.

BEFORE & AFTER CARE:

- Before & After Care is available for this camp at the Thomaston Municipal Building for an additional fee.
- Before Care runs from 7:30 - 9:00 AM.
- After Care runs from 4:00 - 5:30 PM.
- Campers enrolled in After Care will stay at the Thomaston Municipal Building and must be picked up by 5:30 PM.

8 FUN-FILLED WEEKS!

- Week 1: June 22 - 26
- Week 2: June 29 - July 3
- Week 3: July 6 - 10
- Week 4: July 13 - 17
- Week 5: July 20 - 24
- Week 6: July 27 - 31
- Week 7: August 3 - 7
- Week 8: August 10 - 14

WEEKLY COST:

Members: \$215/week

Non-Members: \$265/week

Before & After Care: \$40/week (for each). If registered by May 31, Before & After Care requires a 50% down payment. If registered after, Before & After Care must be paid in full.

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EXPLORERS CAMP

CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 2-5 THIS FALL

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HOME BASE LOCATION: Camden-Rockport Middle School

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

- This all-day camp runs from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
- Explorers Camp is for campers entering grades 2 - 5.
- Campers will experience traditional camp excitement with a cool new twist each week!
- Each week consists of Field Trips, field games, arts & crafts, nature hikes, STEM projects, canoeing, and more!
- Explorers Camp will enjoy field trips on 2-3 days per week to local parks, beaches, and other exciting adventures. The bus departs at 9:30 AM and returns at 3:30 PM, except for certain lengthier trips.
- All campers must be checked in by Y Camp Staff.
- Campers wishing to swim without a personal floatation device (PFD) will be swim tested.
- Camp Counselors are certified in First Aid, CPR & AED, with several being Red Cross Certified Lifeguards. Our staff have also been trained in bullying prevention.
- A low camper-to-staff ratio makes our camp a perfect choice for parents who need a fun, safe place for their children during summer break with safety being their #1 priority.

BEFORE & AFTER CARE:

- Before & After Care is available for this camp at the Camden-Rockport Middle School for an additional fee.
- Before Care runs from 7:30 - 9:00 AM.
- After Care runs from 4:00 - 5:30 PM.
- Campers enrolled in After Care will stay at Camden-Rockport Middle School and must be picked up by 5:30 PM.

8 FUN-FILLED WEEKS!

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- Week 3: July 6 - 10
- Week 4: July 13 - 17
- Week 5: July 20 - 24
- Week 6: July 27 - 31
- Week 7: August 3 - 7
- Week 8: August 10 - 14

WEEKLY COST:

Members: \$232/week

Non-Members: \$282/week

Before & After Care: \$40/week (for each). If registered by May 31, Before & After Care requires a 50% down payment. If registered after, Before & After Care must be paid in full.

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ADVENTURE CAMP

CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 6-8 THIS FALL

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HOME BASE LOCATION:

Penobscot Bay YMCA

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

- This all-day camp runs from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.
- Our Adventure Day Camp is geared for pre-teens & teens entering grades 6, 7, and 8 who love spending time with their friends and are looking for some adventure this summer!
- This camp is designed to give campers a new and exciting experience beyond our traditional camp programs.
- Each week consists of outdoor exploration, team building, climbing, fishing, hiking, swimming, and ecological education.
- Adventure Campers will go on daily field trips exploring local parks, beaches, and other exciting adventures throughout the week. The bus will depart at 9:00 AM and return at 4:00 PM, except for certain lengthier trips.
- Campers wishing to swim without a personal floatation device (PFD) will be swim tested.
- All campers must be checked in by YMCA Camp Staff.
- Camp Counselors are certified in First Aid, CPR & AED, with some being Red Cross Certified Lifeguards. Our staff have also been trained in bullying prevention.
- A low camper-to-staff ratio makes our camp a perfect choice for parents who need a fun, safe place for their children during summer break with safety being their #1 priority.

BEFORE & AFTER CARE:

- Before & After Care will not be available for Adventure Camp this year, however, we have extended the hours by half an hour on each end.

8 FUN-FILLED WEEKS!

- Week 1: June 22 – 26
- Week 2: June 29 – July 3
- Week 3: July 6 – 10
- Week 4: July 13 – 17
- Week 5: July 20 – 24
- Week 6: July 27 – 31
- Week 7: August 3 – 7
- Week 8: August 10 – 14

WEEKLY COST:

Members: \$265/week

Non-Members: \$315/week

Financial assistance is available.
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SWIM CAMP 2026

Competitive Swim Camp

CONFIDENCE WITH EVERY STROKE!

Registration opens February 14!

Visit our website for more info.

Camp Highlights:

- Daily stroke technique training
- Endurance-building exercises
- Video analysis & personalized feedback
- Fun games & team-building activities
- Waterfront outings

This camp is perfect for young swimmers looking to learn and improve all four competitive swim strokes. Join us for an unforgettable week of swimming, skill-building, and fun!

Ages 8-12

August 3 - August 7

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Cost: \$300 Members /
\$340 Participants**

Prerequisite: Campers must be able to continuously swim 50 meters (2 lengths of the main pool).