



YMCA Summer Camp 2020 Update

To our YMCA families,

We hope you, your friends, and your families are staying safe and well during this difficult time. With schools in Connecticut remaining closed for the rest of this school year, we know many children are disappointed that they won't get to see their friends and peers face-to-face.

That is why the YMCA of Greater Hartford is thrilled to announce that we will be holding summer camp 2020! We are excited to provide our youth the chance to have fun, get outside, make new friends and interact in a positive and productive environment.

Based on Governor Ned Lamont's announcement this week, all YMCA camps will open on Monday, June 29.

[REGISTER FOR CAMP NOW](#)

All camps will begin June 29. If you were scheduled for camp sessions starting June 15 or June 22, you need to contact us at the email addresses below to either switch to a different session or request a refund. We would still love to have your children a different session!

Camp will look a little bit different this year, with increased cleaning procedures, reduced group sizes, and other necessary precautions to protect your children and our staff. We are waiting on official guidance from the State of Connecticut and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before providing families with our final procedures. We are expecting that information to be released by May 15, and will send further communication no later than June 1 so that you have all the information necessary to make decisions on what is best for your family.

With reduced group sizes, we are anticipating a reduced capacity at our camps, so make sure to sign up as soon as you feel ready, and to let your friends and extended family know to do the same.

If we have to make further changes based on state guidelines, we will of course update you as soon as possible. It is possible that as the state starts to reopen on May 20 things might change, and we will make any further announcements as soon as we have the information necessary.

Please note these important financial changes taking place this summer to accommodate families:

- **Refund & cancellation policy:** If you no longer feel comfortable sending your children to camp due to the current status in the state, you may cancel or change your weeks up to one week before your session begins. We will provide a full refund as long as you provide one week's notice.



- **Changing sessions:** If you were registered for a session starting June 15 or June 22, please contact your camp at the email or phone number below to change for a different session or to request a refund. We'd love to have you another week!
- **Financial assistance:** We know that families are struggling at this time of peak unemployment and furloughs. This might not be reflected in your most recent tax returns, and we also know that the deadline for filing was extended to June. That is why we are eliminating that requirement when applying for financial assistance. **After you [apply for Care4Kids](#), please fill out [this financial assistance form](#). When you email it to your camp director (emails listed at the bottom of this letter), include a brief description of your current situation, whether you have had reduced work hours, been furloughed, or any other reason why you might be struggling, and we will work with you!**

Even with all of the expected changes to camp in 2020, we are planning programming so that your children will be fulfilled with the fun, engaging experience you've come to expect from the YMCA. We will focus on our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility while helping your children foster their independence, make lifelong friendships, and learn new skills.

In the meantime, please click here to view our [YouTube Channel](#), with new daily content for youth activities, as well as group exercise, workouts, cooking at home, senior workouts, and more!

If you have any questions please reply to this email or reach out to your camp's director at the email listed below. To register, [click here](#).

Sincerely,

Your YMCA summer camp team

Camp Chase: [Jeff Spadaccini](#)

Camp Jewell: [Oliver Gregan](#)

Camp Woodstock: [Will Jones](#)

Camp Yankee Trails: [Justin Hicks](#)

East Hartford YMCA (Camp Nowashe & BELL Power Scholars): [Laura Floyd](#)

Farmington Valley YMCA (Camp Farmington Valley): [Marissa Casarella](#)

Glastonbury Family YMCA (Camp Glawackus & Camp Liger): [Betsey Pitt](#)

Hale YMCA Youth & Family Center (Camp Cutler): [Amanda Kelly](#)

Indian Valley Family YMCA (Camp Indian Valley): [Justin Hicks](#)



Tri-Town YMCA (Camp Pyquag): [Sarah Marquis](#)

West Hartford YMCA (Camp West Hartford & BELL Power Scholars): [TJ Faeth](#)

Wheeler Regional Family YMCA (Camp Wheeler): [Kelly Houston](#)

Wilson-Gray YMCA Youth & Family Center (Camp Dakota): [Norma Ortiz](#)

Wilson-Gray YMCA Youth & Family Center (BELL Power Scholars): [Melody Santiago](#)