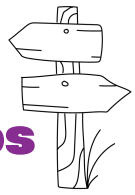
YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMP

2026 Info Package
Blackstrap Day Camps



Welcome to YMCA Blackstrap Day Camps!
We are excited to welcome your child for a week of fun and activities.

TImes and Locations

Our Day Camps program takes place at the YMCA Blackstrap Day Camp, situated on the scenic Blackstrap Lake. The camp program runs daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- **Transportation**: Daily busing to and from camp is provided from Saskatoon and is included in your camp fees.
- Each bus stop location has its own specific departure and arrival times. Please check the Bus Stop Information Sheet for detailed schedule and pick-up locations.
- **Before and After Care**: If you're using the Downtown Bus Stop, Before and After Care is available from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., also included in your camp fees.

Please note that Before/After Care is not available at any other bus stop locations.

Daily Activities

Our camp program is an outdoor experience at a lake surrounded by forest and prairies! We run the program rain or shine. Each day includes activities such as: games, crafts, lake swimming, kayaking or canoeing, archery, ropes course, fort building, and campfires.

What to Bring Each Day

Your camper will need a backpack packed with:

- Running shoes
- Filled Water bottle
- LUNCH and SNACKS (always a good idea to pack extra!); please ensure lunch is healthy, nut-free, and cold packed (we do not have refrigeration on site)
- Bathing suit and towel
- Change of clothing
- Weather appropriate clothing for outdoor activities including:
  - Hat for Sun or Rain Gear for Rainy Days
  - Sunscreen (SPF 30)
  - Insect repellent

Important: Due to severe allergies, our camps are entirely nut-free. Please refrain from packing any nuts for your camper to ensure the safety of all participants.

Please do not bring electronics or other valuable items to camp. YMCA cannot be held responsible for valuables that are misplaced, broken, or stolen.

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Link

YMCA Account Log-In

Drop off and Pick Up

Sign-in and Sign-Out

For enhanced child safety, an authorized adult must sign campers in and out daily.
Photo ID verification is required at all pick-ups.

Please ensure your authorized pick-up list is up-to-date in your YMCA Active Account at least a week before camp to include all individuals who might pick up your child.

Managing your Authorized Pick-Ups List:

In your YMCA Active Account, you can easily add or remove individuals from your child's authorized pick-up list. Follow these steps:

1. Navigate to the **Manage Family Members** option in the Family section of your account.
2. For each child, click the **authorized pick-ups arrow** next to your child's name and select the individuals to include in this list.
3. If you need to add someone who is not already part of your account, click **+Add a family member** and fill in the required information for the new pick-up. (Please be sure to complete the starred fields and include a phone number for Authorized Pick-Ups).
4. **Return to Step 2**: After you have added the family members, you can then assign them to your child's authorized pick-ups list as described in Step 2.

Note: Only the primary contact has the authority to add names to the Authorized Pick-Up List.

Important Note Regarding Pick-Ups:

Our bus stops have printed lists prepared the week prior to camp. If there are any changes to your Authorized Pick-Ups the week before camp, they will not be reflected on the list. If you are adding someone to the list within 6 days of the camp start date, please email camps@ymcasaskatoon.org with the name and phone number of the Authorized Pick-Up to inform us of the change, and we will ensure it is included on the printed list.

Late Pick-Up Procedure and Fees

If your child is not picked up by the scheduled time, the following procedure will be implemented:

1. We will attempt to contact the first listed contact.
2. If we cannot reach them, we will notify the emergency contacts provided and call any authorized pick-ups on file.
3. **Thirty minutes** after the program concludes, our staff will contact Social Services for assistance. They will remain with your child until a Social Worker or another authorized person arrives.
4. A **$30.00 fee** will be charged for late pick-ups, with an additional **$30.00 fee** incurred for every **15 minutes** past the designated pick-up time.
5. If a child is picked up late more than twice, withdrawal from the camp may be enforced.

Note: At the Downtown Bus Stop, pick-up time must be no later than 6:00 PM

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Behaviour Guidelines

The YMCA is a value based, non-profit organization. It is our goal to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment for everyone at our Day Camp. With that in mind, our staff and volunteers use a positive, values-based approach to guide appropriate behaviour, and seek to reward and reinforce positive behaviour.

At the YMCA of Saskatoon, we want to create an atmosphere where all campers are:

- Responsible for their own healthy and safe actions
- Respectful of each other and the environment
- Honest and true to their word
- Caring for themselves and those around them
- Inclusive and welcoming to everyone at camp.

If a child has been given numerous warnings and the behaviour has not changed, we have the right to send the child home from camp for the day. In the instance that this has happened, you as the parent/guardian are obligated to pick your child up from camp promptly.

Other Important Information

Lost and Found
Please label all the items you send to camp with first and last names. Lost and found items will be kept at camp during the week, and then brought to the YMCA front desk after the week is over. Items will be kept for 3 weeks, and then unclaimed items will be donated.

Medicine
If your camper needs medicine at camp, it must be given to the Camp Staff in the morning, in its original container and a Medication Form must be filled out upon arrival at camp with signature of permission from the child's guardian. Please ensure that the medication is clearly labeled with your camper's name, doctor's name, and instructions for use.

Photography Policy
To ensure the safety and security of all children at camp, we kindly ask that you refrain from taking or sharing any photos of your child that include other campers (unless you have explicit permission from their caregivers). Please note that photo permissions granted in your child's registration form are strictly for YMCA use only.

Early Pickups, Late arrivals, or Interruptions during Camp Program:
If your child will need to miss a day, arrive late, or leave at any time during the camp program, please give as much notice as possible by email camps@ymcasaskatoon.org with your child's name and times they will be missing. This allows staff to plan for their absence accordingly. For emergency pick-ups, please contact the camp emergency phone number provided in your welcome email.

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Cancellation and Refund Policy

All cancellations must be done via email:

- Full refunds (100%) are available up to 1 week before the camp start date. After that, refunds are only issued for medical reasons.
- Cancellations under one week receive a credit for future use.
- No refunds for cancellations within 24 hours.

Camp Contact Information

- Non-Emergency Communication
  - Email:camps@ymcasaskatoon.org;
  - Call: 306-652-7515 ext. 242
- Emergencies Only during Camp – An emergency number to text or call camp staff directly will be provided to you in the welcome email.

Thank you for choosing the YMCA for your child's summer camp adventure!