

# WHERE FUN & ADVENTURE BEGIN

CAMP CLARKE - SUMMER DAY CAMP 2025



# Summer Adventure starts here...

## WELCOME

Summer is a time for kids to expand their horizons while having a blast. Our staff takes pride in providing youth with a memorable summer camp experience, greeting each camper with a positive attitude and a smile. At the Newport County YMCA, every day is a new adventure! Learn more and find your fun!

#### **CAMP PHILOSOPHY**

Camp Clarke strives to instill the Y's four core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility into every activity — every day.

**Caring:** Considerate to the needs and feeling of others.

**Honesty**: Being trustworthy and truthful.

**Respect**: Treating others, the environment, and yourself with dignity.

**Responsibility**: Accepting accountability for your role and actions in the community.



"My son absolutely loves attending summer camp at the Y. He not only gets to be around old friends but he gets to make new ones. All the counselors are incredible with their fun loving attitudes. I always feel so safe dropping him off knowing he's in good hands. He looks forward to attending every year!" – Sheri A.

## **General Information**

**HOURS AND DATES** 

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Week 1: 6/23-6/27

Week 2: 6/30-7/3

Week 3: 7/7-7/11

Week 4: 7/14-7/18

Week 5: 7/21-7/25

Week 6: 7/28-8/1

Week 7: 8/4-8/8

Week 8: 8/11-8/15

Week 9: 8/18-8/22

Week 10: 8/25-8/29

#### Please note:

The pool will not be available during the final two weeks of camp.

#### Extended care for an additional fee.

Morning: 7:30–8:30 am | \$25 Afternoon: 4:30–5:30 pm | \$25 Extended Care (Combo – AM/PM) | \$35

#### Please note:

- A \$25 Camp Registration Change Fee will occur for any requested camp week changes.
- A \$50 nonrefundable deposit is collected at the time of registration.
- Payments will be withdrawn from the account/card provided 2 weeks prior to the start of the registered camp week.
- Any cancellations for camp within 2 weeks of the start date of the registered camp week will not receive a refund.

#### Our camper/staff ratios are as follows:

Ages 5 & 6, 1/6 • Ages 7 & 8, 1/8 • Ages 9 and above, 1/10

If your child requires additional support to be successful in their age-appropriate ratio, this is a conversation that should happen before camp starts. Please contact annes@newportymca.org





## Kids do better when they have access to multiple opportunities and resources.

At the Y, we call this our integrated approach to youth development.

The Newport County YMCA is proud to once again receive the American Camp Association Accreditation. ACA Accredited camps meet up to 300 standards for health, safety, and program quality.

Camp Clarke has a variety of camps to choose from!

#### **ACTIVITIES INCLUDED**

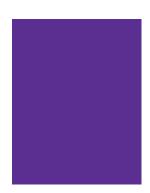
Arts and crafts
Sports and games
Water games
Swimming

High and low ropes courses Performing arts Archery and More!

## **Meet The Team**

Welcome to Camp Clarke 2025 – your destination for a summer filled with recreation, achievement, and unforgettable memories! Our team has been working tirelessly to create programs promising excitement, growth, and a sense of community for all. Whether you're a returning camper or a first timer, get ready for an adventure like no other.

We believe in fostering a positive, inclusive environment where youth are encouraged to explore new interests, make lifelong friendships, and build valuable skills. Our dedicated staff is committed to ensuring a safe and nurturing experience for each camper. We understand the trust you place in us, and we take that responsibility seriously. Safety and inclusion remain our highest priorities!



#### **Katie Bresko**

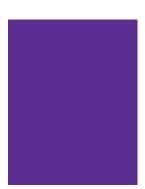
#### **Camp Director**

Favorite Color: Orange Favorite School Subject:

Favorite Movie: The Blindside Favorite Summer Activity: Paddle Boarding at

Third Beach

Most excited for this summer: I'm most excited for summer camp because, as the director, I have the incredible opportunity to shape an environment where campers and staff alike can thrive, grow, and create lasting memories. Seeing the joy, growth, and connections that happen each day is truly rewarding!!



#### **Shannon Farrell**

#### **Gymnastics Director**

**Favorite Color: Teal** 

Favorite Movie: Lilo and Stitch

Favorite School Subject: Science – Body Mechanics and Kinesiology

Favorite Summer Activity: Going to beach and

watching fireworks

Most excited for this summer: For the first week of camp! I love seeing all the returning campers and meeting all of the new campers that are joining us for the first time.



#### **Emily Cush**

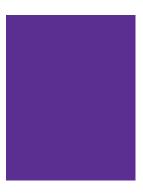
#### **Aquatics Director**

Favorite Color: Turquoise Favorite School Subject: English

Favorite Movie: Mamma Mia Favorite Summer Activity: Clamming or

paddle boarding with my kids

Most excited for this summer: Seeing our new water sports campers learn skills like kayaking and paddle boarding, especially the ones that have never done them before!



#### **Orlando Peace**

#### **Community Golf Director**

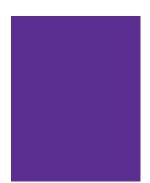
**Favorite Color: Blue** 

Favorite School Subject: Lunch

Favorite Movie: Tin Cup

Favorite Summer Activity: Slip n Slide

Most excited for this summer: To grow the game of golf with kids who are excited to learn.



#### **Omar El Kashef**

#### **Community Squash Director**

**Favorite Color: Red** 

Favorite Movie: Moana

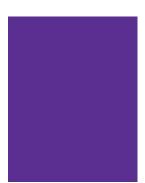
Favorite School Subject: Foreign Language –

I learned to speak 4 languages

**Favorite Summer Activity: Hanging out with** 

my family

Most excited for this summer: Teaching young campers the fundamentals of racket sports while seeing them grow friendships with other campers.



#### **Kathy Lavigueur**

#### **Healthy Living Director**

Favorite Color: Navy Blue

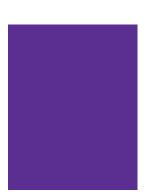
**Favorite Movie: Pitch Perfect** 

Favorite School Subject: English

**Favorite Summer Activity: Evenings watching** 

the sunset with my family

Most excited for this summer: Watching the bond between campers grow.



#### **Sammy Curcio**

#### **Education Coordinator/CFP Camp Coordinator**

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Movie: Grease

Favorite School Subject: Latin/World

Language

Favorite Summer Activity: Going to the beach

Most excited for this summer: To see new and familiar faces and watching the kids make new connections with each other

## **Traditional Camp**



Our Traditional Camps are designed for youth seeking a diverse daily experience of variety and enrichment. This camp provides many opportunities for everyone to shine by exposing campers to sports, arts & crafts, archery, adventure courses, swimming, social & emotional learning, and character development. Our goal is to guide youth in discovering new interests and developing confidence. Our counselors strive to nurture emerging friendships within our small camp families.

Offered Weeks 1-10

**Weekly Cost** 

Member: \$240 • Non Member: \$290

Sailors 5-6 years old

Mariners 7–9 years old

Navigators 10–11 years old

Voyagers 12+ years old

For more information, contact katieb@newportymca.org

#### **Themes**

#### **WEEK 1** June 23: Aloha Summer

Say ALOHA Summer! Our week will be inspired by adventures above and below the ocean. We will be in search of fun adventures that scream tropical paradise. This week is all about having fun, getting wet and staying cool through it all as we kick of summer camp!

#### **WEEK 2** June 30: Stars & Stripes

Oh say can you see.....another amazing week of summer camp? We will celebrate the birth of our great country with patriotic themed events.

#### **WEEK 3** July 7: Under the Sea

Dive into an unforgettable adventure with our Under the Sea themed summer camp week! Campers will explore the mysteries of the deep blue sea, learn about fascinating marine life, and unleash their creativity through ocean-inspired crafts and activities. From making colorful jellyfish and fish art, each day will be packed with fun and discovery.

#### **WEEK 4** July 14: Wacky and Wonderful

Lets get wacky and wild. We will be participating in games and activities that are both wacky and wonderful – there will be something for everyone!

#### **WEEK 5** July 21: Aquapalooza

Get ready to cool off and dive into the ultimate water-filled adventure at camp! This week is all about fun, laughter, and staying refreshed with exciting water activities that will keep campers smiling all day long. With endless opportunities to beat the heat and make waves, this week promises to be a splashing good time for everyone! Perfect for kids who love water adventures, fun in the sun, and unforgettable summer memories.

#### WEEK 6 July 28: Wild Wild West

Saddle up for an exciting journey back in time to the Wild Wild West! This week at camp is packed with cowboy and cowgirl adventures, frontier fun, and rootin'-tootin' activities that will bring the spirit of the Old West to life.

#### **WEEK 7** August 4: Color Games

It's time for a little team competition! Campers will split into teams and compete against each other alongside their counselors! At the end of the week we will reveal the true color that really shined through! We hope that color is yours!

#### **WEEK 8** August 11: Welcome to the Circus

Step right up and join the excitement as we transform camp into a dazzling circus extravaganza! This week is filled with big-top fun, spectacular performances, and whimsical activities that will have campers feeling like circus stars. With laughter, wonder, and non-stop thrills, this week under the big top promises to be an unforgettable adventure for every camper!

#### **WEEK 9** August 18: Sports Mania

We'll focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, and having a blast as we compete in friendly games and challenges. The week ends with an epic Camp Olympics where cabins face off in colorful, spirited competition for the coveted Sports Week Trophy!

#### WEEK 10 August 25: Survivor

WE SURVIVED – NO CAMPERS WILL BE VOTED OUT!!! This week we will celebrate the wonderful summer we had with Survivor themed games and activities.

## YMCA Half-Day Golf Camp

Half-Day Golf Camp is designed to spark an interest for new golfers and further the development of those already playing. Camps will cover golf fundamentals including posture, grip, putting, chipping, pitching, full swing and simple rules and etiquette. Participants are segmented into smaller groups based on their experience and age to create a more favorable and fun learning environment.

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate.

The camp will run from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Monday – Friday Ages 6 – 13

Weekly Cost Member: \$199 Non Member: \$249







For more information, contact orlandop@newportymca.org

## Race4Chase





The Race4Chase program was created in memory of Chase Kowalski. Chase was an amazing son, brother, and friend who was taken from the world on 12/14/12 in the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy. He loved sports of all kinds and had an incredibly competitive spirit. His family's vision is "to turn tragedy into triumph by healing and strengthening our families and communities". The Kowalski family wanted to capture Chase's competitive spirit and vitality in creating a charity in his honor with a focus on health and wellness for children and their families. They formed the CMAK (Chase Michael Anthony Kowalski) Foundation with a focus on health and wellness for children and their families. You can support programs like Race4Chase by making a contribution to the Community Support Campaign or become a Race4Chase Chasing Summer Event Sponsor. For more information, or to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please visit the YMCA's website at www.newportymca.org.



On August 10, 2025, the Newport County YMCA will host an end of summer celebration called "Chasing Summer" at Fort Adams. The event is the celebration of the Y's Race4Chase Kids Triathlon Program. The Program aims to provide kids aged 6-12 with a safe, healthy, non-competitive environment to discover the sport of triathlon.

This 6-week training program is offered free of charge to children ages 6-12 and is by application only. Application date TBD. The program meets daily and is a 3-hour clinic. The session starts for 2025 on June 30.

## **Rackets Camp**

Rackets Summer Camp: A Thrilling Multi-Sport Experience for kids ages 4–14!

Discover the ultimate summer adventure with our Rackets Summer Camp, a dynamic program designed for kids who love racket sports or are eager to try something new! Perfect for players of all skill levels, this camp combines the excitement introduction to tennis, pickleball, and squash, creating a unique opportunity to develop skills, stay active, and make lasting friendships.

#### **What to Expect:**

**Tennis:** An introduction to basic tennis skills such as forehand, backhand, serves, and volleys with our coach at our gym. Engage in drills, games, and match play to enhance your technique and strategy.

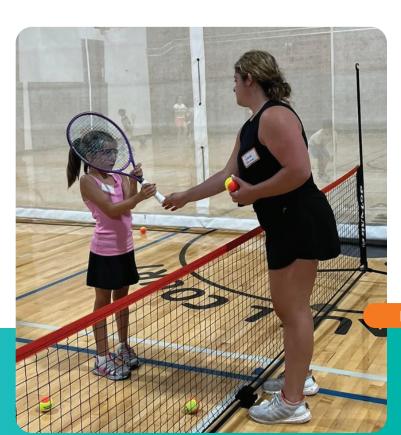
**Squash:** Take your game indoors with squash! This

fast-moving court sport sharpens agility, speed, and stamina while providing a thrilling cardio workout.

**Pickleball:** Dive into one of the fastest-growing sports! With smaller courts and lighter paddles, pickleball is fun, fast-paced, and easy to learn for kids of all ages. Perfect for developing hand-eye coordination and quick reflexes.

#### Who Can Join?

Our camp is designed for kids ages 4–14, welcoming all skill levels—from beginners to seasoned players. Campers are grouped by age and ability to ensure everyone gets the most out of their experience.



The camp will run from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Monday – Friday Ages 4-14

Weekly Cost Member: \$195 Non Member: \$249

For more information, contact omare@newportymca.org

## Camp CFP



Camp CFP is located in Portsmouth, RI, at our secondary location. Our traditional camps at Common Fence Point are designed for the wellrounded youth seeking a diverse daily experience of variety and enrichment by exposing our campers to sports, arts & crafts, archery, swimming, social & emotional learning, and character development. Our goal is to guide youth in discovering new interests and developing confidence. Campers will enjoy a NEW gaga pit games, trips to the Newport County YMCA, and more!

**Half-Day** 8:30am-12:00pm Available for Ages 3 & 4

**Full-Day** 8:30am-4:30pm Available for Ages 5–12

#### **OFFERED WEEKS 1-9**

**WEEKLY COST:** 

Full-Day Option, Ages 5-12: Member: \$240 Non Member: \$290

Half-Day, Ages 3&4: Member: \$130 Non Member: \$150

(Two and Three day options available as well)

For more information, contact afterschool@newportymca.org



## **Camp Curious Minds**

We are excited to announce a brand-new camp for 2025 at the Newport County YMCA called, Camp Curious Minds. Camp Curious Minds is an engaging academic summer camp designed to spark curiosity and inspire a love for learning in children, ages 7-11. This program focuses on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Crafts and Math) activities, encouraging campers to explore the wonders of the natural world, solve engineering challenges, and dive into hands-on experiments.

To foster well-rounded development, the camp also integrates a dynamic reading component, offering opportunities for creative storytelling, comprehension skill-building, and the exploration of exciting literary adventures. With



a blend of collaborative projects, interactive lessons, and individualized attention, Camp Curious Minds ensures that every camper leaves with a deeper appreciation for STEAM and the joy of reading.



#### **OFFERED WEEKS 3–8**

WEEKLY COST: Member: \$265 Non Member: \$315

or more information, contact katieb@newportymca.org

## **Aquatics Camp**



Aquatics Camp provides an introduction and refinement to kayaking, paddle boarding, beach sports, and other fun aquatic adventures. Campers will enjoy a wide variety of aquatic experiences at local beaches and programs at the Y including the ropes course, pool, boogie boarding, and more! Our staff are all lifeguard certified and trained in the skills they are instructing. All Aquatics campers must be strong swimmers who are able to complete specific swimming requirements. Campers must be swim tested before registering.

**Junior Aquatics –** 6–8 years old, 25 yard swim test **Water Sports Camp –** 9–13 years old, 50 yard swim test and 2 min tread

Offered Weeks 1-9 • Weekly Cost: Member: \$265 • Non Member: \$315

For more information, contact emilyc@newportymca.org

## **Outdoor Adventure Camp**



Come experience an exciting week of rock climbing on the 40-foot four-sided climbing tower! Campers will also spend time on high and low ropes adventure courses with elements such as the vertical playpen, catwalk, peanut butter pit and more! Instructions from our certified team will include knot tying, belay commands and basic climbing technique. Campers will also participate in team building activities and games designed to foster self-confidence and a sense of belonging. This group will climb in the morning and afternoon but will also include traditional activities such as swimming, archery and more!

8-13 years old

Offered Weeks 1-9, Weekly Cost: Member: \$265 • Non Member: \$315

## **Gymnastics Camp**

For a high energy, fun experience, Gymnastics Camp is the place to be. Campers will spend their mornings outside playing games, doing arts and crafts, water games, and more. After lunch, campers will proceed into the Gymnastics Center where they will be grouped by age and ability. Our recently renovated gymnastics center includes competition–ready equipment for all 4 women's events and all 6 men's events, a foam pit, a Tumble Trak, as well as a bouldering wall.



Junior Gymnastics Camp, 5-7 Years Old • Gymnastics Camp, 8-12 Years Old

Offered Weeks 1-9, Weekly Cost: Member: \$265 • Non Member: \$315

For more information, contact shannonf@newportymca.org

## NinjaZone Camp



Our Ninja Camp involves a variety of activities in a safe and exciting environment. Ninjas will have a balanced day of indoor and outdoor activities, beginning their day outside for games, challenges, water slide, and some good old-fashioned summer fun. NinjaZone combines gymnastics, martial arts, obstacle training, and freestyle movement. Daily activities include drills for skills, obstacle courses, strength challenges, and games.

#### 6-11 years old

Offered Weeks 2-9

Weekly Cost: Member: \$280 • Non Member: \$330

For more information, contact shannonf@newportymca.org

## **Half-Day Camp**



Looking for a fun and engaging way to extend your child's day? Our Half–Day Summer Camp runs from 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM, perfect for kids already participating in morning programs like golf, rackets, or Race4Chase.

Children will enjoy a mix of activities designed to complement their morning experience, including creative arts and crafts, swimming, ropes course, and more! A safe, supportive environment ensures kids stay active, make new friends, and have fun.

This program is a great way to balance structured sports with free-spirited summer fun. Lunch is not provided, so please pack a meal for your child.

**Spaces are limited**—sign up today to complete your child's day!

8-13 years old

Offered Weeks 1-10, Weekly Cost: Member: \$160 • Non Member: \$190



"Whether it's school break or summer vacation, our YMCA camps have become something my kiddo looks forward to each year. The staff is amazing; engaging and fun, offering an abundance of inclusive activities in a safe environment with a sprinkle of life long lessons in kindness and compassion. My daughter is already anticipating becoming a camp counselor here once she's old enough."

- Marisa T.

## Counselor-In-Training





Our Counselor-in-Training Camp is a hands-on program for teens entering 8th and 9th grade for the upcoming Fall semester. The program will teach leadership skills, problem solving, communication skills, and work ethics. The first half of the program will consist of team-building activities, camp trainings, CPR & First Aid Certification, and other sessions about working with children in a camp environment. The second half of the program will focus on career-building and pursuing a Camp Counselor position for summers to come. All candidates for this program must be accepted prior to registration; please email katieb@newportymca.org for the application. Once accepted, participants will be able to register for the program.

Rising 8th & 9th Graders

Offered Weeks 1-10, Weekly Cost: Member: \$125 • Non Member: \$150

For more information, contact katieb@newportymca.org

#### **CAMP CLARKE COUNSELORS**

Every parent wants their child to have great role models...and we've found them! Our staff comes from all over including our very own YMCA Leadership Programs. They understand the magic of camp and work hard to ensure that your child has an amazing camp experience. Counselors are carefully screened and selected based on experience working with children, maturity, positive character traits, and sensitivity. Safety is our top priority. Every member of out team is certified and trained in CPR, First Aid, OSHA regulation and Child Abuse Preventive Education.



### Newport County YMCA Summer Camp 2025



#### **Financial Assistance Available**

No one will be denied the opportunity to participate in YMCA activities due to inability to pay program or membership fees. Confidential scholarship assistance is available.

#### Financial Assistance deadline: June 1, 2025

In order to receive assistance, you must complete a camp financial assistance application packet. Along with the packet, you must submit two of the following income verifications when you apply: Federal Income Tax Filing for the previous year, Two month s of paycheck stubs, Current statement of award of benefits, Most recent unemployment check stubs, Two months of bank statements.

Download the form on our website at newportymca.org/membership/financialaid or stop by the YMCA and pick up a form at the Welcome Center.

Send the completed applications by email to lisam@newportymca.org or mayaf@newportymca.org

Register Online!



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