



Newport
County YMCA

WHERE FUN & ADVENTURE BEGIN

CAMP CLARKE – SUMMER DAY CAMP 2026



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: 6/22 – 6/26	Week 5: 7/20 – 7/24	Week 9: 8/17 – 8/21
Week 2: 6/29 – 7/3	Week 6: 7/27 – 7/31	Week 10: 8/24 – 8/28
Week 3: 7/6 – 7/10	Week 7: 8/3 – 8/7	Week 11: 8/31 – 9/4
Week 4: 7/13 – 7/17	Week 8: 8/10 – 8/14	

Please note:

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

Extended care for an additional fee – \$50

Morning: 7:30 – 8:30 am

Afternoon: 4:30 – 5:30 pm

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- Payments will be withdrawn from the account/card provided 2 weeks prior to the start of the registered camp week.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.
- Beginning January 1, 2026, a 3% processing fee will be added to all credit card transactions. This fee goes directly toward covering fees from the credit card companies FISERV and DAXKO — and helps us keep more of your membership and program dollars focused on what really matters: serving our community. To help avoid our credit card processing fee, please consider using the following: Bank draft/ACH (automatic payment from your checking or savings account) *preferred method, or, Debit Card.

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 katieb@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 2026 – 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 Movie: The Blindside

Favorite School Subject: Science

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.



Austin Radkovich

Assistant Camp Director

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Movie: Star Wars

Favorite School Subject: History

Favorite Summer Activity: Running the Cliff Walk

Most excited for this summer: Teaching the kids new things and having fun with all the campers.



Sammy Curcio

Common Fence Point Camp Director

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



Orlando Peace

Community Golf Director

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Movie: Tin Cup

Favorite School Subject: Lunch

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 – Race4Chase Coordinator

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.

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 – 11

Weekly Cost

Member: \$255 • Non Member: \$305

Sailors Ages 5 – 6

Mariners Ages 7 – 9

Navigators Ages 10 – 13

For more information, contact katieb@newportymca.org

Themes

WEEK 1 – June 22: 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 off summer camp!

WEEK 2 – June 29: 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 6: 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 13: Heroes and Villains

Step into a world of adventure as campers explore the exciting realms of heroes, villains, and everything in between! Heroes & Villains Week blends high-energy outdoor fun with creative exploration, giving every camper the chance to shine – whether they choose to save the day, stir up silly trouble, or switch sides halfway through.

WEEK 5 – July 20: 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 6 – July 27: 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 7 – August 3: 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 8 – August 10: 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 9 – August 17: 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 10 – August 24: Blast from the Past

Travel through time during this fun and imaginative week where campers explore some of the most iconic eras in history! From exploring old-school music and fashion to trying out historical challenges and traditions, every experience is exciting, engaging, and educational. Blast From the Past Week blends creativity, curiosity, and high-energy fun—encouraging campers to use their imagination, work as a team, and appreciate the world as it was before today.

WEEK 11 – August 31: 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

Offered Weeks 1 – 11

Weekly Cost

Member: \$210

Non Member: \$260



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 newportymca.org.

On August 9, 2026, 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 training program is offered free of charge to children ages 6 – 12 and is by application only. Reach out to kathyl@newportymca.org to be notified when the application is released. The program meets daily and is a 3-hour clinic. The session starts July 6, 2026.

Contact Kathy Lavigueur at kathylav@newportymca.org or 401 847 9200ext 119

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

Offered Weeks 1 – 11

Weekly Cost

Member: \$210

Non Member: \$260

For more information, contact omare@newportymca.org

Camp CFP

Portsmouth, RI



Camp CFP is located in Portsmouth, RI, at our secondary location. Our traditional camps at Common Fence Point are designed for the well-rounded 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 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 – 10

OFFERED WEEKS 1 – 9

WEEKLY COST:

Full-Day Option: Ages 5 – 10: Member: \$255 • Non Member: \$305

Half-Day: Ages 3 – 4: Member: \$145 • Non Member: \$165

For more information, contact samanthac@newportymca.org



Camp Curious Minds

We are excited to bring back by popular demand for 2026 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.



Ages 7 – 11

OFFERED WEEKS 3 – 9

WEEKLY COST:

Member: \$270

Non Member: \$320

For more information, contact katieb@newportymca.org

Jr. Aquatics Camp



Jr. Aquatics Camp provides an introduction and refinement to 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 Jr. Aquatics campers must be strong swimmers who are able to complete specific swimming requirements. Campers must be swim tested before registering.

Jr. Aquatics: Ages 6 – 8 • Swim test will be required prior to the start of camp
Offered Weeks 2 – 10 • Weekly Cost: Member: \$280 • Non Member: \$330

For more information, contact katieb@newportymca.org

Water Sports Camp



Water Sports Camp offers campers an exciting opportunity to explore Newport's beautiful coastline while building confidence on the water. Campers will travel to local beaches and Fort Adams, where they'll enjoy paddleboarding and kayaking in the Newport Harbor. With a focus on safety, skill development, and fun, this camp is perfect for kids who love being active outdoors and want to try new water-based adventures. All activities are led by trained staff and designed to be age-appropriate, supportive, and engaging. Our staff are all lifeguard certified and trained in the skills they are instructing. All Water Sports campers must be strong swimmers who are able to complete specific swimming requirements. Campers must be swim tested before registering.

Water Sports Camp: Ages 9 – 13 • Swim test will be required prior to the start of camp
Offered Weeks 2 – 10 • Weekly Cost: Member: \$280 • Non Member: \$330

For more information, contact katieb@newportymca.org

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: Ages 5 – 7 • Gymnastics Camp: 8 – 12 years Old

Offered Weeks 2 – 10 • Weekly Cost: Member: \$280 • Non Member: \$330

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.

Ages 6 – 11

Offered Weeks 2 – 10

Weekly Cost: Member: \$295 • Non Member: \$345

For more information, contact shannonf@newportymca.org

Sports Camp



Sports Camp provides a fun, active, and supportive environment where campers can build skills, confidence, and friendships while staying active all summer long. Each week, the featured sport will change, giving campers the opportunity to try a variety of activities and develop fundamental skills across multiple sports. Through age-appropriate instruction, skill-building drills, and game play, campers learn the importance of teamwork, respect, and sportsmanship. Our experienced staff focus on creating an inclusive atmosphere where all campers—regardless of skill level—feel encouraged and supported. Sports Camp is perfect for kids who enjoy variety, staying active, and having fun while learning positive values that extend beyond the playing field.

Ages 8 – 13

Offered Weeks 2 – 10 • **Weekly Cost:** Member: \$280 • Non Member: \$330

For more information, contact katieb@newportymca.org

Featured Sports

WEEK 2 – Basketball

WEEK 3 – Soccer

WEEK 4 – Flag Football

WEEK 5 – Waffle ball

WEEK 6 – Olympic week

WEEK 7 – Street Game

WEEK 8 – Basketball & Soccer

WEEK 9 – Flag football & Wiffle ball

WEEK 10 – Sports Mania

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!



Ages 8 – 13

Offered Weeks 2 – 10 • Weekly Cost: Member: \$280 • Non Member: \$330

For more information, contact katieb@newportymca.org

“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.

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!

Ages 8 – 13

Offered Weeks 1 – 11 • Weekly Cost: Member: \$175 • Non Member: \$205

For more information, contact katieb@newportymca.org

Y Skateboarding



Kids will spend half of the day at Camp Clarke and the other half of the day at the skate park.

Ages 6 – 9:

9:30AM – 11:30 am at the skate park

Ages 10 – 12:

12:30 PM – 3:30 pm at the skate park



Ages 6 – 12

Offered Weeks 3, 7, 9 • Weekly Cost: Member: \$280 • Non Member: \$330

For more information, contact katieb@newportymca.org

Counselor-In-Training



Our Counselor-in-Training Camp is a hands-on program for teens entering 8th, 9th, and 10th 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 austinr@newportymca.org for the application. Once accepted, participants will be able to register for the program.

Rising 8th, 9th, and 10th Graders

Offered Weeks 1 – 10 • Weekly Cost: Member: \$140 • Non Member: \$165

For more information, contact austinr@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 our team is certified and trained in CPR, First Aid, OSHA regulation and Child Abuse Preventive Education.



Newport County YMCA Summer Camp 2026



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, 2026

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 months 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/financial-aid or stop by the YMCA and pick up a form at the Welcome Center.

Send the completed applications by email to campregistration@newportymca.org

Register
Online!



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