

# WILD

## ABOUT SUMMER



**SUMTER FAMILY YMCA**

**FUN FACTORY**

**CAMP MAC BOYKIN**

**CAMP MAC BOYKIN C.I.T.**

**GYM & SWIM**



# WHY Y CAMPS?

At the Y, summer is all about adventure, laughter, and being Wild About Camp. Campers will explore, play, create, and connect while engaging in activities and making friends. From games and sports to swimming and hands on experiences, each day offers a perfect mix of adventure, learning, and good old-fashioned summer fun. Along the way, kids build confidence, teamwork, and independence. It's a place where memories are made and kids truly shine.

## FIVE REASONS WHY KIDS SHOULD ATTEND SUMMER CAMP

- 1. ADVENTURE:** Summer camp is all about a wide variety of new experiences, and especially exploring the outdoors. YMCA camps have a new adventure for every child and teen.
- 2. HEALTHY FUN:** Y camps offer fun, stimulating activities that engage the body and mind, and also help children and teens learn the importance of nutrition to help improve their eating habits.
- 3. PERSONAL GROWTH:** While in the welcoming environment of camp, youth are encouraged to learn new skills and develop confidence by taking on new challenges. Camps offer cognitive learning and social-emotional development opportunities for achievement.
- 4. FRIENDSHIPS:** Amidst the fun of camp games, songs, swimming, canoeing and talent shows, campers meet new friends and strengthen existing friendships. The bonds formed at camp are important and lasting for many youth.
- 5. MEMORIES:** Summer camp is an unforgettable experience that will give each camper memories and instill camp traditions that will last a lifetime. Youth return to school with plenty of camp stories to share.

## HOW TO REGISTER

**Online starting March 2:** Visit <https://ymcasumter.org/childcare-camp/summer-camps/>

**In-house available March 16:** Visit the Youth Center Desk at 510 Miller Road in Sumter

Office hours for transactions: Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

During off-hours: email [summercamp@ymcasumter.org](mailto:summercamp@ymcasumter.org)

**Payments:** Balances are setup on draft schedule and due prior to attending camp. See payment schedule below

Camp Week	Dates	Changes Due By	Payment Drafts
Week 1	June 1 – June 5	Monday, May 18	Friday, May 22
Week 2	June 8 – June 12	Monday, May 25	Friday, May 29
Week 3	June 15 – June 19	Monday, June 1	Friday, June 5
Week 4	June 22 – June 26	Monday, June 8	Friday, June 12
Week 5	June 29 – July 2	Monday, June 15	Friday, June 19
Week 6	July 6 – July 10	Monday, June 22	Friday, June 26
Week 7	July 13 – July 17	Monday, June 29	Friday, July 3
Week 8	July 20 – July 24	Monday, July 6	Friday, July 10

# GENERAL INFO ABOUT CAMP

## PARENT AND CAMPER INFO

**Financial Assistance:** Our Y promotes an "Open Doors" program that offers financial assistance to those who could not otherwise afford our programs and services. Simply pick up an Open Doors application at the Y or print one from our website. Complete the form as instructed and bring it to our member services desk with the required documents. The application will be reviewed and notification sent via email to the applicant within ten (10) business days.

**Registration requirements:** 2026 immunization records, updated child profile, non-transferable and non-refundable \$25 deposit per week per child.

**Changes:** All changes can be made through your online account or email to [summercamp@ymcasumter.org](mailto:summercamp@ymcasumter.org). A two week notice is required. A \$5 per transaction fee will be charged.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be emailed to [summercamp@ymcasumter.org](mailto:summercamp@ymcasumter.org) two (2) weeks in advance of the affected week.

**Lunch:** All full day campers are required to bring a packed lunch and water bottle each day. Refrigeration is available for lunches. Cold water is available for refills.

**Weather:** In inclement weather or extreme temperatures, we will participate in indoor activities.

**Y Café:** On set afternoons, campers will have the opportunity to purchase drinks and snacks. Parents must deposit money into a prepaid account for their children to purchase items from the Y Café. Campers are asked not to bring money to camp.

**Camp Shirts:** All campers will be given a camp shirt their first day of attendance. Additional shirts may purchased for \$12 at the youth center desk.

## LOCATIONS

**Sumter Family YMCA** 510 Miller Road, Sumter

Camp host site of: Fun Factory and Aquatics

**YMCA Gymnastics Center** 220 Pine Street, Sumter

Camp host site of Gymnastics

**Camp Mac Boykin** 6425 Camp Mac Boykin Road, Pinewood

Drop off and pick up at the YMCA, we provide transportation for campers to and from camp daily. Bus leaves the Y at 8:15 am and returns by 4:30 pm. Parent's are able to drop off (7:00 - 7:30 am) and pick up from camp (4:00 - 6:00 pm).

## CONTACT US

**YMCA Phone:** 803-774-2511 **YMCA Gymnastics Phone:** 803-774-2350 **Camp Mac Boykin Phone:** 803-452-5482

**Email:** [summercamp@ymcasumter.org](mailto:summercamp@ymcasumter.org)

# FUN FACTORY CAMP

**AGES: 3 – 8 years old**

**HOURS: 7:00 am –6:00 pm**

Our traditional indoor camp is specialized to keep the camper's brain stimulated over the summer break to help prevent learning loss. We will engage the kids in various energizing, independent physical activities. All campers must be potty-trained. Fun Factory fees also include daily snacks and weekly field trips. Weekly camp activities fall in line with our summer theme.

<b>Week 1</b>  June 2 – June 6	<b>Into The Wild</b> Welcome to summer! Join us for the first week of camp where we get to know each other and start our summer off with fun filled days of art, crafts, and games.	<b>Field Trips:</b> Memorial Park, Sumter Aquatics
<b>Week 2</b>  June 9 – June 13	<b>Safari Adventure</b> Get ready for a wild adventure! During Safari Week, campers will explore the wonders of the animal kingdom through fun games, creative crafts, exciting challenges and nature-based activities.	<b>Field Trips:</b> Palmetto Park, Chuck E. Cheese, Sumter Aquatics
<b>Week 3</b>  June 16 – June 20	<b>Jungle Jam</b> Campers will explore jungle animals, rhythms, and nature while building teamwork, confidence, and having tons of fun in a lively, jungle-themed environment.	<b>Field Trips:</b> Patriot Park, Skate Station, Sumter Aquatics
<b>Week 4</b>  June 23 – June 27	<b>Trailblazers</b> Campers will become true Trailblazers as they explore adventure, leadership, and the great outdoors! Campers will take on exciting challenges, team-building games, and hands-on activities that encourage problem-solving, confidence, and creativity.	<b>Field Trips:</b> Beacon Theater, Sumter Aquatics
<b>Week 5</b>  June 30 – July 3	<b>Splash Into the Wild</b> Campers will cool off with exciting water games, splash-filled challenges, and wild, water-themed activities. This fun and refreshing week combines adventure, teamwork, and plenty of laughs as campers dive into safe, supervised water play.	<b>Field Trips:</b> Sumter Aquatics
<b>Week 6</b>  July 7 – July 11	<b>Art Safari</b> This week blends art and imagination as campers explore safari and wildlife inspired projects using a variety of materials and techniques. From colorful animal creations to nature inspired masterpieces, campers will express themselves, build confidence, and have fun while discovering the artist within – safari style!	<b>Field Trips:</b> Sumter Aquatics
<b>Week 7</b>  July 14 – July 18	<b>Bug Out!</b> Campers will discover fascinating insects thorough hands-on activities, games, crafts, and outdoor exploration. From creepy-crawlies to helpful pollinators, this week sparks curiosity, teamwork, and respect for nature, all while having big fun learning about small creatures!	<b>Field Trips:</b> Swan Lake, Skate Station, Sumter Aquatics
<b>Week 8</b>  July 21 – July 25	<b>Wild Science</b> Campers will dive into hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math activities inspired by the natural world. Through exciting experiments, problem-solving challenges, and creative projects, campers will discover how science works in the wild all while building curiosity, teamwork, and critical-thinking skills.	<b>Field Trips:</b> Palmetto Park, Chuck E. Cheese, Sumter Aquatics

# CAMP MAC BOYKIN & C.I.T.

**CAMP:** 7 – 14 years old **C.I.T.:** 14–16 years old

## CAMP MAC BOYKIN

Campers will experience classic outdoor adventure at Camp Mac Boykin, nestled on 55 beautiful acres of woods, water, and open space. The camp features a ropes course, cabins, ball field, and a natural swimming area with water based activities that encourage exploration and fun. This traditional outdoor camp focuses on building friendships, learning new skills, and enjoying rugged summer fun in the great outdoors. For nearly 75 years, Camp Mac Boykin has created meaningful memories, with generations of campers returning as counselors in training and staff.

Each day is filled with nature education, arts and crafts, messy games, Ga Ga, and opportunities for adventure, including overnights. Campers grow in confidence, independence, and teamwork while making lifelong memories. We will host four overnight opportunities this summer for those attending Camp Mac Boykin.

## COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (C.I.T.) – CAMP MAC BOYKIN

**Hours of camp:** 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

The Counselor in Training (C.I.T.) program at Camp Mac Boykin is designed to help teens build leadership skills they can use throughout their lives. CITs learn how to work effectively with children while developing responsibility, communication, and teamwork skills. Through hands on experience, training, and mentorship, CITs assist counselors in day camp programs while gaining valuable leadership experience. Participants must attend the required training date to ensure they are prepared and confident in supporting campers and staff.

### C.I.T. Program Goals:

Teens will be mentored by positive YMCA role models.

Teens will be certified in First Aid and CPR.

Teens develop and improve leadership skills to use throughout their life.

Teens develop friendships with other teens that share their passion for working with children.

Teens gain real world skills that they can use in future careers.

Teens have fun serving as role models making an impact on the lives of younger children.

Teens earn community service hours that will help with college applications, presidential awards, and more.

### Eligibility:

Applicants must be 14–16 years old

Applicants must complete and submit a CIT Program Application by April 30, 2026

Visit our website to download the application [www.ymcasumter.org/camp-mac-boykin/](http://www.ymcasumter.org/camp-mac-boykin/)



# GYM & SWIM CAMP

**AGES:** 5 – 12 years old      **7:30 am – 4:30 pm**

**DATES:** June 22 – 26 & July 20 – 24

Drop off at 7:30 am at the YMCA Gymnastics Center located at 220 Pine Street.  
Campers will be bussed to the main YMCA to each lunch and finish their day there.  
Pick up at 4:30 pm at the main YMCA



## GYMNASTICS

Campers will have a flipping good time at Gymnastics Camp! Our experienced coaching staff provides instruction focused on proper shapes, safe equipment use, and skill development. Each day, campers rotate through all four events, building strength, coordination, and confidence through fun games and age appropriate drills.

### What to Wear:

Please dress campers in comfortable athletic wear that is not overly baggy. Leotards are optional for girls. Hair must be pulled back away from the face and neck. For safety reasons, socks, shoes, stockings, denim, buttons, zippers, jewelry, and hair beads are not permitted.

### What to Bring:

Please send a snack and a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration or heating.  
Campers should also bring all required swim items listed below for Swim Camp.

### Contact:

Zoe Bartrug email: [gymastics@ymcasumter.org](mailto:gymastics@ymcasumter.org) or call: 803-774-2350

## SWIM

Swim Camp is designed to build water safety skills, swim technique, confidence, and a love for the water in a structured and supportive environment. Each camper completes a brief swim assessment upon entering the program to determine their current skill level. Based on this assessment, campers are placed in small, skill appropriate groups to ensure safe, individualized instruction. Groups are led by experienced counselors and certified swim instructors.

Campers receive 45 minutes of structured swim instruction focused on water safety, foundational skills, stroke development, and growing confidence in the water. Instruction is developmentally appropriate and adapted to meet swimmers where they are.

Following instruction, campers enjoy a supervised snack break before returning to the pool for structured free swim. During this time, counselors lead organized games and activities that reinforce swim skills, promote teamwork, and encourage positive social interaction.

### What to Bring:

Swimsuit, towel, water bottle, and goggles.

An afternoon snack will be provided.

### Contact:

Destiny Williams email: [dwilliams@ymcasumter.org](mailto:dwilliams@ymcasumter.org) or 803-774-2495





# CAMP FEES

**Deposit:** \$25 (per week, per child)

**Fun Factory Camps:** \$225 members, \$337.50 potential member (per week, per child)

**Camp Mac Boykin:** \$180 members, \$270 potential member (per week, per child)

**Gym and Swim Camp:** \$225 members, \$337.50 potential member (per week, per child)

**C.I.T.:** \$125 members, \$187.50 potential members (per week, per child)

## Other Applicable fees:

- Camp change/cancellation fee: \$5 (per change/per camper)
- Late payment: \$10 per transaction
- Late pick up: \$5 per minute past camp end time
- Returned payment fee: \$25 per transaction



**Fun Factory Director**

Phone: 803-774-2490      Email: [ksanders@ymcasumter.org](mailto:ksanders@ymcasumter.org)

Kelly Sanders is a lifelong Sumter resident who is excited to serve as the YMCA of Sumter's Director of Youth Development. She is passionate about supporting and empowering young people by creating an environment where every youth feels valued and inspired, while working closely with staff, families, and community partners to strengthen and grow impactful youth programs.



**Camp Mac Boykin Director:**

Phone: 803-774-2485      Email: [chuggins@ymcasumter.org](mailto:chuggins@ymcasumter.org)

Sumter native Cheryl Huggins has been part of the YMCA of Sumter for nearly 12 years. In this position, she is leading improvements and renovations to the 55-acre camp in Pinewood, with a focus on expanding programming and preparing the camp for year-round availability. Cheryl brings an extensive background in finance along with newly acquired project management experience, all driven by a deep passion for the YMCA mission.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Your YMCA Account:** Access to your online account is available through the Sumter Family YMCA app and website. Your login is connected to the email address of the primary member of your account. Contact member services for support and assistance.

**Receipts:** If you need a receipt for weekly camp payments, please indicate so at the time of payment. You may also download these from your online account.

**Rides In and Out:** A counselor is located on the sidewalk in front of the Youth Center entrance to sign in/out your child 7:00 am – 9:00 am and 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Phone number of authorized pick up person must be on file. Vehicles should form a line outside the youth entrance and children will be escorted to vehicles by counselors. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CARS UNATTENDED IN THE PICK UP LINE. This not only blocks the parking spaces and parked cars, but the flow of traffic. Please park in a parking space if you need to enter the facility.

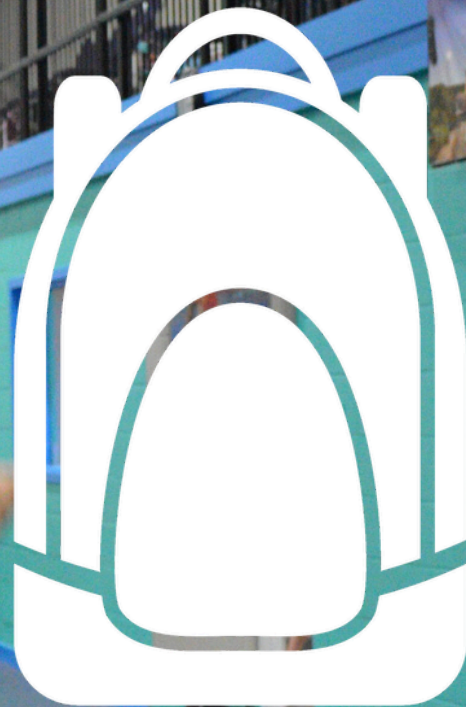
**Late Pickup:** We will give parents a five minute grace period, but all children picked up after a program end time will incur the late pick-up fee of \$5.00 per minute per child. Y staff will not leave a child unattended. If a child is not picked up within 30 minutes of the end of camp, and we receive no communication from a parent or guardian, the local authorities will be called. Consistently late pick up may be grounds for dismissal from camp.



## WHAT TO PACK?

Each day, campers need to bring a bag filled with the items listed below. All items should be labeled with the camper's name.

Lunch  
Water Bottle  
Sunscreen  
Swimsuit & Towel  
Change of Clothes  
Bug Spray (Camp Mac Boykin)



## WHAT NOT TO PACK?

Items such as: electronic games or toys, playing cards, jewelry, laser lights, fingernail polish, firearms, fireworks, knives, matches, lighters, tobacco products, expensive items, and money should not be brought to the YMCA. Any of these items that are brought to the YMCA will be taken and returned to the parents at the end of the day. The YMCA can assume NO responsibility for items that may be lost, stolen, or damaged if brought to the YMCA.

We are an electronic free camp. Please leave tablets and phones at home.  
If you need to get a message to your child, please contact the Youth Department at 803-774-2511.

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